



Looking to level the playing field

Administrators offer ways to remedy inequities in Conn. high school sports

Let's fix the discrepancies in high school athletics in Connecticut

Following a Hearst CT review, coaches and administrators weighed in on what can be done to resolve the inequity in sports between the state's richest and poorest municipalities.

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By Alex Putterman

In the wake of a recent Hearst Connecticut report on inequality in high school sports, numerous coaches and administrators have acknowledged the wide

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Anyone who supports an even playing field for athletes in financially challenged school districts is a communist who wants every scoreboard eliminated and trophies equally distributed to all participants.

Anyone who doesn't want to even



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the playing field is a racist, sexist elitist who either wants polo named the official state sport of Connecticut or who believes WWE Hall of Famer

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DEERE TO HIS HEART

Love of tractors turns Greenwich teen into TikTok star

By Robert Marchant

GREENWICH — Most TikTok users tune into the social media platform to watch videos of people dancing, doing silly tricks and throwing together meals.

But Andrew Hanna, a mechanical whiz-kid from Greenwich, has a completely different following from around the country — and around the world — for his own unique speciality: fixing up old farm tractors and making them run again.



Hanna, known as Drew, 17, has 230,000 followers on TikTok, who watch him strip, clean, tinker, restore and repair old tractors. He has gotten 4.3 million likes on TikTok, and also has a huge following on YouTube. "It's fun for me," the Greenwich High School senior said. "What I love doing is figuring things out."

Hanna is following a family tradition of sorts. His father, Timothy Hanna, grew up on a farm in Tennessee. Timothy's uncle from Michigan was a farmer and

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Andrew Hanna, 17, starts up his restored 1937 Oliver 70 tractor at his home in Greenwich on Monday. Hanna has amassed more than 230,000 followers on TikTok who tune in to see him repair and restore old, broken tractors.

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'Would he kill you?'

Domestic violence program asks tough questions for victims

By Christine Dempsey

The 23-year-old's boyfriend had beaten her, strangled and slammed her head against a car window, but it wasn't until a Connecticut police officer sat with her and asked 11 yes or no questions from a form that the woman realized her life was in danger.

"I feel like it helped me when we were itemizing things," she said.

"Would he do that, would he kill you?" said the woman, whose name Hearst Connecticut Media is not identifying because she is a victim of domestic violence.

Thanks to the form and the intervention of neighbors and police, the man was arrested and the woman was quickly put in touch with advocates who were able to get her moved to a safer environment, she said.

She is among more than 20,000 people in danger of being killed by their partners who have been able to quickly get help through a statewide program that marked its 10-year anniversary this month, according to the state's lead advocacy group for domestic violence victims, the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Lethality Assessment Program, which is known as LAP, has police officers and state troopers asking direct

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Plainville Police Lt. Nicholas Mullins talks about the Lethality Assessment Program in a video.

Official: Anti-panhandling signs near I-95 'seem to be working'

By Ken Borsuk

GREENWICH — New signs that say "Panhandling is Unsafe" appear to have put a stop to the practice at Exit 5 off Interstate 95 in Greenwich for now, but the town said it will continue to monitor the situation.

"This is going to be a constant conversation," First



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Signs have been placed near Exit 5 for Interstate 95 in Greenwich to discourage panhandling.

Selectman Fred Camillo said at the Board of Selectmen meeting.

The signs were installed earlier this month on East Putnam Avenue at the stoplight before the entrance ramp to I-95, in the traffic island between lanes, at the traffic light at the exit of the shopping complex and by

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