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Peppers marks 25 years

Peppers Jamaican Bakery and Jerk center is celebrating 25 years in business with their delicious authentic Jamaican cuisine.

With locations in East Hartford and Bloomfield, they are known throughout the region for their first-class catering and takeout services.

Owners George and Opal Scott - along with their employees - work tirelessly to promote their brand.

George Scott worked in his family restaurant business for several years before opening his first restaurant in East Hartford in 1996.

With strong support from his Wife, Opal, they were able to convert a former church building into a profitable successful entity. With expert planning and significant risk the team expanded into Bloomfield by purchasing what was Scott's Jamaican Bakery, re-naming it 'Peppers'.

Peppers became the first Jamaican bakery in East Hartford and successfully endured the pandemic to proudly say it has now been operating for a quarter century.

The second Peppers location in Bloomfield is also the longest operating Jamaica bakery and restaurant, and one of the oldest tenants, in the famous Copaco shopping cen-

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JAMAICAN BAKERY THRIVES, SURVIVES



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE JAGGON

IN FRONT of Peppers Jamaican Bakery, 603 Burnside Avenue offering a cool drink on a hot day is the bakery's manager with owners George and Opal Scott, at right.

Lunch ladies to make \$15 an hour

East Hartford schools have boosted the minimum wage for all foodservice workers to \$15 an hour, effective July 1. Connecticut's minimum wage will increase to \$13 per hour August 1 and will incrementally go to \$15 per hour in 2023.

The school system's Chief Operations Officer Benjamin Whittaker explained several reasons for the decision to accelerate the phase-in of new minimum wage requirements. "EHPS and Sodexo hope to improve recruitment efforts by incentivizing foodservice work-

ers in other areas of the industry to consider a career in school foodservice, as well as retaining valued employees who have built relationships with our staff and students and have become an invaluable part of our school communities. We appreciate the flexibility and endurance our foodservice staff has shown throughout the pandemic, and we realize how "essential" this portion of our workforce really is."

Fourty three percent of the town's food service contractor, Sodexo's, hourly employees

working on the EHPS account currently earn at or just above the current minimum wage of \$12 per hour. EHPS and Sodexo is also increasing wages for all hourly employees that currently earn above the new base rate of \$15/hr. as well.

"Connecticut has become a leader in the movement to increase minimum wages, and our commitment to exceed statutory rates will increase the quality of life for those who serve our students," stated Nathan Quesnel, EHPS Superintendent of Schools.

NESAC OK's EHHS

East Hartford High School (EHHS) has been re-accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) according to Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

The high school completed NECAS's decennial evaluation in February. "It recently received confirmation of its successful outcome along with feedback and next steps," noted Mancini in a press release.

However the organization, when contacted, did not divulge any details of what the high school's overall grade was or what the recommended "next steps" are.

The longest-serving regional accrediting association in New England, NEASC oversees the accreditation of more than 2,000 schools in six states. The release of its accreditation reports is up to school administrators.

Mancini's announcement did not mention the accreditation details, only that NEASC's website declares it "serves the public and the educational community by (1) establishing and maintaining high standards of educational excellence and (2) utilizing accreditation processes, which focus on self-improvement through effective peer review. Schools and colleges which voluntarily demonstrate

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AROUND TOWN

Sign up before July 22 for back-to-school shoes, coats

It's barely summer, but parents have to start planning for Back-to-School shoes and coats. The East Hartford Social Services is now accepting applications for the town's Back-to-School Shoes and Coats for Kids programs. Both programs depend on the number of donations received by the town.

Qualifying parents are provided with a Walmart gift card to purchase a new pair of well-fitting shoes for their children entering grades K-12. The East Hartford Rotary Club funds the Coats for Kids program. Children from age 1 through 16 are now eligible following the

application process with the Coats for Kids event scheduled for Oct. 17.

To apply go online to www.easthartfordct.gov/social-services/pages/back-to-school-programs. **Download the application, sign and return to Town Hall by July 22. Or call 860-291-7248.**

Please provide copies of a photo ID and proof of current address in the form of a current lease, bill, mail or rent receipt. Proof of current household monthly gross income, DSS budget sheet, dates of birth for all household members, copy of the long form birth certificates, proof of guardianship/custody, if applicable.

Remember that this program is for residents only. The number of requests granted also depends on the amount of donations received. Not all applications will result in a gift card or coat.

EH man inadvertent victim of city shooting

Hartford police arrested two occupants of an SUV which fled their pursuit following a fatal shooting on Bedford Street in the city early Wednesday morning.

The SUV came to rest on its roof after a collision at the intersection of Farmington Avenue and Sigorney Street. Inside two handguns were recovered.

In addition to the gun charges, the shooting claimed the life of an East Hartford man. Siddhartha Lake-Sudan,

37, was killed and another man was shot in the leg, according to Hartford police. Lake-Sudan may not have been the intended target of the shooting, they said.

Responding to a ShotSpotter activation at 1:48 a.m. Hartford police found the two victims, one a man in his 20s who was wounded and had fled the scene. He was taken to the hospital.

Detectives investigating the shooting later developed leads on a vehicle that may have

been used in the shooting. They spotted the vehicle on the city's C-4 system of surveillance cameras around 10:30 a.m. and attempted to stop the vehicle.

The driver took off resulting in a chase through the streets of Hartford Wednesday morning, ending in a high-speed crash outside Aetna headquarters in the city's Asylum Hill neighborhood.

The driver was identified as Chan Williams-Bey Jr., 25. Williams-Bey was charged with murder, first-degree assault and carrying a pistol without a permit. His bond was set at \$1.75 million. The passenger in the vehicle was not charged, Hartford police said.

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OPINIONS - LETTERS - SPEAKING OUT!

Health hazard of state's new cannabis indulgence a danger to public

To the Editor:

Today, June 23, 2021, there is news aplenty.

Within the past 24 hours, headlines read Lamont signs Connecticut's marijuana legalization law, wherein possession of the drug becomes legal on July 1, 2021 and the commercial sale of the drug will be allowed in 2022. As such, Connecticut becomes the 19th state to legalize recreational marijuana.

Further, Connecticut's law allows adults 21 and older to possess up to 1.5 ounces on their person and 5 ounces in their home or locked car. And there is good news for those previously convicted of possessing up to 4 ounces of marijuana as their criminal records will be erased.

So is this a good or bad law for our State. Well, obviously those who have been smoking pot illegally are thrilled.

But should we all be? I suggest 'no' as we review the April 9, 2021 article by Susan R. Bailey, MD immediate past president of the American Medical Association.

She notes there are many health questions surrounding cannabis use and public health.

"The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine maintains that the medicinal benefits of cannabis are largely unknown, and that its use is associated with lower birth weight, an increased number of car accidents and other risks. The U.S. Surgeon General has also issued warnings about health risks tied to cannabis use."

The following is a portion of her message. Everyone may not agree with her opinion, but they should consider it before embracing the regular use of pot. Especially if they are raising children. Regardless of

their age, they are still your children. Believe it or not, they look to their elders for advice.

"The science about the benefits of cannabis is limited, while the available evidence demonstrates that legalizing the adult use of cannabis poses a threat to public health. Our AMA does not support legalization of cannabis for adult use until additional scientific research has been completed to fully document the public health, medical and economic consequences of its use."

Note also that the new law championed by our town's Democratic State Representative Jason Rojas makes it illegal to provide pot to anyone under age 18, requires a large warning on every advertisement that smoking pot may cause health side effects, and bans retail pot sales establishments from being located in close proximity

to schools. It treats juvenile use of pot the same as juvenile use of alcohol.

And of course it falls upon the already-broad shoulders of our law enforcement agencies to enforce the 300-page-long citations of statutory cross-references and state-imposed regulations.

What of local zoning? If someone wishes to open a retail cannabis outlet next door to rectify the social injustice and inequality determined to be historically present in your census tract by the social equity council, will local East Hartford zoning rules and regulations hold any sway?

As this is a state permitted process, local enforcement, regulatory power of our town's health and safety laws is unknown. All that seems to be clear in this is that the state stands to reap a multitude of new fees, and local municipali-

ties will get three percent of the retail sales action.

I am concerned about cannabis use by young people, as well as by pregnant or breastfeeding women. If we are concerned about public health, and our state supports all the public health messaging on the deleterious health effects of smoking, smoking cannabis is still smoking, right?

Connecticut joined 35 states permitting patients to use cannabis for a wide variety of "qualifying medical conditions." It is the AMA's position that scientifically valid and well-controlled clinical trials, conducted under federal investigational new drug applications, are necessary to assess the safety and effectiveness of all new drugs. The same goes for cannabis products. Said Dr. Bailey: "As physicians, we rely on clinical experience, combined with evidence from clinical trials and biomedical research, to guide us during the diagnostic and treatment process. Cannabis should be no different."

Other news of the day: "Supreme Court Rules for High School Cheerleader Brandi Levy in Free-Speech Case Over Snapchat Post". The Supreme Court extended its protection of student speech to social media on Wednesday, by an 8-1 ruling that a Pennsylvania school district overstepped its authority by punishing a high-school cheerleader who used a vulgar word on Snapchat when she didn't make the varsity cheerleading team.

"F— school f— softball f— cheer f— everything," the 14-year-old, frustrated at the prospect of another year on the junior varsity team, wrote on her cellphone, posting a photo of herself and a friend extending middle fingers" Good to see our courts are hard at work.

Susan Kniep
East Hartford

Republican party is lost and wandering in the wilderness

To the Editor:

Letter writer George Demetron (*Gazette*, June 17, 2021) is correct in his assertion that what is out there known as the Republican Party is today merely the Trump party.

When I moved to the city at age 18, I went to work for the rest of my career in an office of conservatives. The senior partner had once been a state senator, and the rest of the office were all like gentlemen who merely wanted low taxes and small government. They displayed NONE of today's Republican form, of trying to defy the other party with blind opposition, anger, hatred, racism such as we now witness. It seems to me that today's

Republicans have lost their way. They have become anti-this and anti-that. Their party doesn't bother running on an issues platform, just vilifying the opposition. What happened to being pro-American? It started when they allowed the Tea Party to take over, then they doubled-down on dissent when the black President was installed in 2009. Now it seems Republicans have been backed into a corner. The only way they can try and push in their anti-liberal, anti-Democrat and anti-Federalism stance is to stand by in silence as white supremacists, Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, Bugaloo boys take over. Voting against giving the Capitol Police medals for

defending them is the latest. Our brave congresspersons were shown cowering on the floor, frightened out of their minds on January 6, 2021. In the nation's Capitol Building, of all places, the bastion of our national government. Then we have Republicans voting to restrict voting rights only so that they can knock thousands of minority voters of the rolls?

I met for lunch back in 2016 a group of my old co-workers and when the conversation strayed to the upcoming election between Hillary and Trump. They were going to write in Kasich. They saw and knew what Trump was.

Fox News can be credited for a great deal of these dis-

torted, slanted, propoganda lies out there. When defending Tucker Carlson, Fox News had to come out and say Tucker was not news, he was merely "entertainment". That goes for the entire network.

As Bill Clinton turned around the economy with his budget, with his creation of 25 million jobs, with his high stock market, budget surpluses so President Joe Biden will now make this country respected, ethical, and truly 'great' once again.

P.S.: Hey George, see you at the next Antifa meeting. Maybe we can do lunch.

Pam Bergren
East Hartford

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

First Congressional Art Awards presented

Congressman John B. Larson announced the winner of his First Congressional District Art Competition. Open to high school students, some 44 students participated this year. Lynn Blot of Hartford, a student at Wethersfield High, was selected as the winner. Her artwork, entitled "Unnatural Change" depicts the emotional roller-coaster our nation has endured in the year following the death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Congratulations to Lynn for winning this year's Congressional Art Competition, and thank you to all of our participants for submitting such incredible work," said Larson.

The judges also gave out the following awards: Juror's Choice Award - # 4 Catherine Adamczyk / Hold Tight; Social Justice Award - # 36 Autumn Sankofa / I Can't Breathe; and Mixed Media Award - # 5 Nick Loban / Retribution.

Honorable Mentions went to Alexa Caron / Indecisive, Eileen Chen / Birthday, Grace O'Rourke / Daydream Believer, Matthew Rostkowski / Fenced In World and Kate Anziel / Beauty Within. The Congressional Art Competition was created in 1982.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY



PERFECT POUNDCAKES ON BURNSIDE marked its third year in business with a celebratory party featuring music, free strawberry shortcakes and raffles. Like many businesses in East Hartford, they were grateful and relieved to have made it through the pandemic.

Creation

- Writing for Theatre (7/5&9)
- Set Design (7/6&10)
- Puppetry (7/10)

Variety

- Auditions (7/12&15)
- Physical Theater (7/13)
- Stage Makeup (7/17)

Movement

- Musical Theatre Dance (7/20)
- Yoga (7/23)

Sound:

- Vocal Performance and Tech
- Sound Production (7/26)
- Vocal Audition Prep (7/31)
- Acting Through Song (8/1)

Class of 2021 - Scholarships & Awards

East Hartford High School's Class of 2021 were awarded over \$4 million in scholarships, according to Principal Matt Ryan. Some of the many local awards and scholarships presented included:

ACADEMY OF FINANCE - Shakir Pike, Chelsea Adutumwah-Korsah, Marti Adamcewicz, Gustavo Guzman, Timothy Tiet
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 COACH KONOPKA "FOR THE TEAM" - Gary Shepard Jr.
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 MICHAEL A. LIAPPES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Celia Acosta-Fuentes
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 EAST HARTFORD FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL #1548 SCHOLARSHIP - Stamatoula Kanellopoulos
 EAST HARTFORD ROTARY CLUB - Barbara Agbotey, Kendao Thomas Poulos, Debbie Frimpong, Lincoln Milling
 CT FARMINGTON VALLEY LINKS - Barbara Agbotey, Kenado Thomas
 DR. JOHN A. LANGFORD SCHOLARSHIP - Nayelli A. Rodriguez
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SOCIETY

US Women's National Soccer in town July 1, 5

U.S. Women's National Team head coach Vlatko Andonovski has named the 18-player roster for the delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Eleven players who were on the USA's roster for the 2016 Olympics in Brazil make a return, while 17 players who were members of the USA's 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup championship team were named to the roster for Tokyo.

GOALKEEPERS (2): Adrianna Franch (Portland Thorns FC), Alyssa Naehar (Chicago Red Stars)

DEFENDERS (6): Abby Dahlkemper (Manchester City/ENG), Tierna Davidson (Chicago Red Stars), Crystal Dunn (Portland Thorns FC), Kelley O'Hara (Washington Spirit), Becky Sauerbrunn (Portland Thorns FC), Emily Sonnett (Washington Spirit)

MIDFIELDERS (5): Julie Ertz (Chicago Red Stars), Lindsey Horan (Portland Thorns FC), Rose Lavelle (OL Reign), Kristie Mewis (Houston Dash), Samantha Mewis (North Carolina Courage)

FORWARDS (5): Tobin Heath (Unattached), Carli Lloyd (NJ/NY Gotham FC), Alex Morgan (Orlando Pride), Christen Press (Unattached), Megan Rapinoe (OL Reign)

"It's been a long process to get to this point, longer than anyone thought it would be, but we collected a lot of information on the players over the past year and half in trainings, in their club matches and in international games and we're confident that we've selected the team with the best chance for success in Japan," said Andonovski.

The U.S. Olympic Women's Soccer Team will come together in Connecticut at the end of the month to play its WNT Send-Off

Series, as the USA takes on Mexico on July 1 and July 5 at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field.

Two players - forwards Carli Lloyd and Tobin Heath - make their fourth Olympic Team, tying former captain and 2021 National Soccer Hall of Fame inductee Christie Pearce Rampono for the most in USWNT history. Lloyd, who will turn 39 on July 16 just before the Olympics begin, is the oldest-ever U.S. Women's Soccer Olympian, nearly two years older than Rampono when she played in the 2012 Olympics. Add to that list defenders Becky Sauerbrunn and Kelley O'Hara as well as forwards Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe, who all played in the 2012 and 2016 Games.

Defender Crystal Dunn, midfielders Lindsey Horan and Julie Ertz, forward Christen Press and goalkeeper Alyssa Naehar make their second Olympic Teams.

McDERMOTT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Bill McDermott, owner of McDermott Heating Cooling & Plumbing, East Hartford was named Instructor of the year by the National Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals (OESP), an organization comprising hundreds of dedicated industry professionals in the Northeast.

McDermott received the honor during its 2020-21 industry awards in Cranford, NJ. The awards go to "the best of the best" according to OESP.

"OESP has the tremendous benefit of countless volunteers who are committed to advancing the association, as well as the industry," said Bob Daros of Heritage Fuel & Propane in Croton Falls, NY, who chaired the OESP awards committee. "These individuals represent the best of the best this year, and it is our privilege to bestow these national awards for their excellence and dedication to the industry."

Winning the Adams Memorial Service Manager of the Year was Dave Westerfield, Jennings Oil, Danbury, CT.



Bill McDermott on left, with George Perrelli of OESP New Haven.

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EHHS re-accredited

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through the association's accreditation processes that they meet established Standards, are accredited, and thus become members in the association." The assistant superintendent noted EHHS' decennial accreditation process "was long and rigorous" with planning begun in 2016.

NEASC's Standards for Accreditation required the high school to "participate in a self reflection process which

involved examining its teaching, learning and support practices by assessing its existing practices against a detailed rubric." NESAC surveyed faculty and staff, students and parents. In November 2018, they hosted a small team of visitors for a two-day Collaborative Conference to review findings.

After receiving written feedback, EHHS developed and implemented a School Growth Plan to address three priority areas for growth.

EAST HARTFORD OBITUARIES

Eric Michael Johansen, 47

Eric Michael Johansen, 47, of East Hartford, devoted husband of 16 years of Becky (Currey) Johansen and loving Daddy of Lily Parker Johansen, passed away unexpectedly from a major heart disease at his home on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Eric, also known as "E", "Big E", "E-Dub", or "E-Rock", was born in Hartford on November 28, 1973, the son of Norman D. and Linda J. (Kvadás) Johansen, and had been a life-



Eric Johansen

long resident of East Hartford. Eric was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1991, and earned his Associates Degree from Manchester Community College in 1999. Eric worked in manufacturing operations with Empire Industries in Manchester for almost 30 years, although the last 18 months he was stationed in a makeshift office in his basement. He enjoyed working at Empire with all of his co-workers, and he missed being physically together with them.

Eric was highly intelligent, and his brain processed information in an impressive way. However, his mouth could sometimes find difficulties explaining his genius. From time-to-time, he could be moody and mopey, but his generosity and willingness to push through went unmatched. He approached everything in life with an analytical eye, and he could back up his knowledge with mostly reliable sources. He loved to immerse himself in a variety of things, enjoying

researching and investigating some of the most random and useless topics. He believed that the current state of affairs is obnoxious; attempted destruction of democracy is dumb while vaccines, access to clean water resources, world-wide humanitarian efforts, ranked voting, and court packing are excellent ideas. Eric understood that people, their ideas, and opinions are meant to change, and that change can come through knowledge and self-education.

Eric loved to golf. Like 99% of golfers, the course was not often good to him. The superior rounds were celebrated to their fullest. He liked to watch golf on TV, which is about as exciting as watching paint dry. His favorite sport teams were the NY Giants, Boston Red Sox, and Boston Bruins; he especially enjoyed the never-ending Stanley Cup playoffs. Eric would never pass up the opportunity to attend a live music festival. He had a love for good music, and for not-so-good music at times - particularly while doing yard work, much to the delight of his neighbors.

Eric's smile was infectious, his snoring was infamous, and his love for Becky and Lily was immeasurable; his sole purpose was to make them happy. He was successful in his goals virtually each and every day. Eric had a love/hate relationship with DIY projects, and would devote hours each week trying to better the home environment for his wife and daughter. He was so strong, often breaking things that no mere mortal

Peppers Jamaican Bakery survives, thrives

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ter. Inside chose from a medium or large meal of curried or jerk chicken, jerk wings, jerk pork, oxtail, pepper steak, curried goat, escovitch fish - all meals come with choice of white rice, rice and kidney beans (rice and peas) plain-tains or steamed veggies.

Peppers now has expanded to become a provider of choice for many small and large events. They cater, bringing a satisfying variety of hot and

delicious food suitable for every occasion, whether corporate event, wedding, party, birthday or graduation.

Opal Scott's parents, Hector and the late Valerie Anderson, worked hand-in-hand to turn the East Hartford location into the success it is today. George and Opal appreciate the support of their many loyal customers, their staff and the many suppliers who stood by them during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Scotts invite the

entire community to stop by and enjoy one of their many specialty breads, patties, coca bites, an island beverage of choice. The stew is especially popular, so get there early. And take home a hot, tasty meal of Jamaican cuisine tonight.

The East Hartford bakery location is 603 Burnside Avenue (860-282-0444), and the bakery/restaurant in the Copaco Shopping center is 277 Cottage Grove Road (Route 218), Bloomfield. 860-726-1006.

Santo J. Alleano Jr., veteran

Santo J. Alleano, Jr., 79, of East Hartford, loving husband of 57 years of Virginia "Ginny" (Marques) Alleano, passed away peacefully surrounded by his caring family on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in Hartford on January 6, 1942, a son of the late Santo Sr. and Lucy (Buccheri) Alleano, he had been a lifelong resident of East Hartford. Santo was a graduate of Hartford Regional Technical School, Class of 1959 and was a proud U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Santo retired as an East Hartford firefighter after 32 years of dedicated service. He was instrumental in helping form the EMS program and served ex-officio to the EMS Commission for many years. He was a past president of Firefighter Local #1548 for 19 years, vice president of the CT Uniformed Firefighters Association for 15 years. He worked for over 20 years for Terragna Concrete, for S & S Caterers and at the Marco Polo Restaurant for ten years.

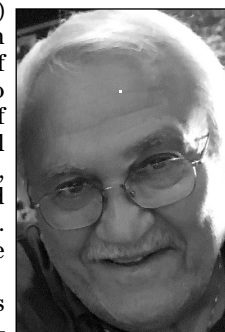
Santo was the longest active member of the Volunteer Hose Company #3 where he enjoyed cooking his famous hot peppers and sausage and pepper grinders Thursday evenings. He was also a member of the Hartford Elks Club and EH Elks Lodge #2063, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus-Rev. J.C. Martin Council #3901 of East Hartford.

Santo also volunteered for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, enjoyed traveling with his wife

and family, hunting with his brother-in-law and friends, and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and Giants.

Along with his beloved wife Ginny, Santo is survived by his two devoted daughters, Lisa Bell and her husband Raymond of Hebron, Karen Alleano of Cromwell; and two adored

grandchildren, Jack Bell and Addison Bell both of Hebron. He also leaves a sister, Ann Marie Plaksa of East Hartford; two brothers, Robert Alleano and his wife Margaret of East Hartford, Angelo Alleano and his wife Joann of South Windsor; a special brother-in-law, Richard Marques and his wife Sandra of East Hartford; a special sister-in-law, Dolores Quick and her husband Ed of Glastonbury; a cherished friend who was like a son, Steven Tuller of East Hartford; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Funeral service will be Saturday (June 26, 2021) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at St. Rose Church of North American Martyrs Parish, 33 Church St. with entombment with military honors to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum. Santo's family will receive relatives and friends on Friday (June 25, 2021) from 3- 7 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Santo's name may be made to the East Hartford Fire Department-EMS Fund, 31 School Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.



Santo Alleano, Jr.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LUCAS J. BARTON,
AKA LUCAS JOSEPH BARTON,
deceased (21-00252)

The Hon. Scott R. Chadwick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **June 9, 2021**, 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.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Jennifer Bordonaro
c/o William J. Ronalter, Esquire;
Shipman & Goodwin LLP, 1
Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT
06103

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

VIVIAN DIANA SEDOK,
deceased (21-00256)

The Hon. Scott R. Chadwick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **June 16, 2021**, 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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Brian J. Murphy, Esquire; Brian J. Murphy Law, LLC, 172 East Center Street, Manchester, CT 06040

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LORRAINE Y. WORONECKI,
deceased (21-00221)

The Hon. Scott R. Chadwick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **June 14, 2021**, 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.

Matthew E. Cella, Clerk

The fiduciary is:

Stephen Woronecki, 501 Denslow Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORMAN STEVENSON,
deceased (21-00259)

The Hon. Scott R. Chadwick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated **June 21, 2021**, 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

EAST HARTFORD'S SOUNDS OF SUMMER weekly outdoor concerts start tonight, **JUNE 24 AT 6 P.M.** at the amphitheater at Great River Park with the ever-popular local band, Shaded Soul. Enjoy the vocal and musical harmonies of this laid-back, polished band. Bring a picnic basket for what looks to be perfect weather by the river. It gets breezy in the evenings by the water so bring a sweater and a blanket. The Sounds of Summer performances continue every Thursday through August 5. There is no concert on July 1, and rain cancels.

The full Sounds of Summer 2021 schedule:

- July 8 - Larry Stevens (Pop/Rock and Classic Rock)**
- July 15 - Soul Sound Revue (9 piece Motown Revue)**
- July 22 - Dually Noted (Rock-n-Roll classics)**
- July 29 - Sound Pipers (Reggae Fusion)**
- August 5 - The Score (Classic Party Rock)**

Parking is nearby. For updates on weather conditions check www.easthartfordct.gov before you go.

The East Hartford Historical Society opens the **HUGUENOT HOUSE MUSEUM** every Sunday in July and August from 1 to 4 p.m. at Martin Park. The 1761 Makens Bemont House, also known as the Huguenot House, is restored to its original 18th century appearance with period furnishings. Also there is the 1821 Goodwin Schoolhouse and the 1850 Burnham Blacksmith Shop at 307 Burnside Avenue just before the Short Reach. Tours of the historic Huguenot House are free, donations appreciated. FMI call 860-528-0716 or go to www.hseh.org

The CT Historical Society (CHS) has a full lineup of Summer programming, in person and online.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

All summer concerts showcase the work of the CT Cultural Heritage Arts Program, the state's official folk and traditional arts initiative. Concerts will be on the lawn of the CHS. Artists and dates are:

- 7/15 - Jason Roseman & The Tropical Gems (Trinidad steelpan)**
- 8/19 - The Undaunted Professor Harp (Delta blues)**
- 9/11 - The Vox Hunters, with Jerry Bryant (New England maritime & sea chanteys)**

Grounds are open for seating and picnicking starting at 5 p.m., and concerts are 6 to 7 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and food; a food truck will also be available. chs.org/concerts.

Tour "Freedom Journey 1965: Photographs of the Selma to Montgomery March" by Stephen Somerstein (on exhibition Jan 28 - Aug 28) and Connecticut Freedom Workers: Remembering the Civil Rights Movement (on exhibition Jan 28 - Oct 16) through the end of August. Three tours offered per week: Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 a.m. Tours free with admission. Monthly family exhibit tour of "Making Connecticut", the Museum's permanent exhibition will be on the third Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. Tours last 30 minutes and will be followed by an optional hands-on activity. Free with museum admission. Tours limited to 15 people.

Advanced registration: chs.org/guidedtours.

Picnic and Play is a new program and will be held every Thursday thru August 26 from noon - 5 p.m. Lawn games will be set up on the CHS grounds. Families will be invited to bring a picnic lunch, play with the lawn games, complete a self-directed craft, and explore the galleries. Lawn games and craft will both be free. Children under 18 will receive

free admission to the galleries during this time. The CHS's partnership with Hartford Food System's Mobile Market will also continue, with Mobile Market's presence onsite during Picnic and Play from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Families will be able to purchase nutritious food and support access to affordable and high-quality produce.

Free First Saturday: Admission to museum galleries (not the Library & Waterman Research Center) continue to be free on the first Saturday of each month. The CHS will also continue to offer free family Grab and Go Bags, history-inspired activity bags with all necessary materials for a related craft. There will also be a designated areas in the Museum for families to complete the activity on-site if they choose. Coffee hours are presented the first Friday of the month, 2 to 3 p.m., and feature a variety of topics. Free for members; \$5 non-members.

TRIPS - ST. EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB is happy to be on the road again. Day and multi-day trips planned starting October 14 with "A Salute to American Bandstand" at the log cabin. \$98 per person. Oct. 26-28, trip to Atlantic City, overnights at Ceasars, price based on room occupancy. Lancaster, PA November 16-28, priced according to room

rock). Take a breezy trolley ride. Bring your lawn chair and pack a picnic basket of your favorite goodies (bring-your-own beer and wine is allowed) for relaxing while listening to the music. Admission prices are \$10 for any age & half off for Museum Members. Become a new Museum Member and receive 18 months of Membership for the price of 12 months. For prices on membership visit www.ct-trolley.org or call the Museum at 860-627-6540. FMI www.ct-trolley.org or call 860-627-6540. The CT Trolley Museum is located at 58 North Road (Rt. 140) and is 15 minutes north of Hartford and 15 minutes south of Springfield.

THIS FOURTH OF JULY, drive down to Stonington for the annual Independence Day Parade. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the southwest corner of Wadawanuck Square in the Stonington Borough. Folks are invited to join the informal parade as it processes to Cannon Square and then back to Wadawanuck Square. Ann-Marie Houle, a local teacher and Stonington native, and Tom McCoy, the former Borough crossing guard, will serve as the Grand Marshalls of the parade. After the parade, the Declaration of Independence will be read aloud. As is a local tradition, attendees will then cast a pox on King George after the reading.

The July Fourth Parade and celebration is sponsored by the Stonington Historical Society, which owns and operates the Captain Nathaniel B. Palmer House, the Lighthouse Museum, and the Woolworth Research Library, as well as maintaining its collection of objects and documents and offering many educational programs. For a calendar of summer programs, visit stoningtonhistory.org.

INVITATION TO CRAFTERS - BOLTON CHURCH FAIR - St. George's Episcopal Church is inviting crafters to rent a booth at the church's 45th Annual Craft and Harvest Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 9 AM to 3 PM on the church lawn at 1150 Boston Turnpike, Route 44, Bolton. Register by Sept. 1. FMI email bkalina333@gmail.com or call 860.643.9203.

THE SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM, home to the USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571), it is located at One Crystal Lake Road, Groton. Board the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, learn the history of the Submarine Force with augmented reality and exhibits. Admission and parking are free. Open Wednesday through Monday, 9 am to 5 pm. FMI launch your torpedo vision to ussnautilus.org.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets via Zoom on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Monday meeting at 1 p.m. is via telephone. The Wednesday, 10 a.m. meeting is via Zoom. Call Marie 860-872-0426 FMI.

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occupancy. Second trip to Caesars in Atlantic City, Feb 22-24 price based on room occupancy. Cleanliness and safety measures will be in place for your peace of mind. FMI call Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

JUNE 25- SUMMER MUSIC SERIES- at the Trolley Museum. Music in the courtyard with Dave Brunette (contemporary