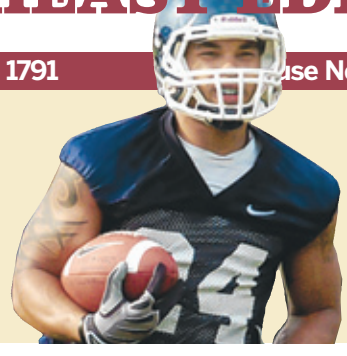


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COLCHESTER
3 men rob disabled veteran, police say
Man, 65, must use wheelchair

By GREG SMITH
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Police in Colchester arrested three men in connection with a brazen midday theft of a collection box from a wheelchair-bound disabled veteran.

At 1:30 p.m., police said, several men grabbed a cash box containing about \$200 from a table set up outside of Stop & Shop in Colchester. The victim, 65-year-old Vietnam War veteran Martin Lopez, of Colchester, was not injured.

Walt Pallman, a member of the American Legion Post 54 in Colchester and friend of Lopez, called the theft "a terrible thing." He said Lopez typically raises money to participate in the annual National Golden Age Games, a sporting event for senior veterans receiving medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

'Despicable'
"I think it's a despicable thing to do," Pallman said. "Here's a guy trying to earn his way to the games."

Because of a stroke, Pallman said Lopez is partially paralyzed and communicates through a keyboard device. Lopez could not be reached for comment at his home.

Police said information from a bystander helped in the arrest. A woman who had purchased a raffle ticket from Lopez was bringing groceries to her car when she spotted two men running to an occupied Volkswagen Jetta.

The woman was able to provide police with a license plate

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UNITED COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

Signs fly at health center



Sign spinner Juan Cordero, of Worcester, Mass., flips, spins and tosses a sign Monday outside the United Community & Family Services' health center in Norwich. The agency is celebrating National Family Health Center Week.

Message draws attention to array of medical services available

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NORWICH — With a rising number of people unemployed and a declining number with health insurance, one organization set out Monday to show the community there are still options.

United Community & Family Services, of Norwich, began National Family Health Center Week with a visibility campaign, hoping to share its message of accessible health care.

Miranda Creative Inc. of Norwich donated the services of a sign spinner team from AArrow Advertising, of Worcester, Mass. The spinners, part performance artists, spent the day tossing signs into the air with messages like "Need a Doctor?"

The message was aimed at people who may not know about UCFS's array of health services — everything from primary health care and behavioral health services to dental and volunteer services, said Pam Kinder, UCFS director of

marketing and development.

"Accessible, affordable health care is available regardless of a person's ability to pay," Kinder said. "We're here for you regardless (of whether) you have insurance or not. In some ways, we act as a safety net. Our main focus is those who fall through the gap."

20 million served

Health care centers like United Community's provide medical care for 20 million people nationally every year, according to the

National Association of Community Health Centers. About 70 percent of patients who visit the centers earn less than the federal income poverty level, 38 percent are uninsured and 36 percent depend on Medicaid, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

With some people out of work, Kinder said UCFS offers cost-effective alternatives to the emergency room, the place people often wind up when they get

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CAMPAIGN 2010
Primary voters will pick nominees

Governor
Democrat Republican
Lamont Fedele
Malloy Foley
Griebel

Lt. governor
Democrat Republican
Glassman Boughton
Wyman Wilson-Foley

Comptroller
Democrat
Jarjua Lembo

Attorney general
Republican
Dean Garber

Secretary of the state
Democrat
Garcia Merrill

U.S. Senate
Republican
McMahon
Schiff
Simmons

2nd District
House of Representatives
Republican
Dubitsky
Novak
Peckinpough

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NAMING RIGHTS

New theater deal lets Foxwoods take another bite of Big Apple

Casino's brand goes up in Times Square
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Foxwoods Resort Casino has signed a multiyear naming rights agreement for a New York City theater in Times Square, giving the casino

no a prestigious calling card in one of the world's most lucrative markets.

The casino is getting exclusive naming rights to the former Hilton Theatre in Manhattan's Times Square. The facility, which began as the Ford Center for the Performing

Arts, is being renamed the Foxwoods Theatre effective immediately.

The agreement adds to Foxwoods' New York marketing push that includes sponsorship of the WNBA's New York Liberty, in which the casino insignia is emblazoned on the team's jerseys. Deals with the New York Rangers hockey

team and New Jersey Nets basketball team also have been signed.

"Showcasing the Foxwoods brand in such a prominent location in New York City provides us with a signature opportunity to further extend our reach into the most coveted media market in the world," Robert Victoria, chief mar-

keting officer for Foxwoods Resort Casino and MGM Grand at Foxwoods, said.

Financial terms weren't disclosed. The agreement was signed with Live Nation Entertainment, which operates the 2,000-seat theater originally built in 1996. The theater is at 214 W. 43rd St.

The theater is in the district

On the Web
For more about the Foxwoods Theatre in New York City, visit www.foxwoodstheatre.com.

where the famous annual New Year's Eve "ball-drop" celebration is held, creating
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Q&A
A small businessman talks about investing in Norwich, and the city's assets and challenges.



LOCAL, B1
Ethics panel takes up privacy issue

SPORTS, C1
Red Sox split series with Yankees

TOMORROW
LOCAL: Coverage of the U.S. Senate, 2nd District primary races

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I'M SMILING ...
'Because of the Lord.'
Shirley Jones, 58, Norwich

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TEXAS

Obama makes dash for cash in Bush country

By BEN FELLER
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Deep in the land of George W. Bush, President Barack Obama swept through Texas on Monday to gather Democratic cash and votes, pounding home education as not just an economic imperative but also a political wedge.

Here in the place where Bush, then Texas governor, launched his successful run for the White House, in a state Obama lost handily to Sen. John McCain two years ago, the president did the job that takes up much of his time these days.

Politics.

Obama raised up to \$1 million for the Democratic National Committee at a hotel in Austin, where the mantra of his midterms — “Are we going to move forward, or are we going to move back-

wards?” — played well to his lunch crowd.

Later, he was the headline draw at a fundraiser in Dallas that raised about \$650,000 to help Democrats in key Senate races, held at a private home within about five miles from where Bush now lives.

And in between came an education speech at the University of Texas, where the screams of students prompted Obama to raise a voice even louder, combining for a raucous campaign feel.

This is Obama’s August offensive, a string of tactical, time-gobbling campaign stops to raise a bunch of money and revitalize Democratic voters. The traditional result of approaching midterm elections is that the party of the sitting president loses seats; in this case, with anti-incumbency fervor soaring, Democrats could be in for a lashing.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Barack Obama gives a “hook ‘em horns” sign as he starts a speech Monday at the University of Texas in Austin.

PAKISTAN

U.N. says flood worse than tsunami, Haiti

By SEBASTIAN ABBOT
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The number of people suffering from the massive floods in Pakistan exceeds 13 million — more than the combined total of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the United Nations said Monday.

The death toll in each of those three disasters was much higher than the 1,500 people killed so far in the floods that first hit Pakistan two weeks ago. But the U.N. estimates that 13.8 million people have been affected — over 2 million more than the other disasters combined.

The comparison helps frame

the scale of the crisis, which the prime minister said Monday was the worst in Pakistan’s history. It has overwhelmed the government, generating widespread anger from flood victims who have complained that aid is not reaching them quickly enough or at all.

“The number of people affected by the floods is greater than the other three disasters combined,” Maurizio Giuliano, spokesman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, told The Associated Press.

A person is considered affected by the floods if he or she will need some form of assistance to recover, either short-term humanitarian aid or longer-term reconstruction help, said Giuliano.

ROBBERY

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number, leading to an arrest several hours later at a gas station in Colchester, according to a report by Colchester Trooper Catherine Billian.

Used to buy heroin

The men admitted using the money to buy heroin in Hartford, police said.

Arrested were: David B. Ruutel, 25, of 12 Southgate Road in Franklin; Nicholas Peters, 24, of 202 Bull Hill Road in Colchester; and Justin Mikan, 27, of 288 Lake Hayward Road in Colchester. All three men were charged with sixth-degree larceny and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mikan was additionally charged with possession of narcotics after police said they found a used syringe and five bags of suspected heroin. At the time of the arrest, Mikan was free on bail in several pending criminal cases, including what police said was a drug-related burglary and theft of several firearms.

“Justin Mikan said he didn’t know why he took the money and hung his head when asked why he stole donations from a disabled veteran,” the police report says.

Pallman said he occasionally sells flowers at the Stop & Shop and couldn’t imagine someone trying to steal the proceeds.

“It’s a sad commentary when we have people stealing from the people who have paid so much,” said Colchester police Sgt. John Thompson.

Mikan, held on \$2,000 cash bond, was arraigned Monday in Norwich Superior Court.

FOXWOODS

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potential for the Foxwoods’ name to be seen by millions of TV viewers.

The Foxwoods brand will be placed on all venue interior and exterior signs, including the iconic sign overlooking 42nd Street and in the theater’s VIP Suite and Dress Circle Lobby.

Targeting New York

Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun are increasingly marketing their amenities to New York’s financial upper crust, said Clyde Barrow, a professor in gaming and public policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The Connecticut casinos are trying to show they have more to offer than New Jersey competitors such as Caesars Atlantic City and Trump Taj Mahal.

“Although it has some of the famous Las Vegas names, Atlantic City still has the reputation of being

a commuter’s market,” Barrow said. “Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun are after those customers that want to come and stay.”

Foxwoods Theatre will host “Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark,” one of Broadway’s most anticipated openings, the casino said in a press release. The show, featuring the music of U2 stars Bono and The Edge, is among the entertainment, corporate, and philanthropic events that Foxwoods now has a part in. The Foxwoods name will be printed on all “Spider-Man” tickets and other marketing for the production.

The show is based upon the Marvel Comics superhero who lives a double life as unassuming scientist Peter Parker and the acrobatic foe of villains such as the Green Goblin, Kraven the Hunter and Dr. Octopus.

“The tremendous value we receive from the production’s advertising campaign made this deal a no-brainer,” Victoria said.

HEALTH

FROM A1

sick and don’t have a primary doctor.

UCFS has employees working in the emergency department at The William W. Backus Hospital and provides a link to health care programs, said hospital spokesman Shawn Mawhiney.

“UCFS is a great partner

and an asset to have in Eastern Connecticut,” Mawhiney said. “It’s a really important partnership. With rising numbers of people coming to the (emergency room) without insurance, it’s going to become even more important.”

National Health Center Week is held each year in the second week of August. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the creation of the health centers program.

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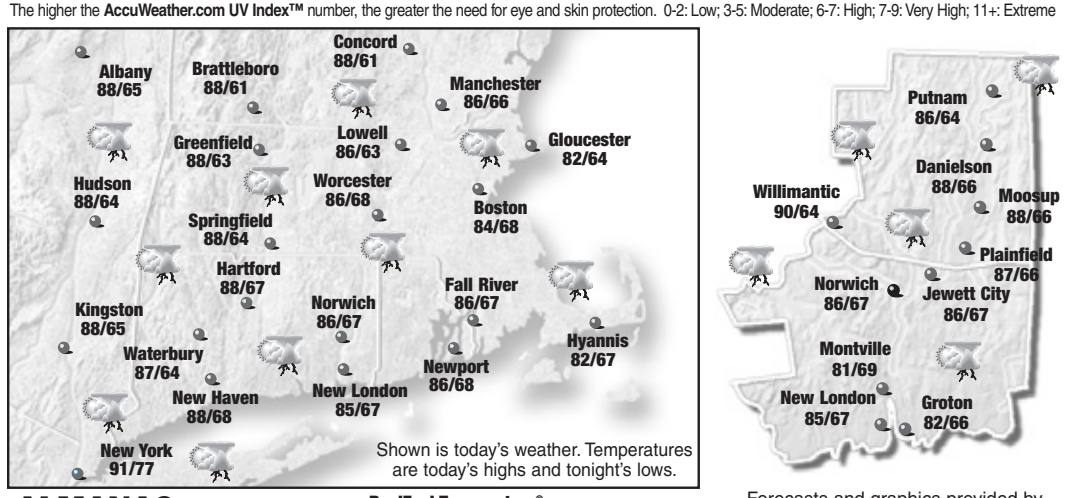
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Weather

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR NORWICH

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
An afternoon thunderstorm in spots	Sun and clouds	Mainly cloudy, a shower possible	Sunny to partly cloudy and nice	Sunny and pleasant
UV Index: 7 High 86, Low 67	UV Index: 6 High 85, Low 64	UV Index: 4 High 77, Low 59	UV Index: 7 High 80, Low 57	UV Index: 7 High 79, Low 60

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ALMANAC

Hartford through 7 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low 94/72

Precipitation
24 hrs ending 7 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 0.33"
Year to date 24.67"

Air Quality
Yesterday 104, Ozone

Connecticut Dept. of Enviro. Protection

0-50 Good, 51-100 Moderate, 101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups, 151-200 Unhealthy, 201-300 Very Unhealthy, 301-500 Hazardous

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8 a.m. 78 (73) 4 p.m. 86 (84)
Noon 94 (83) 8 p.m. 82 (77)

Sun and Moon

	Today	Wed.
Sunrise	5:52 a.m.	5:53 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise	6:27 a.m.	7:46 a.m.
Moonset	8:02 p.m.	8:32 p.m.

First Full Last New
Aug 16 Aug 24 Sep 1 Sep 8

RIVER STAGES

Flood: flood stage. **Stage:** stage in feet as of 7 a.m. yesterday.

Station	Flood Stage
Thames River Basin	
Little Riv. near Hanover	-- 1.32
Natchaug Riv. at Willimantic	-- 1.28
Quinebaug Riv. at Jewett City	18 4.44
Quinebaug Riv. at Quinebaug	-- 2.17
Quinebaug Riv. at Putnam	10 1.89
Shetucket Riv. near Willimantic	13 1.73
Willimantic Riv. near Coventry	12 2.50
Yantic Riv. at Yantic	9 0.89

MARINE OUTLOOK

Wind: SW at 4 to 8 knots
Westerly 9:34a/9:57p 4:15a/4:28p
Waves: 1-3 feet
Water temperature: Long Island 74
Offshore 73

TIDES FOR TODAY

Station	Highs	Lows
Watch Hill	9:08a/9:30p	3:23a/3:20p
Westerly	9:34a/9:57p	4:15a/4:28p
Stonington	11:32a/11:50p	5:20a/5:36p
New London	9:55a/10:18p	4:12a/4:25p

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Bridgeport	87 72 t	86 69 pc
Bristol	86 64 t	87 65 pc
Danbury	88 65 t	85 66 pc
Enfield	88 67 t	90 65 pc
Greenwich	88 71 t	89 68 pc
Groton	82 66 t	83 65 pc
Hartford	88 67 t	93 65 pc
New Britain	88 66 t	87 67 pc
New Haven	88 68 t	86 68 pc
New London	85 67 t	84 65 pc
Stamford	90 71 t	89 67 pc
Waterbury	87 64 t	86 65 pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	70 57 sh	72 54 pc	Jerusalem	87 66 s	88 66 s
Athens	97 78 s	97 78 s	London	73 56 r	73 55 pc
Beijing	91 72 s	88 71 c	Montreal	83 63 t	79 62 s
Berlin	77 62 sh	79 64 sh	Moscow	93 66 pc	90 66 pc
Bermuda	86 76 pc	87 77 pc	Paris	80 60 pc	74 58 sh
Calgary	68 49 t	66 48 t	Rome	85 65 s	87 66 s
Dublin	66 48 s	64 52 pc	Tokyo	86 74 sh	86 77 sh
Hong Kong	93 82 s	91 82 s	Warsaw	78 61 s	83 64 s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Anchorage	60 52 sh	61 55 c	Kansas City	96 75 pc	98 75 t
Atlanta	98 76 pc	95 77 s	Los Angeles	78 62 pc	80 62 pc
Baltimore	96 73 s	94 71 t	Miami	89 78 t	92 80 t
Boston	84 68 t	81 64 s	New Orleans	95 79 t	94 78 t
Chicago	91 74 t	90 74 t	New York	91 77 pc	91 72 pc
Dallas	104 79 s	106 83 pc	Oklahoma City	102 75 s	103 75 s
Denver	91 59 s	97 61 pc	San Francisco	63 52 pc	65 52 pc
Honolulu	90 74 s	90 74 s	Washington	98 77 s	97 78 t

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

TODAY'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Summary: A sea of hot, humid air will stretch from Texas to the Delmarva and New Jersey today. Needed drenching thunderstorms will affect the Gulf Coast. Damaging thunderstorms will affect the northern Plains and central Rockies. Showers will dampen coastal Washington and Oregon.

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