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Probe Focuses On Bus Driver

Federal Investigators Looking At How Company Monitors Fatigue

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I-95 TRAGEDY
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Federal investigators said Sunday they are reviewing the actions of the driver of a bus that crashed on I-95 on the outskirts of New York City Saturday morning, killing 14. Christopher Hart, vice chairman of the

National Transportation Safety Board, said investigators will check the driver's actions in the 72 hours before the crash and look at the measures the bus company uses to manage fatigue among its drivers. World Wide Tours was cited five times between May 2009 and October 2010 for "fatigued drivers" violations, according to inspection records from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Ad-

ministration. The bus was traveling to New York City's Chinatown from Mohegan Sun casino in Uncasville Saturday morning when it flipped onto its right side on I-95 in the Bronx, hit a pole supporting a road sign and was virtually torn in half. Hart said the bus slid 480 feet as the metal sign pole sliced through its body.

FATAL BUS CRASH

- ▶ **Federal probe:** National Transportation Safety Board looking at driver's actions in the 72 hours before the crash.
- ▶ **Driver fatigue:** The investigation will include what the bus company, World Wide Tours, does to manage driver fatigue.
- ▶ **Cited:** World Wide cited five times in past two years for "fatigued drivers."

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Visit courant.com/buscrash for the latest developments.

HEALTH CARE

UConn's No-Bid Contract Criticized

\$98.6M Proposed For Care At State's Prisons

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HARTFORD — The UConn Health Center for the last 13 years has provided mental-health and medical services to the state prison system under a no-bid agreement with no expiration date — a deal that is now drawing increasing criticism in the face of the state's projected \$3.7 billion deficit.

The program's cost for this fiscal year will be \$98.6 million, up from \$92.9 million last year. The health-center division that performs the services, Correctional Managed Health Care, has 807 full- and part-time employees.

The Contract

▶ **\$98.6 million:** Cost for prison mental health and medical services provided by Correctional Managed Health Care in the coming fiscal year.

▶ **807:** Full- and part-time employees working for the company.

▶ **13 years:** Length of no-bid agreement to provide prison health services.

The price tag and insular, non-competitive nature of the program have some lawmakers and human-service advocates suggesting that it should be put out to bid or at least opened up to competitive negotiations with other quasi-public or private providers.

The health center's precarious financial position is also playing into the discussion. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's budget chief acknowledged that if UConn were to lose the arrangement with the Department of Correction, the state would have to increase its subsidies to the center in other areas.

The problem, say legislators and human-service advocates, is this: The UConn

PRISONS, A5

AETNA FOUNDATION

"There's something in dance that really resonates with .. everyone."

Dr. Anne Beal, pediatrician and head of the Aetna Foundation



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FIT TO DANCE

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OLIVIA ILANO-DAVIS encourages children during a dance class at the Charter Oak Cultural Center last week. Above, Jonathan Mena and Perla Fortuna attend the class along with other students from Betances School.

Olivia Ilano-Davis threw up her arms up like a vaudeville actor playing the victim of a stickup as she faced her dance class of young children.

"Arms up!" she said to about 20 pre-kindergarten to third-grade students.

Some jumped into the pose and others mimicked the boys and girls to their left or right. Then they followed a handful of teachers in skipping, gliding, stretching and bounding across a padded dance floor on a recent afternoon at the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford.

Visit courant.com/dancing for more photos and a video of the "Stretching For Life" program.

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QUICK TAKE

LIVE SMART

KORKY VANN'S DEAL OF THE DAY

▶ Need a spa visit? Act quickly, and you could score a discount. **Living, Page B8**

BABY FOOD GROWS UP

Baby food is no longer just mushy, bland stuff in little jars. Manufacturers are now promoting enhanced baby food. courant.com/health

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UConn Going West

The UConn men received a No. 3 seed in the West, and will play Bucknell at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. **Sports, Page C1**

▶ Visit courant.com/ncaabacket for an NCAA Men's Championship printable bracket.

A Turning Page

As bookstores disappear from the landscape, we mustn't lose sight of cultivating a love of reading in our children. **Mommy Minute, Page B8**

Cheer Everywhere

It may only be Monday, but kegs and eggs at the pubs and aisles and aisles of spring flowers will help the week fly. **Living, Page B8**



Bright Start

Sunny. High of 44. **Forecast, Page A2**

Isolated For Signs Of Radiation In Japan



YURIKO NAKAO | REUTERS

A mother talks to her daughter, left, who has been isolated for signs of radiation, at a makeshift facility to screen and cleanse people found to have

high radiation levels from the damaged Fukushima nuclear plants in Japan. A new explosion rocked one of the three reactors at the plant Monday, while the confirmed death toll from the quake reached 1,627. **World & Nation, Page A3**

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