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Some of the musicians appearing in this Tuesday's Veterans Concert include Jeff Pitchell and Jon Peckman from Texas Flood, David Stoltz on bass and Sgt. David C. Kuzminski. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds to benefit the Portland Veterans Memorial.

Band Concert to Honor Veterans, Benefit Memorial

A band concert will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Portland High School auditorium to raise funds for the Portland Veterans Memorial in a "welcome home" tribute to local veterans who have been serving overseas.

Dave Kuzminski, is putting together a show featuring the Portland High School Jazz Band and other celebrity headliners playing some great Rock and Roll and standards of the era.

Among the participants will be Dave's son, Sgt. David Kuzminski Jr., who is a member of the 76th Army Band and who just finished an 11-month tour in Iraq entertaining the troops. He was stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad.

Also appearing with the group will be Spec. Raiden Rogers on guitar, who toured with David as a member of the 76th Army Band. Raiden lives in Atlanta, GA and is also home on leave. He will be making a 14-hour drive from Georgia to participate in the concert.

Both David and Raiden will be returning to Manheim, Germany after the concert. The 76th Army Band will continue to tour Europe as a goodwill ambassadors of the U.S. Army.

Dave Sr. is a longtime musician and the evening will feature a host of his talented

acquaintances as well as the Portland High School Jazz Band under the direction of Ms. Kristen Novak.

The evening will commence with Sgt. Kuzminski, a Portland High School alumnus and former member of the high school band, sitting in with the Jazz Band playing a variety of tunes to honor Portland veterans that have served in the Middle East. There are presently about two dozen veterans from town that are serving or have served in the Middle East.

The second half of the show will feature a host of celebrity musicians, including Jaimoe, who is a founding member of the legendary Allman Brothers Band and a member of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, as well as a platinum recording artist and Grammy award-winning musician. His career has spanned three decades and has taken him around the world.

Other notable artists will include Jeff Pitchell of Texas Flood, as well as local favorite Michael Cleary, along with bassist David Stoltz, former member of the Dicky Betts Band.

Other supporting musicians, some of which are members of the faculty at Connecticut Valley School of Music and Dance, owned and operated by Dave and Ronna Kuzminski, include: John Valerio on pi-

ano; Ed Misenti on guitar; Paisely Rameriz, saxophone; Joe Bartolotta, saxophone; Gerry Todro on keyboards; Jon Peckman, drums/percussion, as well as Dave Kuzminski Sr. on guitar and vocals. Audio engineers Sandy Imperatrice and Gabriel Field of Event Production Group will provide the sound for the evening.

Tickets to the concert are \$5 and all proceeds will go to the Portland Veterans Memorial Fund. The show will start promptly at 7 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony prior to the concert honoring Portland's veterans, as well as a meet and greet immediately following the concert, with refreshments.

Tickets are available at the Coffeepot, Connecticut Valley School of Music & Dance, Portland Discount Liquors and the Quonset Store. There will also be tickets available at the door.

The Veterans Committee has paid the first \$37,000 to finish the stones and inscribe the names on the planned monument. The veterans are trying to raise a final \$16,000 to finish the project.

A contribution of any amount will be welcome. Donations should be mailed to Post Office Box 161, Portland, CT 06480. Please make the check out to The Portland Veterans Memorial Fund.

Portland Rings in the New Year with a Fresh Face

by Michael McCoy

On the heels of the New Year, Stephen Kinsella was sworn in as Portland's new Judge of Probate Wednesday morning. The brief of ceremony took place in the Judge of Probate's office at Portland's Town Hall, with about 30 on-lookers squeezing into the room.

Back in November Kinsella edged out his Republican opponent Richard Carella by just 175 votes.

Originally from Hartford, Judge Kinsella moved to Portland 15 years ago with his wife Nancy. They have two sons, James and Jude.

Kinsella recently retired from his position as an attorney for the City of Hartford and was encouraged by the local Democratic party to seek out the probate judgeship.

No stranger to town government, Kinsella, will be reducing his other community commitments as a result of his election. As a result of his new post, he stepped down from his sixth term on the Board of Assessment Appeals, as well as from the Gildersleeve Educational Trust Fund. He also relinquished his position as chairman of the Democratic Town Committee in Portland.

Kinsella is currently also on the Charter Revision Committee. He says he plans to reevaluate his status there after getting a feel for the nature of the new job.

The Kinsella name is not a new one to Connecticut government. Kinsella's father, George "Pete" Kinsella, who was on hand Wednesday morning, served as Mayor of Hartford from 1965 to 1967. His uncle, James, was also active in Hartford politics.

After taking the oath, administered by Town Clerk Bernadette Dillon, the new judge expressed his thanks to supporters. "Many of you have been helpful throughout all of this," he said. "I just want you to know that that door will be open every day."

According to Kinsella, Portland's Judge of



Stephen Kinsella

Probate office is one of only a few in the state that have not been computerized. However, that will change on Tuesday when a new system will be installed.

"I look forward to working with Steve at Town Hall. I know he will go a good job for the citizens of the town," said First Selectwoman Susan Bransfield.

The Judge of Probate typically deals with estate issues following a citizen's death, as well as child custody disputes and situations involving mentally challenged individuals. Fees generate the position's salary and the office exists independently of the town.

Kinsella plans to be available Mondays and Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Tuesdays from 2-7 p.m. He has already begun classes to ready him for his new position and will commence operations in the office one week from today.

Daly Resigns from Hebron Finance Board With Parting Criticism

by Sarah McCoy

Board of Finance Vice-Chairman Matthew Daly has resigned from his position as the Town of Hebron heads into the budget season.

Often the most conservative voice on the Republican majority board, Daly cited his recent move to Glastonbury as the main reason for his departure. His resignation became effective at the December 21 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Elected in 2003 to the finance board, Daly had pledged to lower property taxes for residence. Last November he ran unsuccessfully for the 19th District State Senate seat. Daly lost to Democrat incumbent Edith Prague in a landslide.

Had he won the election, Daly said he would have remained in Hebron.

In his three years on the finance board, Daly said he is proud of the job he has done. "Initially we made important strides," he said. "We began to bring down property taxes and forced the education boards to practice sounder fiscal policy. Then we brought in two new superintendents that have followed through with that philosophy."

Daly was quick to add the "but" to the end of his statement, alluding to the fact that there were many reasons for his resignation.

"I joined with the understanding that the Republican Party, as it traditionally has been, is about practicing fiscal responsibility," he said. "That's what I wanted to be a part of. It became clear to me after first budget, our elected officials are no longer interested in doing that."

He went on to criticize the town's spending compared to its current revenue streams.

Daly said he is most proud of keeping his promise to stand up against unbridled spending. Also on his list of accomplishments are the hiring of two new superintendents with, "seemingly more common sense when developing a budget," and the creation of the



Matthew Daly

RHAM High School football team. Daly himself played high school football and credits the experience with helping to develop his character.

As parting words to his former town, Daly said that he felt taxpayers of Hebron have been overwhelmed in last ten years with fiscally irresponsibility. "Things will not change unless there is a change in philosophy and budgeting in the town. Right now there is no longer a difference between the two parties."

Daly has already moved to Glastonbury to be close to his family and said he does not plan to seek election at any level in the near future.

East Hampton Man Charged With Attempted Murder

An East Hampton man was charged with attempted murder on Tuesday after allegedly trying to throw his live-in girlfriend out of a third story window.

Police arrested William "Rick" Scott, 37, of Chatham Apartments at 41 East High St., Unit 35.

According to police, Scott had attempted to forcibly throw his live-in girlfriend, Angelica Griffin, 32, head-first out of their third story, bedroom window. "It was also determined that Scott had assaulted Griffin repeatedly and then fled the area," said police.

Police said "independent witnesses" had seen Scott attempting to throw Griffin out the window. Some neighbors intervened and came to Griffin's aid. Scott then left the scene in a 1992 Ford Taurus.

Griffin was transported to Middlesex Hospital's Marlborough Clinic for medical treatment of the injuries she sustained in the assault.

While police were investigating at Chatham Apartments, East Hampton Police Dispatch received calls regarding an intruder attempting to break into a residence at 113 Collie Brook Road. While officers were responding to that location, the perpetrator was reported to have forcibly entered another residents at 110 Collie Brook Road and armed himself with a knife.

The perpetrator, later identified as William "Rick" Scott from the previous deistic incident, eventually coerced the residents at the house to have him the keys to their car and stole their

1996 Honda Accord, said police. He then attempted to flee once again.

East Hampton Police arrived as Scott was attempting to leave 110 Collie Brook Rd. and a pursuit began. Police said Scott was pursued for a few miles until he lost control of the Honda and spun off the road in front of 44 Middletown Avenue.

Sgt. Michael Green and Officer Timothy Dowty apprehended Scott at gunpoint as he attempted to run away on foot. East Hampton Police Officer Mark Pekar as well as Portland Police officers and Connecticut State Police who had been summoned for back-up arrived on scene and assisted with the apprehension.

It was later determined that after fleeing the Chatham Apartments, Scott had crashed the 1992 Ford Taurus into a fence in front of 69 Collie Brook Rd. Scott then fled on foot and committed the subsequent acts of forced entry, said police.

Scott was charged with the following: criminal attempt to commit murder, assault 2nd degree, robbery 1st degree, threatening, beach of peace, burglary 2nd degree, burglary 3rd degree, larceny 2nd degree, larceny 6th degree, criminal damage to landlord's property 3rd degree, criminal mischief 3rd degree, possession of drug paraphernalia, engaging in pursuit, evading responsibility and interfering with police.

Scott, who police said is a multi-convicted felon, was held in lieu of \$500,000 bond and was arraigned in Middlesex Superior Court on Wednesday.

Stan Soby Appointed Colchester First Selectman

by Jim Salemi

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously at its last regular meeting to appoint Republican selectman Stan Soby to the position of first selectman.

The board voted to appoint Soby after First Selectman Jenny Contois formally—and emotionally—resigned her post as first selectman at the Dec. 21st Board of Selectmen's meeting. She served as first selectman for 15 years. Contois stepped down in order to accept a job as U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney's regional director.

Those in attendance at the meeting applauded and gave Contois a standing ovation in recognition of her service.

After outlining what the town charter prescribes for filling such a vacancy, Contois excused herself from deliberations, as well as the final vote. Selectmen voted 4-0 to appoint Soby.

Selectman Greg Cordova nominated Soby, who ultimately accepted the nomination and the appointment.

"Stan has proven himself time after time. His knowledge of management and budgets is a plus. I feel comfortable replacing an icon like [Contois] with Stan," said Selectman David Stollman.

Soby accepted the job, though he made his intentions clear to the public and the Board of Selectman before accepting the job.

"I have a job outside Colchester—a career, really. I have no plans of leaving my career, but this opportunity presented itself and my organization is willing to give me time," he said.

Soby works at the Connecticut Institute for the Blind in Hartford.

Soby will serve until the regular election in November. He said he has no intention of running for first selectman in November, but said he is willing to serve as a regular selectman.

Selectman John Malsbenden expressed confidence in Soby. He said it was his opinion that it would be better for the town—as well as the political process—if the position were to be filled from one of the sitting selectmen if at all possible, as opposed to holding a special election for a replacement, as the town charter reads.

Malsbenden also it clear that he has no intentions of serving as first selectman.

There was considerable speculation after Contois announced that she would be resigning to take the position with Courtney's staff that Malsbenden, a fellow Democrat, would serve as first selectman.

"Some people have suggested that I run for first selectman," remarked Malsbenden. "It's not in the cards for that long period of time. It's for 11 months. It's not going to happen. Maybe if I was 10 years younger, but I'm not. I'm 10 years older."

Soby began his term this past Thursday, Jan. 4.

Soby has served on the school board and the conservation and ethics commissions, as well as on a number of committees.

Open Contest for Marlborough EDC Slogan and Log

The Marlborough Economic Development Commission (EDC) is asking residents to help them come up with a new EDC town slogan.

The EDC is looking for original entries that project a positive image of the town. The goal is to attract new and relocating businesses that fit in with the unique character of Marlborough.

The slogan should be a phrase no more than 4-0 words long—the shorter, the better.

You may also submit original artwork for a new EDC seal or logo that portrays Marlborough as a welcoming town for business pursuits.

Please note – the new EDC seal will be for the exclusive use of the EDC. It will not replace the original Town of Marlborough seal. This will remain the official town seal.

The winning town slogan and/or seal will be featured on the new official EDC website, the EDC banner displayed at business expos and events and in future marketing brochures for the business park and other economic development efforts in town.

The contest is open to everyone. You can submit your slogan or seal on the newly

created EDC website, www.marlbroughctedc.org. Just click on the EDC Town Slogan Contest button, insert your slogan or seal and your contact information. You can enter as many times as you wish.

You may also mail entries to the Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main St., Marlborough, CT 06447, Attn: Economic Development Town Slogan Contest.

The contest ends on Jan. 31. The EDC reserves the right to select the final town slogan and/or seal winner in its sole discretion. The slogans/seals become the property of the EDC.

The EDC's new website at www.marlbroughctedc.org was created specifically to further the economic development opportunities for existing business as well as attracting new businesses who wish to relocate, expand or start new businesses in town. It includes information about the town that potential business and developers need to know.

There are also links to other state agencies and economic resources that can assist existing and new businesses. There are also links to local town organizations. Feedback and suggestions are welcome.

Marlborough Police Log

12/8—Police are investigating the theft of landscaping equipment from property on Blish Road. Chainsaws, weed-wackers and leaf blowers were reported stolen. Anyone with any information is asked to call Officer Ransom at 537-7555 ext. 4095.

12/17—Police are investigating a burglary on Caffyn Drive. A black 2000 Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle and a 49cc mini bike were reported stolen. The Harley has Florida plates 10920G.

Hebron Police Log

12/18—Police are investigating the theft of two antique watering cans from a residence on Route 85. Anyone with any information is asked to call Troop K at 537-7500.

Colchester Police Log

12/9—Thomas Sears, 24, of 267 Old Hartford Rd., was arrested for possession of marijuana and DUI, according to police.

12/10—Daniel Raphael, 34, of East Haddam, was arrested for DWI and making an improper lane change, according to reports.

12/10—Nathan Pepin, 25, of Jewett City, was arrested for DWI, driving without insurance and driving the wrong way on a highway, according to reports.

12/10—Luis Torres, 25, of Hartford, was arrested for speeding and driving with a suspended license, according to reports.

12/11—Police are investigating an incident of identity theft of a West Road resident, according to reports.

12/13—Joseph Katz, 56, of Queens, New York, was arrested for DWI and failure to stay in his lane, according to reports.

12/13—Kenneth A. Elyosius, 53, of Bristol, was arrested for DUI and failure to drive right, according to reports.

12/19—Matthew Rickis, 40, of Bristol, was arrested for possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia and possession of narcotics within 500-feet of a school, according to reports. Rickis was arrested after police stopped to check out the car he was sitting in, which was parked in a handicapped parking space. According to reports, Rickis was a construction worker working on the elementary school building project.

Colchester School District Logo/Motto Contest Announced

The Colchester School District is holding a town-wide contest to develop and design a Colchester School District logo and motto to reflect the Board of Education's strategic plan.

All Colchester residents are invited to participate. Interested artists can submit both a logo and motto or just a logo.

Entries should be created in black and white and be legible when reduced to 1" x 1". Resolution should be a minimum of 300 dpi if done electronically.

Applicants can enter more than one logo and/or motto. Colchester students may contact Mrs. Campbell in the Technical Education Department at Bacon Academy for assistance.

Go to the school website (www.colchesterct.org) to learn more about the school's strategic plan or call 537-7267 for more information.

Applications for the contest are available at the school website, all school offices, the Board of Education office in Town Hall, the Senior Citizen Center, Colchester Youth Center, Cragin Memorial Library and a variety of Colchester merchants.

The deadline for entries is Jan. 13, 2007. Winner(s) will be announced in February by a panel of judges. Contest winners will receive a \$250 gift certificate from one of the contest sponsors, Zaktec LLC and Montana's Board Sports & More.

East Hampton Police News

12/13 — Nancy Derda-Laflamme, 46, of 331 West Rd., Colchester, was arrested for driving under the influence, illegal operation of a motor vehicle and driving without insurance.

12/19 — William B. Boots, 31, of 181 North Main St., Jewett City, was arrested for failure to obey a control signal, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating without insurance.

12/21 — Manual Vidal, 49, of 118 Trotting Park Rd., Falmouth, MA was arrested for driving under the influence.

12/21 — Montrel Holley, 20, of 57 Military Rd., Middletown, was charged with operating under suspension, said police.

12/23 — Colin Kilpatrick, 24, of 22 West Point Rd., East Hampton, was charged with operating under suspension, said police.

12/25 — Jonathan Douglas, 32, of 301 Meeting House La., Middletown, was charged with criminal mischief 3rd degree, threatening and disorderly conduct, said

Portland police.

12/26 — Timothy Evans, 21, of 64 Main St., East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant for illegal operation of a motor vehicle while under suspension, park/forest hours of operation and failure to appear 2nd.

12/28 — Bryan Zingle, 20, of 24 Harland Place, East Hampton, was arrested pursuant to a warrant on charges of breach of peace and reckless driving.

12/28 — Theodore E. Foster, 37, of 56 Bartlett St., Portland, was charged with DUI, speeding and failure to drive in an established lane, said police.

12/29 — Bernard Wagner, 30, of 30 Wilcox Ave., East Berlin, was charged with operating with a suspended license, unregistered motor vehicle and insufficient insurance, said police.

1/2 — Thomas Musa, 64, of 119 Cherry Swamp Rd., Moodus, was charged with DUI and failure to drive in the proper lane, said police.

Unusual Pet Killed by Car on Route 66 in Marlborough

by Sarah McCoy

One of Marlborough's more unusual residents was killed Tuesday night.

Willy, a pet wallaby owned by a Marlborough resident, was killed when a car hit the animal alongside of Route 66.

A wallaby is a member of the marsupial family. It is usually smaller and stockier than a kangaroo and native to Australia.

The accident occurred near the Hebron-Marlborough town line. The driver of the car, Ellen Jagielo, of Hebron, reported no injuries.

Marlborough First Selectman Bill Black said a local resident owned Willy. "He was a frequent visitor to the Town Hall and even some Building [Commission] meetings," he reported.

Black noted that the owner did have the proper license to raise exotic pets and added that Willy was, "very friendly," and "great with people."

State Police Trooper Mark Packer is conducting an ongoing investigation into the accident. He called the incident, "the weirdest car vs. animal call," he'd ever responded to.

Neither Black nor Packer would identify the owner of the deceased wallaby.



A DEP officer holds the pet wallaby struck and killed by a car Tuesday night.

Obituaries

Colchester

Stella T. Reimer

Stella Theresa (Dawicki) Reimer, 93, of Colchester, formerly of Gales Ferry, widow of the late Otis Paul Reimer, passed away Friday, Dec. 22, at the Harrington Court Genesis Health Care Center in Colchester.

Born Jan. 2, 1913 in Webster, MA, she was a daughter of the late Marcel and Rose (Chorzawicz) Dawicki.

Mrs. Reimer was a Registered Nurse for the former Norwich State Hospital before her retirement. In her spare time, she was an avid gardener and cook and found her greatest joy in caring for her family.

She is survived by a son, Paul Reimer of Eugene, OR; two grandchildren, Keith Reimer of Seattle, WA and Lisa Arnold of Douglas, GA; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Friends may call Monday, Jan. 8, starting at 10 a.m. at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester, followed by a Chapel Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Dawicki family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Norwich.

Colchester

Louis A. Deyorio

Louis A. Deyorio, 80, beloved husband of Lillian Badachuk Deyorio of Miller Road, Colchester, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Wm. Backus Hospital in Norwich.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1926, in Manchester, son of Dominick and Mary Fossa Deyorio. Louis worked as an instructor for 34 years for Pratt & Whitney Training School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Tec 5. He was a member of the American Legion Post #54 and Alder Boluck Post #6990 V.F.W. both of Colchester.

Surviving besides his wife Lillian, he leaves a brother, Patrick Deyorio of Florida; a niece, Donna Palmes of Colchester; and a nephew, Michael Deyorio of Palmer, MA.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 27 from the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester, followed by a Service of Devine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Church on Linwood Ave., Colchester. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, with full military honors. Calling hours were Tuesday, Dec. 26 at the funeral home with a Panahyda Prayer Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the church or to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108-3272.

Portland

Mary G. D'Emanuele

Mary G. D'Emanuele, 101, of Coe Avenue, Portland, wife of the late Salvatore D'Emanuele died Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Middlesex Health Care Center.

Born on Feb. 7, 1905 in Middletown, daughter of the late John and Angelina (De Vito) Pillarella, she lived in Portland most of her life. She was a member of St. Mary Church, Portland.

She is survived by her loving family: a son and daughter-in-law, Al and Norma D'Emanuele of Arizona; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Joseph Sienkiewicz of Portland; a brother, Frank Pillarella of Middletown; a sister Pauling Fritz of Cromwell; seven grandchildren and spouses, Phyllis and Gary Smithwick, Carolyn and Raymond Larrivee, Richard and Diane D'Emanuele, Theresa and Fred Krauth, Joseph and Veronica Sienkiewicz, Paul Christopher Sienkiewicz, and Thomas and Sherri Sienkiewicz; also, 13 great grandchildren, Carla, Meghan, Alyssa, Paige, Stacey, Robert, Jennifer, Michelle, Amy, Alexandra, Edward, Beau, and Carli as well as nine great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Joseph DiMauro and five brothers Nicholas, Anthony, Daniel, Leonard, John and five sisters, Frances, Connie, Nellie, Josephine, and Caroline and a grandson, Robert D'Emanuele.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Jan. 2 from the Coughlin-Lastrina Funeral Home, 491 High Street, Middletown followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church, Portland. Burial was in the family plot in St. Sebastian's Cemetery, Middlefield.

Calling hours were at the funeral home on Tuesday morning. Those who wish to make a memorial donation to St. Mary Church, 51 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT. 06480.

Colchester

Ingerlise Randlov-Marino

Ingerlise Randlov-Marino of Renee Drive, Colchester, died Friday, Dec. 29, peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Middlesex Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Esjberg, Denmark. Her father, Laurice Riis was a prominent businessman who owned his own shoe factory. Her mother, Magda Riis, was a homemaker who lovingly took care of her home and ten children.

Ingerlise met her first husband, Axel Frederik Randlov after World War II in the Tivoli Gardens. She mistakenly thought he was an injured soldier and feeling pity introduced herself and the rest is history. Axel and Ingerlise Randlov competed together as members of the Danish Olympic Rowing Team. Looking for a better life they decided to immigrate to the USA. Axel went first to set up an apartment and Ingerlise followed three months later on Feb. 24, 1956 with two small children in tow. She was very courageous to leave all her family behind to come to a new country. She learned the language and became an American citizen in 1964.

Ingerlise became a business woman running a group home for the special needs out of her own home at 119 Broadway, which is now The Sparrow House which houses a doctor's office. Ingerlise did everything from Girl Scout Leader to hosting Bacon Academy cast parties.

Ingerlise loved so many things but mostly she loved being an influential part of each of her children and grandchildren's lives. Ingerlise's husband, Axel died in 1982. Ingerlise married Walter Marino in 1992. Walter was a loving companion and confidant. Ingerlise was predeceased by her parents; loving husband, Axel; her brothers, Jens, Age, Kai, and Erik Riis; her sisters, Mai and Sylvie. She leaves behind her loving husband, Walter; her brothers and sisters in Denmark, Paul, Jorge, Grete. Her daughter, Elsa and her husband, James Biron of Exeter, NH; daughter Lisa and her husband, Michael Carbonneau of Colchester, daughter, Greta and her husband, Stuart Echard of Salem and her son, Erik Randlov of Colchester. Her grandchildren include, Kurt Biron, David Carbonneau, Kevin Carbonneau, Alex Carbon-neau. Joshua Getty, Kristofer Getty, Victoria Getty, Lauren Randlov, Kristen Randlov, Katelyn Randlov and Jordyn Randlov.

Visitation was Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, at the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester followed by a 7 p.m. service at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

Portland

Joseph F. Lynch

Joseph Francis Lynch, 72, of Waverly Ave., Portland, beloved husband of Janet M. Hale Lynch, died Sunday, Dec. 31, at Middlesex Hospital.

Born in Middletown, July 5, 1934, a son of the late James R. and Anna Callahan Lynch, he was a lifelong area resident. He had been employed by Valley Oil Co. in Portland until his retirement.

He was a member and Past Chief of the Portland Volunteer Fire Department and had served as Fire Marshal for over 20 years. He was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mary. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Besides his wife Janet, he is survived by his daughter, Sally Anderson and her husband, John of Portland; his sons, James C. Lynch and William J. Lynch, both of Portland; his grandchildren, Lauren Anderson, Bryan Lynch, and Julia Anderson; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Labella.

His family will receive relatives and friends in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland, Friday from 4-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:15 a.m. from the Portland Memorial and at 11 a.m. in the Church of Saint Mary for a Mass of Christian Burial Interment, with military honors, will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to the Church of Saint Mary, 51 Freestone Avenue, Portland, CT., 06480 or to the Portland Volunteer Fire Department. www.portlandmemorial.com

East Hampton

James F.X. Brennan

James Francis Xavier Brennan, 61, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at his home in East Hampton.

He was a loving and much loved Dad to his children, James McCallion Brennan and Tina Spelas of East Hampton, and Kerry McCallion Brennan and Eoin Healy of Cork, Ireland; and devoted "Pop Pop" to his beloved grandchildren, McCallion Spelas Brennan and Teghan Spelas Brennan of East Hampton.

Jim was predeceased by the love of his life and spouse of 27 years, Kathleen McCallion Brennan in 1998.

A Hartford resident for most of his life, Jim grew up in Parkville and joined the LaSalette order in 1959. He graduated from LaSalette Major Seminary with a BA in Philosophy in 1968. Though he left the order in 1970, Jim's years with LaSalette provided a spiritual and intellectual foundation that carried through his life and work in all the years that followed.

Jim was employed for over 30 years by the State of Connecticut Department of Labor, and he viewed his work there as a continual opportunity to work for justice, inclusion and dignity for all who were vulnerable or marginalized. He retired from the Department of Labor in 2003 as Director of Faith-Based initiatives.

Jim was a lover of words and of ideas and he was talented poet who left volumes of published and unpublished writing that will continue to inspire and to comfort. It was his love and care for the people in his life, however that will be his most lasting legacy.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Jim is survived by his sister, Judi Durbois of Simsbury; his lifelong best friend, Kevin Roche of Newtown; four brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Jim was predeceased by his brother, John J. Brennan; his sister, Nancy Brennan Coyne; and his parents, James F. and Madelyn Durkin Brennan all of Hartford.

Throughout his life, Jim supported materially, personally, and spiritually many organizations and individuals working for justice and peace. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Hartford Catholic Workers, 26 Clark Street, Hartford, CT 06120 or to Family Life Education, Inc., 39 Grace Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Calling hours were Dec. 24 at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Funeral services were Dec. 27 from the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hartford. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

Portland

Eileen B. Erskine

Eileen Buckley Erskine, 78, of Jobs Pond Road, Portland, died Saturday, Dec. 23, in her home. She was the wife of Lloyd Erskine.

Born in Flushing, NY, April 3, 1928, a daughter of the late Herbert and Mary Griffin Buckley, she has been a Portland resident for many years. She had been a teacher at the Nazareth Academy in Barnstown, KY, and the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, NY.

Later, she and her husband, Lloyd, were the co-proprietors of the Wayfarer Kennel of Portland. She had been a member and president of the Farmington Valley Kennel Club and had been a member of the Eastern Springer Spaniel Club and had served on their Board of Directors. She also was involved in pet therapy.

Besides her husband, Eileen is survived by her daughters: Winifred Waterbury of Higganum; Laura Stevens of Chicago, IL; Alice Ridge of Kissimmee, FL; and Diane Tateishi of Seoul, Korea; her son Lloyd Erskine, III of Carney, MO; her sister Winifred Buckley of Portland; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother Robert Buckley.

Funeral services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be sent to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd. Newington, CT 06111 or to the Middlesex Hospice, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457. www.portlandmemorialfh.com.

Hebron

Diane LaFountain Casey

Diane (DiScipio) LaFountain Casey, 63, of Newington, formerly of Hebron, loving wife of John J. Casey, passed away peacefully at home, Wednesday, Dec. 20, with her family by her side. She was born December 13, 1943 in Hartford and was the daughter of the late Frank and Rose (Curti) DiScipio.

She lived in Hebron prior to moving to Newington six years ago. Diane worked for the Hebron School System for over 20 years where she was the manager of food service. She later was employed by Blackledge Country Club, Hebron as the restaurant and banquet manager.

Diane was a volunteer at Hartford Hospital and a member of the Red Hat Society. She participated in the "Run for Life" cancer relay in West Hartford.

Diane was predeceased by her first husband, Daniel J. LaFountain, Sr. Besides her husband, John, she is survived by a daughter, Karen Golden; a son, Daniel J. LaFountain, Jr. and his wife, Sara; three step-sons, Timothy, Jeremiah and Christopher Casey; a sister, MaryAnn Johnson and her husband, Robert; two brothers, Frederick DiScipio and his wife, Shirley and Frank A. DiScipio and his wife, Carla. She was a loving and devoted grandmother to six grandchildren, Joey, Alex, Noah and Jacob LaFountain and Danny and Erik Golden. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law, William and his wife Kathy Casey as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of dear and close friends.

A very special thank you to the doctor's, nurses and staff at Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, Gentiva and Collins Health Services, Vista Hospice and nurse Helen Martins, for the care, compassion and love shown to Diane and her family during her illness.

Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 29 at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, 505 Willard Ave., Newington. Burial was in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Calling hours were Dec. 28 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, New York 10122. For on line expressions of sympathy please visit www.desopo.com

Hebron

David H. Kennedy

David H. Kennedy, 50, of Hebron died Friday, Dec. 22, at his home.

Born in Hartford he was the son of his mother, Marjory (Gerow) Sullivan and her husband Robert, and his father, the late Harold W. Kennedy.

David was a self-employed roofer. His greatest pastimes in life were skiing and his Harley.

Besides his mother and step-father, he is survived by his son Matthew J. Kennedy of Hebron; his former wife Karen Kennedy of Hebron; his siblings, John W. Kennedy and his wife Laura of Coventry; Brenda Sullivan of Vernon; and Robert Sullivan Jr. of Manchester; and his nieces Kaitlyn and Allison Kennedy. He is also survived by his mother- and father-in-law Mr. and Mrs. F. Peter Pescosolido; his closest friends Todd, Duke, Donnie and Gary; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; and his canine companion Chemo.

Calling hours were at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center St., Manchester on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Private burial will be held at a later date in Maine.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave., Meriden, CT 06450-1004.

Colchester

Helen L. Potter

Helen Lorraine Potter, 82, of Colchester, widow of the late George R. Potter, Sr., passed away Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at the Harrington Court Genesis Health Care Center in Colchester.

Born Aug. 11, 1924 in Norwich, she was a daughter of the late Pearlin and Helen (Gleason) Calkins.

She is survived by her sister, Arlene Brooks of Preston. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, George R. Potter; and three brothers, John, William and Merrill.

A Memorial Liturgy was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 30 at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Ave., Colchester, with Fr. Michael Giannitelli, officiating. Committal was in the Potter family plot in Ponemah Cemetery, Westchester. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the church.

Care of arrangements was entrusted to the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester.

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Portland

John J. Zampini

John J. Zampini, loving and beloved husband, father, and Popie, peacefully passed away after a long battle with cancer at the UConn Health Center, John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington, surrounded by his family on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Born on Aug. 19, 1935 in Middletown, he was the son of the late Francis and Philomena (Colavecchio) Zampini, Sr. John graduated from Portland High School and the Hartford Technical School of Barbering. He served his country in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Munich, Germany.

He worked several jobs as a young man and later, earned and maintained his Real Estate Brokers License. Before retiring from the workplace, John was employed by the ITT Aimco Division as a District Sales Manager for the northeast territory, where his dedication, perseverance, and outgoing personality resulted in his being awarded the “Man of the Year Award” in multiple years for outstanding job performance.

Throughout his working career, he somehow found time to coach the Portland Z’s Intermediate Baseball Team, referee high school and CYO basketball, umpire girls’ high school softball, and volunteer his time to read for CRIS Radio for the Blind. While on the road, he always found time to travel whatever distance in whatever time constraint to attend events with his daughter and “best pal” Linda, such as bringing her to her high school father-daughter dance. Family was his priority.

In addition to “Man of the Year,” other honors and time commitments bestowed upon him included his being elected Second Selectman for the Town of Portland, as well as being inducted into the Portland Sports Hall of Fame for his team play and baseball prowess. As any organization would be pleased to have John as a member, he found favor with many. He was an active member of the Freestone Council #7 Knights of Columbus, Portland Lions Club, Sons of Italy, Portland Volunteer Fire Department and Drill Team, Portland Golf Men’s Club, Real Estate Board, Toastmasters, and Automotive Boosters B-1.

A devout Catholic and communicant of St. Mary Church, John served there as altar boy in his youth, and lector in his adulthood until he was no longer able. Upon retiring from ITT Amico, John found more time to enjoy longtime hobbies as well as new ones. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, caddying at the GHO, working at the Portland Golf Course as a ranger, and for Liberty Limo as a limousine driver. He made and bottled his own wine “from the Vineyards of J.J. Zampini, Winemaker” and gave it away to his family and friends. He enjoyed watching the New York Giants football team and Philadelphia Phillies and Baltimore Orioles baseball teams, as well as the UConn Huskies.

He enjoyed watching auto racing in person and on television, and on July 2, 2001 at the age of 65, he realized a lifelong dream by driving a NASCAR race car at the New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, NH. With nerves of steel and hammer down, “Johnnie Zamp” exceeded speeds of 125 miles per hour.

Going to the casino with his “favorite sister-in-law” and reluctant wife and brother-in-law had become a favorite pastime. While stakes were considerably lower and appearances less frequent because of his illness, John also enjoyed playing cards with his son-in-law’s friends, who affectionately referred to him as “Mr. Pigeon.”

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Catherine (Lastrina) Zampini, his beloved daughter, Linda Z. Tomaiuolo, her husband Marc, whom he considered a son, and his grandson, Max Johnmattio Tomaiuolo, who was his pride and joy. He also leaves his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marie and Joseph Bordonaro of Portland and many nieces, nephews, and cousins, whom he loved dearly and was always happy to see. He was predeceased by his brother, Frank Jr., and his wife, Louise.

John’s family would like to thank the incredible staff at the UConn Health Center John Dempsey Hospital for the compassionate and dedicated care given to him, especially Dr. Upenda Hegde and Dr. Vilma Thalody of the Cancer Center. John was a kind, giving, outgoing, and fun-loving gentleman who easily made friends wherever he went. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all. Hammer down Popie!!

Funeral services were held from the Doolittle Funeral Home, 14 Old Church St., Middletown on Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Portland. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Portland.

Calling hours were Tuesday evening at the Doolittle Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, it would be John’s wish for donations to be made to the UConn Cancer Center, The UConn Health Center Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 10 Talcott Notch Road, Suite 100, Farmington, CT 06032 or St. Mary Church, 47 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480.

Portland

Genevieve N. Stewart

Genevieve Naliwaika Stewart, 92, of Portland, died Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was the wife of the late Harry C. Stewart.

Born in Hartford, July 29, 1914, a daughter of the late Victor and Frances Stewart, she was a Portland resident for many years. She had been employed by the Institute of Living in Hartford until her retirement. She was a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mary. She had a great love for her children and grandchildren and was well known for her love of animals.

She is survived by her daughter; Susan G. Stewart of Portland; her son Alan J. Stewart of Portland; and her two grandchildren Scott James Stewart and Christine Elizabeth Stewart. She was predeceased by her daughter Marcia Stewart Marciano and her sister Julie Maselek.

Susan and Alan would like to thank the staff of Portland Care and Rehabilitation Center for the loving care given to their mother.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 29 in the Church of Saint Mary, Portland, interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours were Friday morning, Dec. 29, in the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., Portland.

In lieu of flowers gifts in her memory may be sent to the Connecticut Humane Society 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111 or to the Church of Saint Mary 51 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT 06480.