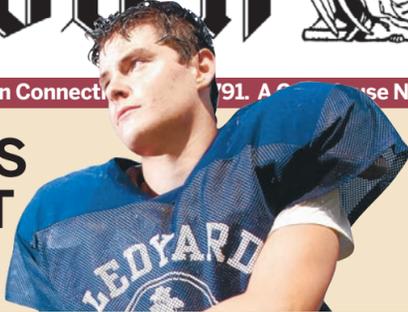


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NORWICH HOSPITAL PROPERTY

Northland seeks zone change at site

Housing not currently allowed on land

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meet with Preston's zoning officer to discuss possible zoning changes on the site of the former Norwich Hospital property.

Chosen in July as the preferred developer for the long-vacant 419-acre former

hospital property, Northland has proposed a \$1 billion five-star resort and luxury homes for the site. The property is not zoned for housing.

First Selectman Bob Congdon, chairman of a four-

member negotiating team for the town, told the Board of Selectmen Thursday that representatives from Northland would meet with the planner to discuss what they're looking for. Congdon said he has spoken to the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Preston's negotiating team

met from noon until 1 p.m. Tuesday to discuss a pending development agreement, then met with Northland representatives to negotiate from 2 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Another negotiating session is scheduled Tuesday.

Congdon said Northland

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What's next

Preston's negotiating team will meet Tuesday with representatives from Northland Investment Corp. to continue negotiations. **The Norwich Hospital Advisory Committee** meets next at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Preston Town Hall.

TROPICAL STORM HANNA



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Ken McGory of Taftville says sump pumps will sell well if remnants of Tropical Storm Hanna hit Eastern Connecticut.

Region braces for heavy rain, wind

Agencies prepare for storm; forecast remains fuzzy

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bags, testing our generators and making sure that things work in our emergency management center," he said.

Arters said they are in constant touch with the National Hurricane Center. He and other city officials will participate in a statewide conference call with Connecticut officials at 10:30 this morning to firm up what will be needed for preparation and response to the storm.

The National Weather Service has issued a hazardous weather outlook for New London and Windham counties from tonight through Saturday night.

"Hanna has the potential to bring heavy rain and tropical storm force winds to the local area," accord-

ing to the weather service. "Uncertainty remains with the timing and track, but chances are increasing that Hanna will have an impact in the local area."

Arters said the impact on the region will depend on how the system progresses up the Atlantic Coast. "Thirty nautical miles can make the difference in what we get or don't get," he said.

Arters said he expects flooding in flood-prone areas, such as along the Yantic River. He also said heavy winds could bring down leaves from trees, which not only would clog drains but would coat the roads, making them slippery.

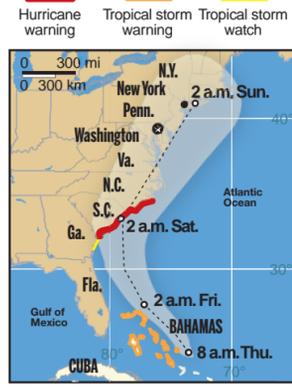
"That will give drivers the same effect as driving on ice," he said. Arters also warned residents to take in or secure things like lawn chairs, patio umbrellas

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Hanna heads to coast

Tropical Storm Hanna could hit the U.S. as a hurricane this weekend.

Tropical Storm Hanna		
LOCATION	MOVEMENT	MAX WIND
24.1° N 73.1° W	NW 12 mph	70 mph

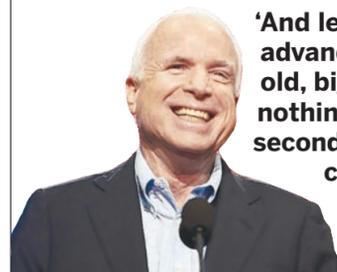


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Be prepared for emergencies with a disaster supplies kit. A list of important items to include. See **PAGE A7**

ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE



'And let me offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first-country-second Washington crowd: Change is coming.'

John McCain, Republican presidential nominee

McCain vows to bring change to Washington

By **DAVID ESPO and ROBERT FURLOW**
The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain, a POW turned political rebel, vowed Thursday night to vanquish the "constant partisan rancor" that grips Washington as he launched his fall campaign for the White House. "Change is coming," he promised the roaring Republican National Convention and a prime-time television audience.

To repeated cheers from his delegates, McCain criticized fellow Republicans as

well as Democratic rival Barack Obama as he reached out to independents and disaffected Democrats.

"We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us," he said of the Republicans who controlled Congress for most of the past 15 years.

As for Obama, he said, "I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them. I will cut government spending. He will increase it."

Before McCain's speech,

See **MCCAIN, A7**

Palin's speech draws almost as many viewers as Obama's

By **DAVID BAUDER**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barack Obama apparently isn't the only "rock star" in presidential politics this year.

After days of intense media coverage about Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's qualifications, more than 40 million Americans tuned in Wednesday to see for themselves what they thought of her.

The huge audience for Palin's acceptance speech rivaled that for Obama's address at the Democratic National Convention six days earlier.

An audience of 37.2 million people watched Palin on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC, Nielsen Media Research said Thursday.

Last week, Nielsen said 38.4 million people watched Obama speak at a Denver stadium on the six commercial networks.

Nearly 2 million more women were watching Palin than men, Nielsen said.

Viewers were far more interested in Palin than Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden. Biden's speech to Democrats last week was seen by an estimated 24 million people.

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Spruce up your wardrobe with accessories

Shoes, scarves and earrings can make your outfits pop.



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Thompson church celebrates final Mass

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'I'm an altar boy, and I love helping my church.'



Tasos Kilimos, 10, Norwich, helping out at the 33rd annual festival at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Norwich

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