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Beloved fallen firefighter to be honored

Medical examiner rules death an accident; investigation ongoing

By Justin Muszynski Hartford Courant

Plainville Firefighter Raymond "Ray" Moreau will be honored on Tuesday night after making the ultimate sacrifice at a house fire over the weekend when a piece of a fire truck broke and struck him during an incident that remains under investigation by state and local authorities.

The ceremony, which is being coordinated by the town council, will take place at Plainville High School's Tinty Stadium at 7 p.m. to remember the 35-year veteran of the Moreau Plainville Fire Department.

"We're just trying to pull this together to allow the community to come together to recognize and reflect upon Ray's service and his contribution to the community and



Manager Michael T. Paulhus told The Courant.

Paulhus on Monday said many of the details of the ceremony were still being worked out, but he encouraged anyone looking to pay their respects to attend.

"There's been a tremendous outpouring of support in a close-knit community, certainly one that supports public safety," Paulhus said. "And Ray was an integral part of that with 35 years of service. Very well loved within the community, so there's been tremendous support."

Moreau, 60, was killed when a piece of a fire truck broke free and struck his legs at the scene of a house fire at 45 Maria Road that was reported just before 6 a.m. Sunday, according to Connecticut State Police. The broken piece of the apparatus caused "catastrophic injuries" to his leg, state police said. He was taken to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain where he died during surgery.

A state police spokesperson on Monday declined to provide additional details about what led to Moreau's death, including specifics about what came free from the fire truck. The agency's Central District Major Crime Squad is acting as the primary investigator with assistance from the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit and the Collision Analyst and Reconstruction Squad. Investigators are working with the

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on Monday. JESSICA HILL/PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

low, row, row your boat

Yes, there was rolling on the river as participants in the Rowing Clinic at the Riverfront Boathouse in Hartford honed their skills on a hot day. Clinics are free to residents of Hartford and East Hartford, \$195 for those who attend school in Hartford or East Hartford but reside in a different community, and \$495 for all other participants. There is a session for beginners as well where participants get the opportunity to get out on the water and learn the rowing stroke, rowing terminology and boat handling skills.





Left: Coxswain Brooke Fraychak, of Farmington, leaps over an oar as her boat docks during Monday's clinic at the Riverfront Boathouse. **Right:** Teens carry a boat back after a row on the Connecticut River.

Senators wary of airline's AI use

Blumenthal warns of possible price hikes based on customer info

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

Artificial intelligence has potential benefits for businesses across Connecticut and the world, but U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal raised concerns Monday that an airline is using the technology to hike fares for consumers.



Blumenthal

sent a letter to Delta Airlines that questioned the potential use of customer details to craft prices, which the

Blumenthal and two other U.S. senators

company has denied. "Delta's current and planned individualized pricing practices not only present data privacy concerns but will also likely mean fare price increases up to each individual consumer's personal 'pain point' at a time when American families are already struggling with rising costs," the senators wrote in a letter that was released publicly.

Before catching a plane to Washington, D.C., on Monday, Blumenthal said, "Delta has begun a new pricing tactic on a major scale. It's experimenting with individual pricing, surveillance-based pricing, which tailors prices to individuals based on what they can afford and how much they need the ticket not on supply and demand. So this summer, when you travel, look to the person on your left and on your right. They may be paying half of what you are - not because they've been farsighted, but simply because their personal information has led the airline to

give them a lower fee." The ticket price, Blumenthal said, can be based partly on multiple factors, such as "where you live, what you have bought in the past, your social media

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SCSU interim president states fit 'feels natural'

Bulmer likens her college experience to that of student body

By Pam McLoughlin Hartford Courant

Sandra Bulmer was a first generation college student who had to pay her own way through school.

Now she's leading a college, Southern Connecticut State University, whose students largely mirror her experience.



At Southern, 50 percent of students are first generation, said Bulmer, recently appointed interim president.

She has made at least a two-year commitment to lead while the

university undertakes a national search for a new leader. "I've had an interesting

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Trump pushing Israel on Gaza aid



President Donald Trump, right, and Prime Minister Keir Starmer talk with reporters Monday in Scotland. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

By Michelle L. Price

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump expressed concern Monday over the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and urged Israel to get food to people, seemingly recalibrating his stance on Gaza as images of emaciated children have sparked renewed worries about hunger in the war-torn territory.

Trump, speaking in Scotland, said the U.S. and other nations

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Don't hold the pickles

Never underestimate the power of the pickle. The cucumbers steeped in a brine of vinegar, salt and spices drew thousands to the Connecticut Pickle Festival over the weekend. Connecticut, Page 3

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