



## Hartford Yard Goats Open Season Friday Night!



The Hartford Yard Goats will open their fourth season this Friday, April 8, at Dunkin Donuts Park in Downtown Hartford against New York Mets' farm team Binghamton. Game time is 7:05 pm. The Goats will continue their series against Binghamton on Saturday and Sunday. Both Games start at 1:05 pm. For tickets and more information, go to: [milb.com/hartford/tickets](http://milb.com/hartford/tickets)

## THE BEAR IS BACK

*A compassionate restaurateur shares insights gained during three weeks spent feeding the war-torn people of Ukraine*

BY JAMIE MCDONALD

As our fundraiser for World Central Kitchen winds down to an end, here are some of my final thoughts that I have come away with from this experience,

While heading home, I knew it would be a hard adjustment. Being so focused on helping people near the battlefield of the Ukrainian War will make sliding back into the "normal" world a challenge. Looking back over my time in Ukraine, it reaffirms my belief that, at the end of the day, no amount of success or accolades matter if you are not trying to make the world, your community, or even just your families a little bit better than you found them. I have always tried to use Bear's Smokehouse as a vehicle to do good in the community, be it through our support of the formerly incarcerated population, to striving to pay a living wage, to supporting women's rights and equality for all, the welfare of animals and our planet, and, one that is especially personally near to my heart—breaking the stigma of mental health issues and suicide prevention awareness. However, what this trip has shown me is that there is still so much more room for our society to improve—even on a basic, fundamental level.

I came back to the States with a lot of big questions: Why does it take the worst in humanity to bring out our best? Why can't we always be at our best or at the very least strive for it? Conversely, why does human suffering also attract the worst in society, the people that prey on the desperate and oppressed...

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## Spring in Heaven

Danny Freeman shows off his skateboarding skills at Heaven Skate Park in Downtown Hartford on Saturday, April 2. The event, which also included live music and food, was held to mark the return of Spring and International Pillow Fighting Day. (Hart photo)

## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This photo shows volunteers building a temporary dike along Van Dyke Avenue to protect the Colt Armory (right) from the extensive flooding which followed the famous New England Hurricane of 1938. It is considered the worst natural disaster in Connecticut history. The state had experienced several heavy rainstorms prior to the hurricane arriving on September 21, so rivers and streams in the area were already high when the hurricane's heavy rains fell. The flood that followed was second only to the Great Flood of 1936. Combined, these two disasters forced Hartford leaders to fight back. The dike system was expanded and reinforced and the Park River was covered over. Downtown Hartford has not experienced a major flood since. Knock on wood. In the distance – looking like an island – is the Hartford Electric Light Company power station, which survived the flood and still stands today. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Early Childhood Career Fair April 9

If you are interested in pursuing a career caring for pre-school children, please attend the Early Childhood Career Fair on Saturday, April 9, from 11 am – 1 pm, at Hartford City Hall, 550 Main Street. You will be able to review childcare providers in the local area with immediate hiring needs, talk with multiple recruiters, apply on the spot for positions listed, be prepared to have one-on-one chats with programs. Need help preparing for the job fair? Come at 10am for resume building.

### Seed 2 Table at YMCA Saturday

On Saturday, April 9 @11 AM, the Wilson-Gray YMCA Youth and Family Center, 444 Albany Avenue, will host a Seed 2 Table Family Program at 11 am. The Seed 2 Table program supports youth and families' journeys to a healthy lifestyle through health education, experimental learning activities, and nutrition. The program provides: Health education provided by physicians and health professionals, introduction to new green foods and how to prepare them, peer education and access to fresh foods to bring home and try.

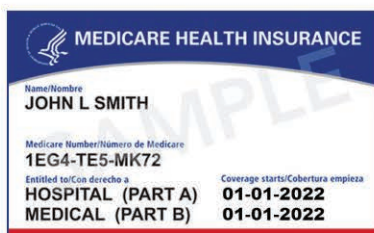
### Keney Park Walk and More April 9

A walk through Keney Park's 10 Mile Woods, the childhood playground of famous landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, will be held this Saturday, April 9, starting at 10am from the Keney Park Wood Materials Management Site at 392 Tower Avenue, Hartford. The walk will be followed by lunch 12:15pm noon lunch and a book signing by Dr. Joan Maloof at Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor Street, Hartford. The day's events will conclude with a 1:15pm screening of "The Lost Forests of New England," also at Real Art Ways. All events are free of charge and open to the public.

### New Exhibit Opening at Charter Oak

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, will host an opening reception for a new art exhibit entitled *Three Women Expressing The Languages Of Color* on Friday, April 8, from 5:30 PM – 7

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# Hartford Charter Revision Commission Report: March 2022

BY JAMES WOULFE, CHAIR, HARTFORD CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

It's hard to believe, but the work of the Charter Revision Commission is beginning to wind down. After more than sixteen meetings spent reviewing the charter and hearing from experts, policymakers, and community stakeholders, the Commission is now working in earnest to put together its final package of recommendations to send to the City Council.

At our March 3rd meeting, we hosted our last panel of subject matter experts. The Commission's Counsel, Steve Mednick, along with Andrew Nunn, the former CAO of the City of Bridgeport, discussed issues related to municipal treasurers. The Commission then engaged in a discussion about potential changes regarding the structure, composition, and staffing make-up of the City Council.

At our March 17th meeting, the Commission discussed changes to the Charter regarding temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Civilian Police Review Board, the Police Accountability Review

Board, and outstanding issues pertaining to boards and commissions. The Commission also briefly discussed issues pertaining to department heads.

At tonight's meeting, the Commission is slated to vote to approve Charter revisions pertaining to the office of the Treasurer and the Pension Commission, as well as a number of outstanding issues regarding boards and commissions. The Commission will also debate a number of formal proposals for charter revisions based on the topics discussed at the March 17th meeting, and will have a preliminary discussion regarding the Board of Education.

If you'd like to submit proposals, questions, or comments to the Commission, please reach out to David Grant at David.Grant@Hartford.gov. You can also testify before the committee during the monthly public comment period the Commission provides to the public, which will be held during our April 21st meeting.

## THE BATTLE FOR BRAINARD

After a public hearing before a State Senate committee, the fate of Hartford's flight school and Aero Tech training program is still up in the air.

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

**The present:** For seven-and-a half grueling hours last week I was logged on to a Zoom hearing hosted by the State's Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, chaired by Senator John Fonfara, awaiting my turn to present testimony opposing Senate Bill 463 along with several dozen other Connecticut residents, some of them State legislators. The bill's title is "AN ACT CONCERNING AN ANALYSIS OF THE AVENUES TO MAXIMIZE THE VALUE OF CERTAIN STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY". Fonfara put the bill forth after Hartford's City Council voted to pursue airport closure and move to redevelop. Although never named, everyone present knew the "real property" referred to is Brainard Airport, a near century-long fixture with a storied history in the South Meadows, owned and funded by the CAA, a State entity. And "maximizing the value" is code for closing Brainard and developing its 200 acres with (more) city upscale housing, retail, a marina, and the promise of bringing a thousand jobs to Hartford. The bill also calls for "Identification of any environmental obstacles to the redevelopment of the property, including the conducting of any required testing of the site, and the possible avenues and associated costs to render the property environmentally developable". Translated into plain English, the city wants the State to pay \$1.5 million for an environmental study of the property, in spite of the fact that the ground is well-known to be widely contaminated with a long menu of toxic and carcinogenic substances. Any excavation and remediation would require several years and an



Hartford student Matthew Antoine at Brainard Airport.

estimated \$10 million plus in Hartford taxpayer dollars, along with the inevitable release of large quantities of the contaminated dust particles into the surrounding area. The committee also received nearly 100 emailed testimonies either in support of—or opposed to—the bill; 90% were opposed. The few in support were from Wethersfield residents, plus one Hartford resident: Mayor Luke Bronin. On Tuesday, the committee—in a very close vote—approved the study.

**THE PAST:** Although the environmental component is new, there have been three previous bi-partisan studies regarding closing Brainard and redeveloping that property. All three were comprehensive and came to the same conclusion, (the following from the third study's 95-page report in 2016, requested by Fonfara): "Given present and foreseeable circumstances, PRI staff recommends the site continue to host an operating airport. Steps should be taken to maximize the airport's value. CAA and the airport's operator, both relatively new to Brainard, have plans to increase this value. This report makes recommendations to support and complement those plans. In addition, the report encourages: the state to increase the PILOT for CAA general aviation airports; the aviation mechanic school to expand and recruit students from Hartford; and Hartford to request an Airport Development Zone. Regardless of whether these recommendations are followed, a path should be chosen quickly.

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### Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

## Cathedral Expands Role as Mother Church

As the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, located in Asylum Hill at 140 Farmington Avenue, across from Aetna, fills many roles.

As the Cathedral, it serves towns from the Massachusetts and New York borders to Long Island Sound. As a parish church, it serves the west side of Hartford as well as having many parishioners from throughout Northern Connecticut.

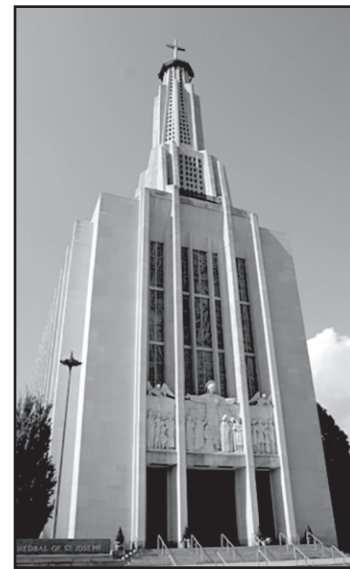
Like many city parishes, the actual number of regular parishioners is modest.

Demographic changes have affected many neighborhoods in Hartford, especially Asylum Hill. The neighborhood was once home to many Catholics who would walk to church, send their children to the now closed school and fill the Cathedral's 1,800 or so seats on holidays. Now weekly attendance runs in the low hundreds.

But, the Cathedral is increasing its role as the Mother Church with Diocese-wide events and ceremonies filling the church to capacity (and sometimes beyond). Recently, a Friday afternoon consecration performed by Archbishop Leonard Blair dedicated to the

hope of peace among Ukrainians and Russians filled the church with visitors from all over the state.

Archbishop Blair also recently implemented a policy whereby all confirmations in the Diocese are now held at the Cathedral, rather than in the confirmer's home parish as before. As many as 200



young people and their families now come to the Cathedral for these sacraments. For many of the youngsters being confirmed, it's their first visit to the Cathedral and it's quite an experience for them with the world-class music and the church's imposing architecture, especially the soaring stained glass windows. It

certainly makes their confirmation a special event, which it should be.

The staff at the Cathedral, led by Father Daniel J. McLearn, handles these large events with aplomb. The Knights of Columbus somehow find parking for everyone, often with assistance from nearby churches and businesses, and direct traffic.

So, the Mother Church fulfills its role. And we in the city can expect it to continue to bring the faithful to pray and marvel at the "Church on the Hill."

## Hartford Memories Part II

COMMENTARY BY BILL DIMAURO KATZ

I wrote previously about long past days of a clean Franklin Avenue where the mafia owned many of the bars and restaurants. You couldn't find a bubble gum wrapper or any garbage littering the sidewalk. All the garbage was inside the restaurants drinking and eating and carrying on like there was no tomorrow. But not any more. We cleaned that up.

During Hartford's golden age of the mafia, Billy Grasso, "The Wild Guy" as he was known, and who as the underboss of the Providence headquartered Patriarca crime family, owned a restaurant called Franco's at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Brown Street. It was formerly owned by another Billy as a rock and roll club called The Rocking Horse Cafe. And this Billy DiMauro Katz once worked there as a dishwasher in 1979. He never graduated to waiting on tables. A lot of Billys passed through there.

A Hartford prize fighter named Earl Miller once walked across Grasso's flower garden at Franco's while he planted flowers and as Grasso stood up to confront him, the young fighter cold cocked Billy and knocked him out. A few weeks later, he was found shot to death. That's the way things were done back then. At other times, Grasso was so cautious that he would travel 50 miles just to make a local call at a pay phone to thwart FBI surveillance. With the exception for an early racketeering charge that got him sent to federal prison for 10 years in 1968, the Feds never did catch him again.

Billy Grasso so terrified his underlings that they ganged up on him and shot him in the back of the head and dumped his body in the reeds of Wethersfield Cove. They feared that Billy would get them so they got him first. You might ask yourself why I am telling you this? It's because I attended some of the proceedings in Hartford Federal Court after the murder along with a host of other charges related to Connecticut organ-

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# Volunteering in the Parks

Find a time and location that works for you

BY DONNA SWARR

Most volunteering came to a screeching halt due to the pandemic, but now we can do it. It might mean that at times that we we'll need to maintain the distancing, but volunteering in your park is now possible. Oftentimes it will involve picking up some litter, planting, weeding, or painting. At other times there are special projects. Below are some spring cleanups happening in April.

**Friends of Goodwin** started cleaning up on March 19th; two more are scheduled for April 9th and April 30th. Meet at the pond house off of Hubbard Road. They have been picking up litter and have more work to do. Go to their Facebook page to find out more or message them.

**Friends of Pope Park** got an early start as well. On April 2nd Engineers Without Borders from Raytheon and the Friends of Pope Park helped build a gazebo in the community garden, and will be coming back on Earth Day, Friday April 22nd, to finish it up and will help with cleaning up Bankside Grove. A cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 23rd for the rest of the park with help from Knox. Meet-up is 9 a.m. at Arroyo Recreation Center. Contact David Morin at 860-830-5292.

**The Bushnell Park Foundation** holds their monthly volunteer time on the first Saturday of the month from May-October, and Colt Park holds their monthly cleanups on the second Saturday of the month from May-October. Los Amigos will hold its annual spring cleanup of Colt Park on Saturday, April 16th, 9 a.m.-noon; meet up at the concession stand near the Wawarme Avenue parking lot. Equipment, gloves, and paint will be supplied, but if you have your own picker and gloves, please bring them. There will be refreshments! Contact Donna Swarr at swarrds@comcast.net for more info.

**Real Art Ways** has organized an April 23rd Earth Day celebration cleanup (9 a.m.-noon) and tree planting (noon-1 p.m.) in George Day Park on Arbor Street, as part of an Earth Day celebration that includes a volunteer picnic. Registration is required by Friday, April 8th; <https://tinyurl.com/2p8me875>.

**Sterling Street Sanctuary and Nature Reserve** will hold an event on Saturday April 16th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 75 Sterling St. This year we'll be once again be growing herbs and inviting you to join us for events, workshops, and celebrations. Please join us as we put in the physical

work of building community. We will have new garden beds to place, soil to fill them with, trash to collect, and some light landscaping that will make our Sanctuary the beautiful place of healing and connection that we love so much. After our cleanup, please join us for our first Full Moon Labyrinth Walk of the season! To register fill out a KCC Volunteer Form at <https://tinyurl.com/kccvolmem>.

**Knox** has several upcoming Spring/Green events you can sign up for. The Greater Hartford Green Team will be holding a community garden cleanup on Saturday, April 16th, 9a.m.-1p.m. at the Earle Street community garden, 246 Naugatuck Street. Another community garden cleanup will be held at the 31 Huntington Street garden on Wednesday, April 20th, 10a.m.-noon. For more information and to sign up for either event, go to <https://tinyurl.com/w5vvd8u>.

**Join the Hartford Chamber of Commerce** on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. for a little spring cleaning along Capitol Avenue! Meet in front of Red Rock Tavern; all equipment

will be provided! To register in advance, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/311262533617>.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) is recruiting new members. There are two types of commissioners, those that represent a park's friends group and those that are "At Large". We need residents to contribute their thoughts and concerns as At Large commissioners. There are a lot of small pocket parks that need someone to keep a watchful eye on them, too. Commissioners determine a park priority project list, provide feedback about proposed park projects, assist in resolving park and recreation issues, get tips from fellow commissioners about solving problems in the parks, and become more knowledgeable about our fantastic parks. PRAC meets 10 times a year, the last Tuesday of the month from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Please contact Donna Swarr, [swarrds@comcast.net](mailto:swarrds@comcast.net) for more information.

## Letters to the Editor

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## Hartford Athletic Kick Off Home Season with a Bang!

Diego Sanhueza beats the Hartford Athletic drum Saturday night during the team's home opener against Atlanta United 2 at the recently renamed Trinity Health Stadium (formerly Dillon Stadium). Unfortunately, Athletic lost the game 2-1. The team's next home game is tonight, April 7, at 7 pm against Oyster Bay. After two road games, Athletic will return home on Saturday, April 23, to face Detroit City. For tickets and more information, go to: <https://www.hartfordathletic.com/tickets/>. (Hart photo)

## City Council Meeting, Public Comment on April 11

City Council will hold a public comment session and meeting on Monday, April 11, at City Hall, 550 Main Street. The Public comment session will start at 6 pm, the council meeting will follow at approximately 7 pm. Both will be available for viewing on [www.hpatv.org](http://www.hpatv.org), HPA TV Facebook Page, Comcast/Xfinity Channel 96, or Frontier Channel 6032 GOV. Residents can sign up to speak for public comment at City Hall or by reaching

out to David Grant (860) 757-9738, [david.grant@hartford.gov](mailto:david.grant@hartford.gov). The deadline to register for virtual public comment is 5:20 pm, Monday, April 11. Once signed up, participants will be given the Zoom meeting details and asked to sign/call-in by 5:50pm for further instructions. The agenda for this Council meeting can be accessed by clicking <https://hartford.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=16>.

## City of Hartford Job Opportunities

The City of Hartford is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Development Services - Assistance Director of Economic Development
- Human Resources - Assistant Director
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- Development Services - Director of Small Business Initiatives & Support
- Family, Children, Youth & Recreation - Early Learning Center Teacher
- Family, Children, Youth & Recreation - Early Learning Teacher Assistant
- Emergency Services & Telecommunications - Dispatcher Trainee
- Health & Human Services - Health Sanitarian
- Development Services - Inspector
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# SUCCESS BY DESIGN

Hartford-based designer Troy Anthony is conquering the fashion world from a little corner shop in Hartford's South End

BY ANDY HART

It's a long way from working-class Barry Square to the glitz and glamour of Paris Fashion Week, but Hartford fashion designer Troy Anthony has made the journey. And he's been invited back next year.

Anthony's fascination with fashion can be traced back to where and when he grew up: Minneapolis, Minnesota in the 1980s. And in that place and in that time, one person loomed perfectly-coiffed head and purple draped shoulders far above the rest, Prince.

An influential fashion icon as well as a chart-topping musician, Prince hit 1980s America like a thunderbolt. This was back when rolling up the sleeves of your suit jacket was pretty much as fashion forward as people were willing to go.

"Prince was a real eye-opener," Anthony said, "he pushed the boundaries of what was normal and what was accepted...it was so far out there but somehow he made it all work." In tribute to the man often known as the "The Purple One," purple dominates the interior of Anthony's dress shop at the corner of Broad and Clifford Streets in Hartford's South End and he often works the color into the pieces he creates.

By high school Anthony was already leaning toward a career in the fashion industry, although basketball ran a close second.

"At my high school, every day was a fashion show, you had to look good, you had to stand out," Anthony said. At the end of the summer, his father would give him \$300 to purchase clothes for the upcoming school year. "I was able to stretch that out to about ten or twelve outfits...I became known for the way I dressed. They called me Corduroy Troy," he said.



Hartford-based designer Troy Anthony checks out blazers in his shop at the corner of Broad Street and Clifford Street in Hartford's Barry Square neighborhood. Anthony's Design opened in 2018 and sells a wide range of ready-to-wear and custom designed clothing. (Hart photo)

In his senior year, Anthony was accepted into the International Academy of Design in Tampa Florida. While there, he studied abroad in Milan, Italy at the prestigious Marangoni Fashion Institute. "I loved it," he said, "it gave me a real understanding of the fashion world at its highest level. Dolce & Gabbana and Armani were the big names. D&G were more edgy, while Armani had more of a classic look."

After graduating college in 2004, Anthony chose to go it alone rather than work for a big designer. He started selling clothes out of a tent in Tampa and worked overnight at Kinko's to pay the bills. After a while, he moved on to flea markets where he'd not only sell clothes but do alterations and sometime create entire outfits on the spot. "It was a good way to explore first hand how people viewed clothes and fashion," he

said. He became adept at adapting his designs to fit various body types and soon had a successful online business as well.

Looking for a physical location for his business, Anthony eventually picked Hartford, his grandfather's hometown, and opened his shop, Anthony's Designs, on Broad Street in 2018.

"Hartford appealed to me because although it's relatively small, it's also very international, the people come from all over," he said. Indeed, his current staff includes Senita from Guyana, Estella is from Peru and Doris from the Dominican Republic.

The shop specializes in custom-designed dresses for weddings, proms, sweet 16 ceremonies and other special occasions. Anthony also custom-designs clothing for those with limited mobility or who are recovering from an operation.

As he managed the day-to-day operations of the shop, Anthony began to garner more and more recognition in the fashion world, primarily through the internet. He was asked to present his designs at Fashion Week Tampa, Art Basel Miami, Hartford Fashion Week and New York Fashion Week. Now he's gone international, presenting 16 outfits at Paris Fashion Week last year. This Fall, he's headed back to Milan for that city's fashion week extravaganza.

While Anthony has achieved success in an industry most people only dream about, he said it's not quite the "closed club" it used to be. "Social media has changed things a lot. You can design a dress one night and it could go viral the next day. It's not any easier, talent is a prerequisite and you have to work hard, but it's more equitable."

Anthony's success in the industry has led to some speaking engagements at local schools and organization. "I tell young people [who want a career in the fashion industry] that they first have to identify their personal style, whatever it is, gothic, rock and roll, hip-hop, and then design around it and keep it consistent so you can find your niche. But fashion is a journey and you have to be in it for the long haul," he said.



## Hartford Comes Up Big in NYC

Last weekend, the JADHA Foundation's Double Dutch team took first place at the "I Love Double Dutch" competition in New York City. The team's next stops are Washington DC, Maryland and then the AAU Junior Olympics in Greensboro, NC. At rear above are Coaches Rodney Hogan (center) and Carrie Trimmier-McCrorey (right).

## The Bear is Back

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people trying to scam fake fundraising to the despicable that have used this as an opportunity to traffic in women and children Thankfully, at the border and at the shelters in Przemyśl, the Polish military and police greatly increased security when it was found that people were being abducted. Can you imagine losing everything you have,



Jamie McDonald prepares batter for banana bread at the Ukraine-Poland border.

being forced to flee, leaving behind your son, husband, brother, father, etc., and then your child is kidnapped? Or even worse, you realize too late that the person you thought was lending a helping hand by taking you to safety is really taking you and your child to a life of abuse? The lifetime of pain these children will live with is unimaginable.

We all need to do better and more to stand up for those that can't stand up for themselves, and protect those that need protecting. Only through collective action can we make a difference. Don't get me wrong—these actions don't have to be anything grandiose. I am a firm believer in the butterfly effect and quantum mechanics. We are all connected at a subatomic level, and even the smallest gesture of kindness can have a huge impact. It may not happen immediately, but eventually these changes come. That child you were kind to, that person you helped with a smile or meal. Every simple gesture can inspire and

remind people to return that kindness in the future. That child you were helpful to may go on to be something amazing in their life simply because you helped them make it through a tough moment, or gave them confidence when they had none. All these actions add up and can slowly (but surely) make the world a better place.

So take the time to be kind, donate to causes you believe in. It doesn't even have to be monetary. Donate your time, your

skills, volunteer in your communities, give your kids an extra hug, be a good example for them (and at the same time learn from them). The younger generations definitely have a much more global, accepting mindset than those that have come before. I can 100% say that I am a better person because of my children and the examples they have shown me as they have reached adulthood.

I'll close with thanking you all for the outpouring of support you have shown the people of Ukraine these last 3 weeks. It made each day a little easier to get through. And a very special thank you to the Bear's Smokehouse Family and Marissa, without them this trip would not have been possible. Thank you for always having my back and holding down the fort.

World Central Kitchen continues the work of feeding the hungry refugees and occupants of Eastern Europe. You can contribute to this humanitarian mission at [www.facebook.com/donate/266257409041714/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/266257409041714/?fundraiser_source=external_url)



During Paris Fashion Week this year, Hartford designer Troy Anthony presented 16 of his designs in a show entitled "Angelic." Anthony is also planning to display his work at Milan Fashion Week this Fall.

# Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) Presents: Where Are They Now? Grecia Zaldivar: Ivan Backer Scholarship Winner 2016

BY LOGAN SINGERMAN



This is a picture of Grecia Zaldivar (second from the right) in 2016 after receiving a REACH Ivan Backer scholarship. Ivan Backer scholarships are given every year to three high school students who demonstrate a commitment to community service. While attending Bulkeley High School, Grecia served as a math tutor. She also organized events called Open Saturdays where students came on the weekend to learn more about the college application process. When asked what motivated her to serve she said, "I participate in community service because in order to help our community we need to stand up and give our time helping as much as we can to save our planet". Grecia planned to attend Central Connecticut State University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Business and Theater. She hoped to become a school counselor to continue her passion of helping students attend college.

"I participate in community service because in order to help our community we need to stand up and give our time helping as much as we can to save our planet"

This concern for helping others came from her own experience navigating obstacles during high school. Grecia moved from Lima, Peru her freshman year and didn't know much English. She was put in

classes conducted in Spanish. Grecia grew frustrated because she wanted to improve her English language skills, but didn't feel like she had the opportunity to do so. Her junior year, she advocated to switch to English speaking classes. Grecia insisted and persisted, knowing what she was capable of achieving.

When Grecia got to college, her freshman year was extremely challenging. Despite all of the hard work she did her junior and senior year, Grecia was still learning English and wasn't able to completely understand all of her assignments. Once again, however, she persisted. Grecia worked harder. She regularly attended office hours and spent time in the learning center. From all this hard work, Grecia made the Dean's list every semester at CCSU and the Presidents list every semester her last three years, receiving straight A's.

While on campus Grecia continued to be driven by her deep desire to help students overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams. She served as a resident assistant as well as a peer mentor in the "All In" campus retention program. Grecia recalled one instance where one freshman she was mentoring was very shy. Grecia suggested the student take some acting classes. That student later reported that Grecia's advice had paid off. It decreased the

student's nervousness and improved her public speaking skills.

So where is she now? It probably doesn't come as a surprise, but Grecia is currently serving in a role where she is able to help students. While her initial desire was to help high schoolers, her sights are now set on college students. Grecia is pursuing her Masters in Higher

Education at Eastern Connecticut State University where she is working as a graduate assistant in their inter-cultural center. The center provides services that support, embrace and celebrate the spectrum of student cultures and identities. In the fall Grecia organized an event called #IamEastern where students were encouraged to share their stories and experiences that make up

their identities (pictures below). "The overall mission is that we want all of our #IAMEASTERN members to be seen, heard, and empowered," Grecia said. This is also a mission that carries over to Grecia's life. Every day she uses her experience to help others embrace their own story and move towards the ending of their dreams.



**Asylum Hill Congregational Church**  
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More information at [ahcc.org](http://ahcc.org)

**Palm Sunday, April 10 | 10am**  
Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we prepare for the sharp contrast that lies ahead

**Maundy Thursday, April 14 | 7pm**  
A light meal (soup & salad) and Communion, followed by prayer stations set up throughout sanctuary

**Good Friday, April 15 | 7pm**  
A traditional service featuring the piece *A New England Requiem* by Scott Perkins

**Easter Sunday, April 17**  
6am Sunrise service at Elizabeth Park Overlook

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**Palm Sunday, April 10 | 10a**

**Maundy Thursday, April 14 | 6p**

**Good Friday, April 15 | 12p**  
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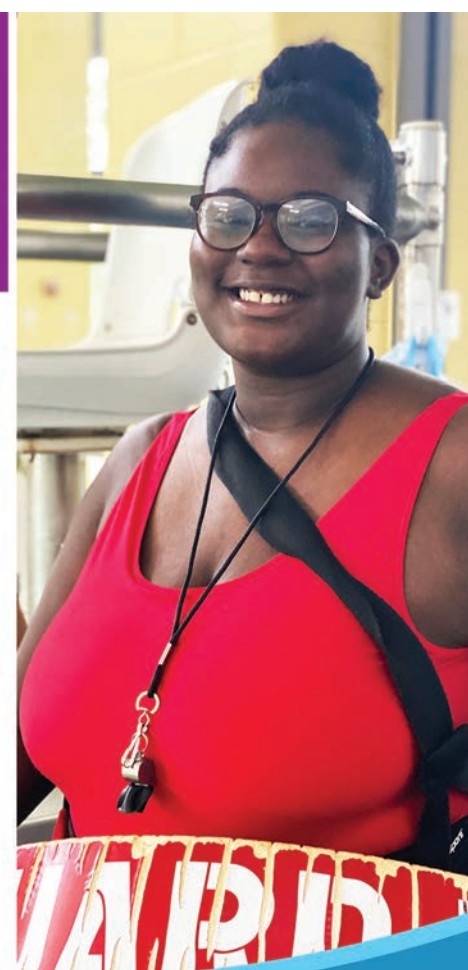
**Resurrection Sunday/Easter, April 17 | 10 a**

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## Brainard Airport

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Uncertainty over the site's future has inhibited further private investment in the airport." This week, Senator Fonfara and Mayor Bronin made it clear that, in their opinion, the 2016 study was not comprehensive enough. When the mayor was questioned by some committee members following his testimony that if the fourth study came to the same conclusion as the previous three, would he accept it, he evaded answering in the affirmative.

**The future:** It's clear to those who have been following this closely for many years that the Brainard acreage is not suitable for residential, retail, or recreational use, nor can it be made so. The

most likely development would be expanding the MDC footprint and bringing in warehouse mega-facilities. For years now, Councilman John Gale has been promoting the idea of an Amazon warehouse on the property (thus the "1,000 jobs"); there is already a 900,000 square-foot one nearby in Windsor. Those would be dead-end jobs, not careers. Nationally, Amazon warehouse workers have a turnover rate of 100%; the average tenure is one year—one year of working under unhealthy and Draconian conditions, rules, and standards of measurement leading to employee burnout. But in oral and written testimony from several area youth, Hartford's Brainard Airport has two crown jewels, two educational entities that are providing a pathway to careers where the need is great both locally and worldwide, and the compensation is far above average: CT Aero Tech and Learn to Fly CT. From a few of their testimonies:

(JVaughn Joseph): "As an aviation student, professional, and resident of the City of Hartford, I hereby oppose Senate Bill 463. The bill is not only destructive to the airport, but is also destructive to the community that utilizes it, which is more than just "rich folks. For all aspiring aviators, young and old, a closure of this facility isn't just the loss of an airport, but it's a loss of education, networking, and memories. It's a loss of aspiring leaders, future pilots, flight attendants, air traffic controllers, aerospace engineers, mechanics... the list goes on. However, for me it's a loss of a way to give back to my community, and the young people whom never though they could become something so great. I have accomplished many achievements while spending time at Brainard Airport. I took my first flight lesson there. Completed my first solo at Brainard. Completed my private and instrument ratings. Lead a group of 25 cadets through the Civil Air Patrol's Royal Charter Composite Squadron based there."

(Matthew Antoine): The Hartford student said a high school counselor brought him to an open house there at the airport, at which he said there were many options to explore.

His interest was sparked and he connected with the Admissions Department for Bristol Tech, took the entrance exam for the Airframe and Powerplant program and was admitted right away. The entire tuition for the 2-year program is \$7,200 and Pell Grants are available for applicants. "It is very affordable and one of the cheapest programs when compared directly with other similar offerings at other schools. Shutting down the airport wouldn't be good at all, and all those opportunities would be lost, particularly it would cripple the opportunity I have."

(Omesh Singh): "As a recent graduate from the Connecticut Aero Tech program (June 2021) and a current Airframe and Powerplant mechanic, Brainard Airport and Connecticut Aero Tech have offered me the stepping stone for my career as it has for many others before me. Mr. Stephen Socolosky, my high school teacher, was the first person to introduce me to the aviation industry with an EAA Young Eagles flight from Brainard Airport and with a field trip for our East Hartford High School class to CT AeroTech and Brainard's control tower. From that first flight and field trip, I knew the

path I wanted to take in life. This led me to attain a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering at FIT. However, after my initial job in engineering, I wanted a more hands-on and applicable career where my engineering theory applied. I decided to come back home to CT and begin my formal training at Connecticut AeroTech, where we are required to work on various types of aircraft for maintenance and safety inspections at a nearly impossible tuition to beat anywhere in the country."

The path is clear. Hartford should shift its focus to "maximizing Brainard Airport". Promote and foster a collaboration/partnership between Brainard Airport and Goodwin University, Capital Community College, Prince Tech and other area technical high schools, whereby students can take courses to earn certification or a degree for aerospace industry careers as mechanics, pilots, and a half-dozen other related occupations. You say you want more opportunities for Hartford youth? The road to success and a boost to the city's image is right there. Just look up.

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### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### Court of Probate, Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court District

#### NOTICE TO:

**Matthew McKinley Harris whose last known whereabouts is unknown to the court**

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge, a hearing will be held at Hartford Regional Children's Probate Court, 250 Constitution Plaza, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103 on May 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning Heaven Liana Harris, a minor child born to Gloria Lopez on October 28, 2007. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears.

**RIGHT TO COUNSEL:** If the above-named person wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held.

By order of the court

Joan Cortez, Deputy Chief Clerk

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Chancellor Ross, AKA Chancellor Thomas Ross (22-00281)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 4, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Ladonna Pines c/o Nicholas T Kocian, Nicholas Kocian PC DBA Kocian Law Group, 999 Asylum Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Egbert Benjamin Wallace (22-00149)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated March 22, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Athlena Leonie Smith c/o Romiesha J Briscoe, Law Office Of Romiesha Briscoe PLLC 360 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 301, Windsor, CT 06095

## Hartford Memories, Part II

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ized crime. The in-person courthouse drama was almost better

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Daisha Lewis (22-00104)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 4, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Daquasha Miller aka Taquasha Miller c/o Richard Edward Joaquin, Freeman Law Firm, 90 Brainard Road, Hartford, CT 06114

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Luis Rodriguez (22-00364)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 4, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Luis A. Rodriguez c/o JAMES D HINE, Mulvey Oliver Gould And Crotta, 2911 Dixwell Avenue, Fourth Floor, Hamden, CT 06518

than going to see The Godfather movie.

During one of my trips to the courtroom I passed a prosecutor who I had done some picture framing for and she asked what the heck I was doing there. I winked. Besides the drama unwinding in court, I had once worked alongside a guy named Vinnie Failla at the old Heublein Distillery on New Park Avenue. Vinnie had told me his dad was a made mafia soldier and he wanted Vinnie to also become a member. You might call it All in the Family within a family. Vinnie had special talents that any mob gang would be proud to have on staff. Vinnie fought in Vietnam as a demolitions expert. But his dad never succeeded recruiting his son. Now Louis Fallia was being tried in federal court but not for murder — only racketeering and other related activities.

I particularly chose a day when the main government snitch, John

"Sonny" Castagna, of Hartford, would testify. As a bailiff opened the door to let him in, everyone sitting around me in the pews suddenly sucked up all the oxygen and muttered repeatedly, "rat... rat... rat..." I looked to my left and then to my right. I thought it was prudent for me to join them. "Rat... rat... rat..." I whispered and instantly made friends. Castagna and his son, Jack Johns, subsequently entered the witness protection program.

During lunch, I needed to leave and open my frame shop at 12 noon located at 489 Farmington Avenue. On the elevator down I noticed Louis Failla standing next to me. He was out on bail. I was tempted to introduce myself as being a past co-worker friend of his son but instead for once, I kept my big fat mouth closed.

I'm still in the picture framing business and if you need anything framed, scan over to my ad and give me a call. My prices are very reasonable. I frame anything except people.

(The writer is half Italian and only pokes fun at his own people.)

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Victor Harris, AKA Victor Leigh Mordecai Harris (22-00276)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 1, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Barbara E. Harris c/o Charles J Shimkus, Shimkus, Murphy And, Rosenberger, P.C., 382 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Robert Allen Martinson (22-00023)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated March 28, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Wendy Martinson, 119 Sterling Drive, Newington, CT 06111

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PM. Participating artists are: Cynthia Cooper, Suzanne Jill and Clara Nartey. Masks are encouraged while in the gallery. The exhibition will be on view through May 13; gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 3pm.

**Info Session on DominGO! Tuesday**

The first information session on the DominGO! program, which involves several street festivals in Hartford this summer, will be held on Tuesday, April 12, from 5:00pm–7:00pm, Thomas Hooker Live, 1 Sequassen Street, Hartford. Residents and business owners can share their thoughts and ask questions about the program. Other dates and venues: Monday April 18th from 5:00pm–7:00pm at Parkville Market (1400 Park Street, Hartford), Tuesday May 10th from 5:00pm–7:00pm at EcoSpace (226 Farmington Avenue, Hartford), Monday May 16th from 5:00pm–7:00pm at Vibz Uptown (3155 Main Street, Hartford).

**MARG Meets April 14**

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Representatives from the Hartford Department of Public Works Judith H. Rothschild,

Hartford Director of Blight Remediation & Housing Code Enforcement will be on hand to answer questions from residents. There will also be an update from Hartford Police on public safety in the neighborhood. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

**Good Friday Processions Return April 15**

Roman Catholics will follow the Way of the Cross in two Good Friday Processions in Hartford on Friday, April 15. The first will start from Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, at 11 am. The second will start at 12 noon from Saint Justin-Saint Michael Parish, 230 Blue Hills Avenue. Like many other large outdoor events, most Good Friday processions had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

**Colt Park Clean-up April 16**

Volunteers are needed for a special Spring Clean-up of Colt Park Saturday, April 16th, from 9 am - 12 noon. The event is sponsored by Los Amigos Softball and the Colt Park Foundation.

**Hands On Hartford Easter Meal**

Hands On Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, will host an Easter Community Meal on Sunday, April 17, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (doors open

at 10 am for coffee and snacks). The meal is free and open to the public.

**Charity Basketball Games April 23**

The United Way of Central and Northeastern CT will close out its 2022 Employee Giving Campaign with a basketball tournament starting at 11 am on Saturday, April 23, at Trinity College's Ferris Athletic Center (use entrance off Broad Street, just north of Crescent Street). The event was originally scheduled for March 19. The first game will be between a team from the Hartford Police Department and a squad from Aetna; the second game with pit the Hartford Fire Department

team against a team from Hartford Public Works. Suggested donation is \$5. For more information, go to: [brurl.co/HARTFORD-badges](http://brurl.co/HARTFORD-badges).

**MDC Roadwork on Lawrence Street**

Starting Monday, April 11th, the Metropolitan District (MDC), their construction subcontractor VMS Construction, will be performing road restoration work for the sewer main which was previously repaired. Work will take place along Lawrence Street from Capitol Avenue to Grand Street. There will be no interruption in services. Traffic patterns may be

adjusted around work zones but at least one lane in each direction will be maintained. This work is expected to take 1 week to complete. Work hours will be between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Schedules are subject to change based on weather conditions and unforeseen construction activities. If you have questions or concerns, contact: Mike Trick, Construction Supervisor at (860) 278-7850 Ext. 3739, or [mtrick@themdc.com](mailto:mtrick@themdc.com). After hours, please call the MDC Command Center at (860) 278-7850 ext. 3600.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Meril E. Williams (22-00260)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 1, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Arthur Williams, 94 Nilan St., Hartford, CT 06106

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Lawrence Stanley Jezouit, AKA Lawrence S. Jezouit, AKA Lawrence Jezouit (22-00372)**

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 6, 2022, 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.

Carmen Y. Zayas, Clerk

The fiduciary is: Judith Pauline DiTommaso, 51 Grissom Drive, West Hartford, CT 06110-2010

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### Celebración Arte Popular

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## – NOTICIAS –

### Suspensión temporal de impuestos a la gasolina en CT

El gobernador Ned Lamont promulgó un proyecto de ley el jueves para suspender temporalmente el impuesto estatal a la gasolina a partir del 1 de abril.

Firmó el proyecto de ley en privado, un día después de que ambas cámaras de la Asamblea General aprobaran el proyecto de ley por unanimidad. Connecticut impone un impuesto especial de 25 centavos por galón de gasolina. La nueva ley suspende ese impuesto desde el 1 de abril hasta el 30 de junio para ofrecer a los conductores un pequeño alivio en el surtidor durante una época de aumento de los precios de la gasolina.

La ley no suspende el impuesto al combustible diesel. “Con esta acción bipartidista, estamos tomando medidas para brindar algo de alivio a los consumidores que enfrentan el aumento de los precios debido a una serie de dinámicas internacionales e inestabilidad del mercado que van mucho más allá de nuestro estado”, dijo el gobernador Lamont en un comunicado.

La ley también suspende las tarifas en los autobuses públicos en todo el estado durante el mismo período y crea un feriado fiscal de una semana a partir del 10 de abril. El feriado fiscal se aplica a la ropa y el calzado de menos de \$100.

“Podemos brindar un alivio instantáneo a los automovilistas estatales con esta legislación que fue aprobada por unanimidad en la Cámara. Sin embargo, seguimos comprometidos a trabajar en remedios sensatos y asequibles para los consumidores durante este tiempo de inflación galopante. Espero que este sea solo un primer paso en esa dirección”, dijo el líder de la minoría de la Cámara, Vincent Candelora.

### ¿Dónde Puedo Encontrar La Gasolina Más Barata?

Para crear este listado, Telemundo Nueva

Inglaterra utiliza datos de GasBuddy, que recopila los precios de las gasolineras principalmente en función de las presentaciones de los usuarios, así como de las entradas de las estaciones de servicio y los datos de las compañías de tarjetas de crédito.

La lista muestra las estaciones de gasolina con sus precios más actuales de una amplia gama de ciudades y no incluye necesariamente las más baratas del estado, sino que ofrece a los consumidores una amplia gama de opciones cuando buscan gasolina barata.

### Cómo Ahorrar Gasolina Al Manejar

Aquí algunos consejos de AAA para ayudarte a ahorrar dinero por conducir.

Mante tus neumáticos debidamente inflados. El inflado insuficiente reduce la economía de combustible.

Reduce la velocidad y conduce al límite de velocidad. En la carretera, la resistencia aerodinámica hace que la economía de combustible disminuya significativamente a medida que las velocidades aumentan por encima de las 50 mph.

Evita los arranques y las aceleraciones bruscas. Estas acciones aumentan considerablemente el consumo de combustible.

Evita el ralenti prolongado para calentar el motor, incluso en invierno. Es innecesario y desperdicia combustible.

Minimiza el uso del aire acondicionado. Incluso a velocidades de carretera, las ventanillas abiertas tienen menos efecto en el ahorro de combustible que la potencia del motor necesaria para hacer funcionar el compresor del aire acondicionado.

Además, compara los precios de la gasolina, a veces los precios más bajos están a la vuelta de la esquina. Si te preocupa la fluctuación del combustible, te decimos cómo lograr el máximo rendimiento. By Iris Rodríguez



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