

'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.

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.

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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

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'Turned the course of my life'

Girls of color recruited to live and attend school in Ridgefield

By Sandra Diamond Fox

RIDGEFIELD — Every weekday morning, Cheyla Williams wakes up near her roommate, eats breakfast prepared by a cook along with seven other girls, and is driven in a van to Ridgefield High School. At the end of the day, she joins her housemates for school work, does scheduled chores, enjoys a group dinner and then gets ready for bed. Lights out is at 11 p.m.

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BETHEL

Burger joint coming to downtown

New eatery to open next to Famous Pizza in May

By Kendra Baker

BETHEL — An experienced restaurateur is preparing to open a family-friendly burger joint in the heart of downtown.

"It's going to be a lowkey, comfy, come-as-you-are place, where you order at the counter and get fresh, quality food at a good price," Anthony Valente said about his incoming eatery, the name of which he did not disclose but said is slated to open in May.

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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 by, fittingly, by turmoil, a game

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RIDGEFIELD

'Exceptionally rewarding'

Economic development chair awarded volunteer of the year

By Sandra Diamond Fox

RIDGEFIELD — After the state passed a law to recognize cultural districts within municipalities, Glori Norwitt wasted no time in applying to get that designation for part of downtown Ridgefield.

Not only did she succeed in help-

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Norwitt

State Capitol building needs \$54M rehab

The Conn. landmark was completed in 1878 as a memorial to the Civil War

By Ken Dixon

HARTFORD — The landmark State Capitol building, completed in 1878 as a memorial to the Civil War, is crumbling and needs more than \$54 million in repairs, cleaning and renovations, according to estimates that could increase by 4 percent or more annually as building officials await funding from the General Assembly.

For decades, gaps in the exterior stone have allowed water to find its

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Mystery water leaks, gaps in exterior walls, drainpipes that no longer run downhill are among the signs of overdue repairs and renovations to the State Capitol.

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