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Marlborough teen Simone Oliva, lead singer of local ska band Tip the Van, is featured in the new book *100 Young Americans*. Oliva is one of only two Connecticut teenagers featured in the book.

## Marlborough Teen Featured in New Book

by Sarah McCoy

A Marlborough teen is featured in the newest book put out by an Emmy-award winning director and photographer.

The book *100 Young Americans* by Michael Franzini was published in October. In the book, Franzini takes a look at youth culture through 100 teens, from all 50 states.

Included among those teens is Simone Oliva, a 19-year-old college student and lead singer for the ska band Tip the Van.

"It's great because it's real," Oliva said of the book. "There's the Nazi, the Jew, the cheerleader, the jock, it's all in there."

Franzini undertook the project as a way of painting the full picture of American youth. "There are a lot of places you can see a thin slice of youth culture, like skateboarders or rappers or athletes," he said. "But there's nowhere you can see the whole spectrum."

So, Franzini sat down with Brett

Henenberg, producer of the project, and figured out what it would take to tell the whole story in a way that was accurate and complete. They poured over demographic information from the U.S. Census, figuring out what they needed to do to make the book representative of the country as a whole.

With a plan in mind, Franzini hit the Internet looking for teens that fit his categories. It was just over a year ago that Oliva received an e-mail from Franzini, asking her if she was interested in being part of the project.

"Ninety percent of me thought it was a scam," Oliva said.

Franzini found Oliva through her band's MySpace page, and said he felt that the young Marlborough singer represented a section of American teens not yet represented in the book. She's one of two Connecticut teens in the book; the other is from

Bristol.

Oliva continued to pursue the book, hoping it was the real deal. She made an appointment to meet the book's production crew and crossed her fingers. Franzini and two others showed up in Marlborough late last year. They chatted with Simone and took photos of her for five hours.

A year later, that afternoon has been sized down to a page in *100 Young Americans*.

Last month, Oliva found herself in Manchester a day before the book was to be released. She explained her situation to a Barnes and Noble employee who went in back and brought a copy of the book out for Oliva to page through.

"I flipped to the page and freaked out," she recalled. "I'm mean, I'm in a book."

And not just any book; this is a book that Oliva really believes in. It is a book

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that tells the story of the similarities and differences that make up teenagers from across the nation. It is a voice to those who are often easy to ignore or chastise.

Franzini chose a combination of whimsical and haunting images to convey the personalities of his subjects and anecdotes that represented each teenager. He said the project began strictly as a photography book, but added that the more teens he spoke with, the more he knew photos alone weren't going to be enough.

There's a story of the New Yorker who is wanted by police for his graffiti art and, therefore, has to hide his face and use a nickname in the book. There's a story of Lindsey, a 19 year-old from Texas who drives a pink Formula One racing car and dreams of winning the Indy 500. There's also a story of Mohammed, a 16 year-old from Michigan who, along with his family, immigrated to the U.S. from Iraq. His father was recently killed working as a translator for the U.S. Army in Iraq. Mohammed hopes to honor his father's memory by joining the U.S. Air Force.

Last month, Oliva and her family traveled to New York City for the book's release party. While she was there she met eight other teens in the book. For Simone, this was the highlight of the whole experience.

"We had all read about one another before we met at the party," she said. "But it was great to get to know everyone and find out how they became part of the project."

Oliva said that plans are in the works to get all the musicians in the book together for a show. There is also talk of the book possibly becoming a reality show on MTV, something Oliva would love to be part of.

"Can you imagine the exposure we would get if Tip the Van was on MTV?" she said.

Oliva and her sister, Nicole, formed Tip the Van in 2002. Since then, the group has been on the Vans Warped Tour twice and signed to a record label. Thus far, the band has put out three studio albums and performs usually once or



**Simone Oliva**

twice a week, at venues throughout the northeast.

The band's next show in Connecticut is on Friday, Dec. 28, at the Webster Theater in Harford. For more information visit the band's MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/TipTheVan](http://www.myspace.com/TipTheVan).

While it's Oliva's band life that Franzini featured in *100 Young Americans*, there is more to the teen than singing.

"School, work, band," she listed. "I sometimes feel like I'm living three lives." This week is all about school for the college sophomore as she prepares for her final exams.

One hundred Young Americans, published by HarperCollins, is now available at most bookstores and online at [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

## Appointments to PZC Don't Come Easily in East Hampton

by Michael McCoy

The Town Council this week appointed new Planning and Zoning Commission members – but not without a small amount of controversy.

Councilmen Christopher Goff, Tom Cordeiro, and Scott Minnick composed the appointments subcommittee, and interviewed six candidates to fill the three spots. After deliberating Monday evening and Tuesday before the regular meeting, they were set to present their picks to the council.

Before reading the names of the proposed appointees, Goff mentioned that one of the candidates, former councilman Derek Johnson, had to be removed from consideration because of language in Chapter II, Section 2.1 of the town charter, which states that "No [Town Council] member shall hold any other office under the government of the Town of East Hampton, nor shall he, during the term of office for which he is elected, and for two years thereafter, be appointed to any office or position of profit under the government of said town." Johnson served on the Town Council from November 2005 until last month.

Goff said that, once notified of the language, Johnson was very cooperative and understanding and responded, "Oh that's right; I forgot about that."

However, Minnick seemed to believe that the matter had not been completely resolved. He said that, because there were no commas surrounding "or position of profit" in the aforementioned charter passage, an appointed office would have to be one of financial profit for a former councilman to be disqualified. Minnick asked for further interpretation from town attorney Jean D'Aquila before moving ahead, adding, "This is not black and white."

Cordeiro responded, "We asked the attorney for her interpretation. She gave it last night in executive session, and she gave it today in public," the latter an allusion to a conversation D'Aquila had with Acting Town Manager Bob Drewry.

When Goff reiterated Johnson's response

to the situation, Minnick responded, "His reaction to this is not the issue," and added that he would lament seeing a citizen disqualified from consideration for something the charter might not state.

While several council members seemed to understand how Minnick could interpret the language the way he did, Cordeiro maintained that D'Aquila had twice given her assessment of the passage and that there was not much else to consider other than going along with her interpretation.

However, Minnick said he would prefer D'Aquila's judgment in writing before continuing with the appointments. Minnick's persistence eventually prompted Cordeiro to blurt, "As a member of the party who aren't political, you are amazing me right now."

In the end, Chairman Melissa Engel agreed to ask D'Aquila for her reading of the language in writing, but decided to proceed with the appointments, which were passed 4-0-2, with Minnick and Susan Weintraub abstaining.

A seemingly frustrated Cordeiro pointed out that Minnick had been privy to all the discussions and said, "Just vote no. How can you abstain?"

Richard Goslin, who is currently retired from Northeast Utilities, was appointed to an alternate spot through 2009; he had been filling a vacancy for the past year and a half. Lifelong resident and Andover Resident State Trooper Kevin Reed was appointed to a full five-year term that will last through 2012. Rowland Rux, an American Distilling employee, was reappointed to a term that will last through 2012. Rux has served on the PZC for seven and a half years.

Also at the meeting, Drewry reappointed two of the constable positions that will expire Dec. 31. There are four constables, who serve three-year terms, and will all be up for appointment at the end of the year. However, Drewry decided to reappoint Paul Pascarelli and Richard Ruel now and let Jim Thomas appoint the other two when he assumes the position of town manager in January.

## Hebron PZC Votes Against Peters House Plan

by Sarah McCoy

Another chapter in the ongoing Peters House saga was written this week, as the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) unanimously voted not to recommend the terms of sale agreement for the property at 150 East St.

The PZC had been asked for its input from the Board of Selectmen, which continues to discuss the future of the house, the one-time home of the Rev. Samuel Peters.

PZC member Frank Zitkus opened dialogue on the issue with a summary of the studies conducted by architectural and historical experts over the past two years. From there, commission members discussed the timing as well as prudence of selling the property.

"The historical value of this house can't be understated," commission member Lewis Hinman said. "But I also consider it to be poor planning to consider it as a private house in relevance to the forthcoming park."

The town acquired the house in 2003 when it purchased 112 acres along East Street for a proposed athletic complex. The park has since been approved, and earlier this fall the Board of Selectmen voted to approve a terms of sale agreement for the house, between the town and resident Jeffrey Farber. As per state statute, the selectmen then sent the proposal to PZC to get its feedback.

However, the decision on whether or not to recommend the terms of sale was nearly a moot point in Tuesday night's discussion. All members unanimously agreed to disapprove the document. The reasons why, however, garnered much debate.

Commission member Judith Podell supported the claim made by Zitkus that the historical protections provided in the terms of sale document are not adequate. Unlike some of her fellow board members, however, she said she

felt the house may be better suited as a private residence.

"I don't think it is appropriate for the town to continue ownership because of the money it would require," she said. "Also, if you restored it to its original glory then it doesn't lend itself to town use. What are you going to do put offices in the ballroom?"

Podell isn't sure what she sees as the best option for the home but she doesn't want it to leave town hands with the protections that are currently spelled out in the terms of sale agreement. Those sentiments were echoed by all of the other seated members of PZC.

"I am not ready to say that the town should sell the property in the first place," PZC Chairman William Moorcroft said. "I don't think, on the eve of developing this park, that this plan makes sense."

Moorcroft was adamant in his desire not to mince words. "I don't want to give the Board of Selectmen the idea that it is solely because of the lack of historical protections that we are disapproving this sales document," he said. "I'm saying that I don't think the town should sell it but if they do they must have more robust designations."

Zitkus agreed, saying he doesn't believe the sale of this house as a private residence coincides with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development, adopted by the town in 2004.

Zitkus, who has served on PZC for nine years, also said he could not recall a time where the commission has disapproved of a recommendation initiated by the Board of Selectmen. The commission members' remarks will now be sent to the Board of Selectmen. The selectmen are expected to set a date and time for a public information session on the property at their meeting next Thursday, Dec. 20.

## Fire Destroys Bunker Hill Home

by Sarah McCoy

A fire destroyed a house on Bunker Hill Road last week, leaving two residents without a home for the holidays.

Larry and Ann Nizza returned to their home at 161 Bunker Hill Rd. just before 6:30 p.m. last Thursday, Dec. 6, to find heavy smoke coming out of the structure, according to Fire Marshal John Roache. Firefighters from Andover and five surrounding towns responded to the 911 call to find the house fully involved and beginning to collapse, Roache said. Fire crews battled for two and a half hours to get the fire under control, but the heavy smoke, fire, and water damage has rendered the house a total loss.

Roache said the fire had been burning for some time before firefighters were called into the scene. About 50 firefighters took an

exterior defensive position as they tried to contain the damage.

Roache said that the biggest issue for crews was the lack of a consistent water stream. "The house sits at the end of a half-mile driveway on the top of a hill," he explained. "We simply don't have enough water on our trucks to combat a fire once it is fully involved."

No one was injured in the fire, as the house was unoccupied when the flames began. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Roache said fires of this magnitude are rarities in Andover. He estimated that one occurs "every couple years."

Currently the Nizzas are staying with family in the area. They were unable to be reached for comment as of press time.

# Portland Selectmen Weigh In on Proposed Charter Changes

by Michael McCoy

The Board of Selectmen this week weighed in on proposed changes to the town charter – and the selectmen didn't seem to like what they saw.

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) had 15 days to recommend changes to the commission's proposed charter revisions after a BOS Nov. 28 public hearing on the matter. So, the selectmen met Tuesday with the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) to give feedback. First Selectman Susan Bransfield officially submitted the selectmen's comments in writing to the CRC on Thursday.

Several selectmen submitted written comments concerning the revised charter. Brian Flood voiced his opposition to unlimited budget referenda. (Currently the BOS sets the budget should it get voted down twice.) "Most voters do not have the time or inclination to research each and every issue and consider the financial ramifications," he said. "I believe most voters trust that their elected officials will act in their best interest. In the case where elected officials do not act in the best interest of the voters, the voters should simply vote them out of office."

He voiced a similar philosophy concerning public overruling of all BOS resolutions, suggesting, "Such a proposal will result in uncertainty and would eliminate the ability of the town government to operate smoothly and effectively."

Fellow BOS member Kathleen Richards shared Flood's take, predicting, "It would be difficult to run the town efficiently if all votes or resolutions are subject to overrule by referendum." She also echoed his sentiments concerning unlimited referenda. "In recent years the budget has been approved at the first or second referendum. If the voters are given an opportunity to ask questions and presented with a fair budget it will most likely pass."

Selectman Mark Finkelstein suggested the number of referenda be increased from two to either three or four and that an approved budget be required by June 1. He also disagreed with the proposed overrule allowance, and, reminiscent of last month's ladder truck controversy, suggested the capital expense threshold for mandate of town meeting be increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Overall, BOS member Sharon Peters Gibala said, "The majority of the proposed changes do not constitute good governmental accounting practices and were not supported by any of

the speakers at either public hearing."

Tuesday night's resolution specifically recommended the CRC change the proposed unlimited referenda to just three. After three failures at referendum, the selectmen suggested, the budget would be voted on at a town meeting.

The resolution also stated that "with the exception of the revisions required by statute, the Board of Selectmen do not endorse any of the other recommended changes submitted by the Charter Revision Commission."

The resolution did, however, call the proposed charter "more user-friendly" and Bransfield commented on its improved readability over the current one.

The BOS resolution passed 5-0, as Richards and Flood were absent. (Richards' and Flood's comments had been submitted in written form to the CRC before Tuesday's meeting.)

Bransfield said Thursday the commission "needs to address the initial intent" of its formation. This goes back to a 2003 petition, that was started in order to address the current budget procedure. Bransfield also concurred with a statement former First Selectman Terri Larson made about the proposed charter changes at a previous public hearing. Bransfield said: "The majority of the proposed changes could make the charter a very poor and deficient foundation for the town."

Bransfield noted the work that goes into this sort of undertaking, calling the process "arduous and difficult," and said of the commission's charge, "The work is much and the rewards are few."

But, Bransfield said Thursday, "I believe the selectmen acted soundly and responded appropriately. I fully support the selectmen's unanimous decision." She said that, while reform to the town's budget procedure was prudent, she otherwise felt "the current charter is sound."

As of Dec. 6, the CRC has 30 days to accept or reject the selectmen's suggestions. Within 15 days of that, the BOS must accept or reject the proposed charter in whole or in part.

This is the second time in as many years that this process is occurring. A previous Charter Revision Commission – which featured six of the people that are on the current CRC – submitted a proposal that was rejected by the BOS in August 2006, resulting in the dissolving of the commission. The group was reestablished the following October.

# Marlborough Sewer System Bids Bring Good News

by Sarah McCoy

The bids are in for long awaited sewer system in Marlborough – and the estimated costs for the largest three components came in lower than the project engineer's expectations.

"Bottom line is we can build what we said we could," Director of Planning and Development Peter Hughes said.

Voters approved a \$12.02 million sewer project in 2002. Of that \$1.125 million has been expended in design fees to the engineering firm Weston and Sampson. The remaining money will be used for construction, project oversight, and contingency.

The town put the sewer project out to bid earlier this fall in four parts. The first contract, which includes the material and installation for the sewer mains, garnered bids from a low of \$5.12 million to a high of \$7.16 million. Contract two for the two pumping stations came in with bids from \$2.47 million to \$3 million. Bids for contract three, which covers various professional services, ranged from \$1.6 million to \$2.18 million. The fourth contract is for grinder pumps, but as the town won't need them until the project is underway, it doesn't want to put the pumps out to bid yet.

The engineering firm's initial expectation for contract one was that it would come in at \$7.5 million; the firm thought contract two would come in at \$2 million and contract three at \$2.5 million.

F&J Incorporated, out of Ludlow, MA, came in as the low bidders for both contracts one and three. Hughes believes this could be a benefit to the town to deal with the one entity for both

pieces.

Currently the bids are being evaluated by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to assess their credibility. If approved, the town will award the contracts, giving the green light for construction to begin.

First Selectman Bill Black said site work in preparation for construction could commence as soon as the awards are given. He expects that to be in January or February with construction beginning soon after. The entire project is expected to take 18-24 months to complete.

If all goes according to plan – and Hughes stressed "if" – the town could be in a position to extend the current scope of the sewer district. The most likely scenarios, Hughes said, would be along Jones Hollow Road, towards the Marlborough Congregational Church, or along Cheney Road towards the Marlborough Health Care Center. It would be up to the Water Pollution Control Authority to make that decision – if the town could indeed extend the district.

The town is still waiting on final confirmation for DEP Clean Water Fund assistance for the sewer project. Five million dollars is earmarked for the town to receive in June, another \$4 million in October, and \$2 million between June and October of 2009. These numbers are comprised of 75 percent loan and 25 percent grant, and remain tentative until the state legislature approves the bonding.

"Based on our priority ranking and the current Clean Water budget, we have no reason to believe that we won't receive anything less than we've been planning on," Black said.

## Portland Police News

12/5 — Heath Galvin, 18, of 61 North Main St., East Hampton, was charged with two counts of second-degree harassment, violation of a Protective Order, breach of peace, threatening and criminal mischief, Portland Police say.

12/8 — Paul M. Scrivano, 47, of 8 Hilltop Dr., was charged with second-degree criminal trespass, police say.

12/9 — Phillip Briner, 39, of 326 Main St., was charged with second-degree failure to appear, police say.

12/9 — Sarah E. LeBlanc, 19, of 181 Paley Farms Rd., was charged with operating motor vehicle under suspension and traveling fast, police say.

## Hebron Police News

12/4-Tara Murphy, 19, of 25 Scenic Dr., Lebanon, was charged with first-degree criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct, State Police say.

12/4-Derrick Viens, 19, of 48 Loveland Ln., was charged with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct, State Police say.

12/5-Shane Schmid, 45, of 250 Deep Wood Dr., was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal violation of a protective order, State Police say.

## Colchester Police News

12/3-Vaughn Evans, 59, of 253 Westchester Rd., was charged with criminal violation of a protective order, State Police say.

12/4- Michael Oddis, 44, of 477 Westchester Rd., turned himself into State Police for the charges of risk of injury to a child, disorderly conduct, and third-degree assault, State Police say.

12/5-Marcia Deforest, 46, of 77 Stanavage Rd., was charged with fourth-degree larceny, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia, State Police say.

12/9-Brendan Counihan, 18, of Colchester, turned himself into State Police for the charge of criminal mischief, State Police say.

12/9-Matthew Sjovall, 18, of Colchester, turned himself into State Police for the charge of criminal mischief, State Police say.

12/10-Vaughn Evans, 59, of 253 Westchester Rd., was charged with DWI, improper parking, and operating a vehicle under a suspended license, State Police say.

12/10-Ross Cowan, 33, of 245 S. Windham Rd., Windham, turned himself into State Police for the charges of disorderly conduct, risk of injury, third-degree assault and third-degree strangulation, State Police say.

## Andover Police News

12/9/07- Frank Samokar, 33, of 141 Blackhill Rd. Plainfield, was charged with DUI and driving to endanger, State Police say.

## Obituaries

### Colchester

#### Frank Dominic Tamburrino

Frank Dominic Tamburrino, 93, of Colchester, died Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Veterans Home in Bennington, VT. Born Oct. 4, 1914, in Tolland, he was the son of the late Joseph and Benedetta (Maturò) Tamburrino. Mr. Tamburrino served with the US Navy during WWII. He later became a member and past commander of the Donald M. Dockrell VFW Post 2138, Hartford as well as the VFW Adler-Boluck Post 6990 and the American Legion, Donald A. Bigelow Post 54, Colchester. He was married to Anna M. Tudesco in 1937. They shared 66 years together before she predeceased him on December 30, 2003.



In the early 1940s, he was a professional boxer under the name of Leo Darcy. Mr. Tamburrino worked for a time as a repairman in an auto body shop and later as a claims adjuster and examiner for All State Insurance. He was a very active volunteer throughout his lifetime. He retired from the Board of Education in Hartford in 1962, after many years of service. In service to the town of Colchester, Mr. Tamburrino's involvement included serving on several commissions: Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, past president and originator of the formation of the Commission on Aging and the Colchester Senior Center. He also served as a Burgess in the former borough of Colchester. He was a member of the Colchester Fish and Game Club and the Colchester Senior Center. Mr. Tamburrino was a communicant at St. Andrew Church in Colchester. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Spellman Council 6107.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph F. Tamburrino and his wife, Norma of Halifax, VT, where he made his home most recently, and Frank D. Tamburrino and his wife, Charlene of Orange Park, FL; eight grandchildren, Dan and wife, Peggy Sue of Oakdale, Annette and husband, Kurt Eifler of Colchester, Dale and wife, Donna Easter of Windsor, Nick and wife, Robin Tamburrino of Griswold, Paul and wife, Joann Easter of Enfield, Carol and husband, Frank Hajbucki of Grafton, VT, Susan and husband, Todd Olcott of Rawsonville, VT, Sheri and husband, Bill Orenberg of Oakdale; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous extended family and friends. In addition to his beloved wife and parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Joseph D. Tamburrino and a sister, Adeline Tamburrino.

A calling hour was held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Andrew Church, with Fr. Michael Giannitelli, officiating. Full military honors followed Mass at St. Andrew Church. Burial was private in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

### Colchester

#### Doris C. Manter

Doris C. Manter, 84, of Colchester Commons and formerly of Moodus, widow of the late Harold E. Manter, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, at Hartford Hospital. Mrs. Manter was a longtime resident of Moodus and moved to Colchester Commons in the late 1990s. She was active with both the Red Hat Society and the Colchester Senior Center, where she sang with the "Golden Glow" group.



She is survived by seven children, John of Hamilton, MS, Frederick of Norwich, Barbara and husband, Donald Dubay of Forestville, Joanne and husband, Richard Fillback of Portland, Edward of Middletown, Charles of Portland and Andrew and wife, Susan of Rutland, MA; five grandchildren, Heather, Michelle, Ben, Tina and Dan; three great grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Friends called Thursday at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, followed by the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy at St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester. Burial was private in the State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Senior Center, 95 Norwich Avenue, Colchester 06415.

### Hebron

#### Genevieve T. Balisano

Genevieve T. (Bocek) Balisano, 67, of Hebron, died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 7, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Lobaza) Bocek. Gen lived in Hebron for 38 years. Her greatest joy in life was being a mother to her only daughter, Melanie, whom she adored. She enjoyed her home, animals, cooking, UConn basketball and funky socks. She worked for the State of Connecticut for over 36 years, before retiring in 2000.

She is survived by her daughter, Melanie, of Vernon; two brothers, Edward Bocek of Southington, and Matthew "Mitchell" Bocek and his wife, Suzie of Hebron; as well as several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her cousins, Barbara and Bill Gancarz of Windsor; her aunt, Stephanie Hodnesky of Hartford and a good friend, Velma Peila of East Hartford. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Mary Bocek. Gen succumbed to her illness after fighting courageously for over a year. Special thanks to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Medical Oncology Staff; the Rockville General Hospital Hospice Staff; VNA and all of the wonderful nurses and aides who took care of her. She was a kind and compassionate person who cared so much for others. Gen made quite an impression on everyone she met and will be sorely missed.

Family and friends gathered Tuesday at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Dunstan's Church, Glastonbury. Burial will follow in Gilead Cemetery, Hebron. Her family received friends Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. Please visit us at [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.

### Portland

#### Janet E. Hill

Janet E. Hill, 78, wife of Fred B. Hill, Jr., died Sunday, Dec. 2, in Fort Myers, FL. She was the daughter of the late Sidney A. Edwards and Bessie Carpenter Edwards. Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, Jeffrey Hill and his wife Claudia of Durham, and children Brittney and Daniel; daughters, Cynthia Snelan of Denver, CO, and Barbara Gagne and her children Dustin, Amber, and Colton, of Ft. Pierce, FL. She was predeceased by a brother, 2nd Lt. Sidney A. Edwards, Jr., and a sister Lois E. Wells. She is also survived by a brother Robert A Edwards and his wife Roberta A. Edwards.

For many years Janet operated the Biz-E-Bee nursery School in Portland. She had influenced the lives of many children in Portland and surrounding towns. She was also a member of the Descendants of the Mayflower, Connecticut Chapter 3163. Services will be Friday Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church 345 Main St., Portland, with interment in Trinity Cemetery. A reception will follow at the church hall. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Fred Hill 8075 Queen Palm Ln., Ft. Myers, FL 33966. In lieu of flowers Hope Hospice and Community Services, 9470 Health Park Circle, Ft Myers, FL 33908. Arrangements are under the direction of the Portland Memorial Funeral Home 231 Main St., Portland. [www.portlandmemorialfh.com](http://www.portlandmemorialfh.com)

### Colchester

#### Andrew J. Fischer

Andrew J. Fischer, known as "Andy" to his Colchester friends and "Jack" to his New London friends, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Andrew was 17 and passed away unexpectedly at his home in Colchester. He was born March 13, 1990, in Gainesville, FL, the son of Holly and James Fischer. In addition to his parents he is survived by his sister, Julia Fischer; grandparents, Donald and Betty Holland of Altoona, PA, George and Catherine Fischer of Titusville, FL.

Andrew loved being a senior at Bacon Academy in Colchester. He was a student of Kujukenbo Karate at Red Tiger Martial Arts Studio in Gales Ferry. He loved NASCAR, music and traveling. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Relatives and friends are asked to gather for a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 17 Squire St., New London. Interment is private. There are no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to "2008 Bacon Academy Graduation Night Committee" C/O Bacon Academy, 611 Norwich Ave., Colchester, CT 06415. The Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave., New London has been entrusted with arrangements.

### Hebron

#### Thelma E. Coburn

Thelma E. Coburn, 85, wife of the late Watson Coburn, Sr. of Hebron, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Kimberly Hall North Genesis Health Care in Windsor. She was born July 11, 1922 in Proctorsville, VT, a daughter of the late Herbert and Ida Grover Phillips. Thelma was devoted to her family. She was an avid Red Sox fan and loved her UConn Huskies Huskies, and was a communicant of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Hebron.

Surviving are four sons, Watson Coburn, Jr. of Hebron, Sidney Coburn of Vallejo, CA, Eugene Coburn of Higganum, and Kevin Coburn of Corvallis, OR; four daughters, Marilyn King of Port St. Lucie, FL, Nancy DeSouza of South Windsor, Joanna Malecky of Richmond, VA, Catherine Albin of Fairfield; three daughters-in-law and three sons-in-law, 17 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Raymond Phillips and a sister, Norma Bidgood.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be held Friday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Holy Family Catholic Church on Church St., Route 85, Hebron. Burial will take place in the spring at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, VT. Calling hours were Thursday evening at the Belmont Funeral Home, 144 South Main St., Colchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation CT Chapter, 35 Cold Spring Rd., Suite 411, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3166, or the American Lung Association of CT, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108-3272.

### Andover

#### Sylvia Ann Patrick

Sylvia Ann (Sylvi Aune) Pentikainen Patrick, our gentle, sweet mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away Monday, Dec. 10. Sylvia had lived in the towns of Andover and then in Columbia and finally in Glastonbury making her home with her daughter. Sylvia was born in Carver, MA, on Jan. 20, 1914. She was the daughter of John Paul Pentti and Emma Heikilla Pentti. The family name was shortened from Pentikainen around 1940. Sylvia's parents immigrated to America from Finland. Sylvia was proud of her Finnish Heritage and exemplified "SISU" throughout her life.

Sylvia was predeceased by her husband, William Patrick and by her four siblings: Virginia Loughman, Celia Weston, Donald, and "Gus." The Finnish names of these siblings are Impi Serena, Vieno, Tauno and Uuno. Sylvia was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Achim Johannes Rudolph.

Sylvia earned a bachelor's degree in 1936 from Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA. She was the first in her family to receive a college education. A history teacher from Sylvia's high school visited Sylvia's parents and told them Sylvia is a very fine student and she should go to college. Her parents agreed to send her with the understanding she was not to marry, but would stay home and care for them in their old age. Sylvia began teaching in a one-room school in Rowe, MA. She was teacher the first year and became both principal and teacher the second year. While walking home from school during a rain storm, she was offered a ride by William Patrick. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1989 at a party given by their children.

Sylvia is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Ruth Patrick, and by her daughter, Ann Rudolph, all of Glastonbury. She is survived by her granddaughter and spouse, Jacqueline Ann and Brian Enrique of Colchester, and by her grandson and spouse, David and Virginia Rudolph of Hebron. Sylvia treasured her great grandchildren, Maria and Kyle Enrique and Alexandra and Samuel Rudolph. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

When Steven and Ann were young, Sylvia taught home-bound children in Andover. She went on to teach in Bolton for 36 years in grades two and three. Before limiting of class size, one year Sylvia taught a class of 46 second graders! She often recalled the principal telling her he thought her class of 46 seemed a "little noisy" when he walked past the door! In their retirement, Sylvia and Bill ran "Patrick's Christmas Tree Farm" in Columbia. This farm was the center of joyous activity from Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. Sylvia and her dear friend, Hazel Carter, offered enticing meals to the many friends and family who visited the farm. Wonderful memories!

A memorial service will be conducted at Buckingham Congregation Church, 16 Cricket Ln., Glastonbury on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. Reverend Dr. Kenneth Hoyt is officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Andover Congregational Church, P.O. Box 55, 359 Route 6, Andover, CT 06232, or to Buckingham Congregational Church, 16 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Sylvia was a member of Andover Church.

### Portland

#### Robert A. DuMouchel

Robert A. DuMouchel, 56, of Portland and East Hampton, died suddenly, Monday, Dec. 10, at Middlesex Hospital. He was born Nov. 8, 1951, in Hartford. Robert attended the Eymard Preparatory Seminary, Hyde Park, NY before graduating from Newington High School Class of 1969. He received his associate's degree from Greater Hartford Community College. Robert was a gifted artist and proof can be found on walls in his home, where some of his paintings are displayed. He was an amateur comedian, seldom would a visit go by without him cracking a joke simply for the joy of seeing those he loved laugh. His family was very important to him, during gatherings he could usually be found playing with the children. He particularly enjoyed the younger children, as he was young at heart. Bob was a proud father and grandfather who loved his family dearly. He worked at Pratt & Whitney for 29 years and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Diane (Brown) DuMouchel, who was always supportive of him; his daughters, Dawn D. Ashton and her husband, John, and grandson, Noah, all of Manchester, Renee DuMouchel, of Middletown; his mother, Louise (Livcaket) DuMouchel, of Newington; his brothers and sisters, Kenneth DuMouchel, Allen DuMouchel and his wife, Beate, Elaine Strickland and her husband, Phil, Donna Raineault and her husband, Paul, all of Newington; several nieces, nephews, a great nephew, and great nieces and many friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Tamara (McPherson) DuMouchel, his daughter, Manasseh DuMouchel; his father, Robert DuMouchel and his two brothers, Ronald and Mark DuMouchel.

His funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, with the Rev. Weston Brooks officiating. Interment will be in Buckland Cemetery, Manchester. Relatives and friends are invited to call Friday from 3:30-7 p.m. at Newington Memorial. To share a memory with his family, visit [www.newingtonmemorial.com](http://www.newingtonmemorial.com).