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Raveis, Sotheby's among nation's top

William Raveis Real Estate was seventh on the REAL Trends national ranking of top residential real estate brokerages, with the Shelton-based firm generating transaction volume of \$8.1 billion to lead Connecticut-based companies. [William Pitt](#) and [Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty](#) ranked 28th nationally and second in Connecticut, while leading all Sotheby's affiliates with \$3.5 billion in volume. NRT, a subsidiary of [Realogy](#), led the nation with \$156 billion in real estate sales.

Mattress recycling program debuts

Connecticut's first-in-the nation mattress-recycling program debuted Friday, with Stamford creating a designated collection location at 109 Harbor View Ave. The Bye Bye Mattress program is administered by the [Mattress Recycling Council](#). The state aims for

the program to divert bulky mattresses and box springs from landfills by recycling. Mattress dropoff is free; mattresses sold in Connecticut will include a \$9 fee. Collection sites are listed online at www.byebyemattress.com.

Charter loss up on Comcast costs

Including \$99 million in interest and expenses on transactions with Comcast, Stamford-based Charter Communications took a net loss of \$81 million in the first quarter, as speculation continues whether Charter will make a play for Time Warner Cable after Comcast walked away from the deal. Comcast scrapped plans to transfer cable systems to Charter to satisfy antitrust scrutiny of the Time Warner Cable deal.

In the first quarter, Charter revenue totaled \$2.4 billion, up 7.3 percent from a year ago when it took a \$37 million loss.

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