

'MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT'



UConn head coach Dan Hurley, middle, celebrates with his team after the 82-54 win against Gonzaga of an Elite 8 college basketball game in the West Region final of the NCAA Tournament.

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Behind Dan Hurley's leading of the UConn men's basketball team to the Final Four

By Mike Anthony

LAS VEGAS — There really is no joy in winning, UConn men's basketball coach Dan Hurley often says. There is only relief.

So it was with great relief Saturday night that Hurley climbed a ladder under a basket at T-Mobile Arena, entering a different coaching stratosphere at age 50. A pair of scissors had been placed before him but he just ripped what remained of the frayed net, placed it around his neck and grabbed the rim as if he had dunked on America.

"Let's go!" he screamed, overlooking the gathered crowd on the court, clenching his fists.

To Houston, that is. "Let's go!" he yelled again.

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Head coach Geno Auriemma of the UConn Huskies reacts during a loss to the Ohio State Buckeyes in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

'They didn't let anybody down'

Auriemma praises team's grit, reflects on end of UConn women's season

By Paul Doyle

SEATTLE — The game, the season, the steaks were minutes from ending and UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma stood calmly amid the chaos at Climate

Pledge Arena Saturday afternoon.

Arms folded, Auriemma looked at the scoreboard high above him and grimaced.

Sixteen years advancing to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight, over.

Fourteen years playing in the Final Four, over.

"The problem with streaks is, the longer they go, you're closer to it ending than you are to the beginning of it," Auriemma said after a 73-61 loss to Ohio State. "And it's just a matter of time."

The end to this season of turmoil came with a loss defined *UConn continues on A4*



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James O'Keefe, founder of conservative media organization Project Veritas, is pictured speaking. Project Veritas published a video last year with strong allegations against a Cos Cob School administrator.

No details yet on probes into hiring practices

Greenwich Schools finished its investigation but won't release it until others are complete

By Jessica Simms

GREENWICH — Five entities opened investigations after a viral video allegedly showed Cos Cob School Assistant Principal Jeremy Boland discussing discriminatory hiring practices in Greenwich Public Schools. While one investigation was completed months ago, officials say they will not be releasing the results until the others are also finished.

In the video posted by Project Veritas at the end of August, Boland appears to speak about hiring practices in Greenwich Public Schools that discriminate against conservatives, people over the age of 30 and Catholics.

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Proposal limiting restraint, seclusion in schools advances

Key provision left out of bill OK'd by education panel

By Alex Putterman

HARTFORD — A bill aimed at reducing restraint and seclusion in schools advanced out of the legislature's Education Committee on Friday — but without the provision advocates wanted most.

As originally written, the bill would have banned schools from secluding students in locked rooms, a practice many special education advocates consider harmful and traumatizing, while still allowing schools to put students in "time out" in unlocked settings.

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Bumpouts for accident-prone Byram intersection OK'd

By Robert Marchant

GREENWICH — New safety features for pedestrians will be coming to a busy intersection in the Byram neighborhood this fall, now the Planning & Zoning Commission has given its approval.

The so-called "bump-outs" will make it easier for pedestrians to cross Delavan Avenue at Chestnut Street and Veterans Way.

The planned improvements include curb-extensions that shorten the walking distance

within the intersection, a blinking light to be activated by pedestrians, a decorative pattern inside the crosswalk, better lighting and new plantings.

The town's Department of Public Works had made some modest changes to the plan since it was first reviewed earlier this month. One curb extension planned for Chestnut was taken out, since it would make the intersection too tight for trucks to navigate.

The planning commissioners also had asked for more specifics *Bumpouts continues on A5*

Church festival that left Hamilton Avenue field damaged may return

No decision made yet

By Jessica Simms

GREENWICH — A year after its annual festival severely damaged a turf field at Hamilton Avenue School, St. Roch Church is looking to use the field again for the same event.

However, it will be almost another month before the Board of Education weighs in on the matter, in part because board members didn't receive the necessary documents in time for

Thursday's meeting.

"We got these documents barely 24 hours ago," said Board Member Karen Hirsh. "I know I have a lot of questions. We typically have a first read of things like this and have an opportunity to have input from the public on their opinion. I think putting this as an action item may not be the right option, mostly because a bunch of us might have some specific questions."

The request was tabled and is scheduled for discussion at the

board's April 20 business meeting.

Last year was the first time in about two decades that the church was able to use the school's field for the fest after last minute BOE approval. The aftermath showed truck and trailer tires, along with cables and rubber mats, had damaged the field turf.

This year, the church is looking to have access to the field starting Aug. 5, with the festival taking place Aug. 9-12, according to church officials. *Festival continues on A5*

