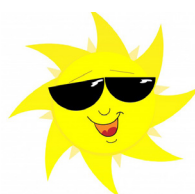


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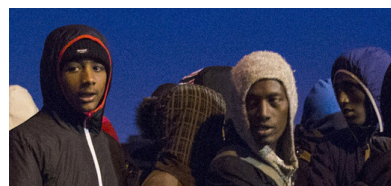
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Thursday, Nov. 17
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Migrants wait to be processed in Calais, France.

'Calais' B4



Patriots fall to 7-2, keep top spot in AFC East

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Senate control up for grabs again

By Susan Haigh
Associated Press

HARTFORD — For the 2nd legislative election in a row, Republicans have their sights on winning control of the Connecticut Senate for the first time since 1996.

And once again, the GOP is getting some outside help.

Various indepen-

dent groups are spending thousands of dollars — in some cases more — on mailers and mostly on-line and local advertising, hoping to win the four additional seats Republicans need to retake control of the 36-member, Democratic-controlled Senate.

“With a governor that has an all-time low job approval rating of 24 percent, there’s a tremendous opportunity to

restore balance to state government,” said Trumbull First Selectman Tim Herbst in August, when he launched TIMPAC, a political action committee supporting GOP candidates.

TIMPAC, which raised \$16,230 as of Oct. 10, has begun running a 1-minute online ad targeting Democratic Sen. Mae Flexer, criticizing her for supporting Democratic

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy’s 2011 program that allows inmates to earn credits toward possible early release. Similar ads are expected to be launched targeting several other incumbent Senate Democrats.

Senate President Martin Looney doesn’t appear to be concerned by the GOP offensive. He said his “popular

'Senate' A7



John French announces his plans to run for the State Senate. Credit: French for Senate committee. (Credit: AP)

Elusive virus threatens children



Three-year-old Evelyn Steadman of Crete, Ill., was born with the CMV virus and has microcephaly and deafness. (Credit Whitten Sabbatini/The New York Times)

CMV is a much more serious threat to children than Zika

By Catherine Saint Louis
The New York Times

Laura Sweet had no idea that she had contracted a virus that would leave her daughter, Jane, deaf by her first birthday. During her second pregnancy, doctors had

warned her against alcohol and changing kitty litter. They had said to avoid sushi and cold cuts. But nobody — not her obstetrician, nor her midwife — mentioned cytomegalovirus.

Only after a frustrating search lasting months

did doctors discover that the girl had been infected in utero. The infection and the emotional ordeal that followed, she thinks, could have been prevented — for the Sweet family, and thousands of others every year.

“It’s tough to play the

what-if game,” said Ms. Sweet, 37, a consultant for an education nonprofit in Cumberland, Me. “You can drive yourself crazy with that.”

The world has been galvanized by the Zika epidemic spreading through

'CMV' A4

Middletown youth jail to shut down

By Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

CT Mirror

The Department of Children and Families’ plan to close its controversial jail in Middletown relies on shrinking the pipeline of youths who need to be locked up — and opening a smaller, more therapeutic program, potentially in Hamden or Stratford, for those who still require a secure placement.

The plan follows criticism from national experts of Connecticut’s approach to juvenile justice and a state watchdog’s investigation of conditions at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, which included videos of youths being violently restrained by staff for not following orders. Following the controversies, Gov. Daniel P. Malloy called for closing the facility by July 2018.

Advocates long have complained that youths convicted of crimes not serious enough to land them in the adult correctional system and who pose no risk to the public are being incarcerated at the maximum security facility because there is nowhere else to put them — and that support services in

the community are lagging.

The plan asks for lawmakers to provide DCF with \$7.2 million more to ameliorate wait lists and open additional supports for those struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues. It also would expand vocational training and housing supports for those youths.

“DCF recommends expanding these services as a key strategy for serving more youth in the community and fewer youth in secure placement, as the current service array cannot meet the demand in all parts of the state,” reads the agency’s final report.

A new tool to better assess whether a youth poses a danger to the public also was launched in April, and the plan calls for continued dedication to that strategy. That tool gauges a youth’s risk-level based on their history of relationships with family and peers, use of drugs or alcohol, involvement in recreational activities and other factors.

Of the 62 youths that a judge committed to DCF since the new tool was rolled out recently, 50 were deemed to be at either high or very high risk of committing another

'Jail' A3

Iraqi Sunnis fleeing Mosul brace for the worst

By Kareem Fahim
Washington Post

IMAM GHARBI, Iraq — The woman said that her husband was an Islamic State fighter but that she left him after trying, in vain, to persuade him to defect. Last week, she took their six children and fled across the battle lines toward ground controlled by the Iraqi army, she said.

But as the women spoke in a camp for newly displaced people south of Mosul on Friday — watched by men with

guns, with no electricity or food in her tent and her children playing in dirt — her escape seemed like the prelude to another miserable ordeal.

The camp sat next to her Village but she was not allowed to go home, pending an interrogation by Iraqi officials into her past and the activities of her husband, whom she claimed not to have seen in months. Even if she were eventually granted permission to leave, it was not clear there would be a place for her in the village — or, for that matter, in Iraq.

Thousands of people who lived for the past two years under the rule of the militants have begun to escape their villages as a huge Iraqi force closes in on the northern city of Mosul, free now to tell their stories of brutality and privation and near-death escapes.

Most, though, are Sunni Muslims, unable to celebrate just yet as they face questions from the authorities and the country at large about their years living alongside the Sunni militants, as well as any ties to the jihadists, whether real or just per-

ceived. Aid organizations are warning of a humanitarian disaster for refugees fleeing the fighting in Mosul, as Iraqi forces begin their offensive against Islamic State. (Reuters)

Their treatment by the Shiite-led government in the current campaign is seen as crucial to rebuilding Sunni trust in the state, which plummeted so low two years ago that some Sunnis welcomes the militants to their towns, cities and villages.

In other areas captured from the Islamic

'Iraq' A9

Philippine president further sours U.S. relations

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A top American diplomat for Asia said Monday that Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s controversial remarks and a “real climate of uncertainty” about his government’s intentions have sparked distress in the U.S. and other countries.

Daniel Russel, the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said he also relayed to Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay Jr. international concern over continuing

killings under Duterte’s crackdown against illegal drugs. In addition, Secretary of State John Kerry spoke by phone Sunday with Yasay about “recent challenges” in bilateral relations, the State Department said.

Russel’s visit to the Philippines, part of a 3-nation trip to Southeast Asia, comes amid increasing uncertainty about Washington’s treaty alliance with Manila. The brash Duterte, who took office on June 30, has displayed antagonism toward America, declaring

'Duterte' A6