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Missing El Faro ship now believed to have been found

Portland Cannabis Convention hosted by NECANN held at USM

With the conversation on medicinal 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 Solla 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 Blazaic News located on Fore Street in the Old Port and medical marijuana caregivers.

NECANN was created out of the hope that rapidly adopted medical legalization left in it’s 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 a associate publisher at DigBoston. Along with vendor booths promoting the latest 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/consumption 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 legalizing 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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2015 Maine Election Results

PORTLAND

Question 1
15$ Minimum Wage

42% Yes
58% No

Question 2
Protection for Scenic Views

37% Yes
63% No

City Mayor

Michael Brennan 38%
Ethan Strimling 51%
Thomas MacMillan 10%

STATE

Question 1
Strengthen the Maine Clean Elections Act

55% Yes
45% No

Question 2
$15 Million for Senior Citizen Housing

69% Yes
31% No

Question 3
$85 Million for Transportation Projects

73% Yes
27% No

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This past Tuesday, thousands of voters from across the state turned out at their local booths to cast their votes on a new mayor, new city councilors and state wide referenda 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 Urban Maine, 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 yes meant that the voter agrees that if passed would have protect ed Maine’s scenic views. Over 118,741 votes, 55 percent, voted to pass the referendum.

The passing of this measure increased funding from $2 million to $3 million for the Maine Clean Elections Fund, along with penalizing fines 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 transportation projects.

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Tom MacMillan, Green Party Mayoral Candidate

November 9, 2015
Tenure provides professors with more job stability

Once a professor completes six years, USM will evaluate to determine eligibility of tenure

The longer that professors remain teaching at USM, the more benefits that they will begin to see for all of the time and work that they have put into their career. The process that professors go through to generate a higher salary for themselves and assured job stability is called tenure. Any professor who has completed six years of teaching is capable of being evaluated for qualification.

Once there has been a completion of six years, the professor will then have to be officially evaluated by USM. The evaluation is not just a discussion of time spent teaching, but an overall assessment of their teaching performance, research within their field of study and public services that have been contributed to both USM and the public.

According to the official criteria of USM regarding tenure, “Faculty members may not excel in all categories; however, greater accomplishments are expected for those faculty granted tenure at higher ranks.”

After achieving tenure, there is a lot of security and incentive behind staying as a faculty member. Michael Shaughnessy is a tenured professor of art for his work of over 25 years at USM.

According to a salary report released by the UMS in 2014, one USM professor is making $86,936.60, while a fellow professor in the same department makes a salary of $44,125.20.

Tenure has also been a large subject matter for debate in recent years at USM, as cuts to staff that have been made launched an official investigation by the American Association of University Professors. The association was making claims that firings made in 2014 to faculty members was more of an attack on tenure and academic freedom. In January of 2015, the AAUP committee traveled to USM to interview administration and evaluate their decision making process.

The conclusions drawn from the evaluation were not particularly favorable for USM, as it was exposed that pressure was being put on tenured employees to retire as a way to minimize layoffs. However, there seems to be injustice behind putting pressure on professors who have taken the time and hard work to earn their tenure only to be pressured to retire as a way to spare younger professors who may not be able to afford to lose their job.

Thirty-six members of faculty ended up retiring as a result of this crisis, and hard work to earn their tenure only to be pressured to retire as a way to spare younger professors who may not be able to afford to lose their job.

David Flannigan, the president of USM last year, refuted the results that were reported in this investigation and made claims that these cuts were made due to financial difficulty from low enrollment.

Due to the many factors that could have caused USM to avoid cuttings staff to make up for deficits in enrollment, the AAUP determined that, “Overall, the University of Maine system is in strong financial condition. Cutting the core mission of the University cannot be supported as a response to unsupported deficit predictions.”

The AAUP also determined that the layoff of 25 faculty members during the 2014-15 academic year was no necessary.
Muskie school shapes plan for India street

Public Affairs Office
USM Crime

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 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 wrote the city’s first-ever form-based code.

“They gave us a lot of background and ideas that were incorporated into our overall report,” said Dr. Yuseung Kim of the Muskie School. Students examined place branding, economic development and streetscape/connector planning.

“The student presentation at the 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 Emeriti 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 India Street Neighborhood Plan includes:
- Benjamin Av水利工程, Zachary Cowan, Heidi Wueste, Cyndi Ga-rosto (alumni, English teacher in South Korea), Eric Larson (alumni, Maine Land Use Planning Commission, Ockington Research Group), Emily M. May-ward (alumnus, Commonwealth Fund for the Environment), and G. Andrew Smith-Petersen (alumni, Portland Water District).

“They’re 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 partner 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.

Firooz Pavi, 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,” Pavi 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.”

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 Maine Icons 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 2014 -- a project that reduced the projected deficit.

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 experience -- 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 the forcible 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 a Class C charge, 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 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 accident early Tuesday afternoon.

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 thrown 100 yards away from the initial crash site.

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.

“Students were extremely upset which would only give him a year probation.”

“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.

Muder 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 drive-way.

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.

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, Robbie Andrews Hall. Officer investigating the Smell of Marijuana. Report Taken.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Satisfaction guaranteed

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Craaazzy 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.

They 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


Summons for being too awesome


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 Beat are the same as issue 8 due to lack of content on the USM Crime Log.
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 principles of the craft.

**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 scientific 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 a unique system 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 it seems 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 to 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

*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 melodic phrasing. 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 an upbeat ukulele is offset by the up tempo drums. Joy’s songwriting continues with the song “Who Am I?” where he poetically frames the idea of becoming: “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 I take away to the dark side I want to be your left hand man.”

Joy’s powerful songwriting continues with the song “More and more 21 year-olds are drinking craft brews and that there is potentially a bubble within the community,” said Sanborn.

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 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.
Beasts of No Nation is a Netflix Original movie written and directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga, who received an Emmy in 2014 for his critically acclaimed direction of True Detective season one. The movie, which is based on the novel of the same name by Uzoadimma Iweala, follows a young West African boy named Agu, played by Abraham Attah, who is forced by civil war to become a child soldier in a battalion. As a soldier, he forms a relationship with the battalion’s commander played by Idris Elba.

The direction by Cary Joji Fukunaga is outstanding. Fukunaga’s shooting style creates an almost palpable sense of grittiness, which helps convey the realistic tone and makes audience members feel as if they are truly watching the harrowing events experienced by Agu. Credit also has to be given for Fukunaga’s decision to tackle an uneasy subject about child soldiers. Sequences of young children committing violent acts create haunting and difficult imagery that is sure to stick with viewers.

The script by Fukunaga is also well executed letting audience members see how Agu changes from his experiences in war through visuals but occasionally through the dialogue from the character himself. The performances are also outstanding in the film. Abraham Attah is incredible as Agu. Attah’s performance truly captures the loss of innocence his character experiences while participating in war. At the start of the film Attah portrays Agu as a playful child always smiling, content with his life in his village, but after becoming a child soldier he becomes more hardened, desensitized to his violent surroundings. This transformation is easy to see because of Attah’s powerful performance. Also incredible is Idris Elba as the battalion commander called Commandant. Elba infuses his character with a lot of charisma, and during scenes where he is preparing his battalion for battle, you can understand why young children would want to follow him. He also has really great on screen chemistry with Attah, and both of them create an interesting dynamic between their characters.

With its great direction and performances from its actors Beasts of No Nation is a very good movie. Due to its haunting and brutal depictions of violence I can’t recommend it for everyone, but for those that are interested the movie is a powerful piece of cinema that will stick with you in the days following watching it.

The 50 years between this album review and “The Mama’s and the Papa’s” release of this album may seem to render it irrelevant, but nothing could be further from the truth. This psychedelic folk and pop album will keep you afloat through finals and the weary months of winter. Strangely soothing and otherworldly, this album was ranked 127th in Rolling Stone’s list of 500 greatest albums of all time. In 1966, this was the first most people had heard of the background of supermarkets and old movies.

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Minimum wage increase is necessary for low income families

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"Disclaimers: This article was written before the results from voting were revealed - yet some of Brian's edicts and comic gaffes aren't that far off."

Politics often seems like this disquieting landscape from D.C., that you barely got through high school without actually getting the right answers. 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 campaign speeches, or even reading about it and it will leave you feeling hollow. There are a couple things you can do to cut down on the jerk. 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 rent in town. Complexes fail other developers eager to own one dwells 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

Scenic one of a wee tricky. Rich people on Munjoy hill don’t mind their fences that block their condo complex, 58 Fore St, to build a giant gated community at the bottom with ivory towers that will block of the scenic views from new develop- ments. More condos = more yuppies so I’m not for this. You can grow corn in a condo but you can grow rich folks from Massachusetts. This ordinance won’t apply just to the Portland Co. development in the city. At Large seat (just a district of the city)

Macmillan is also supporting the $15 minimum wage on the ballot. He’s also 29, by the way, that got the $15 an hour minimum wage to wind up because their voices are never heard, but was that the right choice? because they can’t afford to put food on their table.

Ethan Strimling. He looks 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 mine words here. He parks his Lear jet on the Western prom and dines in a little place in front of the Portland Co. development in the city. In July 2015, for example, Unum reported a profit of $2.3 billion since 2001 from public tax breaks. For the State House 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 really 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 ideas, like $15 an hour minimum wage - he’s all for the Portland Co. development in the city. In his defense he’s “I’m strongly in favor of green building projects that take the envi- ronment into consideration.” Korobkin is also in favor of pro- viding 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 some- one to represent you. Real change has always come from the people. Government are always slow and scared to act.

 Вам интересно работать с нами? Задайтесь вопросом – а как вы думаете? Как я могу быть полезен вам? Я думаю, что я могу быть полезен вам.

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Across
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   Denis
2. Shade of brown
3. Traitor
4. Capital of New Caledonia
5. Hearty breakfast items
6. Entulates a rooster
7. Rite (shoe brand)
8. Railroad bridges
9. Mail units
10. One competing
11. Mount near Olympus
12. Pipe down!
13. Rebel end
14. Solitary
15. Attractive
16. Plural ending for can or her
17. Gypsy’s deck
18. Winner of Charlie Chan films
19. Xer
20. "Enough is enough!"
21. Size up
22. Igloo, perhaps
23. "...note to follow self..."
24. Arabesque prince
25. Muscular
26. Skeletons never national
27. Green gems
28. Tensard
29. Christmas in Rome
30. Picking up the tab
31. Kind of symbol
32. Pollyanna’s opposites
33. Online periodicals
34. Facets

Down
1. Converse’s concerns
2. Lead ris
3. Worm in a cake
4. "Great Scott!"
5. Garden tool
6. Poetic form
7. Trying out
8. Racing family surname
9. Witty remarks
10. Richard ____, decor in 1963’s "Chopsticks"
11. Magnon, for example
12. Double-checked
13. Supreme Diane
14. Does a meta...’s job
15. Instant, in product names
16. By
17. "Design on a Dime" designer
18. Hybrid citrus that
19. Character to "avoid" in 1980s Domin’s Pizza ad
20. Lymph __________
21. One on the same side
22. 1961 battlestar
23. Monopoly avenue
24. Environmentalist
25. Former Israeli leader ______ Barak
26. Long Island university
27. Big letters in bowling
28. List of corrections
29. A Portrait of the ______ as a Young Man? (Joyce novel)
30. Fill employees
31. Get approval to, in a way
32. Busybod street
33. Physics units
34. China follower
35. Harvest
36. In medias ______
37. Scorpio
38. October 23-November 21
39. Virgo
40. August 23-September 22
41. Gemini
42. May 21-June 20
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53. December 22-January 19
54. Aquarius
55. January 20-February 18
56. Pisces
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Weekly Horoscope

Aries March 21-April 19
You have much vitality for success today but strive is possible if you let others "bug" you. Tune out unimportant distractions.

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.

Gemini May 21-June 20
An excellent day for organizing the domestic scene. Now is the time to face those cleanup and straightening projects.

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.

Leo July 23-August 22
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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.

Libra September 23-October 22
Your imagination soars to new heights and takes you beyond old boundaries and limitations.

Scorpio October 22-November 21
Make that minor repair or improvement you’ve been putting off. You’ll be more effective and feel better.

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.

Capricorn December 22-January 19
An associate is acting out of character. Be sensitive and don’t rock the boat. Circumstances will stabilize.

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.

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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Sudoku

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 × 9–square grid subdivided into nine 3 × 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 × 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

Cryptogram

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

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USM begins Native American Month celebrations

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Native American Month, commonly known as Heritage Month, was approved by Congress in 1990. There are multiple names for Native American Month, such as Native American Heritage Month and National Native American Heritage Month. The practice began at the turn of the century to gain a day of recognition for the 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 day being called 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 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 Sockalesux 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 relationship 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 Olicia Larchwood, a senior Social Work and Women and Gender Studies major explains how Native American Indian Heritage Month is when Native America’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 Sockalesux, 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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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, Abramson Center

Starts: 7:00 p.m. / Ends: 9:00 p.m.

Alexander F. Mc Cann, 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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Huskies fall 4-1 in home opener

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.

“Its 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:

“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 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.

Know of any upcoming sports events? Email editor@usmfreepress.org