

YNHH looks to settle data breach suit

Health system includes Bridgeport Hospital

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Connecticut’s largest health care system has agreed to settle a federal lawsuit over a data breach that exposed the personal information of about 5.6 million people, according to a recent court filing.

Yale New Haven Health Services Corp. and 19 plaintiffs in the class-action

suit filed a joint motion to stay proceedings in U.S District Court this week to allow parties to finalize the settlement over the next month.

Hackers breached the corporation’s computer system in early March, exposing personal information of 5,556,702 people, according to Yale New Haven Health. Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer Sherry Coomes detailed the hacking incident in a letter to affected

patients.

“On March 8, 2025, we identified unusual activity affecting our information technology (IT) systems,” Coomes wrote. “We immediately took steps to contain the incident and began an investigation.”

The day of the attack, the hackers copied data on patients, including names, birth dates, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, race or ethnicity and medical record numbers. Coomes wrote that Social Security numbers, financial records and medical informa-

tion were not involved in the breach.

“The sophistication of the attack leads us to believe that it was executed by an individual or group who has a pattern of these types of incidents. We are working with law enforcement as they investigate further,” Yale New Haven Health spokesperson Dana Marnane said.

The initial federal complaint by lead plaintiff Jon Nathanson said he and other former and current patients entrusted Yale New Haven Health with sensitive, private information that the system

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City eyes giving students public bus passes

By Richard Chumney  
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BRIDGEPORT — The city school system is exploring a partnership with Greater Bridgeport Transit after a budget shortfall forced the district to eliminate bus transportation for thousands of students.

Interim Superintendent Royce Avery said the district is considering making GBT passes available for Bridgeport students who will no longer have access to free daily busing when school starts later this month.

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Oxford gets custody of 22 dogs seized in neglect case

By Bruno Matarazzo Jr.  
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OXFORD — The 22 dogs seized in June from the home of a local resident will not be returned after a judge ruled Monday the animals suffered neglect despite months of intervention by local authorities.

The town sought custody of the dogs last month after it asked a judge to have the dogs’ owner, John Artese, either pay a \$22,000 bond for the dogs’ care or relinquish ownership.

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Fairfield National Little League coach Brian Palazzolo



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Fairfield’s Luca Pellegrini pitches against Richmond, Texas, during the sixth inning of a baseball game at the Little League World Series on Wednesday in South Williamsport, Pa.

FAIRFIELD’S 1-HIT WONDER

Conn. prepares for Honolulu after shutting out Texas in LLWS opener

By Will Aldam  
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Fairfield National Little League turned heads when it defeated Southwest Region champion, Lamar Little League of Texas, 1-0 on Wednesday in its Little League World Series opener.

Following Luca Pellegrini’s one-hit shutout of Texas in Williamsport, Pa., the boys from Fairfield National out of the Metro



Jessica Tobias/Courtesy of Little League Baseball and Softball

Action from Fairfield National’s 1-0 win over Lamar, Texas in the Little League World Series on Wednesday.

Region celebrated the big win the right way, with pizza and cheeseburgers.

“We obviously celebrated the win in the dorms and then we got to see the

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parents. They have a staging area where we can all meet up,” Connecticut coach Brian Palazzolo said. “We had to appreciate what we did. Going out and beating Texas in the Little League World Series is definitely something special, especially with the game Luca had last night.”

The 5-foot-3 Pellegrini was impressive, striking out 11 over the six inning game, with 58 of his 80 pitches going for strikes.

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Video surveillance of ballot boxes begins

By Ken Dixon  
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Bridgeport’s history of voting irregularities, including multiple cases of absentee ballot fraud dating back to the 1980s, will translate to mandatory video monitoring of ballot boxes in all 169 Connecticut towns and cities.

And the costs are

modest, for those municipalities that do not already have video surveillance of their drop boxes. According to the current draft of a regulation that was posted Monday and is likely to win approval by the state attorney general over the next few weeks, costs are estimated at about \$3,500 for the

equipment, \$1,500 for the installation and \$1,500 for the five-month-long storage of data that will be open for public inspection.

While the law was put into motion by the General Assembly last year, following a chain of alleged fraud and arrests of campaign workers in Bridgeport’s mayoral primaries

in 2019 as well as the primaries and general election last year and in 2023, it didn’t take effect until July 1. Leaders of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association said that many communities already take video of their municipal buildings for overall security reasons and that most drop boxes are near

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Derby Town Clerk Marc Garofalo sorts through absentee ballots during a recent election.

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