

EHHS

tops Windsor, 69-65

by Bill Doak

After losing by 25 points to Windsor earlier this season, the East Hartford boys basketball team turned the tables on the top-seeded team at the Chase Family Arena at the University of Hartford Monday night.

It was the Hornet boys first CCC basketball title in 28 years.

Coach LeRon Gittens said he trusted his assistants, and prayed that his two best players, who each had four fouls

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HORNETS WIN CCC-EAST CHAMPIONSHIP



Camp counselor's tip led to assault charges

Sharmese L. Walcott, State's Attorney for the Hartford Judicial District, announced Wednesday that a jury on March 3, 2026 found Raymond Reyes, age 46, of East Hartford, guilty of Sexual Assault in the First Degree, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-7a(a)(2), Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-71(a)(4), and Risk of Injury to a Minor, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes § 53-21(a)(2).

Trial evidence established that on August 18, 2022, East Hartford Police responded to a report of sexual assault involving a juvenile. The juvenile dis-

closed the incident to a friend, who then informed a camp counselor. The juvenile was brought to Connecticut Children's Medical Center for a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination, and the evidence kit was submitted to the state laboratory for testing. According to the lab reports, DNA obtained from the kit matched that of the defendant.

Evidence at trial also revealed that the defendant had been sexually assaulting the juvenile complainant multiple times when they were between the ages of 4 and 11.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney

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OPENING OF THE IWO JIMA ROOM at the World War II Legacy Museum, 102 Pitkin Street, was a gas Saturday.

DESDE LA ESQUINA

by Carmen Maldonado

Las Mujeres Hacen Historia

Llegó marzo... y ya empieza a sentirse ese airecito que anuncia la primavera. Bueno, casi. Pero antes de que florezcan las flores, llega un momento igual de importante: el Mes de la Historia de la Mujer.

Es un tiempo para detenernos un momento y reconocer a las mujeres que han marcado nuestras vidas y nuestras comunidades. Porque en cada esquina de nuestra comunidad latina hay mujeres que, todos los días, levantan familias, comunidades y sueños.

El Mes de la Mujer no es solo una fecha en el calendario. Es un recordatorio de todo lo que nuestras madres, tías, abuelas, amigas y hermanas han construido. Muchas veces lo han hecho en silencio. Muchas veces contra viento y marea. Pero siempre con una fuerza que mueve montañas.

En nuestras culturas latinas hay algo muy claro: cuando una mujer avanza, avanza toda la comunidad. La mujer latina es mamá, líder, trabajadora, empresaria, artista, educadora y mucho más. Es la que organiza, la que cuida, la que empuja y la que, cuando la cosa se pone difícil, mira a los suyos y dice con convicción: "vamos pa' lante".

La historia también está llena de ejemplos de mujeres latinas que abrieron camino para muchas otras. Ahí está Sonia Sotomayor, hija de puertorriqueños en el Bronx, que llegó a convertirse en la primera latina en la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos. Frida Kahlo, desde México, transformó el arte con una voz única que sigue inspirando generaciones. Celia Cruz, la reina de la salsa, llevó la música latina a todos los rincones del mundo con su inconfundible "¡Azúcar!". Y Rita Moreno, orgullo boricua, rompió barreras en Hollywood y se convirtió en una de las pocas artistas en ganar los cuatro premios más importantes del entretenimiento: Emmy, Grammy, Oscar y Tony.

Cada una de ellas abrió puertas en espacios donde antes no se les daba lugar. Lo hicieron con talento, con coraje y con una determinación que inspira.

Hoy seguimos viendo ese legado en acción. Latinas liderando empresas, dirigiendo organizaciones comunitarias, levantando negocios propios, creando arte, investigando en universidades y participando activamente en la política y la economía.

Pero el Mes de la Mujer también es un momento para reflexionar. Para preguntarnos cómo seguimos construyendo espacios más justos, más seguros y más equitativos. Porque celebrar a la mujer también significa escucharla, apoyarla y reconocer el valor de su trabajo, dentro y fuera del hogar.

En nuestras comunidades latinas, la mujer siempre ha sido columna y corazón. Desde la abuela que guarda las tradiciones familiares hasta la joven que está rompiendo barreras en su carrera, todas forman parte de una misma historia de resiliencia y esperanza.

Así que este marzo celebremos a las mujeres como se merecen: reconociendo sus logros, elevando sus voces y apoyando sus sueños. Porque cuando una mujer latina brilla, su luz ilumina a toda la comunidad.

Eventos próximos que no te debes perder:

No te pierdas del Irish Dinner and show el 19 de marzo en el senior center de East Hartford. El costo de este evento es \$8, comenzando a las 5:50pm. Este evento es para miembros del senior center.

Únete al Wickham day Quilters de East Hartford. El 11 de marzo se estarán reuniendo desde las 1:30 pm a 3:30pm en el Wickham library.

Conecta conmigo: cmaldonado8816@icloud.com

Moriarty to get Fitzgerald Award March 8

East Hartford First District Democrats will honor Moriah Moriarty with the 2026 Frank Fitzgerald Award March 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main St., Manchester. Tickets are \$50.

According to the committee, the First District will single out Moriarty, former Town Committee party chair, for her outstanding Democratic leadership. She follows a long family tradition as a third-generation member of the First District Democrats in East Hartford. For over four decades, she has worked on local, state and national political campaigns, organized phone banks, bag-stuffing parties and assisted with fundraisers everywhere. Using her passion for politics and public service, she has forged a career dedicated to making it easier for people to participate in our democracy. Through her work at the Democratic State Party, where she was recognized with a Women's Leadership Award, she assisted town committees to ensure they were complying with state statute and state party rules; and oversaw their nominating convention process, including calculating local delegate counts as well as writing the delegation selection plan for two national conventions.

From 2021 until 2024, she served as the Democratic Town

Piano duo at Evergreen X

The Shelest Duo performs March 22 at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Crossings, 900 Hemlock Ave, South Windsor.

The free concert is presented by South Windsor Cultural Arts, and donations will be welcomed. Reception follows.

Praised for "stirring performances of rare repertory" (Fanfare), the acclaimed team of pianists Anna and Dmitri Shelest traces its roots to Ukraine's kharkiv Music School.

At their Carnegie Hall debut in February 2018, the duo's CD release of "Ukrainian Rhapsody" brought renewed international attention to the music of their homeland. Subsequently, that recording has been featured as the Album of the Week on radio stations throughout the United States, including WCRB (Boston) and KUSC (Los Angeles).



Chair of East Hartford, where candidates won every contest in which a Democratic candidate was nominated. The First District has a long and storied his-

tory, and Moriah is honored to be following in the footsteps of respected leaders such as Frank Fitzgerald, John Larson, Dick Torpey, Bud Salemi, and Pat Gately. She continues to promote increased voter participation through her current role as an Election Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the State. Moriah is proud to have contributed to East Hartford's long standing role in Connecticut Democratic politics and plans to continue supporting civic engagement in her community for years to come.

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SPEAKING OUT!, LETTERS

Bloomfield's Donald F. Harris Jr. offers an inspiration to us all

by Henry Genga

STATE REP, 10TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

As Black History Month ends, there is an extraordinary member of the community that we would like to recognize: Donald F. Harris, Jr. His service to the town of Bloomfield, and to Connecticut has gone above and beyond to create a legacy that will last for generations.

Harris has an outstanding record of service, dedicating himself to his community in countless meaningful ways. Starting his service early in life, Harris joined the Union Baptist Church in Hartford to follow his faith. After college, Harris returned to the Church to work as a trustee where he served for 10 years.

With his work completed handling the financials, Harris moved on to the position of Deacon, serving as the Chairman of the Deacon Board for 18 years. Retiring from Chairman,

Harris holds the current title Deacon Emeritus. He has served as a Deacon for the past 25 years.

While Harris' community involvement began in the Union Baptist Church, it does not end there. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1964 to 1970 and reached the rank of Specialist 5th Class. Harris was placed in many different states during trainings and summer camps, including the United States Disciplinary Barracks in Kansas.

Harris' greatest achievements, however, came during his work in public education.

Beginning his career as a physical education teacher, Harris steadily rose through the ranks at Bloomfield High School, ultimately achieving his dream of becoming head basketball coach. From there, Harris moved through the administration, serving as the athletic director, vice principal, and finally principal of Bloomfield



HENRY GENGA

State Representative (D-10th)

High School.

Starting his teaching career in 1967 and ending it in 2006, Harris gave nearly four decades of time to Bloomfield High School.

Harris says that having the

Bloomfield gymnasium dedicated to him "was a culmination of appreciation for what I have done."

A great man would have stopped there, but Harris continued his work in local government serving for two terms (2007-2011) as Deputy Mayor and then joining the Connecticut State Board of Education in 2021.

Throughout every stage of his career, Harris has remained focused on one thing: helping kids. He says, "I am here for the kids. That is the only reason I am still going. Kids need all they can get."

Helping students has always been at the heart of his work. As a mentor, Harris created a space that fostered academic growth and a safe, supportive learning environment. His connection with students was truly irreplaceable – so much so that he was entrusted with delivering the eulogy at a former student's funeral.

At the gymnasium naming ceremony held in his honor, students spanning four decades of

his teaching career gathered to celebrate the profound impact he had on their lives.

Harris had set the expectation for himself to create a legacy, reflecting on his childhood, and his motivation to excel, "I graduated from college in 1967, the world, the state of Connecticut was a much different than what it is now. As a Black man, I had to follow instructions that my grandmother gave me when I was a young kid. At the time we were referred to as colored; because we were colored, we had to be a step better than the other man if you are going to get ahead."

Harris, along with many members of the community, would argue that he has more than lived up to those expectations. As a veteran, a faithful man, and most importantly an educator, Donald F. Harris Jr. has been serving the town of Bloomfield in an extraordinary way, with a lifetime of dedication. It's an honor to shed some light on Harris' accomplishments and to recognize him for Black History Month.

Moriarty deserving of Fitzgerald Award

Tyron Harris

CANDIDATE FOR STATE REP.(D), DIST. 10

The Frank Fitzgerald Distinguished Democrat Award Dinner is more than a celebration; it is a reflection of the values that have shaped our town and the leaders who have carried those values forward with integrity, compassion, and commitment.

This year, I am excited that the First District Democratic Town Committee is honoring Moriah Moriarty for her long-standing service to East Hartford and her unwavering dedication to our community. For years, Moriah has exemplified what it means to lead with both conviction and heart. Her

work has not only strengthened



our Democratic Town Commit-

tee but has also uplifted residents across East Hartford through consistent advocacy, thoughtful leadership, and a deep belief in community.

On a personal note, I am especially grateful for the support Moriah has always shown me as a Democrat, as a Board of Education member and now chair, and as a community enthusiast who believes deeply in East Hartford's future. In politics and public service, support matters. Encouragement matters. Partnership matters. Moriah has consistently offered all three.

As we celebrate Moriah Moriarty, we also celebrate the spirit of service that continues to move our community forward.

Congratulations, Moriah!

Ruth Fortune condemns war

Congressional candidate Ruth Fortune (CT-01) delivered the following statement condemning the illegal United States military action in Iran.

"While I in no way support the Iranian regime, this is about defending democratic principles, protecting innocent lives, and upholding the U.S. Constitution. I do not support the Iranian government. It is an authoritarian regime that has oppressed its own people for decades," Fortune said.

"The United States is not an authoritarian regime, and we should not sit back and behave like one. There are innocent civilians in Iran. Their lives

matter. Decisions about war must follow the constitutional process. Military force carries profound repercussions for our service members. That is precisely why the Constitution requires congressional deliberation and authorization before going to war," she continued.

"Congress must not allow any president, including Donald Trump, to trample on that authority. Yielding unchecked power to one individual is what authoritarian systems do, not functioning democracies."

Fortune is running to fight for families' right to an economy that works for everyone.

Wounds of war still sting decades later here in East Hartford

Did you know that some crimes are just as horrifying today as they were decades ago. This is the case concerning the death of East Hartford Sergeant James Forbes Junior.

Research on this heroic town resident came about after finding a partial undated newsclip, mentioning the crime but not the victim, sparking concern could it be either exaggeration or war propaganda.

Sergeant Forbes was the son of J. Everett Forbes of Francis Street. Born August 21, 1922 he graduated East Hartford High School in 1939 and set off for the production line here at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

Then Pearl Harbor happened. Forbes was among thousands of local men and women who served in the war. Forbes enlisted in 1942, responding to the call for men to serve their nation. He became a radioman aboard the B-29 Superfortress, and headed to the Pacific to fight the Japanese.

Here the story diverse from the traditional veteran's story. It was not one of success and homecoming, nor was it one of meritorious service unfortunately ending with a combat death.

No, Forbes' last mission came in November 1944 over Hankow, China. Force down over the Japanese controlled area, Forbes and two other members of his crew were captured, then in December, cremated alive by the enemy.

Horrific as this sounds it was not war propaganda. For Forbes' family and the government had classified him 'missing in action,' carrying the fear of death and hope of mistake.

The atrocity only surfaced when two Chinese witnesses



JAMES E. FORBES, JR.

Memorial services for Sergeant James E. Forbes, Jr., East Hartford radio operator of a B-29 who was burned to death by his Japanese captors December 16, 1944, will be held Sunday at the Burnside Methodist Church at 3 p. m. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Forbes of 35 Francis Street, East Hartford.

Rev. Nathan B. Burton, pastor of the Burnside Methodist Church, will officiate at the services, assisted by Rev. James W. Lord of St. John's Episcopal Church, East Hartford; Rev. Truman H. Woodward of the First Congregational Church, East Hartford, and Canon Sidney W. Wallace of Christ Church Cathedral.

Born August 21, 1922, Sergeant Forbes was graduated from East Hartford High School in 1939 and was employed by the Exports Division of United Aircraft Corporation prior to entering the service in January, 1942. Going overseas December 30, 1942, he was later reported missing after his plane was forced down over Japanese territory. Testimony concerning his death was given before an American military commission by two Chinese farmers.

testified in 1946 to a military commission investigating Japanese war crimes. They recalled watching the prisoners being beaten and burned alive.

The Associated Press ran the story on February 11, 1946. According to the report, an unnamed major general and 17 other Japanese soldiers were charged with the murder.

The *Gazette* then ran a page

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking back on our East Hartford

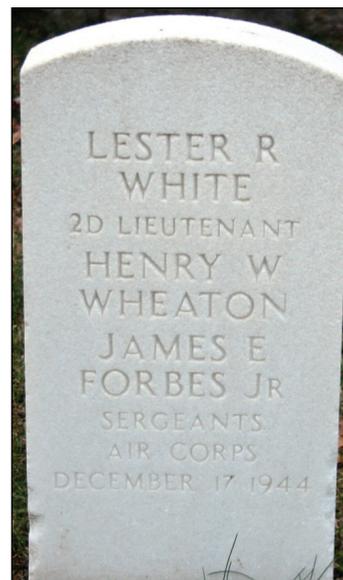
By Robert Kanehl

9 story entitled "Town stunned by news of the death of James E. Forbes at the hands of Japs" on February 15. The story provides a brief account of the actions two years before. Stating "hundreds of his classmates are reluctant to believe it really happened."

By the end of February 1946 five, including the major general, were executed for their participation in brutal murder. Evidence submitted at their trial were three belt buckles and an Irish good luck charm, all burnt by a fire. War crimes from the Pacific war continued to be investigated as late as 1949 when nine other officers were executed for the killing of 33 Americans, including some airmen murdered after the announced surrender of Japan.

It took many months for soldiers and servicemen to return to their hometowns following the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific and in European theaters of war. Welcome home celebrations were no doubt tempered by news Sgt. Forbes would never return to East Hartford.

And what neither the *Gazette* or AP printed at the time was that the sergeant's father, J. Everett Forbes of Francis Street - in the heart of



Burnside - would pass away in September, seven months after he and the entire town received the news about his son. Often is the case that heartbreak and grief are as destructive as bullets. The death of a close child weighs heavy with a parent, so much so they soon join the child.

Sgt. James Forbes' name is one of those inscribed on the World War II monument in front of C. Martin Park on Burnside Avenue where he likely played baseball, learned to swim and skated in the winter. But his ashes are not here in East Hartford. His remains are marked by a single white marble gravestone bearing the names of the three airmen in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.

Former East Hartford *Gazette* sportswriter Ray McKenna was also a member of the EHHS Class of 1939. Like many others, Ray went off to war and returned home. Ray raised his family on Francis

Street, a block from his childhood home on William Street, down the street from his friend James Forbes and Forbes' family. This was Burnside, changed greatly into what we see today, but back then this was the heart of East Hartford. The neighborhood school was where the public Safety Complex is today; its playgrounds located where Fire Station 3 is now were a main recreational focus for the whole town. Sandlot baseball was played on expansive ballfields behind the Goodwin mansion down toward the Hockanum River (the 'new' East Hartford High School at 777 Burnside was not built until 1954) and local boys marveled at the sight of Mary Goodwin playing tennis at Scotland and Burnside.

Ray's life revolved around delivering the mail, organizing the Explorers semi-pro basketball team matchups, and softball with the famed Dovalettes. In so doing Ray went out of his way to honor feats of hundreds of local athletes, and memorializing those tragically lost at an early age: He formed the Nolan Basketball league at Martin Park, the McGuire scholarship annual tournament in softball.

World War II clearly had an imprint. We learned many lessons the hard way about the horrors of war and danger of authoritarianism. It is up for debate as to whether we really learn. After all, World War I was just a generation removed; Korea and Vietnam were ahead for many East Hartford youth.

But for towns such as this one and many others, the lesson also was that lasting friendships are made - could be made - on athletic fields and basketball courts.

Deeply rooted partisanship is sinking America's hope for greatness

To the Editor:

The United States must get its political system in order before it is too late!

As our great nation struggles to find its moral and ethical identity, with two major political parties that cannot get anything done for the American people, we must now look to our country's history to find a way forward.

This country has been adversely divided before, to the extent that many people would die in this country to bring about the freedoms that were spelled out clearly in the Decla-

ration of Independence, for the African American race of people who were enslaved in this country. The Civil War would be used to solve the problem of slavery and was one of the bloodiest conflicts in United States history, pitting "brothers against brothers and friend against friend."

The negative, nasty communication we hear today from high-level government officials and legislators reflects an adverse dislike and bitterness among the very people who are supposed to represent all Americans and make our laws.

We have some time before the midterm election, and we need to vote out negative people in Congress who cannot do their jobs for the American people, both Republicans and Democrats. We need to get people who can work together for change, create compromises, and not the same people who have made a career out of Washington's game of partisan politics.

The system of sending the same people year after year to Washington and expecting a different outcome is one of the definitions of insanity, and this is

not working for the American people. We need problem solvers and team players, and maybe you need to pick people who are not part of your political party but believe they can get something done for the American people.

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln won the presidency of the United States of America. President Lincoln's old rivals, who had previously run against him for the Republican nomination, were now given cabinet positions in his new government because each man had a special perspective Lincoln needed to

govern the country through this tough time in American history. Each one of these men brought immense value to Lincoln's decision-making process, especially when war broke out against the Confederate States. Abraham Lincoln would also include some former Democrats in his administration to provide bipartisan support and a different perspective on governing.

We must stop this partisan game of getting loyal people who cannot manage the government department given to them.

Melvin Douglas Wilson
Manchester

ARTS & EVENTS

Museum room focuses on Battle of Iwo Jima

It was an emotional day at the World War II Museum in East Hartford as history came alive for visitors.

A brand new exhibit that honors the Battle of Iwo Jima was unveiled, and in attendance were 3 men who lived through that era, including two survivors of the battle itself.

The exhibit featured striking photographs of soldiers in combat, original uniforms worn during battle, and the very types of rifles and machine guns carried across the island.

Detailed maps trace the Marines' advance across the is-

land while video displays break down key facts from the 36 days of fighting to the thousands who gave their lives.

Among those in attendance were two survivors of Iwo Jima, one 101 years old, the other 99.

The unveiling was more than a ceremony. It was a reminder that the sacrifices they made will never be forgotten.

"You know, it's really hard. To explain, you know, when you're in combat unless you're really there," related Bristol's Joseph Caminiti, a Marine who was there for the battle and just turned 101 years old.



GRAND OPENING OF THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA MUSEUM - On hand to cut the ribbon Saturday morning are Connecticut's only known Iwo Jima battle survivors - Peter Senick and Joseph Caminiti - as well as local WWII Army Veteran Mario Forte, third from left. Battle reenactors were in attendance dressed in uniforms of the era.



"You know, and the real heroes were the poor guys that didn't make it back. Those are the real heroes, you know, and then there are quite a few didn't make it back from Iwo Jima, but I don't know why I was lucky, but we did it, and it's wonderful to see."

Caminiti was one of two Iwo Jima survivors present, and another two World War II vets were on hand, shaking hands with visitors, chatting and going over stories. They were surrounded by people thanking them, and touring the museum and the new Iwo Jima display room. It was the stories of the survivors of the battle of Iwo Jima that got museum founders Gary Roy and Maryanne Mihalo motivated 30 years ago to pursue the dream of opening a mu-

seum dedicated to the veterans of World War II. Said museum founder Roy: "Boy, I tell you, every time I stop by them they just grab you and they wanna tell you another story. It's amazing to hear from them."

Bristol's Caminiti has been active in veterans organizations and glad to relate his story.

"It, it's something that has to be done and we did it," he said.

Roy said visitors from as far as Massachusetts came to see this new display featuring uniforms, weapons, photos, maps and battle mementos from both American and Japanese forces who fought the ferocious battle in 1945 where 6,821 American servicemen gave their lives in service to our country.

To learn more, contact Gary Roy at (860) 810-8736.

IWO JIMA BATTLE SURVIVOR JOSEPH CAMINITI, USMC, speaks to a television reporter. At left the Iwo Jima room displays at the World War II Legacy Foundation Museum, 102 Pitkin Street.



Society

Silk City Chamber marks 125th

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce proudly announces its 125th Annual Meeting, a landmark celebration honoring "125 Years of Leadership, Impact, and Community Excellence." The black-tie optional event will take place on March 27 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton. Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased at ManchesterChamber.com.

2026 Honorees: *Business of the Year: Tammy and Glen Gerhard, Sarah and Rob May, Silk City Coffee* - A vibrant hub in the heart of Manchester, Silk City Coffee has become a cornerstone of the local business community. Recognized for sustained excellence, innovation, and measurable economic impact, the company blends entrepreneurial growth with authentic community connection. Through welcoming spaces, collaborative partnerships, and a commitment to quality, Silk City Coffee exemplifies the spirit of local business leadership.

Emerging Leader Award: Shannon Baldassario, CEO, MACC Charities - As the inau-

gural recipient of this historic award, Shannon Baldassario is recognized for visionary leadership and measurable community impact. Under her direction, MACC Charities has strengthened strategic partnerships and expanded initiatives addressing food insecurity, housing stability, and essential human services. Her compassionate, forward-thinking leadership represents the next generation of transformative change in Greater Manchester.

Community Achievement Award: Bruce Marcus, Marcus Communications - Bruce Marcus is honored for decades of innovation in communications technology and unwavering community support. Through Marcus Communications, he has championed veteran hiring initiatives and supported numerous regional causes, including the Hartford Marathon and Special Olympics. His leadership reflects a steadfast belief that business success and community responsibility go hand in hand.

For 125 years, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has served as a driving force behind regional economic growth, business advocacy, and community collaboration. This milestone evening reflects more than a century of progress that has helped shape the economic and cultural landscape of Greater Manchester. Event sponsorship opportunities are available.

Garden scholarships

The East Hartford Garden Club will award a scholarship to a student who will major in any plant-related science. For an application please ask in your school's guidance office. Deadline is April 1.

THREE MAYORS HONORED AT GALA



MAYORS GALA - Saturday East Hartford Mayor Connor Martin, center, is honored at the "Honoring Our Heritage" Black Tie Gala at Bethel AME Church in Bloomfield. He thanked Bethel AME Church for the recognition along with mayors Anthony Harrington of Bloomfield and Nuchette Black-Burke of Nuchette. Wrote Mayor Martin on Facebook: "Shout out to my East Hartford team who joined me last night as well as my colleagues and community who continue to support the work we do in East Hartford. This recognition means a great deal to me, and it motivates me to keep serving my community with purpose and gratitude."

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Coach Rondinone making mark

Trinity College baseball is steeped in tradition, a history that includes an undefeated season, a national championship and several NESCAC championships.

Former East Hartford High baseball head coach Matt Rondinone says you feel the tradition every time you step onto the field at Trinity. He should know, he's entering his fourth season as an assistant to head coach Bryan Adamski. "Bryan gave me the opportunity to become a volunteer assistant four years ago, then asked me to stay on as a paid part time assistant."

He credits Adamski with keeping the Trinity tradition alive. "Bryan speaks of

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



tradition every time we step on the field and see those championship banners. The goal is always to play baseball at the highest level and win league championships."

Trinity returns last year's entire lineup and it's already paying off. Despite the snow that's buried the region in recent weeks the Bantams opened their season on schedule last Saturday with an 8-2, 12-0 sweep of Hartford behind a ton of offense and, as Matt says, "A really good job from our pitching staff."

The talented lineup, says Matt, is the product of national recruiting overseen by Adamski and recruiting coordinator Jason Szafarski. He credits the athletic department for getting the season started on time, "They do a great job of clearing the field and making the facilities available."

The road to Trinity began in East Hartford, where Matt grew up on Graham Road. His passions and desire to coach were driven by his uncle, Chris Ragazzi, and the former sports editor of this paper, Ray McKenna.

"The Willow Inn Hot Stove League was a part of my life for a long time" says Matt. "My Uncle Chris and Ray McKenna were members and I talked sports with them all the time. I worked many years with Ray in the East Hartford Parks and Rec programs. I used to snowplow his driveway. After he died my father and I ran the Ray McKenna basketball tournament, proceeds going to Ray McKenna scholarships."

From 2013-2021 Matt coached girls' basketball at East Hartford High, from 2015-21 he coached varsity baseball.

In 2007 his love for baseball led him to the Connecticut Capitals Baseball Academy in Hartford where he was a Jack of all trades, running camps and clinics, "Even sweeping the floors."

In 2017 Matt and his partners, Tommie Winn, Bob Hetu (an East Hartford resident since 1994) and Brian Gaer purchased the Academy and its baseball facility, moved it to another section of Hartford, merged with the Connecticut Baseball Academy and Team Connecticut Baseball, and made it a non-profit baseball academy that services families and players, boys and girls. All four partners coach, Matt is the general manager, Winn is the director of player development. Families that play travel baseball pay a tuition and receive all-inclusive membership privileges. This year the Academy has eight travel teams.

Since his playing days at East Hartford High baseball has been an important part of Matt Rondinone's life. He's certainly found a lot of ways to feed his passion for the game.

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East Hartford: Deondre Storey 4 2 11, Malachi Hymes 1 1 4, Zashem McCoy 7 2 18, Anthony Akerson 1 0 2, Jaiden Bolling 1 1 3, Zahrion Gilzene 2 2 6, Kehari Walker 8 5 22, Chaz McElroy Jr 1 0 3. Totals: 25 13 69.

Windsor: Missoni Brown 10 4 26, Myles Rush 0 1 1, Ji Gary 1 2 4, Adam Afolabi 0 1 1, Alex Weaver 5 9 20, Charles Lewis 3 7 13. Totals: 19 24 65.

Road to the 2026 CCC Championship

Boys' Basketball:

First Round – 2/25/26 (6 pm at Higher Seed) #16 Enfield 66, #1 Windsor 111

#15 Farmington 54, #2 East Hartford 58 #14 Conard 51, #3 East Catholic 95 #13 New Britain 42 #4 NW Catholic 75 #12 Southington 70, #5 Platt 55

#11 EO Smith 61, #6 Newington 73 #10 Glastonbury 61, #7 Hall 71 #9 Maloney 60, #8 Bloomfield 75
Quarterfinals – 2/26/26 (Higher Seed) #8 Bloomfield 58, #1 Windsor 92 #7 Hall 59, #2 East Hartford 68 #6 Newington 42, #3 East Catholic 50 #12 Southington 45, #4 NW Catholic 55

Semifinals – 2/28/26 (Host Site – Bristol Central) 12:00 pm #4 NW Catholic 58, #1 Windsor 62 1:30 pm #3 East Catholic 56, #2 East Hartford 70
Finals – 3/2 (@ University of Hartford)
#1 Windsor vs #2 East Hartford

EHHS tops East Catholic



Zasheem 'Dougie' McCoy drives to the hoop against East Catholic Saturday as the Hornets advanced to the CCC Championship game.

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Gymnastics champions returning to city

Hartford will again host the USA Gymnastics' U.S. Classic this July in Hartford's civic center arena.

U.S. Classic features the nation's best women's artistic gymnasts as they embark to the U.S. Gymnastics Championships August 6-9 in Phoenix, Arizona. Hartford will be the final qualifying event.

PeoplesBank Arena also will host the 2026 Hopes Championships in conjunction with

U.S. Classic, the championship event for gymnasts in the 11-12 and 13-14-year-old age groups.

The U.S. Classic is the premier women's elite gymnastics domestic event outside of the national championships, with the sport's biggest legends winning titles during their careers.

Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, Nastia Liukin, Dominique Dawes, Gabby Douglas, and Laurie Hernandez all populate the list of U.S. Classic champi-

ons.

Hartford has been a regular stop for USA Gymnastics events since 2010, with the city most recently hosting the 2024 U.S. Classic, where Biles prevailed in a competition that included fellow 2024 Olympic gold medalists Sunisa Lee, Jordan Chiles and Jade Carey.

For more about the 2026 U.S. Classic, check the usagymclassic.com website in the weeks ahead.

OBITUARIES

Sandra (LaFargue) Sheridan

Saturday, February 28, 2026, Sandra "Sandy" R. (LaFargue) Sheridan reunited with her beloved husband of 47 years, Edward, in our Lord's eternal embrace.

Born in Hartford in 1937, Sandy grew up in Glastonbury and made her lifelong home next to her parents' house on Pratt Street. A woman of deep faith, Sandy was a long-time member of the former Hockanum United Methodist Church. Above all, Sandy valued her family. After her father's passing, she remained near her mother on Pratt Street, regularly sharing meals and daily life. Because of this, her grandchildren, whom she frequently babysat, were blessed with the gift of growing up surrounded by multiple generations of family.

After a 27-year career at Pratt & Whitney, Sandy retired and embarked on many adventures with her husband, traveling the United States, Europe and the Caribbean. Eventually, they found their winter haven in Jupiter, Florida where they formed many new and wonderful friendships that brought her great joy and deep connection.

An exceptionally talented gardener, Sandy took great pride in tending her flower beds in both Florida and back home in Connecticut.

Wherever she was, Sandy loved sharing her time with her family and eagerly welcomed new and old friends into her



Sandra Sheridan

home. What is certain is that she had a true gift for making everyone in her life feel cared for. Whether it was a cross-stitched or needlepoint keepsake, or a home-cooked meal, she expressed her affection through her hands. Perhaps everyone's fondest memory is that Sandy was simply the best baker. She always seemed to have a delicious pie or a fresh plate of cookies ready whenever guests arrived at her home.

Sandy will be deeply missed and remembered by her brother, John "Jack" A. LaFargue and wife, Joey of Maricopa Co., AZ; son, Allan R. Hebbe and wife, Mona of South Windsor; daughter, Terri A. Hebbe and husband, Edward J. Cain of Glastonbury; daughter, Lori J. Hebbe of Manchester; stepdaughter, Kathleen "Kathy" (Sheridan) Thon and husband, William of Summerville, SC; grandchildren, Christopher Hebbe, Satyam Desai and wife, Bhavisha, Sean Cain and wife, Kelsey Boyne, and Annika (Hebbe) Patten and husband, Luke; great-grandchildren, Arya Desai and Kayden Desai; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Sandy's loved ones take comfort in the knowledge that she has been welcomed home by her husband, Edward J. Sheridan; parents, Stanley H. and Pauline K. (Drusbacky) LaFargue; brother, Richard "Dick" LaFargue and wife, Jerilyn "Jerry" (Pracon); stepson, James "Jimmy" Sheridan; and grandson, Michael Hudock.

A private funeral and burial will be held at St. James Episcopal Cemetery in Glastonbury with no calling hours. The family extends their deepest gratitude to the caregivers at Alto at Evergreen Walk for their compassion and support. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution in Sandy's name to Wapping Community Church, 1790 Ellington Rd, South Windsor CT 06074 or Alzheimer's Association of CT, 10 Executive Drive, Suite 202, Farmington, CT 06032. Online visit www.desopoe.com

Marilyn Pet; Board of Education member

Marilyn Pet, born in 1937 in Baltimore, Maryland, lived a life defined by humility, intellect, creativity, and quiet strength.

She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Pet, after completing a year of study at Barnard College. Together they began building their life and family while Donald pursued his medical education. As the devoted mother of three sons, Marilyn balanced the demands of raising a young family with her own deep commitment to learning. Her educational journey followed her husband's career, spanning several institutions and culminating in a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky. Later, when her sons were in high school, she returned to school once again, this time earning a Master's Degree in Communications from the University of Connecticut.



Marilyn Pet

Marilyn worked for several years within the CT Probate Court system, where a mentor judge recognized her sharp mind and encouraged her to pursue law school. In her late 40s, she boldly returned to the classroom to earn her law degree. A good friend once teased her with a sign proclaiming, "Oldest Law Student Ever," but Marilyn embraced the challenge with characteristic determination and grace.

Following law school, she practiced as a conservator for probate clients and served as counsel in the family's real estate business. She was truly the "Mom" in a successful Mom & Pop enterprise alongside her beloved husband, Don.

Her commitment to community extended into public service, where she spent over a decade as a respected and popular member of the East Hartford Board of Education.

Marilyn also nurtured a lifelong love of art, dedicating countless hours to refining her painting and drawing skills. Her artwork adorns the homes of her children and grandchildren and was featured in many local art shows.

Marilyn was predeceased by her husband, Donald; her parents, Nathan and Kaye Levin; her brother, Howard Levin; and her sister, Ann (Levin) Ohl. She is survived by her three sons, Obbie, Pacey, and Russell Pet; her daughters-in-law, Su Lin Han, Sue Pet, and Karen Pet; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Marilyn left her mark on the world through her remarkable kindness and quiet resilience. She rarely complained, never spoke ill of others, and unfailingly answered "fine" when asked how she was doing. Even in her final weeks, she bore her illness without complaint. The positive example she set casts a long and loving shadow over her family and friends.

We miss you, Mom.

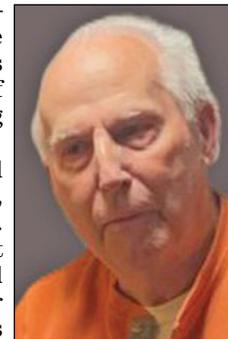
Donald 'Don' Schwager, 82

Donald "Don" T. Schwager, 82, of East Hartford, peacefully journeyed home with his caring family by his side on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Hartford on December 25, 1943, the son of the late Michael and Margaret (Coughlin) Schwager, he had been a life-long resident of East Hartford. Don was a graduate of East Hartford High School, class of 1961.

Prior to his retirement Don was employed for over 50 years as a machinist, working at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford for most of his career and later at Jet Tool & Cutter Manufacturing Company in Southington. He loved animals, especially dogs and cats, as he would often feed stray dogs and stray cats. He also liked to run, cook, listen to music, read,

travel and watch television shows where he was Judge Judy's biggest fan. Most of all, he loved being around his family.

Don is survived by his two brothers, Timothy R. Schwager of East Hartford, and William C. Schwager of East Hartford; his special niece who took wonderful care of him, Katherine LaRosa and her husband Stephen of South Windsor; his nephew, Joseph Gennaro of East Hartford; his several great nieces and great nephews, including Olivia LaRosa and Nicholas LaRosa with whom he shared many laughs; his beloved cat Rags; and several former co-workers



Donald Schwager

and dear friends.

Funeral service celebrating Don's life will be Saturday (March 7th) at 11 am at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St. Burial will follow at Silver Lane Cemetery in East Hartford.

Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home chapel on Saturday morning from 10 - 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Don's name may be made to the Protector of Animals, 144 Main Street, Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118.

For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com

Energy assistance offered through Generation Power

As energy bills continue to strain household budgets across Connecticut, Generation Power CT (GPCT) announced the fourth cycle of its Emergency Energy Assistance Program through March 10.

This nine-day window represents the final opportunity for the current fiscal year (July 2025-June 2026) for eligible households to receive emergency assistance for electricity, gas, and delivered fuels.

No additional assistance cycles will be offered during this fiscal year, with the program expected to resume in fall 2026. Details, documentation and resources are available at gpct.org/gethelp.

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Hornet Boys hoopsters are CCC champions

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entering the fourth quarter, would be able to hang in there. Captains Kehari Walker and Zashem McCoy kept their cool and stayed out of foul trouble until Walker fouled out with 10.4 seconds remaining.

Saturday EHHS beat East Catholic for the second time in less than a month to set up the contest at the UoffH neutral site. It was a far cry from the close confines of Windsor where they suffered their last defeat of the season before reeling off 16 straight wins. Now its on to the state tournament beginning Friday night at home for a 6 p.m. tipoff against Farmington.

Walker's 22 points included 13 in the fourth quarter, and he limited the turnovers which seemed to plague the talented senior at the end of of the first half when the Warriors clawed to a four-point lead.

Walker's patented move is along the baseline where he glided taking two steps to sweep under the basket for a reverse layup. He also passes from the hip, snapping them exclusively to a teammate.

"It feels unreal," said Walker, leading a team to that elusive title, a trip that seem to take his

team "a long, long time." Walker wrapped himself in the CCC championship banner, and noted that their mission is not accomplished yet.

His teammate, McCoy, was all smiles. Dougie added 18 points - including 10 in the fourth quarter - for East Hartford (21-3) and Deondre Storey had 11.

Windsor, the top seed, had won 8 CCC tournament titles. The Warriors (22-2) were led by Missoni Brown (26 points) and Alex Weaver (20 points).

The past 10 years East Catholic, Windsor and Northwest Catholic dominated the league while East Hartford's last appearance in the championship game was 2009.

"This team is very connected," Gittens said. "That's what you need, when you try to make runs like these. It's genuine. They don't care about their points. They know Dougie (McCoy) and Kehari are their leaders and have to do most of the heavy lifting but everybody else plays their role."

Gittens knew that he had to keep the score close Monday because in the past, Windsor would go up big at the start and it was hard for his team to

come back.

And so East Hartford did. The game was physical and there were a lot of fouls.

"I was just hoping my team could pull through and do what they had to do to get the dub," Walker said.

Windsor had moments where they seemed on the verge of pulling it together only to haev East Hartford win an offensive rebound. Misses on the foul line also proved costly. Attribute it to nerves and playing in a bigger, louder venue. The auditorium was packed to the rafters with fans. And the struggle for possession resulted in many tussles on the hardwood between both teams.

"They're always trying to get hands on the ball," noted the coach.

Windsor led 34-29 at half-time and the score was tied at 44 after three quarters. With about five minutes left, East Hartford was trailing, 50-49 when Walker came into the game and immediately made an impact. He hit a shot, then swooped under the basket twice, scoring 13 of East Hartford's next 15 points.

Gittens was restrained at one point by an assistant, the big man pacing the sideline. East Hartford began to win the race to the ball, sending three rebounders up to the offensive end as the Warriors seemed just a step behind the play time and again.

Tax programs

The town is accepting applications for the following programs: State option for Elderly/Disabled Homeowners, Town of East Hartford Local Option for Elderly/Disabled Homeowners, and additional State and Local Veterans programs. Elderly/Disabled Homeowners must apply between February 1 and May 15, 2026. The qualifying criteria for such relief are as follows: Owner or spouse must be 65 years of age as of December 31, 2025. Homeowners with 100% total disability from Social Security are qualified regardless of age. This program is based on income limits of \$56,500 for married couples and \$46,300 for singles.

The Town will also be accepting applications for its Local Option for elderly/disabled homeowners. The application window for the local option for elderly/disabled homeowners is also February 1 through May 15, 2026. This program is based on income limits of \$71,500 for married couples and \$61,300 for singles. Residents must qualify for State Elderly/Disabled program.

In addition to meeting the State criteria, eligible homeowners shall not have individual or joint assets (other than their principal residence and any tax deferred retirement investments) for more than \$100,000. Veterans may apply for additional State and Local benefits between February 1, 2026, and October 1, 2026.

Camp counselor's tip

From Page One

Samantha Magnani and Deputy Assistant State's Attorney Katelynn MacKinnon, with the assistance of Inspector Carlos Ocasio and Paralegal Specialist Kelly Randall. The Honorable Michael J. Gustafson presided over the trial.

State's Attorney Walcott would like to thank the trial team, led by Assistant State's Attorney Magnani, for the care and dedication they showed in preparing the victim for this difficult stage of their journey. She also extends her gratitude

to the East Hartford Police Department for their assistance throughout the case, and most importantly, to the victim and the compassionate victim services community that supported her.

"These cases are incredibly difficult for everyone involved, including the members of the jury who were tasked with hearing such heartbreaking evidence," State's Attorney Walcott said.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 29, 2026 in Hartford Superior Court.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
KHALISE QALDIRE THOMAS,
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AKA KHALISE THOMAS
(25-00555)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **March 5, 2026**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Ayesha L. Smith, 12
Montgomery Drive, Flemington,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MATTHEW J. NOON
(26-00052)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **March 3, 2026**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tobi Dolan, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:

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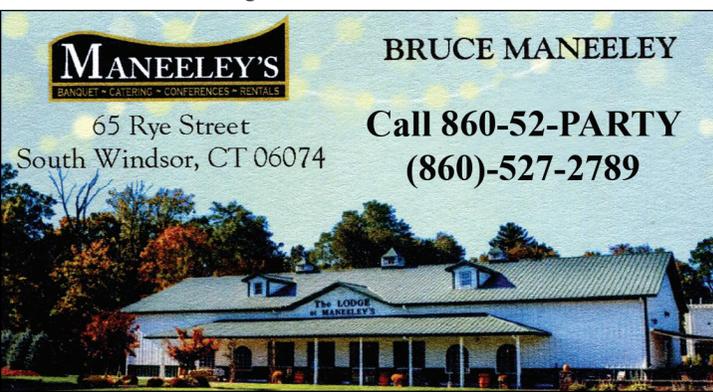
ESTATE OF
DANNY S. PERRY
(23-00464)

The Hon. Richard P. Gentile, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **February 25, 2026**, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

MARCH 7 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Hillstown Grange #87 will hold a Winter pancake breakfast and Tag / Book sale on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 8:30 AM - 11 AM. Come enjoy a Breakfast of Pancakes, including sausage, coffee, tea and juice, all for just \$6, \$3 for kids under 14. This month's Special pancakes feature "Cherry Pie" Pancakes along with our plain and chocolate chip pancakes. Snow on the road, stay home and warm and come next month. The Grange is located at 617 Hills St. in the Hillstown corner of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester since 1888. The Grange is one of the oldest Agricultural and Community Service groups in the United States. FMI call Michelle at 860-558-4688 or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com.

MARCH 7: SOLUNITY SINGERS, a professional vocal ensemble that is part of the CitySingers of Hartford organization will present their debut concert "Rooted In Soil", on Saturday, March 7th, at 4 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., in East Hartford. This performance explores our connection with nature, and how the changing seasons, elements, and landscape can mirror our lives and relationships. The program features "In the Spring and the Fall" and "In Time of Silver Rain", by Ricky Ian Gordon, and American Tryptich 1, 2, & 3: "Reflections, The Peace of Wild Things", and "Come to the Woods" by Jake Runestad. Works by Eriks Esenvalds, Frank Ticheli and Adolph Green will also be performed. The SolUnity Singers is CitySingers' newest ensemble, comprised of professional singers performing solo repertoire as well as unifying into one resonant pulse. Artistic Director Jeff Cregeur leads. Tickets in advance \$25 at citysingers.org.; at the door \$30.

CRIBBAGE, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1831 Main St. Enjoy a fun time with other local cribbage players. Players of all age and ability welcome. Daily prizes, season honors and lifetime awards. We're part of the American Cribbage Congress, a national organization of roughly 200 clubs across the country that make up the ACC's Grass Roots division. Being part of the ACC means the club plays by a standard set of rules, so if there are any questions about how something should work there is always an easy way to get questions answered. FMI contact Phil Martin, 860-768-2681, philm298@gmail.com

MARCH 11 - WICKHAM DAY QUILTERS of East Hartford will meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wickham Library meeting room at 656 Burnside Avenue. Like to sew? Interested in quilting? Not a fan of driving at night? Attend a meeting to see if you would like to join us. Any skill level welcome. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Wickham Day Quilters is a chapter of the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. The March program will be a make and take needle case using wool applique and embroider stitches. We will also be showing the results of our ugly fabric challenge. Any questions? Email

Wickhamdayquilters@gmail.com

MARCH 12: AI'S HIDDEN ENVIRONMENTAL COST - We often hear about what AI can do, but rarely what it takes to keep it running. AI depends on massive data centers that consume staggering amounts of electricity. The high-density computer hardware, operating 24/7, runs very hot. Water-based cooling systems prevent overheating but require millions of gallons of water per day. Join University of Hartford Professor Laura Pence as she pulls back the curtain on AI's environmental impact and explores the path toward a more sustainable digital future. Thursday, March 12, 2-3:30 p.m. Sponsored by President's College Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Visit Hartford.edu/pc. Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860.768.4495.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19 - IRISH DINNER AND A SHOW at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Millbrook Drive - Join us for a night of fun as we celebrate the Irish Culture with Food and Music. Special Irish Meal: Corn Beef and Cabbage, including Beverage & Dessert, cooked by Wayne Domins. After Dinner, Pierce Campbell will entertain us with music from Ireland! Cost: \$8 (Members Only) Dinner is at 5:50 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m.

MARCH 22 - SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS - CT Easter-Spring collection Sunday, March 22 from noon to 2 p.m. at Hillstown Grange hall, 617 Hills Street. Donations of Easter candy, Peeps, & drawings of spring flowers needed. Donations can be dropped off that Sunday, 3/22, by noon or by special

arrangement. Volunteers are always needed & appreciated to help sort and pack items. FMI please call Michelle DeDominicis, 860-558-4688 or e-mail kma.dedominicis@gmail.com or Jen Marino 860-558-5897. This is a wonderful event supporting our troops stationed away from home during the Easter holiday. Organizations interested in helping, please contact us. Shipping packages costs about \$900 so monetary donations are also needed to help defray postage expense. Checks should be made payable to "SOS CONNECTICUT" and mail to SOS-CONNECTICUT, C/O Michelle DeDominicis, 56 Hills St., East Hartford, CT 06118.

MARCH 26: DECODING SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET - To be, or not to be? That isn't the only question. Behind the world's most famous play lies a web of conflicting versions, ancient blood feuds, and a world on the brink of radical change. Join University of Hartford President Emeritus Humphrey Tonkin for a four-week deep dive into the heart of Denmark. We won't just read the play; we'll investigate the "collision of worlds" at its core—where medieval honor clashes with modern philosophy. Discover why Hamlet remains the ultimate mirror for the human soul. Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by President's College. Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Visit Hartford.edu/pc. Questions? Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860.768.4495.

MARCH 29: COLOR EGGS at South Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St. starting at 11 a.m. until noon. This Egg Coloring Extravaganza features multiple egg coloring stations. All materials, including hard boiled eggs, will be provided. Light refreshments. Free and open to all, but if you plan to attend to ensure enough supplies are on hand contact Lisa at community@southucc.org, or call 860-568-5150. Also, South invites the community to stop by the Lenten Cross which is displayed on the front lawn of the church at 1301 Forbes St. All are welcome to visit, say a prayer, or simply meditate for a moment, and then leave a ribbon tied to the structure as a visible sign of your sacred Lenten journey. You may bring your own ribbon or take one from the container next to the cross. The cross will be in place through Easter Sunday, April 5th.

MARCH 30: PHILOSOPHICAL LESSONS ON RESISTANCE - Widespread unemployment, poverty, and the shadow of totalitarianism defined 1930s Europe. But amidst the chaos, a group of brilliant philosophers — including Walter Benjamin, Hannah Arendt, Simone Weil, and Jean Amery — were asking a radical question: What does it mean to resist? Professor Benjamin Berger leads this three-session exploration into the strategies and ideologies used to counter oppressive regimes. Mondays, March 30, April 6, 13, 2-3:30 p.m. Sponsored by President's College. Lifelong Learning at the University of Hartford. Visit Hartford.edu/pc. Questions? Email pcollege@hartford.edu or call 860.768.4495.