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Main Street barber hangs up his shears

By Bill Doak

First, comes the buzz of the clippers. Then fingers flash as stainless scissors send wisps of gray hair flying. Razor trims the neck, excess shaving cream wiped, quick flash of the mirror, a few steps over to a small cash register, and a rotating push of a broom around the base of the red and chrome chair.

"Next" comes with a smart retort of a towel.

So the routine goes, three times an hour, 7-hours a day,

and five days a week. For the past 61 years behind the big "Here's Johnny!" written on the window" at Johnny's Barber Shop.

Business has been steady lately even though the Main Street barber has had to close for days due to a fall. They he contracted COVID-19. Lately he's been closed for other reasons, some related to memory slips. But Johnny can recall people - stories and customers - with ease though clippings, cartoons and drawings taped to his



LAST DAYS AT JOHNNY'S



JOHNNY D'AGOSTINO finishes up another trim Wednesday after a 61-year run as a barber on Main Street.

walls have faded. His scissors and skill remain sharp. Last week he took three days off to celebrate his 84th birthday April 13. And this Saturday, Johnny D'Agostino will call it a career as his family hosts a retirement party for him from 1 to 4 p.m. If everyone he knows shows up, the mayor may have to order Main Street closed to traffic.

D'Agostino has been trimming hair for 72 years, a career he picked up as a 12-year-old from his father Sebastian, also a barber, back in Sicily. One of 11 kids - 7 boys and four girls - Giovanni Gregorio D'Agostino was born in 1939 in Mussolini's

Italy, families were paid for each son they had under fascism. German occupation and war brought privation to an already hardscrabble existence. Then came American occupation, and with it, a promise of a better life.

First Johnny's oldest brother went to America and met an American girl. He applied to bring his mother and father over, then his mother and father applied for their kids. Johnny boarded the crowded Andrea Doria and landed at Ellis Island.

"I kissed the ground when I came to this country," he relates. It was 1962, and the 23-year-old wanted to join the

military. "They said I was too old to join." His family settled on Sergeant Street in Hartford, and father Sebby started cutting hair on Farmington Avenue. Johnny started working at Frank's Professional Barber Shop in East Hartford with Gino Governale, another barber he knew from near his hometown in Sicily.

"I was young, but I was more experienced so was telling them what to do," he related.

One haircut he gave 57 years ago would alter his life. A beautiful Polish girl named Wanda brought her brother to the shop.

See **JOHNNY'S LAST WEEK**, p. 10



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 - a. Residents of East Hartford who are High School Seniors and are college bound. This includes:
 - i. Seniors attending High School at East Hartford High.
 - ii. Seniors attending High School in another town or city other than East Hartford who reside in East Hartford.
 - iii. Seniors that are home-

schooled and who reside in East Hartford.

2) The biography is to be based on a person who is listed on the East Hartford's Gold Star Honor Roll. https://www.east-hartfordct.gov/sites/g/files/vyh-lif9241/f/uploads/2020-07-07_gold_star_honor_roll.pdf

3) The biography cannot be based on a person whose biography has previously been selected for a scholarship.

4) The biography will be judged based:

- a. Development of the

human side of the subject

- b. Factual references

c. Proper documentation and research

5) The award will be made by a committee appointed by the East Hartford Veterans Commission based on these rules

6) The award will be paid to the College/University for tuition of the recipient.

7) All entries must be submitted to: Frank Staples at East Hartford High School, Guidance Department, 869 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Phone: (860) 622-5200

8) Deadline for all submissions is: May 1, 2023

9) Gold Star Honor Roll Essay Award Total: \$1,000.00

Website: https://www.east-hartfordct.gov/sites/g/files/vyh-lif9241/f/uploads/2020-07-07_gold_star_honor_roll.pdf



THREADS OF ASSUMPTION



Residents can participate in the AI art exhibit underway at the Raymond Library, 'Threads of Assumption'. Visitors are welcome to take a knitted fabric piece and add it to the work.

Missing woman sought in EH

Police are seeking the public help's in finding Miah Rae Smith, a 15-year-old girl they say was last seen March 18 in East Hartford. Authorities believe she is in the East Hartford or New Britain area.

Norwich police said Smith has brown hair and brown eyes, is 5 feet 2 inches tall, and

weighs about 120 pounds. She was last seen wearing a white shirt, black pants and black shoes.

Norwich police said Smith may be in the company of, and possibly traveling in a vehicle with, a man named Xavian who lives in the Hartford or New Britain area. The Norwich Police Department asks anyone with information on her whereabouts to call 911 or 860-886-5561 ext. 6.

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ATTENTION FIREFIGHTERS

Were you exposed to firefighting foam?



Firefighting foam, commonly used to fight jet fuel fires, has been widely used by the military and fire departments since the mid 1950s. However **firefighting foam contains chemicals known as PFAS**, which have been linked to illnesses like cancer.

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Positive Battery marks 40 years be 'being positive' on Prospect

by Holly Reed

Forty years ago, in 1983, a small company dealing with batteries opened for business in Glastonbury CT. Calling itself "Positive Battery", they served their first customer on April 23, 1983. Owner Ned Lomerson coined as his slogan "Think Positive" and has been living this slogan ever since!

The shop is currently located at 200 Prospect Street in East Hartford where it moved when Ned bought the building. Positive Battery provides new batteries at competitive prices for cars, trucks and all manner of electronic equipment, tools and flashlights. Anything to do with a battery, Positive Battery can fix. If they do not carry it, they will find it. Explains Ned, "Positive Battery provides new or used batteries, along with battery accessories, battery back-up systems, parts and repairs. We supply years of knowledge, expertise and experience to



THE POSITIVE STAFF: From left to right, Milton Melendez, Ned Lomerson, and Chris Hernandez

help keep our customers happy."

Ned first began his company by building on an idea he read about in Entrepreneur Magazine that was simply advertised as "reconditioning batteries". Now, however, his company currently works to regionally dispose of batteries on a large scale through smelting companies located in New York and Pennsylvania.

Early days, Positive Battery was a fledgling company operating out of a storefront on Phelps Street in Glastonbury. From there they moved to a more spacious quarters on James Street in East Hartford. Then they moved over to 187-A Prospect Street, across the street from where they are now. In 2005 Ned purchased the property that used to be Sterling Auto Body and began to refurbish the building as his own, and he has not looked back since.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN UP EFFORT

The Town of East Hartford invites residents, businesses and community members to join Mayor Mike's team for a Community Cleanup Day in recognition of Earth Day and National Volunteer Month. The Community Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Registered volunteers who show interest in participating will partake in a variety of spring cleanup tasks, including but

not limited to park cleanup, mulching flower beds, weeding and painting. Volunteers will gather at Alumni Park at 1021 Main Street where they will meet with staff to be assigned spring cleanup tasks for the day. At the end of the cleanup day, all participants will be invited for lunch at Alumni Park. All volunteers who sign up will be issued additional details closer to the event. Please register by Friday, April 21 at 4:30 PM.

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OPINIONS - LETTERS - SPEAKING OUT!

Toxic level of mistrust settles like a cloud over our democracy

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn) on Wednesday spoke on the U.S. Senate floor following the recent shootings of a 16-year-old boy who mistakenly knocked on the wrong door in Kansas City, Missouri; a 20-year-old woman who mistakenly drove up the wrong driveway in Hebron, New York; and two teenage cheerleaders who mistakenly got in the wrong car in Elgin, Texas. Murphy highlighted the dangerous combination of hate, anger, and easy access to guns and called on his colleagues to engage in an apolitical dialogue on how to address the roots of America's uniquely high rates of violence.

"There is a toxic mixture in this country today of hate, of anger, and a population that is increasingly armed to the teeth with deadly weapons. Many of them with no training, many of them with criminal records. This mixture is leading to our neighborhoods becoming killing fields. Minor slights and indiscretions, small arguments, even simple wrong turns are becoming potentially deadly. We are becoming a heavily armed nation so fearful and angry and hair-trigger anxious that gun murders are now just the way in which we work out our frustrations," Murphy said. "This is a dystopia, and I'm here to tell

you that it's a dystopia that we've chosen for ourselves."

On Congress's role in leading a national conversation on how to address the unique problem of American violence, Murphy said: "We shouldn't elevate political leaders who lead with messages of hate and division. That's part of what is driving America to fear everybody and fear their neighbors. But we should also pass laws that incentivize our national dialogue to just be kinder and less hateful. Social media companies, they're making money off of hate and polarization, and we don't need to accept this. Holding them accountable for the ways that they have pit us against each other, that's not an impossible task and is frankly not one that we necessarily need to fight about along partisan lines."

Murphy continued: "We also just need to ask some deeper questions about why people in America are just so unhappy and so alone that they would resort to violence this regularly and this casually. A detective in Bridgeport, Connecticut told me the other day that he barely ever responds to fistfights any longer. Everything, every beef ends up in gunfire. We've lost so many pathways in this country to positive meaning and positive

identity and fulfilling connection to each other. People have less opportunity today to build healthy, economically secure, and personally fulfilling lives, and we need to talk about why this is and what government can do to spiritually jumpstart this nation."

A full transcript of Murphy's remarks can be found below:

"Late on the night of November 2, 2012, Theodore Wafer was woken up by a loud sound. Somebody was knocking on his door, pounding on his door. He looked for his phone to call the police, but he couldn't find it. So instead he picked up his shotgun, and he went to the door and saw on the other side a figure. He thought the person was maybe trying to break into his house, and so he fired a shotgun blast through the screen door to his porch.

"A couple of hours before that Renisha McBride had gotten into a car accident, not far away from Theodore Wafer's house. She was intoxicated. She was disoriented after the crash. She wandered around the neighborhood late at night looking for help. She couldn't find any, and she found herself knocking on the door of Mr. Wafers home looking for assistance. The shotgun blast hit her in the face, and she died.

"Jordan Davis was in Jacksonville, Florida, a teenager out with his friends. They pulled into a gas station as a lot of teenagers do, they were playing loud music. Michael Dunn was at the gas station as well. He didn't like the fact that the teenagers were playing their music too loud he asked them to turn it down. There was an argument that took place.

"Michael Dunn said 'I'm not going to let anybody talk to me like that.' And then he pulled a handgun out of the glove compartment of his car, and he started shooting at Jordan Davis and his friends. Jordan Davis died as his friends sped away trying to get away from the killing scene. Michael Dunn continued to shoot at the fleeing car. His girlfriend came out of the convenience store -didn't know what had happened. Michael Dunn didn't tell her, they went to the hotel they were staying in and they ordered a pizza. That happened one year before the death of Renisha McBride.

"This week, this country is convulsed by a series of horrific shootings where mistakes and minor slights are being met by gunfire. You know these stories by now. Ralph Yarl, 16, years old, went to go pick up his siblings, went to the wrong house,

and Andrew Lester fired at him. Ralph Yarl is now clinging for life right now.

"Kailyn Gillis, 20 years old, and her friend pulled into the wrong driveway, just pulled into the wrong driveway, and Kevin Monahan fired his gun at them, killing Kaylin Gillis.

"And just this morning we're hearing news of another stunningly similar incident in Austin, Texas where a cheerleader by accident got into the wrong car after cheerleading practice and apparently that slight was so serious that the man in the car fired a gun at this cheerleader and her friend. One of those young women is critically injured.

"My friends, there is a toxic mixture in this country today of hate, of anger, and a population that is increasingly armed to the teeth with deadly weapons. Many of them with no training, many of them with criminal records. This mixture is leading to our neighborhoods becoming a killing fields. Minor slights and indiscretions, small arguments, even simple wrong turns are becoming potentially deadly. We are becoming a heavily armed nation so fearful and angry and hair-trigger anxious that gun murders are now just the way in which we work out our frustrations.

Appeal requested to donate from this list of food items for town's pantries

Residents Chris and Ashley Tierinni are on a mission to fight food insecurity in our community and need some help.

You may know of a Backpack Program, ran by the East Hartford Public

Schools with the help of community donations. This program helps over 50 families, with children in our school system, go home with a backpack full of food to help feed them on weekends. This pro-

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Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you are able to help or have questions, please contact Ashley Tierinni at Ashley.Tierinni4454@hotmail.com.

Let's rally together to help local children! Let's show just how good East Hartford really is! Thank you as always for your support in our local community!

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06108 or e-mail to editor@ehgazette.com

MLK Community conversations on social justice: A poetic evening April 28

The Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative invites you to "Social Justice: A Poetic Conversation" on Friday, April 28 at South Church, located at 949 Main Street in South Glastonbury. A reception starts at 6 p.m. and poetry readings and discussion begin at 6:30. This is a free event open to all.

Participating poets include:

José B. Gonzalez was born in San Salvador, El Salvador and immigrated to New London, Connecticut at the age of eight. He knew no English and now holds a Ph.D. in English. A nationally known speaker, Dr. Gonzalez has presented at various colleges such as Harvard, Rutgers, and Cornell University; countries including Mexico, Spain, and El Salvador; and institutions including the Smithsonian Latino Center and the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. He has been a contributor to National Public Radio and has published poetry in such journals as Boston Review, Quercus Review, Callaloo, and Acentos Review, and anthologies including the Norton Introduction to Literature, Theatre Under My Skin: Contemporary Salvadoran Poetry, Wandering Song: Central American Writing in the United States, and Latino Boom: An Anthology of U.S. Latino Literature, which he also co-edited. As a Fulbright Scholar, he has received national and regional awards for his teaching, for his efforts to improve the conditions of Latinos pursuing a college degree or a career in higher education, and for his poetry. One of the major Salvadoran-American poets in the U.S., he is the author of the poetry collections, Toys Made of Rock (Bilingual Press), and When Love Was Reels (Arte Publico), and is the founder and editor of LatinoStories.Com. Dr. Gonzalez infuses his presentations with a mix of poetry, humor and social commentary. He holds a Master's in Teaching English from Brown University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rhode Island and is an alumnus of Sandra Cisneros' Macondo Writers Workshop.

Maryam Ivette Parhizkar is a poet who is the author of three chapbooks, most recently Somewhere Else the Sun is Falling into Someone's Eyes (Belladonna*, 2019). She is a member of the U.S. Central



Poet Rhonda M. Ward

American collective Tierra Narrative. As a representative of TN, she has served as a guest editor of translation at FENCE magazine and a curatorial fellow at The Poetry Project, where she co-developed transnational and multilingual programming bringing together writers from the Central American diaspora and isthmus. Maryam is a CantoMundo fellow and has worked as a Poet in Schools with the Dodge Poetry in the state of New Jersey. She is currently completing a Ph.D. at Yale University, where she is writing about the anti-colonial practices of dispossessed peoples that respond to the possessiveness of the colonial material world.

Ryan Parker's mission is to disrupt oppressive legacy embedded in educational spaces and to influence and empower educators and youth to also engage in the disruption. Parker's 20 year career in teaching has been dedicated towards challenging United States education norms, reimagining what school looks, sounds and feels like through a justice lens and applying that reimagination to his own pedagogy while influencing and supporting other educators in doing the same. A youth empowerment activist and Manchester, CT school district Race & Equity Coordinator who presents regularly at education conferences and various schools and universities abroad, Parker's work focuses on race in education, the power of hip hop pedagogy and the necessity of centering Black and Brown youth amplifying their lived experiences, voices and brilliance!

As the 2019-2023 Poet Laureate of Manchester, CT and the coach of the Manchester-based youth spoken word poetry slam team PaperVoices, Parker's work as a poet, educator and activist extends outside of the walls of his school building. In addition to his work as an educator, Parker is a hip hop artist/poet, author, husband, father, brother, mama's boy, chocolate chip cookie lover and was named as the 2020 Peace Hero of Connecticut and 2022 CT Community Kindness Hero.

Parker's most recent book and collection of poems are centered on the necessary narrative of Black Joy and excellence that co-exists with the trauma narrative that so often dominates the focus in relation to Black minds and bodies.

Rhonda M. Ward is a native of Dayton, Ohio where she grew up across the street from the home of the poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar and began reciting his poems at the age of eight. She has organized poetry readings in the southeastern Connecticut

region for nearly 20 years. Rhonda's poems have appeared in print and online, most recently in Poetry Magazine, Connecticut Woodlands, Cape Cod Quarterly, the nature anthology Waking Up to the Earth and online at the Academy of American Poets' Poem-A-Day Project. Ward has served on the board of directors for The Writers Block Ink and Soul Mountain Retreat. She served as the inaugural Poet Laureate for the City of New London, CT from 2017 to 2021.

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Lysander Trio in SW Concert

The Lysander Trio - Itamar Zorman, violin, Michael Katz, cello, and Liza Stepanova, piano - performs April 10 at Evergreen Crossings Retirement Community, 900 Hemlock Ave., South Windsor at 2 p.m. Formed at the Juilliard School they have performed nationally, in Canada and Mexico at festivals, venues and events including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

Program features include performances of Gaspar Cassadó's "Piano Trio in C Major"; Bongani Nododana-Breen's "Two Nguni Dances"; Renaud de Vilbac's "Piano trio after The Barber of Seville" by Gioachino



Rossini; and Felix Mendelssohn's "Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor", Op. 49. Free admission; donations welcomed. Reception follows.

Bluegrass at The Grange

April 27 is Blue Grass Night at the Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. as the Yankee Blue Grass Jammers will welcome one and all starting at 7:30 p.m.

This event is part of Hillstown's Grange Month celebration. Admission is free and there will be refreshments.

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Society

Japan Week: Celebration begins with cherry tree planting

Japan Week will be back at the East Hartford Public Library this month after a pandemic hiatus.

Begun in 2018, Japan Week is a week-long series of programs offered in partnership with the US & Japan Society of Connecticut, presented with funding support from the East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts. Japan Week 2023 events will take place at the two libraries in East Hartford as well as at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

East Hartford Japan

Week program information
Japan Week will kick off with opening ceremonies on Friday, April 21 at 4:30 PM at the newly renovated Wickham Memorial Library (656 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford). Join us on the lawn for the dedication of two cherry trees to be planted on site, followed by a Lion Dance performance by Steve Long and a reception to

be held indoors.

On Saturday, April 22, calligrapher Michiko Imai will teach a calligraphy class at the East Hartford Senior Center (15 Milbrook Drive, East Hartford). To participate in the class you must be 55 or older and a resident of East Hartford. Participation will be limited to the first 24 people to register. Registration begins in the last week of March. Register by calling the Senior Center: 860-291-7460.

Raymond Library will host two programs on Sunday, April 23. At 1 PM, families are invited to enjoy fables in Japanese and English with storyteller Steve Long. For all ages. Register for a reminder on the library's online events calendar. At 2 PM, all are welcome for a performance by Izumo Showchow (dance) and Garrett Groesbeck (Koto, a Japanese stringed instrument). For all ages. Register for a reminder on the library's online events calendar.

Join us on Tuesday, April 25 at 6 PM at Raymond Library to hear an inspiring presentation from Toshiko Uchino of the US & Japan Society of Connecticut

on how nature is integrated with art in Japan. This program is best suited for adults. Register for a reminder on the library's online events calendar.

Wednesday is movie night! On April 26 at 6 PM, come to Raymond Library for a showing of *Midnight Diner*. In this Japanese film, a scarred man operates a midnight diner in the backstreets of Shinjuku. No one knows his name or his story, but his customers each bring him theirs. Not rated, 2 hours. Best suited for adults. Register for a reminder on the library's online events calendar.

Learn to make sushi from the experts on Thursday, April 27 at 1 PM at the Wickham Memorial Library. Presenters Yutaka Iwabuchi and Toshiko Uchino will show how to cook sushi rice and make rolled sushi. For adults. Registration required on the library's online events calendar.

On Thursday evening at 7 PM, Wickham Memorial Library will host the penultimate concert in the Intersections Concert Series. Each concert in the series features performances by

professional musicians as well as student ensembles. April's concert will include a performance by Garrett Groesbeck, koto player, in honor of Japan Week. Funding support for the Intersections Concert Series is provided by the East Hartford Commission on Culture and Fine Arts and the East Hartford Alumni Association and Education Foundation. Register for a reminder on the library's online events calendar.

Events held at the University of Saint Joseph

Extend your celebration of Japanese art and culture by visiting the Art Museum at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford for more events organized in partnership with the US & Japan Society of Connecticut:

Trailblazer: A Tribute to Toko Shinoda (exhibition opening reception Thursday, March 30, 5 - 7:30 p.m.; Gallery talk by Allison Tolman at 6 p.m.; koto

music by Garrett Groesbeck)

Earth Day calligraphy demonstration with Michiko Imai (Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m.; Family Day at the Art Museum 11 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Japanese Dance Master Class with Izumo Showchow, Garrett Groesbeck, and Akiko Hiratsuka (Monday, April 24, 6 PM)

The Art Museum events are free of charge and open to the public. Register for events at ArtMuseumUSJ.eventbrite.com. For more information about Japan Week programs at the University of Saint Joseph, contact Ann Sievers, Director and Curator, Art Museum at USJ: asievers@usj.edu/860.231.5367

The Raymond Library is located at 840 Main St. The Wickham Memorial Library is located at 656 Burnside Avenue.

FMI go to www.easthartfordct.gov/library

Get moving!

Get yourself into the swing of things this spring!

Sign up for free dance lessons offered by the town's Commission on Culture and Fine Arts on six consecutive Saturday mornings, beginning at 11 a.m. and starting April 29.

Open to anyone age 7 and up, and to all abilities, classes will take place at First Congregational Church, 837 Main St.

Classes are taught by DLL Studios of East Hartford.

To register, go online to <https://easthartfordct.libcal.com/event/10477872>

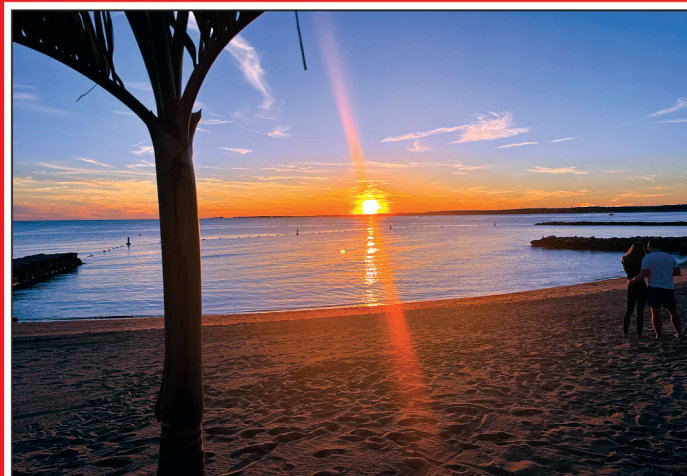
Pancake breakfast

MAY 6: Spring Pancake Breakfast Saturday Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St., begins at 8:30 a.m. until 11. Take a break from spring cleaning and getting the garden ready and come relax and enjoy pancakes, sausage, bottomless cups of coffee, tea and juice for \$5; children under 14 \$3. Kid's pancake special of the month is chocolate chip. Featured pancake is strawberries with whipped cream. See you there!

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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Success at the top comes with cost

Last week the UCONN men's basketball family bid farewell to guard Jordan Hawkins who entered the NBA draft. The move surprised few as Hawkins vaulted into lottery position with his play in UCONN's dominant run to the national championship. Recent mock drafts have him in the top ten.

With Hawkins announcement the wait began for the other shoe to drop in Storrs. It hit

SCOTT GRAY on SPORTS

by Scott Gray



the floor last Thursday when final four Most Outstanding Player Adama Sonogo also declared for the draft.

Though recent mock drafts came out too early to reflect his presence Sonogo also likely played his way into lottery position.

Without the two stars of their unprecedented run to glory it will be difficult for UCONN to repeat, but not impossible. With the return of front court tandem Donovan Clingan and Alex Karaban and team leader Andre Jackson Jr. along with what is currently the fourth ranked recruiting class in the nation there may be some March Magic left in that Husky logo.

We're three weeks into baseball season and this week I had a chance to catch up with an old friend, the longtime voice of the New Britain Rock Cats/Hartford Yard Goats. Jeff Dooley, 2015 Connecticut Sports-caster of the Year and voice of University of Hartford basketball, recently celebrated a quarter century as media director and play-by guy for the local Eastern League franchise and this could be a special season for the Yard Goats. One third of the top 30 prospects in the Colorado Rockies organization have been assigned to Hartford, including outfielder Zac Veen, ranked 26th among Major League Baseball's top 100 prospects and catcher Drew Romo, ranked 86th. Add Joe Rock, the best lefthander in the Rockies system, and it's no wonder Hartford shows up eighth among Major League Baseball Pipeline's top 10 minor league rosters.

This week the Goats host Binghamton in a six game series at Dunkin' Donuts Park, culminating with an afternoon game Sunday. Dooley will be among the missing, due to a special assignment. He's been called up by the Rockies to broadcast this weekend's big league games in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to the Hartford Wolf Pack, who won eight of their last nine games to snap an eight year AHL playoff drought. They opened a best of three series Wednesday night in Springfield and host Springfield in game two Friday night. I'll catch up with the Pack in the post season next week. You can catch up with some playoff tickets at www.hartford-wolfpack.com.

Stafford 'Spring Sizzler' revives the old chassis, revs the racing juices

After a career that has spanned over 50 years, Ed Flemke, Jr. will take one final ride behind the wheel of John Hummel's #11 Hummel Brothers Hot Dogs modified for the 51st Annual NAPA Spring Sizzler®, April 29th & 30th. Flemke had an opportunity to drive the #11 car in last year's Sizzler® but turned the offer down. Watching last year's Sizzler® from the stands gave Flemke the itch to get behind the wheel again and with the 2023 Sizzler® being the 50th anniversary of his father's Sizzler® victory as well as the 50th Anniversary of Flemke's very first race, the opportunity was too much for Flemke to pass up a second time.

"It should be a lot of fun," said Flemke. "Last year John [Hummel] had asked me if I wanted to drive the car in the Sizzler® since it was the 50th anniversary race and I told him thanks, but no thanks. Then as I was sitting there watching the race, I thought it would have been nice to at least try and make the field. The week after the race last year I said to John that this year would be the 50th anniversary of my father's Sizzler® win and it's also the 50th anniversary of my very first race, which was the day before my father won the Sizzler and that I'd like to drive one last time. I'm not saying I'll never get behind the wheel of a race-car again, but it definitely won't be a race, it'll be just to practice or something like that."

Between his father's and his own accomplishments at



Scott Flemke

Stafford, it's fitting that Flemke will run his very last race at a place that is very near and dear to Flemke's heart.

"I've been coming to Stafford since before the Arute family owned the track," said Flemke. "Stafford has been here forever and it's a premier facility with the best of the best drivers racing there. Stafford is the place to be seen and it's a track that not every driver has won a race at. A lot of people don't realize that my father won the first two races when the track first changed over from dirt to asphalt. The following year he won the opening race and then he won the first race when the Arute family took the track over, so that's kind of neat and it's a bit uncanny that things worked out that way. I remember sitting with Dale Holdridge's wife Pat in the stands before I was old enough to go into the

paddock area and that's actually where I got my first car number from because Dale raced the #37 at Stafford. Stafford has a lot of connections directly and indirectly to my family and the track means a lot to my family. We grew up around a lot of racetracks but Stafford was always the weekly staple and it's been neat to be a part of and witness the growth of the track."

Flemke harkens back to his father's victory in the 1973 Sizzler® as well as his own misfortune in the 2003 Sizzler® as his most memorable Stafford moments.

"The race that stands out to me was the year I was a couple of laps away from winning the Sizzler® and I was wrecked by Ted Christopher," said Flemke. "That race was a high and a low all at the same time and my father winning the Sizzler® was also a high point for me. To see him win that race, I would say that was the highlight for me."

Although the Sizzler® will mark Flemke's final time behind the wheel, he has no regrets.

"Not really any sadness, I've had a good career and a good life," said Flemke. "When I sit and think about things, the Flemke name has been in racing for over 100 years since my grandfather raced motorcycles in Germany so it's kind of sad that there won't be a Flemke active in motorsports, but all good things come to an end sometime. I never won any championships but I won a lot of races and I had chances at a few championships, so I'm satisfied and content with my career."

Got books? Go Goats

The Hartford Yard Goats announced return of a student reading challenge for the 2023 season. Students (K-8th grade) who read five books outside of the school curriculum will earn two tickets to a game. A parent or guardian must register students on the Yard Goats website (yardgoatsbaseball.com) from now until May 6th, and students will have until July 15th to complete their books.

Rotary Club Golf Tourney

The Rotary Club of East Hartford will host its 36th Annual Rotary Invitational Golf Tournament at Wethersfield Country Club on Monday, June 12. The golfer fee of \$175 will include coffee & donuts, bbq lunch, a round of golf, a cart, free beverage cart on course, buffet dinner with carving station, and club house prizes for both men and women. On the

day of the event, registration begins at 10 a.m.; scramble format with a shotgun start at noon.

The historic Wethersfield Country Club, former home of the Greater Hartford Open (GHO), is located at 76 Country Club Road, Wethersfield, CT.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Buettner at (860) 416-7433 or bobbuettner29@aol.com.

OBITUARIES

Madeline 'Maddy' (Labrecque) Casey, 93

Madeleine "Maddy" (Labrecque) Casey, 93, of East Hartford, loving wife of 54 years of the late Richard J. Casey, passed away at her home with her caring children by her side on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Born in Moosup on April 4, 1930, a daughter of the late Arthur and Juliette (St. Cyr) Labrecque, she grew up and attended schools in Lawrence, MA where she graduated from Sacred Heart High School. Madeleine had been a resident of East Hartford for the past 67 years and was a former communicant of St. Christopher Church.

Prior to her retirement, Madeleine was employed for several years by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford as a Head Waitress in their executive dining room. Madeleine enjoyed traveling with her husband and family to Portugal, Hawaii, Disney World and other destinations. She loved listening to music and going dancing with her late husband Richard. She also liked playing cards, cooking, and entertaining at her home for family and friends to enjoy. Most of all, Madeleine was a devoted and proud wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who cherished each moment spent with her entire family.

Madeleine is survived by her two sons, Denis J. Casey of South Windsor, Steven J. Casey and his wife Patricia of East Hampton; her two daughters, Lisa M. Horan and her significant other, Bob Anielak, of



Madeline Casey

Bristol, Mary-Ann B. Houghtaling and her significant other, Andy Vacco, of Wallingford; five special grandchildren, Melissa Horan of Unionville, Taylor Casey of Somerville, MA, Ryan Houghtaling and his wife Dalaina of Bryans Road, MD, Jordan Casey of East Boston, MA, Ashley Houghtaling and her fiancé, Isaiah Mayes, of Manchester; and one adored

great-granddaughter, Haven Houghtaling of Bryans Road, MD. She also leaves two brothers, Paul Labrecque and his wife Joyce of California, Ronald Labrecque and his wife Elizabeth of Newbury Port, MA; three sisters, Claire Blackwell of Seabrook, NH, Frances Hastings of East Hampstead, NH, Jacqueline Fredette and her husband Hank of Florida; two brothers-in-law, Roy Marceau of Salem, NH, Walter Casey of Hartland; one sister-in-law, Shirley Hughes and her husband Stanley of Daytona, FL; many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Along with her beloved husband and parents, Madeleine was predeceased by two brothers, Norman Labrecque and Lionel Labrecque; and four sisters, Loretta Cloutier, Georgette Rohr, Marcel Marceau, and Pauline Regan.

Funeral services were held April 12 at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel followed by burial at Silver Lane Cemetery. Gifts in Madeleine's name may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, 80 Seymour Street, P.O. Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102. On-line, please visit www.desopoeh.com.

St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever, amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail.

(Publication must be promised.)
Thank You St. Jude.

J.B.

Donna L. Plenzio, 77

Donna L. Plenzio, 77, of Vernon, formerly of East Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Donna was born on August 24, 1945, in Hartford, one of three loving daughters of the late Louis and Theresa (Tortoro) Plenzio. She was raised in East Hartford, attended local schools and was a graduate of East Hartford High School, Class of 1964. Donna started off working for the Aetna in Downtown Hartford enjoying the casual ride to work with her brother-in-law, Eddie. She later became a dedicated sales representative with Kmart for 30 years. Later she worked alongside her mom at the retail store for Pratt and Whitney for several years and finally retired from Babies-R-Us in 2013. Donna was always available to babysit her nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews or anyone in need of a toddler being watched and the occasional elder. In more

recent years she volunteered, giving joy and companionship to those at an assisted living facility in South Windsor. She attended the St. Christopher Church and St. Bernard Church in Rockville. Donna is survived by her two sisters: Rosemarie Carlson of Vernon and Sharon Thumm and her husband William of Holtsville, NY., and several nieces, nephews, and their families. In addition to her parents, Donna was predeceased by her brother-in-law Edwin Carlson. Calling hours will be on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a Prayer Service at 10:30 at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road in Vernon. Burial will follow in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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From Page One

Three children and several grandchildren later, they are devoted to one another. Wanda D'Agostino, who is a wildlife rehabilitator, drops her husband off in the morning and picks him up at 5 every day since he has given up driving. Travels have taken them around the world; to Israel, Argentina, Poland; first honeymoon, second honeymoon.

"She sings in the choir at St. Mary's," he says proudly. For Wanda, Johnny is the light-house keeper from his barber shop on Main Street. She rescues injured wild birds such as owls and birds of prey. Johnny has a faithful routine of feeding

the birds which settle on the awning above his barber pole every morning, waiting for seeds.

"Heere's Johnny!" is the way TV legend Johnny Carson was introduced every night and the slogan stuck. Carson never sued. Johnny's other namesake was John Wayne, the cowboy actor's face on a lacquered clock back by the coffee cups. Now it is time for Johnny the Barber to exit stage right, and ride off into the sunset.

Customer Bob Tickle settled into the barber chair, and found out this haircut would be his last at Johnny's shop.

"No! I'm glad I stopped by!" Tickle left Greenville North Car-



East Hartford's Bob Tickle gets one of the final haircuts at Johnny D'Agostino's Main Street barber shop.

olina as a "16-and a half year old" to go to school in New England. "I discovered snow and ski slopes, then I met a girl," he explained. After serving in Vietnam he settled down in East Hartford. Johnny has been cutting his hair for three decades. After a quick trim, he shook Johnny's hand. "Thanks for all the haircuts, buddy." Then he thought a bit. "But it wasn't just a haircut, it was a conversation. When he was sick I was going

crazy. I didn't get a haircut until he got back." Tickle left the shop, only to return 15 minutes later. "I was so shook up I forgot to pay!"

In his heyday, a line formed outside before the front door opened.

"I wake up at quarter past 5 to get a haircut, and when I get there, there is a line in front of his door," related former mayor and state representative Tim Larson. Larson got a haircut at Johnny's seemingly forever. "He's a landmark in town." Testimonials from the state legislature are framed and mounted to the wall.

The decor at Johnny's Barbershop is a museum of six decades of the barber's life, mixed with American and Italian flags, poems, parakeets, stuffed animals in an old fish tank, crayons, teddy bears, patriotism and old and new calendars.

Even as some town leaders lament the proliferation of barber shops, the world inside Johnny's is strictly taking a trip back into the past; a faded, and fading, world.

Gone are the duckpin lanes where Johnny bowled, the Italian Bowling League he used to be president and treasurer of for 24 years. There may be some bocce games in the future if he can wrangle up some old-timers.

Main Street has always changed, but now Johnny remembers so many places that are no longer here. Gone is Gino's, Maxwell Drug, the Eastwood Theater. But East Hartford of the 60s and 70s still exists at Johnny's - at least until this Saturday afternoon.

Then you might hear more than one slightly-longhaired men driving up, park and pause as they mutter quietly "Where's Johnny?"

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**SHERISE TENE ALLEN,
deceased (23-00131)**

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WHERE THE ACTION IS!

BY CORINNE HORAN

APRIL 21: LATIN DINNER DANCE for seniors at 5:30 p.m. at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Drive. Menu will include cube steak w/ caramelized onions, rice & beans, sweet plantains, salad and coconut pudding dessert. Music by The Latin Heartbeat Jazz Ensemble. Registration is underway now at the Senior Center. \$12 for members, \$15 non-members. Seating limited. See you on the dance floor!

APRIL 23: THE 10TH BI-ANNUAL PASSPORT TO HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO will be April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Bristol DoubleTree. The expo is free with door proceeds donated to the Children's Health Defense New England Chapter. At 2 p.m. keynote speaker Mary Holland will address "Making a Difference - Helping ensure safeguards for our families now and in the future." Speakers every half hour, free sound healing event with Fred Maerkle closes out the day 4 to 5 p.m. Raffle grand prize of overnight stay with breakfast for two. Exhibitors apply online now. FMI call Shirley Bloethe at 860-989-0033, e-mail YourHolisticEvents@gmail.com or visit www.YourHolisticEvents.com

APRIL 23: CELTIC VESPERS candlelight service in honor of Earth Day will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, 2584 Main St., Glastonbury. Wild Notes will perform, a group known for their energetic and exuberant traditional acoustic music with roots in Irish, Scottish, French-Canadian, jazz, and classical. A choir of women will sing John Rutter's Gaelic Blessing and For the Beauty of the Earth, along with other selections. Celtic Vespers is open to the public without admission fee. FMI go to www.st-jamesglastonbury.org or call 860-633-8333.

APRIL 27 IS BLUE GRASS NIGHT at the Hillstown Grange, 617 Hills St. as the Yankee Blue Grass Jammers will welcome one and all starting at 7:30 p.m. Come on down to enjoy a night of relaxation, neighborly friendship and toe-tapping tunes! This event is part of East Hartford's Hillstown's Grange Month celebration. Admission is free and there will be refreshments. Hillstown Grange serves the Hillstown area of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester. To join the Grange or FMI about this great community building organization come down or call Frank at 860-690-2845, or e-mail hillstowngrange@aol.com.

APRIL 27: READING HAPPY HOUR FOR INTROVERTS (Extroverts Welcome Too!) Stop by Playhouse on Park in West Hartford for the Silent Book Club Thursday, April 27. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thirty minutes to socialize over wine and cheese. An hour to read quietly in a comfy spot. And the final half hour to swap book recommendations or just mingle. \$5. Sponsored by Presidents' College, the University of Hartford's Lifelong Learning Program. Go to www.hartford.edu/pc to register or call 860.769.4495.

APRIL 29 CABARET AND SILENT AUCTION: The East Hartford Summer Youth Festival is presenting a cabaret and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center auditorium, 50 Chapman Place. Entitled "How Can We Keep From Singing - A Celebration of the Human Spirit" ad-

mission is \$10. Silent auction features tickets to area events, gift baskets and art. Cabaret performances by group members plus light refreshments. FMI call Greer at 860-918-5027.

MAY 3: CALLING ALL VETERANS of the U.S. military service: You are invited to VFW Post 2083 for a membership meeting at the Machinist's Club 357 Main St. At 6 p.m. dinner will be held featuring Jersey Mike's subs. Following dinner, installation of officers with VFW CT 3rd District Commander Lee Wilson installing then, following installation there will be time for veterans to meet and socialize with comrades who have

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MAY 6: PETTING ZOO & SMOOTHIES at the East Hartford Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Drive. Meet the pigs, sheep, goats, ducks and rabbits from a traveling zoo. Bring your grandchildren and great grandchildren, or come by yourself to enjoy the animals. The café will open at 9 a.m. Hosted by Farm On Wheels, the petting zoo will be set up by 10, and ends at 11 a.m.! Registration in-person at the Senior Center. Cost is just \$3, with kids under 10 free! Maximum of three children and one adult guest per senior center member.

MAY 9TH: EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN with Courses at the University of Hartford's Lifelong Learning Program. Come for a single lecture or 2-4 session mini-course on climate change, Latin American music, artificial intelligence, the history of beer and other fascinating topics. Stimulating professors, lively discussions, a community of engaged learners and the vibrancy of being on a college campus make Presidents' College, UHart's Lifelong Learning Program exceptional. www.hartford.edu/pc to register and for more info. Or call 860-769-4495 to get your name on mailing list.

MAY 29: GARDEN MARKET AT THE GRANGE open-air Garden Market Saturday Morning, May 29 from 9 a.m. to noon featuring garden plants, Bucket Garden items, a plant exchange area, local honey, and garden tag sale in the parking lot of the Hillstown Grange. A local beekeeper, will be selling honey and other bee related products. A few Hillstown Grange Gardeners will be selling their plants as well. For this Market we only have on street parking. We will have helpers to carry your items to your car. Vendor space available. Our local master gardeners will answer questions you may have about plants and how to get the gardens started. Grange Gardeners will also be on hand to assist. This is a good opportunity to safely visit with other gardeners. Ask about our Garden Talk Series both in person and on zoom. Hillstown Grange has served the Hillstown area of East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Manchester for 135 years and is the oldest agricultural group in America. FMI call Frank at 860-690-2845 or e-mail: hillstowngrange@aol.com or Dan Gallagher at daninct@yahoo.com.

JUNE 10: GARDEN TOUR - Grab your sun hat and join **Perennial Planters Garden Club** of Manchester for their biannual garden tour, "Through the Garden Gate." Visit six beautifully designed, landscaped private backyard gardens in Manchester, including a secret garden near Case Mountain with a bouldered hillside and seasonal perennials and a beehive collection. Check out an historic Greek Revival home with a hidden swimming pool, including a stone patio and sweeping gardens with roses and hydrangea. Also view a vibrant farmhouse herb garden and newly restored flower garden with beautiful stone patios. Saturday June 10, 9:30

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. rain or shine. Advance tickets - \$20, Day of Tour, \$25. Purchase tickets starting mid-May at Garden Sales, 308 Oakland St., Manchester; Woodland Gardens, 168 Woodland St., Manchester; Highland Market, 317 Highland St., Manchester; or Highland Park, 1320 Manchester Road, Glastonbury. Proceeds fund local horticulture-related non-profits and scholarships. FMI go to http://manchestergardenclubs.org/perennial_planters.htm

VETERANS COFFEE HOUR at the Senior Center, 15 Milwood Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. All veterans welcome to drop in!

PERRONE'S PALS are planning the following bus trips for 2023: Lancaster, PA (including the show "Moses," May 8-10; Niagara Falls (lots of activities planned) June 26-28; and Atlantic City **October 10-12** (Note the date change). Buses fill up quickly. FMI call Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

PROJECT LINUS delivers blankets to local hospitals. We are always looking for people to donate their hand-made quilts or afghans. These blankets need not be fancy just colorful and washable, any size from receiving to twin. To arrange to donate call 860-649-5513.

DIAPERS NEEDED: The residents of My Sisters' Place use over 6,000 diapers each month. Diapers are not food stamp eligible and are expensive. To donate, sent to: My Sisters' Place, 102 Pliny St. Hartford, CT 06120. For more info, please call 860-895-6629.