

'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. John Locher/Associated Press

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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'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 de- *Auriemma continues on A4*



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. Steph Chambers/Getty Images

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.

The version the committee advanced on Friday instead calls for continuing to allow seclusion, provided a mental health professional monitors secluded stu- *Restraint continues on A8*

BRIDGEPORT

City aims for return of fair rent panel

By Brian Lockhart

BRIDGEPORT — It has been six months since the City Council pushed Mayor Joe Ganim's administration to revive the long-dormant fair rent commission to address tenant/landlord disputes and try to prevent court-ordered evictions.

And while that has yet to happen, city officials this week said they have been working behind-the-scenes to get the fair rent group up-and-running again, but it became more complicated *Rent continues on A8*



Construction of housing in Bridgeport is seen in 2020. Brian A. Pounds/Hearst CT Media

State Capitol building fix estimated at \$54 million

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 way into a fifth-floor hallway. The giant granite blocks are decaying with green mold, separating and in need

of repointing.

Both of the clear-glass skylights on the fifth-floor roof, above the east and west atriums where tourists see historic battle flags and the huge statue of the state's hero Nathan Hale have leaked for years, forcing the custodial staff to place as many as a dozen garbage or recycling cans on the first floor to collect steady drips during heavy rains.

Settling of the structure, which hosted its first legislative session in January 1879, has caused at least one downspout to pool water on the roof of the building, which was declared



Officials estimate that upgrades to the Capitol will cost \$54 million or more. Ken Dixon/Hearst Connecticut Media

a National Historic Landmark in 1972.

Even the 145-year-old wooden flag poles, which hoisted national and state banners through peace and *Capitol continues on A2*

MILFORD

'Take it or leave it'

Exotic dancers offered settlement on \$200K judgment against club

By Ethan Fry

MILFORD — Weeks before a judge is scheduled to hear arguments on whether a \$200,000 judgment won by exotic dancers against Keepers, a Milford "gentleman's club," should come from a \$1.4 million land use settlement involving Gus Curcio, a former reputed mob-

ster from Stratford linked to the establishment, the dancers' lawyer says Curcio emailed him disclaiming any responsibility for the judgment — but offering to settle it nonetheless.

"If you want to get paid, for settlement purposes only, Keeper's Inc. is proposing again to pay \$10,000 up front, but this *Club continues on A2*