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Family sues for North Haven man's death

Accuses Bridgeport Hospital of a series of medical failures

By Bruno Matarazzo Jr.
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MILFORD — A North Haven family is accusing Bridgeport Hospital of a series of medical failures that led to the death of

their son, a young dental student, after he was left effectively unattended in what their attorney calls a “fake ICU.”

Conor Hylton, 26, died Aug. 15, 2024, after being treated at the Milford campus of Bridge-

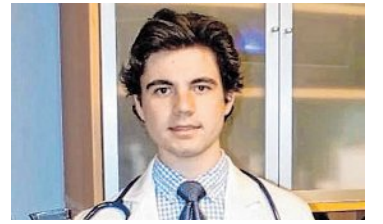
port Hospital, according to a medical malpractice lawsuit filed in state Superior Court in Bridgeport. Bridgeport Hospital is owned by Yale New Haven Hospital.

The lawsuit alleges Hylton

was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit but allegedly without proper monitoring, without a doctor at his bedside and without basic life-saving precautions.

“It was a tragedy that definitely could have been avoided,” said Joel Faxon of the Faxon Law Group.

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Courtesy of Faxon Law Group
Conor Hylton

‘SOMETHING SPECTACULAR’



The UConn Huskies arrive for the 2026 Men's Final Four Wednesday in Indianapolis.

FINAL FOUR
SOUTH CAROLINA
VS. UCONN WBB
PHX Arena, Phoenix
Friday, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
ILLINOIS
VS. UCONN MBB
Lucas Oil Stadium,
Indianapolis
Saturday, 6:09 p.m. (TBS)

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UConn's Final Four runs paying off beyond court

By Alex Putterman
STAFF WRITER

Carefully examine a replay of the shot that shook Connecticut last Sunday, and you might spot, toward the left of your screen, in the front row of the crowd, a familiar head of blonde hair thrown back in celebration.

That's UConn president Radenka Maric, the woman whose support is necessary for the school's basketball programs to prosper, just as

shocked and thrilled as everyone else around her.

“It was an out-of-body experience,” Maric said this week, of Braylon Mullins' 3-point shot that sent the UConn men to another Final Four. “You almost feel like your whole energy is out for love of those players, and you are almost coming back to Earth because what happened is an out-of-this-world experience.”

Maric, who grew up in what was then Yugoslavia, rooting on her nation's powerhouse basketball teams, has become a true believer in UConn hoops. This

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» **INSIDE:** 16-page section previewing the UConn women's and men's basketball teams' Final Four appearances, with statistics, profiles and everything you need to know to watch the big games.



Teen who overcame rare blood cancer heads to Final Four

By Bryant Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

Elijah Randolph calculates he's been to more than 100 UConn men's basketball games over the past few years.

Just about every home game, a number of road games, the Big East Tourna-

ment in New York, the 2024 Final Four in Phoenix: Name it and the eighth-grader at Farmington's Robbins Middle School has been there/done that at the tender age of 13.

But that Braylon Mullins bomb to beat Duke on Sunday? Elijah Randolph hadn't

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Dave Zajac/Hearst CT Media file photo

Elijah Randolph, now 13, of Farmington, shows his signature next to UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley on Aug. 27 in Storrs.

Public school spending reaches \$12.2B

Kindergarten enrollment down 12%, report says

By Natasha Sokoloff
STAFF WRITER

Connecticut public schools spent about \$12.2 billion in 2024-25, up from \$11.9 billion the previous school year, and kindergarten enrollment dropped by over 12% compared to 2023-24, according to the state Department of Education's latest yearly status report on public education.

The Condition of Education in Connecticut report shows many education trends continue to persist — such as enrollment declines and pandemic recovery challenges — as well as changes compared to the previous year, including higher expenditures and fewer students experiencing homelessness.

Here are some of the key findings for the 2024-25 school year:

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New Haven to hold 'juice bars' accountable

Officials to crack down on clubs after arrest

By Peter Yankowski and Brian Zahn
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NEW HAVEN — Mayor Justin Elicker said New Haven officials are preparing enforcement against so-called “juice bars.”

He said the name may sound like “where you get your avocado toast and smoothie,” but what they really are — nightlife venues catering to patrons under the age of 21, offering non-alcoholic beverages.

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