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Missing El Faro ship now believed to have been found

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In the early hours of September 30, El Faro, a US cargo ship, set sail out of Jacksonville, Florida for San Juan, Puerto Rico.

At the time, Hurricane Joaquin was still considered a tropical storm, but most meteorologists at the National Hurricane Center hypothesized that it would be a hurricane by the morning of October 1.

El Faro continued on course and sailed right near the eye of the storm where the ship took on water, but according to the last communication from the captain, the flooding was under control.

Later that night all communications ceased from El Faro and the ship was pronounced missing on October 2.

According to a report from CNN, three former crew members of the ship said that it was known to have some rust and leaks and probably would not have been fit to take on a storm.

“(It) needed a death certificate. It was a rust bucket,” said Chris Cash, a former crew member of the ship, in an interview with the Portland Press Herald. “You don’t take a ship like that... that ship

wasn’t supposed to be on water.”

Six days after the sinking of El Faro, the Coast Guard announced that it would be ending its search for any survivors.

The ship had 33 crew members, four of them Mainers, all of whom have been reported dead.

The four Mainers aboard the ship were all graduates of Maine Maritime Academy. MMA President William Brennan said that the school will grieve this together and continue to offer counseling services to the students who need it.

“I have no doubt this will prove to be a learning experience for all of our students and all of our faculty and staff,” said Brennan. “We train for this.”

The ship was captained by Michael Davidson, a graduate of Maine Maritime Academy who spent his teenage years as a deck-hand for Casco Bay Lines.

“He was a very energetic, enthusiastic worker. He did his job well, moved up the ranks and got his captain’s license very quickly,” said Larry Legere, an operations agent at Casco Bay Lines who Davidson spent some time with under his command, in an interview with the Portland Press Herald.

Captain Davidson is survived by

his wife, Theresa, and two daughters, Marina and Ariana, who are student-athletes here at USM.

“First, the hearts of the all the USM community go out to student-athletes Ariana and Marina Davidson whose father, Captain Michael Davidson, remains missing with the crew of the El Faro since Thursday morning,” said President Cummings in a Monday Missive from early October. “They have displayed immense strength and dignity through this trying time. Please join us in our continued hopes and prayers for a safe conclusion to the ordeal.”

This statement was released just a few days after the ship went missing, before the Coast Guard called off the search and all 33 crew members were pronounced dead.

Over Halloween weekend, wreckage was found that is believed to be the cargo ship. The wreckage was found using sonar equipment and is believed to be at depths around 15,000 feet, according to the New York Times.

According to the Portland Press Herald, sonar shows that the 790-foot ship is upright and in one piece on the ocean floor. The wreckage was also found in the same general



Ashley L. Conti / BDN Staff

Friends and family gather during a memorial service to honor Danielle Randolph Thursday at the Marshall Point Lighthouse in Port Clyde. Randolph was a second mate on the cargo ship El Faro that went missing earlier this month.

vicinity as the ship’s last known location. An article published in The Atlantic right around the time of the ship was declared missing, states that it’s actually quite rare for a ship of that size to disappear.

According to an analysis done, only six ships over 100 tons had

been reported lost or missing within the last ten years. Three of those were in 2005 and there were no ships reported missing in 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014.

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Portland Cannabis Convention hosted by NECANN held at USM



Nathan Baril / Multimedia Editor

People walk around to look at the variety of booths at the Cannabis Convention.

Bradford Spurr
Free Press Staff

With the conversation on medical marijuana and legal recreational use for adults growing ever louder, the city of Portland finds itself looking towards the future. This past weekend, the University of Southern Maine hosted

the Portland Cannabis Convention in the Sullivan gym.

This convention is put on by The New England Cannabis Network (NECANN) which organizes business and public conferences across the New England region. There are over 60 registered vendors ranging from hydroponics companies, to the Blazin Ace located on Fore Street in the Old

Port and medical marijuana caregivers.

NECANN was created out of the hole that rapidly adopted medical legalization left in its wake. It was clear that this issue was an important one to the general public but there remained a lack of a public forum people could access for information or support. Thus the New England Cannabis Network came into being.

The network was founded by Jeff Lawrence who is the owner, founder, and publisher of the alternative Boston media and news publication DigBoston, as well as Marc Sheppard who is an associate publisher at DigBoston.

Along with vendor booths promoting the latest and greatest in glassware, electronic vaporizers portable and desktop alike the convention also has put together a series of Keynote addresses, live instructional demos and panel discussions.

The subjects range from learning how to make something called “Super Soil” and the specific science behind it, to what the deal is with edible dosages and whether

the label is arbitrary or if people know with some certainty what is in that brownie and a live demonstration on how to make tincture, or a technique that extracts the essential cannabinoids from the plant itself using alcohol.

One of the convention’s chief sponsors is the Wellness Connection which is a network of four medical marijuana dispensaries spreading across Maine with one right on Congress Street in downtown Portland.

Becky DeKeuster, one of the founders of the Wellness Connection and current Director of Community and Education for the dispensaries spoke a little about the connection they have to the convention and network itself. The Wellness Connection began to sponsor events a little over a year ago, she said, after NECANN reached out and what the Wellness Connection liked what they saw.

According to DeKeuster, the convention is important because it helps spread a “model of responsible access and regulation and also gets the message out to other colleagues in other states.”

She explained that the local ordinance decriminalizing the possession and consumption/combustion of marijuana within the city of Portland for citizens over the age of 21 hasn’t brought up any incidences involving the dispensary.

Every now and then, DeKeuster said that a recreational user comes in looking to purchase medical cannabis but unfortunately there is nothing the Wellness Connection can do except set up the infrastructure and support for responsible adult legalization on a public level.

“We think that NECANN and other responsible parts of existing successful medical programs in Maine build a good framework on which to build a system for safe adult usage,” DeKeuster said on looking forward to possible legalization that is being debated at the national level and what that means for her network and the implications for the state of Maine.

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Portland shuts down wage increase, elects new mayor

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News Editor

This past Tuesday, thousands of voters from across the state turned up at their local booths to cast their votes on a new mayor, new city councilors and state wide referendums having to do with clean elections, bonds for low-income housing for seniors and bonds for transportation projects.

Last year, Maine saw a voter turnout of 58.5 percent, which is lower than the turnout from 2012 when nearly 70 percent of Maine came out to vote, according to ballotpedia.

Portland Elections

When Portland voters went out to cast their ballots, they were looking to elect a new mayor and decide whether or not the minimum wage should be increased to \$15.00 an hour.

Michael Brennan ran against two other opponents for mayor: Ethan Strimling, a democrat and CEO of a local non-profit organization and Tom MacMillan, a green party candidate.

Brennan was unseated by Strimling, receiving just 38 percent of the vote, while Strimling picked up 51 percent and MacMillan grabbed 10 percent.

Though MacMillan did not become the next of Portland, he left an encouraging post on Facebook the following morning.

“I woke up this morning knowing that I didn’t win the position of mayor of Portland, but I cannot help but feel very positive about my campaign,” he wrote.

Question 1 in Portland dealt with raising the minimum wage to \$15.00. That initiative was shut down by Portland voters with 58 percent voting that they were not in favor of the increase.

Some business owners, such as Scott Rousseau, owner of Play It Again Sports in Portland are happy that wage increase did not go through.

“Right now I’m feeling a huge sense of relief for every small business owner in Portland, and everyone who works for me,” Rousseau said in an interview with the Portland Press Herald. “I think it’s great news for the future of our city.”

Although the increase didn’t pass, the city council has voted recently to raise minimum wage to \$10.10 which will take effect on January 1, 2016.

Portland also decided to vote no on question number 2, a question that if passed would have protected Portland’s scenic views. Over 11,000 people, 63 percent, voted no on this ballot measure.

A number of city councilors were also elected last Tuesday, including Nicholas Mavodones, an at large city councilor, Belinda Ray from District 1 and Spencer Thibodeau from District 2.

Statewide Ballot Measures

There were three referenda that every voter in the state was asked to vote on, regardless of location. Since 1996, there has been an average of six ballot measures for citizens to vote on, making 2015 below average in terms of number of ballot questions.

Question 1 on this year’s ballot had to do with strengthening the Maine Clean Elections Act, voting

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Tom MacMillan, Green Party Mayoral Candidate

yes meant that the voter agrees that there should be an increase in funding for the Maine Clean Elections Fund and a harsher penalty for those that violate campaign finance rules.

The question passed by a total vote of 118,741 votes, 55 percent, to 97,378 votes, 45 percent.

The passing of this measure increases funding from \$2 million to \$3 million for the Maine Clean Elections Fund, along with penalizing finances that are reported late at 100 percent, rather than \$5,000 penalty that was in place before.

Governor Paul LePage was opposed to this referendum, publicly saying, “This is the biggest scam on Maine people, this is truly, truly about getting the wealthy, wealthier

and the poor people, dumb — keep them dumb — dumb them down. This is a scam.”

Supporters of the referendum include State Senator Roger Katz who said in a column on CentralMaine.com that the passing of this measure will strengthen transparency and make those that break election laws more accountable.

Senator Angus King also voiced his support for the measure.

Question 2 on the ballot this year asks voters to approve a \$15 million bond that would go towards construction projects to grant more housing for low-income senior citizens.

The measure also required that at least one housing project be located in each of Maine’s 16 counties in locations that make it easy to access public transportation and health care facilities.

The measure passed with overwhelming support, nearly 70 percent of voters said they were in favor of the bond.

The third and final question on the ballot also related to a new bond, one that would issue \$85 million for

construction projects.

This ballot measure also passed with an overwhelming majority, nearly 73 percent of people voted to pass the referendum.

The state of Maine also voted to elect two new members into the state House of Representatives. Matthew Harrington won in District 19 in a close race with Jean Noon. Harrington received 48 percent of the vote, while Noon was right behind him with 45 percent.

Lester Ordway also won in District 23, his race was not as close, with the person behind him, Lynn Olson, losing by nine percent.

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PORTLAND

Question 1 15\$ Minimum Wage



Question 2 Protection for Scenic Views



City Mayor



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Question 1 Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act



Question 2 \$15 Million for Senior Citizen Housing



Question 3 \$85 Million for Transportation Projects



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In Brief...

President Cummings listed as one of the most intriguing people in the state of Maine

Every year, Portland Monthly magazine releases a list of 10 Mainers who have made a positive impact on the state in the last calendar year.

USM’s own president, Glenn Cummings, was a part of the list because of the work he has been doing since he took office back in July, such as increasing enrollment that reduced the projected deficit.

The piece also mentioned President Cummings’ plan for the future of USM, such as improving retention, increasing alumni giving and creating a welcoming learning environment for all students.

“We want experiences for students in the real world to be contributing to resolving our region’s problems and challenges,” said President Cummings.

“At same time, students are able to learn skills like problem solving, communication and executive function -- things that are essential and hard to teach in the classroom.”

Teenager who threatened Windham schools last year, accepts plea

Last year, Windham and Raymond schools were forced to shut down for three days when they received emails from Justin

Woodbury, threatening a shooting rampage.

Woodbury accepted a plea bargain that would allow him to avoid felony charges as long as he stays out of trouble for the next two years. He pleaded guilty to felony counts of terrorizing for forcing the evacuation of government buildings, but was given a deferred disposition by Judge Keith Powers.

If Woodbury remains out of the trouble for the next two years, he would be allowed to withdraw his plea and instead plead guilty for two misdemeanors which would give him a year probation.

“Basically, you’re being given time to prove yourself,” Judge Powers told Woodbury at the hearing. “Stay out of trouble, do something productive, learn from your mistakes.”

The plea deals also requires that Woodbury participate in a restorative justice program where he will hear from officials about how his actions affected those around him.

Speed and alcohol potential factors in a crash that killed a Bonny Eagle student

Family and friends gathered on Turkey Lane in Buxton at the crash site of Angel Greene, who was pronounced dead from a tragic car accident early Tuesday morning. Mourners planted a cross near where her body was found.

Greene, 16, was ejected from an SUV when it veered off the road and struck a tree and telephone pole before rolling over and landing on it’s roof. Greene was found nearly 20 yards away from the initial crash sight.

Police told the parents of

Greene that they had reason to believe that alcohol and speed were factors in the crash. Police have yet to release who was driving the car when the accident occurred.

Turkey Lane is marked at 45 mph, but people who live in the area have complained about speeding on the road. Two others have died in similar ways on Turkey Lane in recent years.

“How many more kids have to die on this road?” said Dana Deering, a local resident.

There were three others in the car when the accident took place, all of which have sustained injuries but their names and conditions have not yet been released by authorities.

Murder suicide hits small, close-knit Maine community

Last Wednesday, the small town of Oakland, Maine suffered their first homicide in more than ten years when Herman Derico shot and killed three people in an apartment before going outside and shooting himself in the driveway.

The victims, Michael Muzerolle, Amanda Bragg and Amy Bragg all shared the first floor apartment where they were murdered.

As of now police still do not know why the shooting took place.

“What state police and Oakland police are trying to determine is what sparked the violence here last night, and at this hour, we do not have answers,” said Department of Public Safety spokesman Steve McCausland in a news conference last Thursday afternoon.

Bragg and Muzerolle’s 3 year old daughter was found unharmed at the scene of the crime.

Muskie school shapes plan for India street

Public Affairs Office
USM Online

Students from USM’s Muskie School of Public Service helped shape a plan that may define one of Portland’s neighborhoods for decades to come.

On Nov. 2, the Portland City Council adopted the India Street Sustainable Neighborhood Plan, a new historic district, and a new form-based code aimed at shaping development within the India Street zone, sandwiched between the city’s Old Port and Munjoy Hill neighborhoods.

The students -- members of the Muskie School’s Community Planning and Development program (now the Policy, Planning, and Management Program) -- spent months on the project, authored their own analysis and saved the city thousands of dollars in consulting fees, said Jeff Levine, the director of planning and urban development for the city of Portland.

“They gave us a lot of background and ideas that were incorporated into our overall report,” said Levine, who praised their high-quality work.

The student report addressed three elements of project, said Dr. Yuseung Kim of the Muskie School. Students examined place branding, economic development and streetscape/connectivity.

“The student presentation at

City Hall attracted many from the local government and the local community,” said Kim, pictured here. “Students were also excited to have an opportunity to contribute to the plan-making process in their community.”

The class, offered every spring, focuses on teaching students to design, research, produce and communicate a professional-grade project using real world issues, Kim said. The class is a required course for Sustainable Development and Geospatial Technologies Concentration students within the Policy, Planning, and Management Program.

In Spring 2014, Kim led the class with Professor Richard Barringer, who is now an Emeritus Professor with the Muskie School. Barringer also co-chaired the India Street Neighborhood Advisory Committee that created the plan and presented it to the City’s Planning Board and City Council for approval.

The student group included: Benjamin Averill, Zachary Cowan, Heidi Wueste, Cyndi Gacosta (alumnus, English teacher in South Korea), Eric Larsson (alumnus, Maine Land Use Planning Commission, Ockington Research Group), Emily M. Maynard (alumnus, Connecticut Fund for the Environment), and G. Andrew Smith-Petersen (alumnus, Portland Water District).

“I’m proud to have been able

to participate in India Street plan, which will have citywide and regional significance. The collaboration between the Muskie School, the India Street Neighborhood Association, and the City of Portland illustrates USM’s place as an active part of the community. It’s allowed me the unique opportunity to work with and learn from many dedicated members of our community, including respected leaders in the fields of community planning and development,” said Smith-Petersen.

Firooza Pavri, who chairs the Policy, Planning, and Management program, praised the work as an example of what the Muskie School can accomplish in the community.

“A hallmark of the Muskie School has been involving our students in community-engaged projects,” Pavri said. “These partnerships provide students valuable hands-on, real world experiences and they allow Muskie School faculty, researchers and students to share their insights and expertise with our community partners. The efforts of faculty like Dr. Yuseung Kim and others in the Master’s program in Policy, Planning, and Management, as well as that of our students, exemplify this commitment.”

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Police Beat

Selections from the
USM Department of
Public Safety police log
October 7 to October 17

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Should’ve parked in a no-art zone

Vandalism Complaint, 55 Campus Drive. Subject reports Vandalism to his vehicle while parked overnight. Report Taken.

Friday, Oct. 9

666, Exorcism in progress

Disturbance, UpperClass Hall. Officer investigated report of people yelling.

Searching for a party

Drug Complaint, Robie Andrews Hall. Officer investigating the Smell of Marijuana. Report Taken.

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Drug Complaint, Robie Andrews Hall. Officer investigating. Report Taken.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Aren’t all trips accidental

Security Alarm, 21 Falmouth St Portland. Accidental Trip. Alarm Reset.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Craaaaaazy taxi

Liquor Law Violation, 28 Husky Drive. Subject intoxicated, summons was issued and called a Taxi for transportation.

And don’t come back!

Criminal Trespass violation, 32 University Way. Student was warned for trespassing. Report Taken.

Said they were looking for someone named Molly

Wellbeing Check, 16 University Way. Student not feeling well and confused. Rescue called. Report Taken.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

10 points off each day the report is late

Suspicious Activity reported, Officer investigated. No Report.

Friday, Oct. 16

Or hit by a smooth criminal

Security Alarm, 246 Deering Ave. Emergency Door Alarm Activation. Accidental.

Summons for being too awesome

Disturbance Call, Woodward Hall. Report of a Loud Party. Report Taken. Summons Issued for Alcohol Violation.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Buying too much beer to carry

Assist Other Agency, Cumberland Farms. Assisted Gorham PD with a transport.

Police logs are edited for grammar and style. They can be found at usm.maine.edu/police/campus-crime-log.

Police Beats are the same as issue 8 due to lack of content on the USM Crime Log.

Arts & Culture

THE ART & SCIENCE OF BREWING



Nate Baril / Multimedia Editor

Craft Brewing is just as much an artistic endeavor as a scientific one. USM's Chemistry Professor and fermentation expert Lucille Benedict spoke with five of Maine's top brewers about the world behind craft beer.

Amanda Melanson
Free Press Staff

On Thursday Evening, several members of the Portland Community were in attendance for the Science and Creativity of Brewing at Oxbow Blending and Bottling, located on Washington Ave. in Portland. USM's own Lucille Benedict, a Professor of the Chemistry Department, started the evening off with a bit of an explanation of how beer is made chemically. She explained that brewing is about "focusing on the principles of the flavors." She said that there are many factors that go into brewing, not just the ingredients.

While it is true that beer is mostly water, malt, hops, and yeast, there are other factors such as temperature that are essential to the conditions of the quality of the brew.

From Benedict's perspective, "Brewers must work from a sci-

ence perspective."

Ian McConnell of Banded Horn Brewing Company, located in Biddeford, went on to explain Banded Horn's process and that his company is unique because it is the only brewing company within the Biddeford community.

"It's important for any town to have its own beer," said McConnell. His brewery works with spruce tips to create a unique Maine flavor. These spruce trees are grown personally on a farm and "sprucing" takes place between late May and late June each time the trees bloom. This is the process in which he gathers the spruce tips and harvests them for his brew.

Dustin Johnson, of Maine's own Gneiss Brewer Company, located in Limerick, went into the history of brewing, describing the oldest brewery in Germany and discussed "the beer wheel" or the process of making beer. Beer brewing has evolved

with technology, but there are still places such as Belgium that have all wooden buildings and don't use fancy metal equipment to brew. Dustin explained that brewing is essentially "science meets creativity."

Tim Adams of Oxbow Brewing explored the process of "art within beer." This means the branding of the company and the process of making labels. From the concept art to printing and distributing the labels and the final product where they are placed on bottles, there is certainly a large artistic element in this business.

Nathan Sanborn of Rising Tide finished off presentations with exploring the scientific side that was touched upon early in the presentation by Benedict, explaining that quality control is important.

When creating the perfect craft beer, everything is analyzed. The smell, the taste, the composition and the process in which the beer

is made. If you brew craft beer, you should be able to taste beer with an artist's' pallet and identify each element of the beverage. The process is done through flavor recognition.

"You're identifying flavor profiles in the ingredients," said Sanborn. Brewers know what hops, yeast, malt, and even water works best together. The process control is mainly the chemistry - time, temperature, pH and oxygen levels and that essentially beer can be described as delicious sugar water.

Sanborn went on to say that one "needs skills to create" when it comes to brewing beer.

There is a niche that craft beers cater to, especially within Portland's young community. The community of the brewers themselves is also a group of sorts.

"More and more 21 year-olds are drinking craft brews and that there is potentially a bubble within the community," said Sanborn.

Essentially there are so many breweries that they all could compete with one another, but seem to be a more friendly community..

With all the ingredients, brewing equipment and packaging and labeling, the cost of being a craft brewer can be high. Johnson knows the cost of the business first hand.

"I make just enough to pay the bills," he laughed.

From start to finish, the panel was a collective building of the greater picture of how beer is made compositionally, the process of labeling and shipping the bottles, and the finish product which enters bars and stores within the Maine community. It was an event geared not just towards the avid beer drinker, but to science lovers as well..

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This just in: Vance Joy has other songs besides Riptide



F-Stop Records/ Atlantic

Meaghan Gonsior
Contributor

If Vance Joy's debut album "Dream Your Life Away" was a season, it would be smack dab

in the middle of Autumn: sensual, layered, and haunting, with bursts of color throughout. The full length album was released in September of last year, as the Melbourne, Australia native was being swept up in a flurry of fame (including a tour with Taylor Swift.) You've probably heard his hit song "Riptide," on the radio or as the theme for a GoPro ad campaign. Joy's "The Fire and The Flood" Tour will be stopping in Portland, Maine at The State Theatre on February 10, 2016.

The aptly named "Dream Your Life Away" is easy listening, heavy on guitar and full, soft vocals. There's no shortage of hand clapping rhythm or metaphorical lyrics. The album opens

with a lover's plea in "Winds of Change," which sets the pace for the remaining 14 songs. Joy's music videos are worth watching as they often throw an ironic or tongue-in-cheek spin on his songs. Song number two, "Mess is Mine," has an off-the-wall video starring a polar bear turned taxi driver. Joy's lyrics often paint a visual.

"Riptide" plays fourth on the list, standing out from the others in its alluring, catchy sound. The upbeat ukulele is offset by the opening lyrics, "I was scared of dentists and the dark. I was scared of pretty girls and starting conversations." Haunting howls add to this song's mystique. The lyrics flow effortlessly, weaving

metaphor with melody, pulling the listener in. It's no wonder that this song has rocketed Joy into the spotlight. In an interview, the musician explains that the Riptide is a hotel, adding an extra layer of meaning to the chorus, "Lady, running down to the riptide | Taken away to the dark side | I want to be your left hand man."

Joy's powerful songwriting continues with the song "Who Am I?" where he poetically frames the act of transparency as, "Hold me up to the light, tell me if the sun comes shining through." Other notable lyrics include, "I've been living on the crumbs of your love, and I'm starving now," and in another song, "She is electricity running to my soul."

The one song that seems to drag is "My Kind of Man," which combines predictable rhymes with a very slow, meandering melody. The album finishes off bringing in horns in "Fire and the Flood," and a Pop sound in "Straight Into Your Arms," where Joy shows off his range of vocals.

"Dream Your Life Away" is great listening on commutes, at the gym, or in the background while you study. Listeners who like music from Of Monsters And Men, Bob Dylan, The Lumineers, or Mumford & Sons will most likely enjoy this album.

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Perspectives

Our Opinion

Minimum wage increase is necessary for low income families

Editorial Board
Free Press Staff

Last Tuesday, voters in Portland decided not to raise the minimum wage in the city to \$15.00 an hour, but was that the right choice?

Wages will increase to \$10.10 an hour, starting January 1, but that left out tipped workers. The Maine People's Alliance is currently collecting signatures to get a question on next year's ballot to increase wages to \$12.00 an hour by 2020, so this isn't an issue that will be going away any time soon.

One of the biggest concerns when discussing the raise of mini-

mum wage in Portland is that it will force small businesses to close their doors because they can't afford to pay their employees. This continues to be the stigma, despite the fact that there isn't much evidence to support that claim.

According to a Huffington Post article, raising the minimum wage is actually good for businesses because it gives people more money in their pocket that they can then go out and spend on goods and services within the community.

So why does the stigma continue? Big corporations. These are the same corporations that pay for

politicians to get into public office in the first place and don't want to be forced to pay their employees anymore because that would be taking money out of their own pockets and putting it into someone else's.

At the same time, we've been cutting back on welfare and state programs that help these people who don't make enough money to live. Whether the wage is \$15.00 or not, that doesn't really matter. It should be raised to \$10.10 or \$11.00 or \$12.00, but for everyone - including tipped workers - so we can get rid of the ridiculous custom of tipping and get more

people above the poverty line.

In addition, make the wages indexed so that people won't suffer from crazy inflation rates. If inflation goes up, then so do wages. Typical, every day people shouldn't have to suffer because the Federal Reserve can't stop printing money.

As Tom MacMillan stated during his run for mayor, anyone who works 40 hours a week should not then have to go to a soup kitchen because they can't afford to put food on their table.

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Anarchist Luddite

Politicians make me puke: Americans think of voting as the cornerstone of a democracy

Brian Gordon
Free Press Staff

Disclaimer: This article was written before the results from voting were revealed - yet some of Brian's educated and comical guesses aren't that far off.

Politics often seems like this disgusting spectacle from D.C. that you can largely ignore but then when it comes to town you feel like you should dance.

Spend any time around politics or even reading about it and it will leave you feeling hollow. There are a couple of things you can do to fill the void in your life. Like the majority of Americans you can ignore it, switch the channel. If you're anything like me you turn to a strong drink to erase any horrible lingering memories of false promises, empty handshakes and meaningless slogans.

Maybe the true answer is the one only a few have implemented - creating change in their life and their community by creating another way. To live entirely; whether in collective housing or doing like the North Pond Hermit and getting off the grid. Will voting ever change anything? No. If it did they would make it illegal. Politics leaves you with a nasty hangover that lasts years. No amount of bloody mary's from Ruski's can do away with it.

State Question: Q.1. Clean Elections Act - Increases money underdog candidates get, running for the State House

LePage is against this and that would naturally make me want to vote for it. I just hate encouraging politicians and I certainly don't want to give more money to potential politicians, that's icky. Sure money has ruined politics, but how much more could it be evil? The capitalist system doesn't work for me and I have no faith of a savior coming around in the form of an old rich white man in a tasteful blue suit with an American flag pin over their heart.

Maybe this could help smaller people get into office and "make a difference" but I just don't buy it. Power comes from the people not the machines. The money they

would receive is so they can print more glossy fliers that will wind up in landfills.

Local Questions: Q. 1. Do you want to raise the minimum wage in Portland to \$15 an hour? A. YES

I'm definitely voting for \$15 an hour because I'm poor and so are all my friends. Rich people can cut into their own checks to pay for it. Don't believe scare tactics saying it will drive jobs away. As our economy becomes more of a service economy, students especially need this much money to pay rent in town. Hotel workers, dishwashers everyone deserves a living wage. It won't go up to \$15 an hour until 2019. By then it probably won't be enough, but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. This is a desperately need step into leveling the playing field.

Q. 2. Do you want to restrict scenic views from new developments? A. YES

This one's a wee tricky. Rich people on Munjoy hill don't want rich people at the Portland Company complex, 58 Fore St. to build a giant gated community at the bottom with ivory towers that will block their view. I'm all for less condos so I'm going to vote YES on this. Opponents say we need any new housing, even disgusting condos that knock down historical buildings. More condos = more yuppies so I'm not for this. You can't grow corn in a condo but you can grow rich folks from Massachusetts. This ordinance won't apply just to the Portland Co. Complex but other developers eager to raze Portland and plant stucco towers. Humans got this on the ballot, (people's initiative) not politicians so that makes me want to vote for it more. "Power to the people" and all that.

Mayor: The incumbent is a delusional geriatric hack that likes to spend his days flying kites and eating Italians on the Eastern Prom. and shoot so do I. But that doesn't mean I want the guy to lord over me again as he's done the past four years.

The dude who most likely will win is Ethan Strimling. He looks like he just flew in from his Holly-

wood dentist after a teeth bleaching session. The dude is a hunk, let's not mince words here. He parks his Lear jet on the Western prom and dines in trendy bistros. This makes me hate him out of hand. Nobody likes rich attractive people. He's a upper class person masquerading as a middle class hero. He doesn't have working class student's interest in mind. Dismissed.

You could do worse than Tom Macmillan. He's the Green candidate that got the \$15 an hour min. wage on the ballot. He's also 29, by far the youngest of the candidates, so he's probably has something in common with you. He says he's running to "make Portland a more just and affordable place to live and work."

Macmillan has also attacked Strimling saying "at least 34% of Strimling's campaign funds came from those with a direct financial stake in the expansion of luxury housing and even that does not include donations from well-known corporate and property lawyers."

So don't vote for Strimling if you don't agree with corporate condo tax breaks.

Macmillan also called out corporate tax breaks.

"UNUM has received over \$10 million since 2001 from public tax dollars, despite reporting hundreds of millions in profits each quarter. In July 2015, for example, Unum posted a profit of \$220 million nationally. Portland gave Unum approximately \$870,000 in 2014," Macmillan said.

City council: At Large seat (just means they don't represent a specific district of the city)

My first choice would automatically be the houseless candidate, Matt Coffey. He's homeless by choice, does landscaping work, and lives somewhere in the fringe woods of Portland with a cat named Slinky. People like this should be in office because their voices are never heard, or they're drowned out by the always wrenching and complaining 'middle class.' But then I heard he's against the \$15 minimum wage. He's a Liberation which I agree with on a lot of things except how they're not for helping other humans. They're all about 'everyone can pull themselves up by their bootstraps' and 'don't tread on me.' I'll probably still vote

for him, so he can scare the suits.

Dave Foster - Is a guy. He's young and is on twitter and facebook just like you. He works at the Great Lost Bear, which has good wings and beer. He's for progressive reforms. Vote for him if you want to.

The incumbent has been there for 18 years which makes him a dinosaur. He loves businesses and hates the working class. Don't vote for him. Usurp the rich.

District 1 - One guy is a lawyer and lives on the Eastern Prom. Another is a real estate agent. Someone else is a retired firefighter at age 51. I wish I could retire that young - don't we all? Belinda Ray seems like a nice lady to have tea with. I'm glad I don't live in the East End - throw a dart, that's your next overlord.

District 2 - One of the people running, is another lawyer and the other guy is in bed with big business. That means they're rich and I have nothing in common with them.

The other guy that's running is Rob Korobkin. While I like some of his Green ideas, like \$15 an hour minimum wage - he's all for the Portland Co. development in the city. In his defense he say's "I'm strongly in favor of being careful about what we build. I'd like to build things that look good and fit into the fabric of our city." He's also in favor of green building projects that take the environment into consideration.

Korobkin is also in favor of providing housing for the people who actually work in the Old Port, not just those that vacation there. "Let's grow our city in a way that keeps Portland for everybody," said Korobkin.

You just can't choose someone to represent you. Real change has always come from the people. Governments are always slow and scared to act.

If you settle for a politician, you'll probably settle for your spouse, your job, where you live. Your entire life is settling for things that aren't good enough for you. You can do better.

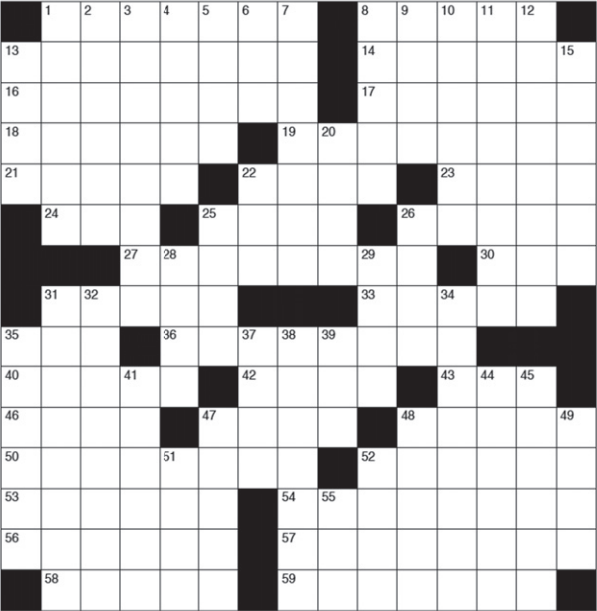
I can't with good conscience recommend you vote for anyone. I'll probably write in Bugs Bunny and hope he comes through with a long shot candidacy.

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Crossword

Across

- 1. "Le Neveu de Rameau" author Denis
- 8. Shade of brown
- 13. Traitor
- 14. Capital of New Caledonia
- 16. Hearty breakfast items
- 17. Emulates a rooster
- 18. ____ Rite (shoe brand)
- 19. Railroad bridges
- 21. Mall units
- 22. One competing
- 23. Mount near Olympus
- 24. "Pipe down!"
- 25. Rear end
- 26. Solidarity
- 27. Attractive
- 30. Plural ending for can or her
- 31. Gypsy's deck
- 33. Warner of Charlie Chan films
- 35. ____ Xer
- 36. "Enough is enough!"
- 40. Sized up
- 42. Igloo, perhaps
- 43. " ____ note to follow sew...."
- 46. Arabian prince
- 47. Muscular
- 48. Mississippi River flatboat
- 50. Green gems
- 52. Tenant
- 53. Christmas in Rome
- 54. Picking up the tab
- 56. Kind of symbol
- 57. Pollyannas' opposites
- 58. Online periodicals
- 59. Facets



Down

- 1. Coroner's concerns
- 2. Lead-ins
- 3. Crack a code
- 4. "Great Scott!"
- 5. Garden tool
- 6. Poetic form
- 7. Trying out
- 8. Racing family surname
- 9. Witty remarks
- 10. Richard ____ (actor in 1963's "Cleopatra")
- 11. Mayonnaise, for example
- 12. Double-checked
- 13. Supreme Diana
- 15. Does a metallurgist's job
- 20. Instant, in product names
- 22. By
- 25. "Design on a Dime" channel
- 26. Hybrid citrus fruit
- 28. Character to "avoid," in 1980s Domino's Pizza ads
- 29. Lymph ____
- 31. One on the same side
- 32. 1862 battlefield
- 34. Monopoly avenue
- 35. Environmentalists
- 37. Former Israeli leader ____ Barak
- 38. Long Island university
- 39. Big letters in bowling
- 41. List of corrections
- 44. "A Portrait of the ____ as a Young Man" (Joyce novel)
- 45. FBI employees
- 47. Give approval to, in a way
- 48. Bluesy Memphis street
- 49. Physics units
- 51. Chug follower
- 52. Harvest
- 55. In medias ____

Sudoku

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 x 9-square grid subdivided into nine 3 x 3 boxes. Some of the squares contain numbers. The object is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

	9		8			1	6	
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			3		5			9
			6				5	7
3								

Cryptogram

Every letter in a cryptogram stands for another letter. Use the hint to crack the code.

K RPVM VQI Q ZJPGFL
JC GQNQZTPMKBX
ZJIV RPYG CNJY Q
GFQBL VTJPMKBX
"XLNJBKYJJ!"

And here is your hint:

I = W

The solution to last issue's crossword



Weekly Horoscope

- ★★★★★ great
- ★★★★ good
- ★★★ average
- ★★ alright
- ★ difficult



Aries
March 21-April 19

★★★★

You have much vitality for success today, but strife is possible if you let others "bug" you. Tune out unimportant distractions.



Libra
September 23-October 22

★★★★★

Your imagination soars to new heights and takes you beyond old boundaries and limitations.



Taurus
April 20-May 20

★★★★★

You have the urge to suggest improvements in your love life today. Focus on what you LIKE, lest hurt egos result from implied criticism.



Scorpio
October 23-November 21

★★★★

Make that minor repair or improvement you've been putting off. You'll be more effective and feel better.



Gemini
May 21-June 20

★★★★

An excellent day for organizing the domestic scene. Now is the time to face those cleanup and straightening projects.



Sagittarius
November 22-December 21

★★★★

Today you are walking the thin line between your way of doing things and the boss's rules. Be sensible.



Cancer
June 21-July 22

★★

It appears that young family members delight in thwarting you, but they are only testing their will. Turn contests into cooperation.



Capricorn
December 22-January 19

★★

An associate is acting out of character. Be sensitive and don't rock the boat. Circumstances will stabilize.



Leo
July 23-August 22

★★★★★

Pay attention to the "vibes" of the one you love. Your invisible antennae are more sensitive tonight. You will pick up feelings.



Aquarius
January 20-February 18

★★★★★

An excellent time to share your visions with loved ones. What do you seek in the future for each other? Co-create satisfaction.



Virgo
August 23-September 22

★★★

Power and passion are central today. Strive to control yourself (sensibly) rather than trying to control the actions of anyone else.



Pisces
February 19-March 20

★★

Your beloved cannot make your life meaningful, but you can share religious views, spiritual experiences, or other inspiring activities.



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USM begins Native American Month celebrations

MaryAnn Silliboy
Free Press Staff

Native American Month, commonly known as Heritage Month, was approved by George H.W. Bush in November of 1990. There are multiple names for Native American Month, such as Native American Indian Heritage Month and, National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

The practice began at the turn of the century to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans who had created growth throughout the U.S.

Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Native American, director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the “First Americans” and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan for American Indian Day. Their president Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, on the country to observe Native American Heritage Day.

Coolidge issued a proclamation on September 28, 1915 that declared the second Saturday of May as American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition.

The year before the proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot N.A. rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor N.A. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The Multicultural Center at USM is honoring Native American Heritage Month with a series of events. The Woodbury Campus Center Food Court and the Brooks Residential Restaurant on the Gorham campus every Wednesday of this month will have different types of traditional food.

Olivia Curtis-Doucette the Aramark Dining Services Manager, is the one behind the Native American traditional foods. All the food that has been brought into the dining hall is originally from



MaryAnn Silliboy / Free Press Staff

Chef Ian Ross, Susan Hamilton and Olivia Curtis-Doucette pose behind N.A. traditional food.

Maine.

The events begin on November 12 at the University of New England with a series of lectures regarding Native American Heritage.

The Native American group, One Nation has meetings once a week on Friday's in the Multicultural Center at the Woodbury Campus Center.

The group was put together by Shannon Sockalexis who is Penobscot Native American.

In the state of Maine there are four recognized tribes. The Maliseet Indians of Houlton, ME. The Micmac Indians of Presque Isle, ME. The Penobscot of Penobscot County near Old Town, ME. The Passamaquoddy of Township, ME. The four tribes all together are The Wabanaki's.

The University of Augusta has been putting on a show for the Native Americans. The four tribes get together and sell their handcrafted items including baskets, dreamcatchers, walking sticks, among other items.

The University of Maine has a Wabanaki Center which is committed to building and sustaining a mutually beneficial rela-

tionship between the University of Maine and Native American communities. It is a gathering place for indigenous scholars engaged in advancing Wabanaki studies through teaching, research and publication.

Samuel Alvah Olivia Larchwood, a senior Social Work and Women and Gender Studies major explains how Native American Indian Heritage Month is when Native American's can be federally recognized.

“There are many opportunities to celebrate our heritage,” said Larchwood. “Now that it is ‘official’ it feels like it forces non-native to acknowledge our existence which is satisfying.”

Shannon Sockalexis, a third year Art major believes that Native American month is the one month that they can press issues to the public.

“While every month is Native American Heritage month to us, it's nice to be able to celebrate it with special events put on by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.”

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Students of USM

Nancy Umba, Sophomore Theatre major

Rahma Ali
Community Editor

Nancy Umba, sophomore theatre major started acting in middle school and has been acting ever since. At first, she planned on majoring in marketing but decided not to because she wasn't passionate about it. Now she plans on going to New York next year to pursue her acting career.

“I'm transferring next year and I'm moving out to New York. I don't know what school I'm going to yet but I'm moving there and taking a semester off to figure it out.”

Umba admires her mother and is appreciative of having her in her life.

“Seven years ago, my dad moved back to Sudan, where I'm from. Since then my mother took care of the house and my sister and I by herself,” Umba said. “She has always been a very strong

independent women and is steadfast in her beliefs and doesn't change them for anybody's benefit or empowerment.”

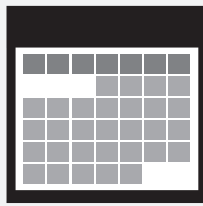
Umba's biggest fear is disappointing herself.

“I don't want to wake up knowing that I wasted my life away and didn't do anything that I wanted to do.”

When asked what the happiest moment of her life was Umba replied, “I've had so many great opportunities but I think the best is yet to come.”

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Do you know any interesting students?
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Campus Events

Monday, November 9

Crosstraining
University of Southern Maine, Portland
Sullivan Gym Complex
Starts: 5:15 p.m. / Ends: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

TedTalk: “Meet the women fighting on the front lines of an American war”
University of Southern Maine, Portland
Veterans Resource Center
Starts: 11:00 a.m. / Ends: 1:00 p.m.

Students and Recovery
University of Southern Maine, Portland
Payson Smith
Room 203
Starts: 5:00 p.m. / Ends: 6:00 p.m.

Beyond Nostra Aetate: Interreligious Dialogue in a Time of Conflict
University of Southern Maine, Portland
Hannaford Hall, Abromson Center
Starts: 7:00 p.m. / Ends: 9:00 p.m.

Alexander F. McCann, Esq. to Lecture
University of Southern Maine, Portland
502 Luther Bonney
Starts: 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Letters to Veterans
University of Southern Maine, Gorham
Residential Restaurant,
Brooks Student Center
Starts: 11:00 a.m. / Ends: 7:00 p.m.

USM Scuba Club Social Meetup
Great Lost Bear 540 Forest
Ave. Portland ME 04101
Starts: 6:00 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

USM Youth Ensembles Fall
Instrumental Concert
Merrill Auditorium, Myrtle
Street, Portland, Maine
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 13

Black Light Yoga
University of Southern Maine, Gorham
Lower Brooks Student Center
Starts: 9:00 p.m. / Ends: 10:30 p.m.

USM Jazz Ensemble
University of Southern Maine, Gorham
Corthell Concert Hall
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Our Town
University of Southern Maine, Gorham
Russell Hall
Starts: 7:30 p.m.

Master Class with Daniel
Bubeck, Countertenor
University of Southern Maine, Gorham
Corthell Concert Hall
Starts: 1:30 p.m. / Ends: 4:00 p.m.

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Home Games

Friday

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. UNE

7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Basketball
vs. Maine Maritime

4:00 p.m.

November 20

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Babson

7:00 p.m.

Huskies fall 4-1 in home opener

David Sanok
Free Press Staff

The Huskies women's hockey team opened the 2015-2016 season Friday afternoon at the USM Ice Arena with a 4-1 loss against the Castleton University Spartans.

Spartans senior goalie Jess Cameron (Mt. Mellick, P.E.I.) finished the afternoon with 24 saves, while Huskies senior goalie Nia Kelly (Santa Barbara, Calif.) registered 19 saves over 50:18 of action before eventually being replaced by first-year goaltender Britney Evanelista (North Smithfield, R.I.) with 9:42 left in the game. Evanelista went on to record two saves.

With the win, the Spartans improve their record to 3-0-0 overall and 1-0-0 in their league.

Despite the defeat, Huskies head coach John Lauziere expressed an optimistic outlook for the rest of the season.

"It's only our first game of the season so there is no reason to panic" said Lauziere after the game. "We just have to play better defensively and make sure we get more shots on goal. The more shots we get on goal, the more aggressive our offense will be, and our opponents will be more on the defensive".

Lauziere also attributed the loss to having a lot of young, new players on the team:



Photo courtesy of Usm Athletic's Website

"We have seven freshmen on our team and very few players overall who have played college hockey for more than one season. Its going to take some time before our team becomes fully in sync, but we have a lot of very talented players who will only continue to get better with more experience."

The Huskies fell behind in the first period as the Spartans took a 1-0 lead with junior Lisa Kilroy (Leominster, Mass.) scoring an unassisted goal at 3:39 after a neutral-zone turnover. In the second period, Castleton added two goals to further increase their lead to 3-0. Sophomore Hannah Rose (Kenora, Ont.) converted an assist from senior Anna Daniels (Falun, Sweden) at 9:01 to record her second goal of

the season.

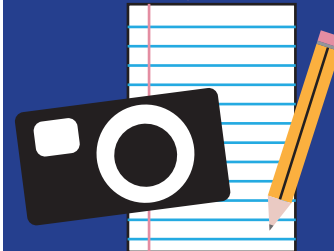
Just over three minutes later, junior Hannah Wright (Arlington, Mass.) scored from the blue line through a screen. Freshman Aimee Briand (Barrington, N.H.) and sophomore Brianna Keats (Calgary, Alb.) earned the assists.

The Huskies' lone goal came during the in the final minutes of the second period, when USM junior Olivia Barragree (Red Lodge, Mont.) scored her first goal of the season at 18:31.

Southern Maine is back in action Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., when they will face nationally-ranked Norwich University.

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USM shooting clinic



The men's basketball team will be offering a shooting clinic to the public on Wednesday, November 11. The day clinic will host young athletes from grades 3-10, and will be an exciting opportunity for the team to teach the area's young athletes.

Scoreboard

October 31

Field Hockey	
USM	1
Fitchburg St.	2

Men's Basketball	
USM	58
U. Maine Orono	104

November 6

Men's Ice Hockey	
USM	2
Norwich	5

Women's Ice Hockey	
USM	1
Castleton	4

For more listings of upcoming Husky sporting events, please refer to the official USM athletic's website.

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