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UConn's Breanna Stewart is met with a high-five by head coach Geno Auriemma as she comes out of the game against Oregon State in NCAA Final Four semifinal action Sunday in Indianapolis. UConn rolled to an 80-51 win to advance to Tuesday's national title game.

# ON THE CUSP OF HISTORY

UConn will play Syracuse Tuesday for the national championship

By MIKE DIMAURO Assistant Sports Editor  
Indianapolis — They are one victory away from history now, one more win away from celebrating the most successful senior class in the most illustrious program of them all. The UConn Huskies, in spite of a notable injury to Katie Lou Samuelson and foul trouble for National Player of the Year Breanna Stewart, barely broke into perspiration Sunday at the Final Four, dismissing Oregon State, 80-51.

Connecticut (37-0) will play Syracuse in Tuesday's national championship game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse (8:30 p.m., ESPN). A victory secures UConn's 11th national championship and the fourth for the senior class of Morgan Tuck, Stewart and Moriah Jefferson. No class in the history of women's basketball has ever won four national titles.

"I think it sunk in when we were going back to the locker room all excited," Stewart said. "One game left and we're exactly in the position we want to be in. Now it's practice tomorrow. National championship game Tuesday." UConn will be a player short, having lost Samuelson to a broken bone in her left foot late in the first half. Samuelson, a freshman, watched the second half from the bench with a boot on her foot, occasionally wiping tears from her eyes. Her teammates, however, rolled on. Tuck led the Huskies with 21

points, Stewart, who was whistled for two early fouls but only one thereafter, added 16 points and eight rebounds and Jefferson had 10 points and seven assists. "They can hit from everywhere. People come in off the bench and there's no lag," Oregon State guard Jamie Weisner said. "They expose every weakness and make you pay for it, force you into things you don't want to do. And then offensively, I mean, they have weapons everywhere, every position." m.dimauro@theday.com

## A Trump loss may reshape the GOP race

Tuesday's Wisconsin primary could be key in Republican contest

By PHILIP RUCKER and DAN BALZ The Washington Post  
Milwaukee — Wisconsin has become an unexpected battleground for Donald Trump and the conglomeration of forces desperately aligning against him, with Tuesday's primary emerging as a key moment that could reshape the Republican nominating contest both mathematically and psychologically. Ted Cruz — who has tried to unite conservative activists, talk-radio personalities and the party establishment — stands poised to take some air out of the Trump balloon. Bleeding from two weeks of self-inflicted wounds, Cruz is now in a tight race with Trump. SEE WISCONSIN PAGE A5

## Radiologists say Medicaid cuts hurting poor women

Connecticut reduced reimbursement rate by 40 percent last year

By SUSAN HAIGH Associated Press  
Hartford — Radiologists and minority lawmakers are hoping to find enough money in Connecticut's cash-strapped budget to reverse last year's cut in the Medicaid reimbursement rate for radiology services, which they claim has already decreased poor and often-minority women's access to mammography service while possibly increasing their risk for undetected breast cancer. Dr. Gary Dee, director of radiology at MidState Medical Radiology Associates in Meriden, said the Department of Social Service's decision to reduce the rate by more than 40 percent beginning last April prompted a coalition of groups to demand a reversal. SEE SOME PAGE A5

# Empty school? Towns look for ways to unload or reuse them

Some have become business incubators, community gardens

By ANN BALDELLI Day Staff Writer  
Surplus public school buildings can be an asset or a liability, depending on their location, condition and, oftentimes, the sentiments of neighbors and alumni. But with a significant declining school-age population in eastern Connecticut, municipalities will likely find themselves with some empty schools over the next decade. East Lyme is moving towards closing the Niantic Center School on West Main Street, and while officials said they have no specific plans for the property, they noted it

should be marketable because of its location in the village commercial district. Other municipalities have already grappled with empty educational buildings. In Gales Ferry, a former school is a successful small business incubator with a waiting list to get in; and along the Mystic River, two old schools have been converted, one on the Groton side to an assisted living facility, and another on the Stonington side to condominiums. The old Borough School in Stonington Borough is luxury condominiums. In Noank, after a long, arduous process, it was decided to demolish the abandoned school there and convert the property to a community garden. Both Stonington and Groton have renovated old school buildings

to administrative offices for educational personnel, while other properties, like the old William Seely School in Groton and the former Cohanzie School property in Waterford, are being eyed for development. Not far from Pfizer Inc., in the city of Groton, the one-time Eastern Point School is the location of LEARN's Marine Science Magnet School, after the property was leased to LEARN for \$1 a year for 75 years, and then the old school was razed and the new school built. Historically, old schools in New London have been retrofitted, one at the end of Montauk Avenue as office space, and another off Truman Street to house a vocational counseling and jobs training program. Several years ago, New London school



Andy Crouch of Gales Ferry and his son Giovanni, 2, pick up Andy's bicycle Saturday from the Cycle Shed, one of the businesses located inside the former Gales Ferry School on Hurlbutt Road in Gales Ferry.

**WEATHER**  
Today, snow and rain in the morning, occasional afternoon rain. High 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny and chilly. **C6**

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**Through the Lens**

Afghan boys play at sunset Sunday on Nadir Khan hilltop in Kabul, Afghanistan. Go to [theday.com](http://theday.com) for a gallery of the day's best wire photos.

**JOHN KASICH BRINGING CAMPAIGN TO FAIRFIELD**

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is bringing his presidential campaign to Fairfield, hoping to win over the state's moderate Republicans as Donald Trump continues his march toward the 1,237 delegates needed for the party's nomination. Kasich will host a town hall Friday at Sacred Heart University from noon to 1:30 p.m. It's the first public appearance by one of the five remaining Republican and Democratic candidates as their campaigns gear up for the April 26 primary here. Last month, Kasich named state Sen. Tony Hwang, R-Fairfield, as his campaign chair in Connecticut. Supporters of Kasich believe Connecticut is a state where he could do well and peel delegates away from Trump. — The Hartford Courant

**STATE WEIGHS BAN ON SUGARY DRINKS AT CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Hartford — Connecticut lawmakers are considering whether to restrict the types of beverages certain child care facilities can serve young children. The General Assembly's Education Committee today will consider a bill that would prevent child care centers, group child care homes and early childhood centers from providing drinks that contain added artificial or natural sweeteners. The prohibition would not apply to milk, flavored milk drinks, yogurt drinks or non-dairy milk drinks. The bill would also prohibit centers from providing juice to children under age 1. Older children could be served 100 percent fruit juice, vegetable juice or a combination so long as it doesn't include added sugars or sweeteners. — Associated Press

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