

Youth gender-affirming care under fire



Arnold Gold/Hearst Connecticut Media
Yale Medicine is scaling back gender-affirming youth health care amid federal funding cuts.

Hospitals’ program changes have families scrambling for help

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Pressure from the President Donald Trump administration along with funding cuts led to both Yale Medicine and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center abruptly scaling back their programs that offer gender-affirming youth health care. Now, young patients and their fami-

lies say they are now scrambling to find new providers.
Despite being allowed under state law here, gender-affirming care has come under fire from the Trump administration. The administration has argued the care is driven by questionable science and that it can result in permanent changes that people could regret as they grow older. Trump’s administration said in July it

was subpoenaing providers and investigating them for fraud.
It is not clear whether any providers in Connecticut have received subpoenas.
One parent from Connecticut told reporters she was shocked by the providers’ decisions. Her 14-year-old son had been receiving gender-affirming care from Connecticut Children’s and was
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Death of firefighter spotlights dangers

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Although a detailed report is at least a month away, the death on July 27 of volunteer firefighter Raymond Moreau due to an accident at a house fire in Plainville has drawn new attention to firefighter health and safety in Connecticut.
“Ray was a guy who literally got out of bed and went to help a neighbor and lost his life doing so — and that’s what our volunteers do all
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SHELTON

Developer proposes Todd Road apartments

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SHELTON — A Todd Road parcel is the focus once again for an apartment development.
Joseph Salemme of J&L Enterprise LLC, based in Shelton, has filed plans for a four-story, 57-unit apartment building at 74 Todd Road, which sits next to a building that formerly housed Wonder Years Learning Center. The plans do not mention
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NEW HAVEN

Elicker and Orosco in mayoral race

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NEW HAVEN — It will be three-term Democratic Mayor Justin Elicker versus Republican challenger Steve Orosco as Elicker seeks a fourth term in November.
Elicker is joined by 29 Board of Alders candidates getting Democratic endorsements and Orosco is joined
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Connecticut Sun mascot Blaze takes the court before a WNBA game against the Golden State Valkyries at Mohegan Sun Arena on July 27 in Uncasville.

SUNRISE, SUNSET

What we know and don’t know about sale of Connecticut Sun

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The meteoric increase in popularity, viewership and attendance in the WNBA has made the Connecticut Sun an attractive commodity, and it appears that a Boston group led by Celtics minority owner Steve Pagliuca has struck a deal to relocate the team to TD Garden as early as 2027.

What we know about the Sun sale

The deal

Terms of the deal were reported Saturday by the Boston Globe, and include Pagliuca’s group paying \$325 million for the Connecticut team. The sale is subject to approval by the WNBA.
The group intends to move the team to Boston, The Globe reported, and would sweeten the deal by building an estimated \$100 million practice facility. The Mohegan Tribe, which owns the Sun, has been reluctant to invest in a new facility, forcing the team to sometimes share the tribe’s recreation center with workout classes and, at least once, a birthday party.

History

The Sun have been in Connecticut since 2002 when the Mohegan Tribe purchased the franchise that was previously in Orlando. It became the first team that was not owned by an NBA franchise, the first team owned by a Native American tribe and the first WNBA team to turn a profit.
With six straight trips to the WNBA playoff semifinals, the Sun have also proven they can build a highly successful franchise in this state.

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Connecticut Sun players Aneesah Morrow (24), Saniya Rivers (22), Briah Hartley (14), Tina Charles (31) stand on the court on July 15 in Boston.

Move to Boston makes too much sense (and cents)

Our state’s stake in top-tier professional sports might have gone up in smoke, or disappeared into a week-end breeze, as news broke Saturday that the WNBA’s Connecticut Sun is to be purchased by a minority



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owner of the Celtics. A move to Boston, assuming the transaction becomes official, would take the Sun out of Mohegan Sun Arena, the team’s home since its 2003 arrival from Orlando.
From Connecticut’s little southeast corner to the hub of New England, the Sun will be wedged into the fabric of one of the most
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