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Rivermead owner, residents continue to meet

Property management and a homeowners group are actively working together to resolve several issues at Rivermead Pointe Manufactured Home Community, state Rep. Henry Genga said Tuesday.

"I was pleased to be able to get leaders from both the management company and the homeowners group to sit down, talk things through and continue to arrive at solutions, Genga said. "At our most recent meeting, they did just that, and I appreciate everyone's patience and dedication to fixing these issues."

Heather Dimoff and Rebecca Connors, co-leaders of the Rivermead Pointe Homeowners Group, agreed. "This is a hopeful step in the right direction. We are optimistic to see these changes," they said.

The management company had good news to report on several fronts. The home damaged by a recent fire will be removed on November 11. A plan has been submitted to the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for upgrades to the fire hydrants' water capacity. A company is coming next week to trim trees and branches around the homes.

Discussions continue on several other issues including

TOWN REGISTRARS AT THE READY



IN THE WELLING ROOM on the second floor of Town Hall Sunday the town's Registrars of Voters crew on duty.

noise reduction from cars going over speed bumps, creating a "doggie park" for use by residents who have pets and setting a fair policy on placement of political campaign yard signs.

"We are getting there, and I want to thank Heather, Rebecca and representatives of the management company for all acting in good faith," Genga said.

The meeting was held October 29 at Rivermead Pointe.

Last month, the community endured a fire that destroyed one home and damaged two others. Concerns over a variety of issues prompted the creation of a resident advisory council to bring issues and concerns to the community's management.

Resident advisory council attendees included Heather Dimoff and Rebecca "Becca" Connors.

The company pointed out that they have invested \$1 million in capital improvements the last three years at the property and have held rent increases to a modest 4.4 percent.

Over 3,500 are early voters

by Bill Doak

According to the town's Registrars, through Wednesday afternoon approximately 3,500 registered voters have taken advantage of the state's new early voting process.

Sunday night, however, turnout was light with just over 70 people casting a ballot during the 8-hour window between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Extended hours are tonight until 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 is the last day to cast an early vote.

Absentee ballots were issued and will be counted up until the close of voting on Election Day, with hours from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov. 5 at the District polling places.

This year local Registrars of voters and Town Clerks will be key to the process. They are on-the-ground messengers tasked with sharing and spreading information about the election here.

The coalition also includes organizations that touch every aspect of voters' lives, like churches, non-profits, colleges and universities, professional associations, businesses, and employers.

The SOTS is active on all social media channels like Facebook, X, Instagram, and Pinterest, to educate the public about malinformation, misinformation, and disinformation. For comprehensive information

FALL FEST WITH MAYOR



MAYOR CONNOR MARTIN, center, spends time with Nevaeh Petrella (age 11) and Joseph Petrella (age 10) at the annual Fall Fest. It was a fun day for the community and the kids were all having so much fun! It's nice to see the so many people together enjoying themselves.

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AROUND TOWN

Teen wounded on Burnside

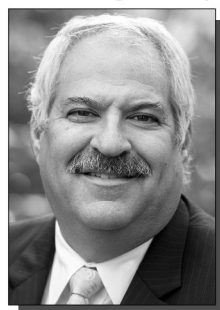
Monday night just prior to 11 P.M., East Hartford police were dispatched to the area of School Street and Burnside Avenue on a reported gunshot victim. Dispatch told officers that the initial caller stated he had just pulled into the Public Safety Complex at 31 School Street, and that his friend had been shot in the chest.

provided life saving measures. The victim, a 19-year-old male, was transported to the hospital with a gunshot wound to the chest. Fortunately, the victim is now in stable condition.

This appears to be an isolated incident, and there is no immediate danger to the community. The initial incident took place in the rear parking lot of 700 Burnside Avenue where police located shell casings.

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NEW TO THE FORCE



The East Hartford Police Department is proud to announce that Officers Dwayne Mebane and Rebeca Romero were officially sworn in today at the Public Safety Complex. Officer Mebane, 21, and Officer Romero, 24, were administered the oath of office in a ceremony attended by Mayor Connor Martin, left, who warmly welcomed them to the East Hartford family.

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On Tuesday, November 12th Goodwin University will be hosting its annual Veterans Day Program. The event will take place from 10AM -11:30AM in the main lobby of the university. Veterans from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf War, The Post 9/11 War on Terror, The VFW, D.A.V. And American Legion are scheduled to be in attendance to meet and talk to the Goodwin University students and staff as well as students visiting from area

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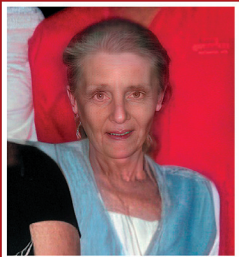
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Henry Genga is an incredibly hard working individual who has accomplished a remarkable amount of good for the people of East Hartford. He brought home more than \$35 million, and secured our fair share of state funding. Please join me in voting to re-elect Henry Genga by Nov. 5th.

– MAYOR CONNOR MARTIN



“Henry Genga cares about our town and the state of Connecticut. He understands the issues that affect us. I have found him to be tenacious in fighting for us. When I became discouraged about a particular issue, he kept pushing until my request was fulfilled. You can depend on Henry Genga to speak for you.”

– DIANE KEEGAN

“Thank you to Gov. Lamont and Rep. Genga for providing the \$400,000 in funding to make East Hartford safer.”

– BETTY MORRIS

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“Henry is genuine, sincere, dedicated, and loves our town. He is responsive, and a man of his word. He worked for additional state funding, improving schools for East Hartford children.”

– TYRON HARRIS

CHAIR, EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

“Henry Genga has been a great advocate for our town. His effectiveness as a State Rep has brought additional monies to East Hartford which reduces stress on our property taxes.”

– EAST HARTFORD DEMOCRATIC
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“As an East Hartford native and Air Force veteran with a law office in our hometown, I am so grateful for all the work being done for veterans by Rep. Henry Genga.”

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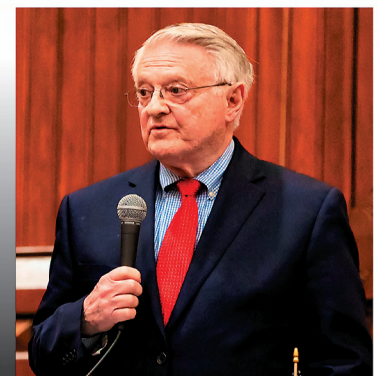
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In inauguration ceremony, Lawrence Ward 7th president of the University of Hartford

Challenging the University of Hartford community to "reimagine what excellence looks like," Lawrence P. Ward was inaugurated as the University's seventh president Saturday.

The ceremony in Lincoln Theater was the high point of UHart's annual Hawktober Weekend. A full audience of family, friends, representatives from other colleges, and distinguished guests cheered as Ward was presented with the University's charter and mace, and the medallion signifying his office was placed around his neck.

In his inaugural address, Ward said, "What has become so clear to me, as I anticipate the road ahead for me as your president, is that this is no longer my story. This is, in fact, not a 'me moment.' It is a 'we moment.' This is now our story."

"I'm asking you to lean in

and to lean forward, to foster a stronger sense of belonging," Ward said. "And frankly, this starts with me and my commitment to open communication, careful listening, transparency, trust and leading with authenticity. We must also demonstrate active leadership in the greater Hartford community. For a university that carries the city of Hartford's name, we must play a leading and contributing role in the economic and educational vitality of the Greater Hartford area, the state of Connecticut, and the north-east region."

Ward became UHart's seventh president on July 1. A dynamic leader in the national higher education landscape with deep Connecticut roots, Ward arrived at UHart after a successful 10-year tenure at Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he served

as vice president for learner success and dean of campus life.

Board of Regents Chair Donald Allan, Jr. '86, president and CEO of Stanley Black and Decker, said: "You don't have to spend much time with Larry to understand and experience his deep, intentional, and genuine commitment to students. It is his life's work. He is thoughtful about every aspect of their experience. He is interested in their thoughts and insights. He is concerned for their well-being and he is fueled by their energy and success. He understands that a thriving, successful, vibrant University of Hartford is vital to our region's students, families, partners, workforce, and communities. I have no doubt he will be an exceptional leader in this work."

Several members of Ward's family played prominent roles



in the inauguration ceremony. Ward's brother, Rev. Fredd Ward, senior pastor of the First Church of West Hartford, gave the invocation, and Ward's children, Emerson and Aidan, each gave addresses.

The inauguration ceremony also featured a musical performance by Hartt School mezzo Lynnae Labato '25. She sang the song "Home" from the musical The Wiz, a favorite of Ward's.

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Patrick Biggins

CANDIDATE, 11TH STATE ASSEMBLY (D)

I've had the pleasure of knocking on nearly 2,000 doors in this race, and each one has reminded me of just how much I love East Hartford. That love of community is why I'm running for State Representative.

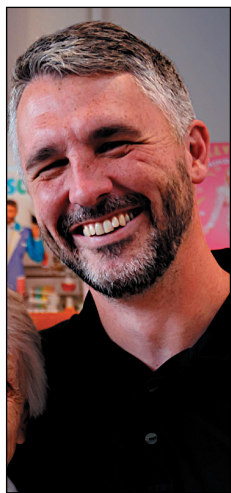
While I know my opponent shares that feeling, there are real policy differences between Democrats like me and Republicans like her that voters deserve to know about.

I am a school counselor and a member of the Board of Education, so for years I've had a front row seat to the impact education funding decisions have on real kids and real families. I will fight for more and fairer funding, and with the knowledge that these decisions affect both our municipal budget and our property taxes. Families are hurting. The last thing we need is short-sightedness in Hartford driving up property tax rates at home.

Another of my priorities will be solving the housing crisis. We in East Hartford are lucky to have Majority Leader Jason Rojas working on our behalf. I look forward to partnering with him to make progress as he leads on this critical issue.

Finally, I believe unequivocally in a woman's right to choose. I will always be a vote for freedom and for bodily autonomy, and ensure Connecticut stays a firewall against the national attack on women's rights.

East Hartford is a truly wonderful place to live. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve you, and help keep it that way.



Reliable, trustworthy - Henry Genga has the experience

Dear editor:

I'm writing in support of my friend Henry Genga, who's running for reelection in House district 10. House district 10 is located entirely within East Hartford, so Henry is laser-focused on representing the folks of our town. He's done this not only as a State Rep, but also as a Town Council member and Town Treasurer, with a record of public service going back as long as I've been alive. This

means he knows from experience what we need and how to get things done for us, and his record shows it.

Henry and the other members of our state delegation have worked together to bring millions upon millions of dollars to our town, and as a Town Councilor I can say that state money is much needed. We have so many projects in town that simply couldn't be completed without the help of state

money, including protecting and renovating our historic town-owned buildings, making much-needed improvements to our Public Works facility, and many, many others. When I knock doors for my own re-election, I hear loud and clear that folks would like to pay less in local taxes. The truth is that we would have to pay much more if it weren't for the state money that Henry, Majority Leader Rojas, Representative Currey

and Senator Anwar have brought in over the years. We need their advocacy to keep moving our town forward.

Henry is reliable and trustworthy, and he cares. We can count on him to fight for us at the Capitol because he's already been doing it for years. I have already cast my vote for Henry, and I hope you will too.

Angie Parkinson
Town Councilor
East Hartford



I'm not just a name on a ballot - I'm a neighbor, a parent of four children in our schools, and someone who believes in giving back to the place we call home.

I am not a career politician, and that's exactly why I believe I can make a real difference.

Being a politician is not what qualifies me—it's being someone who is deeply involved, who understands the daily struggles, and who is committed to working alongside the people of this town. My decisions are not shaped by politics; they are shaped by the real needs of our community and what's best for our families.

- Chris Tierinni

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SPEAKING OUT! & LETTERS

One country. One destiny.

By Don Bell
TOWN COUNCILMAN (D)

I do not talk about my faith often in public life, because I believe it to be personal. But for this letter, I am reminded of *Matthew 22:39*: "Love your neighbor as yourself". No matter your faith, this mindset of caring for people that may be very different from you has served as the foundation of just societies.

I write to you with no partisan motivation, but rather as your neighbor.

America is on a dangerous path. Following an ever-darker trail of fear and division, we are gradually losing our tether to stability and reason. We must turn back, or we or a future generation will pay a heavy price.

If we look inward, we may see the cresting waves of fear and anger revealing another feeling, a foreboding that our collective journey in this era of hyper-partisanship and distrust is beginning to produce enmity, weaponized by lies on social media and reinforced by the echo chambers we seek for validation.

Our current state of division transcends politics, though politics are in large part its reason. From families divided, to an increase in threats to public servants; from rejecting the results of free and fair elections to rhetoric that portrays immigrants as less than human, those that disagree as enemies, and the "other side" as a threat that must be stopped, we must bear witness to the truth. The dark pall of history shows us what happens next, and it is folly to think that we are incapable of sliding inexorably into the abyss of hatred. Once our neighbors become our enemy, there is no

atrocities beneath a group of people. Our national experiment, flawed as it was at the start, came into existence in an age of monarchs and despots with the radical hypothesis that if the people had the power to lead, a nation could solve its differences peacefully. For nearly 250 years we have endured. Each time the bonds of unity strained, and the one time they broke, it exacted a profound toll.

I am not naive. Unity is not on the horizon. The challenge is hard. How do you love someone whom you fundamentally believe is trying to take away your rights? How do you reconcile with someone you believe is changing the country in ways you cannot tolerate? I am not so self-confident to say I have the answer—that hubris from politicians is part of what led us to this precipice. Each election we can and must fight for our beliefs and values. But we should never be willing to trade everything for the prospect of fleeting power.

Some will dismiss this as catastrophizing. Others will say it fails to grasp the depravity of the "other side," whichever that side is. My words are neither a lecture nor an empty call for unity, but rather an appeal to our collective duty. It is not to an ideology. We do not pledge allegiance to a person or party. It is our duty as Americans to preserve freedom, defend our Constitution, and strive to be a more perfect Union.

On the night Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, just days after the end of the Civil War, the interior lining of his coat had a hand-embroidered image: an eagle carrying a banner reading "One Country, One Destiny". Those words have always rung true.

Tonight we will see that in

action. The laughter of children will fill the air as they joyfully run past political signs to be with friends. Their innocence will be on display as they ask their neighbor for candy, not how they identify politically. As we look upon them with love and optimism, we should remember that their destinies are intertwined in the American tapestry as much as ours. They are the best of us, and they deserve the best from us.

The enduring source of hope in our country is that we the people dictate our destiny. This is an uncertain time for us all. Regardless of your politics, do not give up on the notion that our nation can be better, for all of us. If we do not work for a better country, every day, in every way we can, we cannot expect to live in one. Blessed are the peacemakers. Let's start there.

Election 2024 is pivotal for several reasons

To the editor:

Whether the Presidential election of 2024 is the most important one this nation has faced since 1860, when the election of Abraham Lincoln led to the Civil War, is up for debate.

What is clear are the stark polarizations that dominate the U.S. political scene, and the dysfunctionality in Congress in its failure to address core issues that impede the nation from working constructively on addressing them.

At the top of the list of issues that require attentiveness during the next couple of decades is climate change. Without addressing climate change not much else may matter.

Also critical is the need to develop a comprehensive transportation and infrastructure system worthy of a world class

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of someone I know very well for the past 35 years who I know has made a difference in East Hartford.

In my capacity as a former Town Councilman and Town Treasurer I have worked with many people and I know what it takes to deliver for our town. I am supporting Henry Genga in his reelection campaign because he has proven to be a dedicated public servant. When East Hartford was badly in need of major renovations to Raymond Library he stepped up to help. He was able to persuade the Governor Malloy administration to allocate \$4,350,000 for Raymond library, which was the largest library grant in the state. East Hartford along with its own financing now has a top notch state of the art library.

Backs Henry Genga

In a more recent time he again helped deliver for East Hartford in a different way. Last year the East Hartford YMCA renovated its Main Street branch to house a badly-needed day care facility for pre-school children of working families. This is a very essential program to support working families in East Hartford so they can have a secure, safe place for their young children while they work to help meet their financial needs. However, this was a very expensive renovation.

Henry came through again. He worked diligently and secured a private grant of \$120,000 to help support this program.

He has proven his ability to deliver for his community time and again. Vote to re-elect Henry on November 5th.

Joseph Carlson
East Hartford

nation. Also keep in mind the importance of an educational system that merges discerning appreciation of the humanities, arts and STEM-based instructional priorities from elementary to college-level programs. I would also add the need for middle- and working-class job enhancements focusing on economic priorities of emerging industries and services, the areas of energy, finance, manufacturing, technological innovation and health care. Some of these issues may garner more bipartisan appeal than others. All are impeded in greater or lesser degree by the current politically polarized discourse in Washington D.C.

Two additional matters: The first, a comprehensive immigration policy. That would be based on the 'triple pillars' of a managed approach to immigra-

tion growth, effective border control, and global attention to socio-economic conditions, particularly in the Americas which are driving desperate populations to the U.S.

The second is the need to preserve, and strengthen, democratic and civic republican values of our nation reflecting the collective wisdom of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln and signers of the Constitution. I have discussed both issues in previous letters.

Vice President Kamala Harris is the most qualified candidate, by a long shot, to enact these priorities.

Harris is policy-informed based on in-depth grasp of the issues. She has the acumen to identify priorities and the capacity to enact essential na-

LETTERS

Election 2024

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-tional goals with pragmatic sensibility in order to get things done. The extent to which she would be able to achieve her foremost policy platforms would be a direct outcome of the political power the Democratic Party will possess in the two branches of Congress. She has intimated that she is willing to engage in bi-partisan policy formation, the viability of which would depend on the willingness of both parties to value compromise in promoting the

national interest. Perhaps fewer bills and more focus on in-depth congressional hearings to explore issues would stimulate a national discourse on the issues that truly matter.

In the long run the Democratic Party will have to expand its base if it is ever going to enact its core policy objectives in a comprehensive manner, which I believe is essential in meeting far-end national priorities over the next two decades. Harris has made a valiant effort in this direction during the campaign, but more work is needed before the Democratic Party gains a substantial

foothold in the public square. Even with a Harris victory, we will need to learn to live within a political environment where compromise and partial achievements will likely be the order of the day. Currently, there is much working against this prospect.

The alternative of a victory by former President Donald Trump? Bleak based on policy alone. One wonders why he did not pass an infrastructure bill in his first two years when the Republicans controlled both houses? Instead, he tried to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act when he had nothing to re-

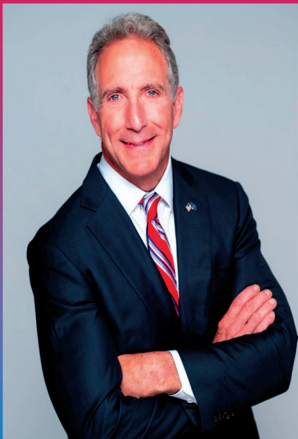
place it with except empty promises. His singular major piece of legislation was a massive tax cut designed primarily to benefit the wealthy, expected to add two trillion dollars by 2028 to the national debt. The breaking of the nuclear control agreement with Iran - signed by China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States - and pulling out of the Paris Accords, an international pact designed to control the rate of global warming, are examples of President Trump's short sightedness when it came to policy. I will pass on discussing egregious matters of Trump's underlying corruptness, malignant narcissism, authoritarian impulses

and pervasive racism.

In short, a Harris presidency would be desirable even though she may only partially succeed in attaining her objectives. For the collective us, the question is whether we have the civic maturity to live with a degree of uncertainty as we attempt to figure out, together, how the most consequential nation on the planet can accomplish important goals. A great deal matters on November 5. Then, beyond Election Day we must hope that includes the need for significant reframing of both major political parties, without which progress can only remain limited, at best.

George Demetrian
East Hartford

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Come view military displays, enjoy appetizers and our buffet luncheon, mingle with WWII Veterans, take part in our Candlelight Ceremony and try your chance at our raffles.

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The East Hartford Garden Club meets every 4th Monday of the month at the Hillstown Grange on Hills Street at 6:30 p.m. Follow them on Facebook to stay current with their activities throughout the winter months.

Not a member yet? Not a problem, just come for the informational speakers and see what the club is up to! All are welcome to join and discover ways to make our town and garden's more fruitful.

FALCONER AT EH SENIOR CENTER



A **FALCON PRESENTATION** at the East Hartford Senior Center last week by Dave Stephens of Mansfield, a licensed rehabilitator of birds of prey. This falcon has been in captivity for 11 years, found injured and healed and released but was hit again. Turns out the Falcon is blind in the right eye and can't see any vehicles or other coming from the right so it can't be released. Dave and the Falcon are used to each other after working together for over a decade. He weighs the bird daily and tries to keep the weight at 1100 grams. If the bird gets too heavy it could have trouble keeping flight. Males are 1/3 smaller than females.

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Farewell, El Tiante, El Toro

We have some catching up to do.

In the month of October we lost two of the most memorable and entertaining pitchers in baseball history. Luis Tiant, who spent eight years of a 19-year career with the Red Sox, passed away at the age of 83. "El Tiante" was known for his unique delivery, turning his back to the batter before delivering to the plate, a move he first tried out in 1972 during his second season in Boston. He had great success with the move, claiming 174 of his 229 career wins after making the adjustment.

Four times he won 20 games, twice the

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



American League ERA leader. Known for his great sense of humor and love of cigars from his native Cuba, one of my favorite pictures is of him smoking one in the shower after a victory. In my other favorite he's with me and Frank Benettieri in spring training. The look on his face says it all, revealing so many aspects of his impish nature.

Former Dodgers great Fernando Valenzuela, also known for a unique delivery, a high leg kick as his eyes focused on the heavens before he delivered a frequently-unhittable pitch. Fenando passed on the eve of the World Series. After the first two games it wouldn't be unreasonable to think Fernando arrived in heaven just in time to become the Dodgers' guardian angel. No one ever broke into the major leagues like Valenzuela. After joining the Dodgers as a call-up reliever in September, 1980 he began his first full season, 1981, as an emergency starter. After eight starts he was 8-0 with a 0.5 ERA on his way to National League Rookie of the Year and Cy Young honors and a 17-year career.

"El Toro" became a Mexican national hero, status he enjoys even after his death at age 63.

You never can tell what would have happened after the fact, but I know when a team has been denied the opportunity. On fourth down of their final possession of their home game against Wake Forest the UConn football team was clearly denied when at least two officials seemed to forget what determines pass interference. You'd think, however, they'd have remembered when presented with a close-up text book illustration. I can't say the non-call cost UConn the game. The next play may have resulted in an interception. What it cost the Huskies was a chance to attempt that next play.

They rebounded with a win over Rice to run their record to 5-3. Four games to play, one win away from bowl eligibility. The prediction here is they get there and then some. They can clinch eligibility Friday night at home against Georgia State. Who ever woulda think it?

Think back to my column of two weeks ago. Four straight NCAA national championships and, now, three WNBA titles later, I think I can rest my case for Breanna Stewart.

The Hartford Wolf Pack opened 3-2-0-1 (shootout loss). They return home next Wednesday with Syracuse.

That should just about catch us up.

EH's McNeill's two goals help Albertus Magnus to GNAC tournament berth

East Hartford's Julius McNeill scored his first two goals of the season as the Albertus Magnus College men's soccer team closed out its 2024 regular season with a 2-0 win over Dean in a Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Tuesday afternoon.

With the win, the Falcons clinched the second seed in the upcoming GNAC tournament. The Falcons will host the winner of the play-in game between No. 7 Rivier and No. 10 Lasell on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

The Falcons finished tied with the University of Saint Joseph and Johnson and Wales University with a 10-1-3 GNAC record, with USJ earning the top seed via tiebreaking scenarios. David Lucero stopped six shots on the day, including a penalty shot, earning his fifth shutout of the season and 16th of his career.

The 10 GNAC wins for the Falcons are tied for the most all-time in program history with the 2011 team. It is also the 16th time in program history the men's soccer program has won at least ten games.

The Falcons got on the board in the 11th minute as Gabriel Paglia slid a pass across the penalty area to McNeill, who



was a step ahead of his defender and put home his second goal of the season to make it a 1-0 game. Albertus dominated possession throughout the first half, with 17 shots, nine of

which were on target.

In the 87th minute, McNeill scored his second taking a cross from Aiden Coelho and tapped in the goal into an open net to seal the win.

SCHOOL RUNNERS COMPLETE FITKIDS EVENT



Students from Sunset Ridge, O'Connell and Polaris CREC ran the final mile of their goal marathon or half marathon distance in Walnut Hill Park Tuesday, celebrating the finish with a medal and post-race celebration. About 85 students from East Hartford took part in the program, thanks to the Hartford Marathon Foundation.

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Historic season for USJ Women's Tennis



The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) women's tennis team saw its historic 2024 season come to a close, falling in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship Match to top-seeded Colby-Sawyer College (CSC), 5-0, Saturday afternoon at the Kelsey Courts in New London, N.H. The Blue Jays were making its first appearance in the GNAC Title match since 1999. Graduate student Olivia Santoro (Cheshire, Conn.) and freshman Maddie Rossetti (Hamden, Conn.) were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Chargers won at No. 1 doubles as Elise Hogan and Sky Jara defeated Santoro and Rossetti, 8-1, to take a 1-0 lead.

The hosts increased the deficit to 2-0, as Maria Espinosa Lopez and Isabella Gutierrez Avendaño bested freshman Shelly Sirisavath (East Hartford, Conn.) and junior Liliana Garcia (Wethersfield, Conn.), 8-1.

CSC completed the doubles sweep at No. 3 doubles, as Peyton Dugan and Avery Nielsen defeated raduate student Kate Hardy (Southington, Conn.) and sophomore Nina Gardella (Lebanon, Conn.), 8-5, to take a 3-0 advantage into the singles matches.

The Chargers moved within one point of the championship at No. 1 singles, as Dugan defeated Santoro, 6-0, 6-3.

CSC completed the sweep,

winning its fourth-straight GNAC title as Garcia fell to Gutierrez Avendaño at No. 4 singles, 6-0, 6-1.

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EAST HARTFORD OBITUARIES

Carey Mace, 64; Navy vet, AFSCME leader

Carey E. Mace, 64, of East Hartford, loving husband of 27 years of Jacqueline "Jackie" (Repoli) Mace, unexpectedly journeyed home after a brief illness on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 with his caring family by his side at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in Hartford on May 21, 1960, a son of the late Carey E. and Barbara (Griffin) Mace, he was a resident of Manchester for many years prior to moving to East Hartford 25 years ago. Carey was a graduate of Manchester High School, class of 1978 and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Carey was employed by the town of East Hartford Board of Education as a Custodian for over the past 25 years, and was a member and the current president of the AFSCME Local #1933 in East Hartford.

Carey was an avid loyal fan of the New England Patriots and the NFL, along with being an intense player of Fantasy Football leagues right up to the time of his death. He also was an animal lover, especially of his two dogs, and enjoyed bowl-

ing, golfing, and traveling with his wife, up until his health prevented him to continue.

Besides his beloved wife Jackie, Carey is survived by five sons, Christopher Mace and his wife Danielle of Walpole, MA, Nicholas Mace and his wife Yue of Watertown, MA, Tyler Repoli and his wife Sara of Cartersville, GA, Benjamin Mace of Manchester, Owen Mace of East Hartford; one daughter, Mackenzie Mace and her husband Changhun Lee of Manchester; and six adored grandchildren, Colston, Maverick, Hayden, Aria, Olivia, and Emmelia. He also leaves three brothers, John Mace and his wife Ginette of Laconia, NH, Patrick Mace and his wife Tammy of South Newfane, VT, Michael Mace of Myrtle Beach, SC; two sisters, Linda Yorgensen and her husband Bob of West Hartford, Nancy Sylvester and her husband Jon of Niantic; a brother-in-law, Bernard Repoli and his wife Sandi of Wethersfield; two sisters-in-law, Caramia Pidgeon and her husband Arthur of Hebron, Kelly Hirth and her

Samuel Alejandro, Jr., 32

Samuel Alejandro, Jr., 32, a devoted husband, son, brother, and friend, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born on November 25, 1991, in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the beloved son of Samuel Alejandro, Sr. and Zuleika (Colon) Alejandro, and the cherished husband of Chelsea (Hebert) Alejandro.

Samuel graduated from East Hartford High School and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Fisher College in Boston, Massachusetts. Known for his hard work and dedication, Samuel held a thriving career with Aetna and Anthem Insurance, worked as a Realtor, and pursued his passion for real estate photography. His drive and commitment were evident in all aspects of his work and life.

Samuel was an active member of the Church of the Living God in Manchester, CT, where he and his wife Chelsea shared



Sam Alejandro, Jr.

a strong faith and dedication to their community.

He will be remembered for his warm spirit, unwavering work ethic, and the profound love he shared with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, Samuel is survived by his siblings, Manuel Alejandro

and Dejah Alejandro; his grandparents Hector and Wilma Colon; his in-laws, Bernie and Francine Hebert, and sister-in-law, Stephanie Hebert; and his beloved dog, Gypsy. Samuel's presence, love, and laughter will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 2nd, at the Church of the Living God, 199 Deming Street, Manchester, followed by a celebration of life service at 12 p.m.

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For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

husband Raymond of Pennsylvania; his lifelong best friend, Brian Welsh of Glastonbury; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers, and dear friends. Funeral service will be this Saturday, November 2, with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford with military honors outside the cathedral at the conclusion of the Mass.

The family asks that all attendees go directly to the cathedral Saturday morning. Private burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Carey's family will receive relatives and friends Friday, November 1, from 3:30 until 7 p.m. at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford.

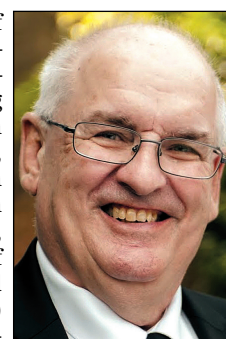
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carey's memory and in his dogs honor may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111.

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The Gazette publishes obituaries of those connected to East Hartford free of charge.

Carl Albert, 78; Army vet

Carl Albert, 78, of East Hartford, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving wife Maureen on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Born on October 22, 1946 in Saint Agatha, Maine, Carl was the son of the late Gerard and Annette (LeBlanc) Albert. Carl graduated from Madawaska High School, Maine in



Carl Albert

1964 and then attended Gray Business College in Portland, Maine graduating with an Associate's Degree. A proud veteran, Carl was honorably discharged after serving with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Carl then settled down with his wife Maureen (LeBlanc) Albert of 48 years in East Hartford where they raised their children. Prior to retirement, he was an accountant for Travelers Insurance. In his free time, Carl loved to read and was a history buff. He was an avid fan of UCONN Women's Basketball and also enjoyed listening to music and going for drives. Most of all, Carl was a devoted husband, father, and brother.

Along with his wife, Carl leaves behind his two devoted children; Gregory Albert and his wife Ashley of Rochester,

NY and Caroline Hunter and her husband Mark of Fort Worth, TX. And a grandson soon to be born. He also leaves behind his siblings; Ron Albert of Hartford, his twin Carlene Bourque of Quebec, Georgette Beaulieu and her husband Ron of Maine, Lynn Cyr and her husband Herman of Maine, and Carmen and her husband Roger Theriault of Maine. A sister-in-law Yveline Albert of Marlborough. Along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Carl is predeceased by his brother Roger Albert, brother-in-law Leo Bourque and a nephew Craig Albert.

The Albert family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, November 1st from 4 - 6 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. East Hartford. Burial with military honors will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carl's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com

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Early voting turnout level at 3,500 so far

From Page One

on voting, visit MyVote.ct.gov.

The SOTS has participated in #TrustedInfo2024, which affirms the role of election officials as reliable sources of accurate election information; there were over 1 million impressions and 2,000 clicks through the myvote.ct.gov website.

Registrars of Voters and Town Clerks have received training from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) - the election division of Homeland Security - in skills to manage disruptive behavior that may occur at the polls.

They have access to state-of-the-art SANS security awareness training platform, providing tools and resources for quick and easy reference in the event of an emergency.

The SOTS has participated in monthly meetings with CTIC, one of 80 Fusion Centers statewide.

These meetings bring to-

gether federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as representatives from the judicial branch, for intelligence sharing and collaboration on security measures.

We partnered with CTIC on a training for law enforcement and public safety partners on election day processes, laws, and resources that familiarizes them with Connecticut election laws, so when responding to an urgent call at a polling location, they have some

background about process.

The Governor's Emergency Planning & Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) is an annual event hosted by the CTIC.

This year's EPPI focused on the 2024 general election, orchestrating a simulation exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center.

Nearly a dozen state agencies—including SOTS, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), the Division of Emergency Management & Home-

land Security (DEMSS), the Military Department, CISA, FBI, Homeland Security, and Secret Service -

as well as municipal emergency services, Registrars of Voters and Town Clerks from over 140 towns, participated this year to stress-test emergency operations plans in place.

ELECTION TABULATORS

The state has invested \$20 million toward the purchase of new, paper-based election equipment from Election Systems & Software, a leading provider for reliable and secure elections for millions of voters, nationwide.

The tabulators were rigorously tested by a research team at the University of Connecticut and will be deployed to 9 towns participating

in a pilot for the November General Election.

The participating towns are Glastonbury, Hamden, New Britain, New Haven, Rocky Hill, Southington, South Windsor, Vernon, and Wethersfield.

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Entre Polémicas y Celebraciones

En estos tiempos en que el mundo parece estar al revés y hace falta un poco más de celebración el día de los muertos está a la vuelta de la esquina. Y no hay nadie que sepa celebrar mejor que la comunidad hispana/latina.

El día de los muertos es una celebración en la cual se preparan ofrendas para aquellos ya fallecidos en celebración de la vida y la muerte. Esto se celebra el 1 de nov. (día de los angelitos) y el 2 de nov. (día de los difuntos).

Esta tradición también incluye adornar tumbas y trazar caminos con pétalos y velas para así guiar las almas a su destino. Esta festividad, varía según la región, se celebra en todo México como un recordatorio de la presencia viva de los fallecidos y su conexión con los vivos.

Hoy en día lo usan más bien como festejo y dejan a un lado el ritual en sí que es la fundación de esta celebración. Traigo este micro resumen porque estamos en medio de tanto caos y hace falta mantener la cultura viva y enseñarle a nuestros niños y jóvenes un poco de nuestra historia.

Cuando se brinca el charco es bien fácil olvidar nuestras raíces y es muy importante mantenerlas vivas especialmente con las generaciones que están después de nosotros.

Hoy más que nunca es importante que nos reunamos y hablemos de cómo nos sentimos y como opinamos de lo que esta pasando. Yo creo que ya sabes por donde voy.

Si te perdiste lo que ocurrió el domingo 27 de octubre en el Madison Square Garden en Nueva York, el comediante Tony Hinchcliffe hizo una serie de 'chistes' en uno de los mítins de Trump que crearon mucha polémica en las redes sociales. Hinchcliffe llamó a Puerto Rico "una isla flotante de basura" y también insinuó que a los latinos "les encanta hacer hijos".

El comediante también lanzó otros 'chistes' dirigidos a diferentes comunidades, como palestinos, judíos y afroamericanos. Esto ha dividido las redes sociales entre quienes ven un problema en su "humor", quienes creen en la libertad de expresión en la comedia, y en quienes creen que simplemente no era el lugar apropiado para ese tipo de "chistes".

No te preocupes, que no voy a decirte por quién votar, solo quiero exhortarte a no olvidar el pasado. Recuerda que quien olvida su historia está condenado a repetirla.

Sé que las redes sociales pueden confundir, mostrando todo tipo de opiniones en un tira y jala constante, y para quienes estamos indecisos, puede ser abrumador. Incluso puede dar ganas de no votar. Pero recuerda que tu voto es crucial para ti y los tuyos.

Te exhorto a que busques un poco de información sobre cada candidato, te tomes un break de las redes sociales y luego celebres el día de los muertos como se debe. Para que así cuando llegue el día de ejercer tu voto tengas la mente clara.

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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

NOV 2: AUTUMN TEA sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford will take place Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Selden Brewer House, 165 Main St. All are welcome to attend. The tea will feature several different teas, savory sandwiches and sweets. Donation is \$25. Please RSVP by Oct. 26 owing to limited seating at the Brewer House by calling 860-568-8342; leave name and number.

NOV 2: VOTE PANCAKE! Hillstown Grange will be serving up hot red, white and blue pancakes Nov. 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. Pancake lovers can still get regular and chocolate chip flapjacks at the Grange's monthly pancake breakfast Nov. 2, the Saturday before Election Day. But if you want patriotic colors on your plate, get there before they run out at 11 a.m. Breakfast includes sausage, coffee, tea, and juice, all for \$6, kids \$3.

NOV 3 - RECYCLING 101 at South Church, 11 a.m. to noon. Confused about what can or cannot be recycled? This will solve the recycling riddle. Don't toss things in the trash that might be reusable, or put any non-recyclables in the recycling bin which could cost the town and make taxes go up! "Recycling 101" is a presentation by Cesar Zapata from the East Hartford Public Works who will explain the ins and outs of what goes in which bin. Be the recycling expert on your block! Zapata will also introduce a new program: food scrap recycling, an alternative soon to be available in East Hartford. All welcome. South Church is located at 1371 Forbes St. FMI call 860-568-5150, or go to southucc.org.

NOV 9: Wapping Community Church craft fair, 9am to 3pm at 1790 Ellington Road, South Windsor. The craft fair features a wide selection of talented vendors with hand-crafted products, fleece hats and scarves, jewelry, sea glass chimes and pendants, holiday gifts and home decor, totes and more. In addition, the fair offers the Wapping Good Baked Potatoes with multiple fixings, and fresh, homemade baked goods. A used book sale and several raffles are part of the event. Win a pair of UConn Women's Basketball tickets or take a chance at winning a gift card worth \$100, \$75, or \$50. Wapping Community Church is near South Windsor Town Hall and library, at the corners of Oakland Road, Sullivan Avenue and Ellington Road.

NOV 10: HELP SORT CANDY - SOS-Connecticut receives hundreds of pounds of Halloween candy from area schools and dentists.

Sunday starting at noon volunteers will meet to sort and pack Halloween candy and snacks to send to soldiers stationed overseas. The event takes place at Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. All welcome to pitch in. Cards and letters to any soldier or sailor to place in the boxes will be welcomed. Blank holiday cards are also appreciated. Any donations that you have and want to drop off

should be delivered by 12:30.

NOV 11 - VETERAN'S DAY WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY Monday at the base of East Hartford's World War I Memorial 'Ready' the doughboy statue on the Raymond Library lawn. Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Rochambeau Elms VFW Post 2083, the Historical Society of East Hartford, Veterans Commission and library host. Solemn program includes tolling the bell in the tower of First Congregational Church 19 times in remembrance of the 19 town residents who died during The Great War.



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NOV 17: SWCA WELCOMES PIANIST LLEWELLYN SANCHEZ-WERNER at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Avenue, South Windsor. Doors open at 1:30. The concert is free; donations welcomed. Reception with the artist follows the concert. The program will include Chopin's "Scherzo No. 3 in C# Minor, Op. 39" and "Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61"; Beethoven's "Sonata in A Major, Op. 101"; Listz's "Vallée d'Obermann"; and George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue". FMI call (860)-416-6920 www.facebook.com/SouthWindsorCulturalArts/

NOV 19: THE EAST HARTFORD COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND FINE ARTS presents State Poet Laureate Antoinette Brim-Bell AND State Troubadour Kala Farnham with free performances on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 in the evening, at the Wickham Library, 656 Burnside Avenue. Antoinette Brim-Bell is a poet, printmaker, and author from West Haven. She has written three poetry collections: These Women You Gave Me, Icarus in Love, and Psalm of the Sunflower. Kala Farnham's "signature songwriting has been described as a reinvention of the folk tradition,

made popular by artists such as Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez, with influences of pop, Broadway, and world music." Come celebrate Connecticut's finest, poetically and musically!

NOV. 21, DEC. 5 & 12: PRESIDENTS' COLLEGE LIFELONG LEARNING - Ever wonder how recorded music is made? Learn about some critical junctures in its history and where it's heading now. University of Hartford Professor Gabe Herman will spend two sessions on the technology, social movements, and visionaries that shaped recorded music. In Session #3, Music Dept. Chair Justin Kurtz will take students on a tour of the Hartt School's state-of-the-art recording studio, including a demonstration of how today's digital tech keeps artistic music recording alive, while offering new, creative options. Thursdays, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 & 12, 12:30-2 p.m. Details at hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu to be added to the mailing list.

NOV 23: HOLIDAY FAIR & BOUTIQUE, First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Christmas decorations, decorated chocolate bars, jewelry, hand-made crafts, perfect gift baskets in every style and assortment to make your giving easy! Check out evergreen boxes, which will be plentiful, or selection of fine Rada cutlery! Explore Grandma's Attic stocked with a plethora of gently used items including collectable Hallmark ornaments! In the dining room visit the Candy Booth, stroll over to the Cookie Walk, bring home a home-baked treat or enjoy the lunch featuring hearty chili, homemade soups, etc.! Come early for this traditional Church Corners experience!

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue). They are looking for people who are interested in playing horseshoes indoors this winter. The indoor horseshoe season begins in September. Please check them out at cchc. If interested in playing or learning about the sport of horseshoes e-mail debbiescully@comcast.net or call 860-778-1057.