

Quarterly Issues List for WKIT
July 1st through September 30th, 2019

The following report identifies this quarter's issues as:

- COMMUNITY EVENTS
 - We utilize our newscasts to keep our listeners up to date on local events that benefit nonprofits. We feature events that raise funds and awareness for many organizations, including the Bangor Area Recovery Network, local Humane Societies, and beyond.
- ACADIA NATIONAL PARK ISSUES
 - Because Acadia National Park is a gigantic economic driver for this region of our state, we aim to keep the listening public informed about the goings-on in the park and any changes that may affect tourism.
- LEGISLATION
 - Our aim in the Zone Radio Newsroom is to keep the listening public informed about the goings-on at the Statehouse in Augusta. This includes new laws that effect the day to day lives of our listeners.
- ENVIRONMENT
 - Mainers have a close relationship with the environment. From stories about recreation to hunting to and fishing regulations, we keep the listening public up to date and informed on a wide variety of environmental issues.
- ENERGY
 - Energy costs are a driving part of our economy. We aim to keep our listeners abreast of fluctuations in gas prices as well as developments in the green energy market.

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CLIMATE COUNCIL

9/27

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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL TOOK PLACE THURSDAY IN HALLOWELL. THE COUNCIL IS TASKED WITH FINDING THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO HIT MAINE'S GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS PROPOSED THE IDEA FOR THE COUNCIL BACK IN APRIL.

2002 MILLS :28 ...OUR CHILDREN.

AUDIO COURTESY OF TV5. THURSDAY WAS AN INTRODUCTORY DAY WITH PRESENTATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE COUNCIL WILL CONSTRUCT A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OUTLINING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHAT THE STATE NEEDS TO DO TO REACH ITS CLIMATE GOALS. THE FIRST PLAN IS DUE TO THE LEGISLATURE BY DECEMBER OF NEXT YEAR.

EBIKES AT ACADIA

9/27

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VISITORS TO ACADIA NATIONAL PARK WILL BE ALLOWED TO RIDE E-BIKES ON CARRIAGE PATHS BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND. PARK OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY THAT THEY'LL ABIDE BY AN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE TO TREAT E-BIKES LIKE REGULAR BICYCLES. HOWEVER, THE PARK IS LIMITING TRAIL ACCESS TO ONLY PEDAL-ASSISTED E-BIKES WITH A TOP SPEED OF 20MPH.

BARN EVENT

9/26

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THERE WILL BE A DAY-LONG CELEBRATION IN BREWER SATURDAY TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH. THE BANGOR AREA RECOVERY NETWORK IS HOSTING IT. THE EVENT WILL FEATURE THE "PIECES OF RECOVERY PUZZLE PROJECT", A COLLECTION OF STORIES ABOUT RECOVERY, EACH CREATED BY SOMEONE GOING THROUGH IT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DUNK TANK WHERE YOU CAN SINK YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL POLICE OFFICER. AMY CLARK OF THE BARN SAYS THEY WANT FOLKS IN RECOVERY TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE PROUD OF HOW FAR THEY'VE COME.

2004 CLARK

:21

...OVERCOME THIS.

ORGANIZERS SAY SATURDAY'S EVENT WILL ALSO INCLUDE GAMES, FOOD, AND A PIE AUCTION. IT STARTS AT 10 AND RUNS THROUGH THE AFTERNOON.

RECOVERY RALLY

9/25

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LOCAL RECOVERY GROUPS ARE HOLDING AN ANNUAL RALLY ALL ABOUT CELEBRATING SUPPORT. THE 2ND ANNUAL RECOVERY RALLY FOR KNOX COUNTY IS HAPPENING SUNDAY IN ROCKLAND. IT'S AT 1PM AT MACDOUGAL PARK ON BROADWAY. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WILL BE CELEBRATING THOSE IN RECOVERY AND THEIR FAMILIES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT "RECOVERY RALLY" ON FACEBOOK.

BANGOR BUSES

9/24

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AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING COMPANY HAS RELEASED ITS FINAL REPORT ON BANGOR'S PUBLIC BUS SYSTEM. FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS, STANTEC HAS LOOKED INTO WAYS THE CITY COULD IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY CONNECTOR. THE COMPANY SUGGESTS BANGOR SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE ROUTES FASTER AND MORE DIRECT. THEY ALSO THINK ADDING TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AND BETTER EQUIPMENT ON THE BUSES WILL INCREASE RIDERSHIP. OFFICIALS SAY ALL THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE REPORT WOULD COST AROUND \$14 MILLION. SASHA PEJCIC OF STANTEC SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 PEJCIC

:12

...A LOT BETTER.

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTOR SERVES OLD TOWN, ORONO, VEAZIE, HAMPDEN AND BANGOR. TO SEE THE FULL REPORT HEAD TO BANGORMAINE.GOV/NEWSITE.

A NEW JERSEY MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING THREE PEOPLE IN A CAR CRASH IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK LAST MONTH WAS IN COURT FRIDAY. 28-YEAR-OLD PRANEETH MANUBOLU IS CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF MANSLAUGHTER. POLICE OFFICERS TESTIFIED FRIDAY HE TOLD THEM HE'D BEEN DRINKING AT BARS IN BAR HARBOR BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. HE CRASHED ALONG LOOP ROAD. 36-YEAR-OLD LENNY FUCHS, 30-YEAR-OLD LAURA LEONG AND 27-YEAR-OLD ZEESHAN MOHAMMED, ALL OF NEW YORK CITY, WERE KILLED. AN UNCERTIFIED BLOOD TEST PERFORMED AT THE HOSPITAL REVEALED MANUBOLU'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS .11. THE LEGAL LIMIT IS .08. HE WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY FRIDAY AND HAS TO WEAR ALCOHOL AND LOCATION MONITORS. HE'S ALSO NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE.

MAINE'S COURTS HAVE LOWERED THE FINE FOR AN INITIAL VIOLATION OF THE STATE'S NEW BAN ON HANDHELD DEVICES WHILE DRIVING. THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION SINCE THE BAN WENT INTO EFFECT ON THURSDAY. PHRASING IN THE LAW REGARDING FINES FOR A FIRST VIOLATION SAYS "NOT LESS THAN \$50". SENATOR BILL DIAMOND, WHO SPONSORED THE LAW, SAID A JUDGE LOOKED AT THE WORDING AND SET THE FINE FOR AN INITIAL OFFENSE AT \$230. FINES FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES WOULD BE EVEN HIGHER. COURT OFFICIALS SAY FRIDAY THAT FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS THE FINE AMOUNT WILL BE \$50. BUT WITH SURCHARGES, THE TOTAL FINE WILL BE \$85. BECAUSE THE LAW DID NOT SET AN EXPLICIT FINE AMOUNT, THE RESPONSIBILITY FELL TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, WHO CAME TO \$170.83, WHICH WITH THE SURCHARGE, COMES OUT TO \$230. IF THE LEGISLATURE TAKES NO ACTION TO CORRECT THE LANGUAGE OF THE LAW, THE FINE WILL GO BACK TO \$230 ON APRIL 6TH.

HANDS-FREE

9/19

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MAINE'S NEW HANDS-FREE DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY. DRIVERS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO HOLD A PHONE WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL, BUT OFFICIALS SAY YOU'RE STILL ALLOWED TO HAVE IT IN A CRADLE OR CUPHOLDER. 'TRIPLE A' AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERED WEDNESDAY FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON THE NEW HANDS-FREE DRIVING LAW. ALSO ON-HAND WAS STATE SENATOR BILL DIAMOND. HE SPOKE WITH TV5.

2007 DIAMOND

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...TEXTING REGARDLESS.

'TRIPLE A' SAYS THAT 73% OF PEOPLE ARE FEARFUL OF DISTRACTED DRIVERS, BUT OF THOSE PEOPLE, ABOUT A THIRD OF THEM ADMITTED TO USING THEIR PHONE WHILE DRIVING WITHIN THE PAST MONTH.

ORGANIZERS OF AN EFFORT TO RESTORE RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR VACCINES HAVE TURNED IN PETITIONS AIMED AT PUTTING IT TO A STATEWIDE VOTE. MAINERS FOR HEALTH AND PARENTAL RIGHTS SAY MORE THAN 77,000 VALID SIGNATURES WERE DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. THEY'LL NOW BE VALIDATED BY THE STATE.

SUBOXONE M-D-I

9/19

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PEOPLE WITH OPIATE ADDICTIONS CAN NOW GET HELP IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HOSPITAL. THE FACILITY IS NOW OFFERING SUBOXONE FOR E-R PATIENTS. HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY IT LETS THEM STABILIZE PATIENTS EARLIER. DR. JULIAN KUFFLER, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AT M-D-I HOSPITAL, SAYS THEY'RE ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL IN THE STATE OFFERING THIS PROGRAM IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

2006 KUFFLER

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...BACK TO THEIR LIVES.

AUDIO COURTESY OF TV5. THE PROGRAM IS PART OF A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH HEALTHY ACADIA, WHICH IS HELPING PROVIDE FREE TREATMENT FOR FOLKS WITHOUT INSURANCE.

E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING MATERIALS ARE BEING ADDED TO THE LIST OF BANNED PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS ACROSS MAINE. THE CHANGE IS THE RESULT OF AN UPDATE TO AN EXISTING STATE LAW THAT TAKES EFFECT TODAY. THE MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS IT'S WORKING CLOSELY WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO MONITOR FOR POTENTIAL CASES OF A LUNG ILLNESS ASSOCIATED WITH VAPING. THE ILLNESS HAS CAUSED SEVEN DEATHS IN SIX STATES AND NEARLY 400 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN 36 STATES. THE C-D-C SAYS THERE ARE NO CONFIRMED CASES OF THE ILLNESS IN MAINE.

TUESDAY MARKED THE OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR ORRINGTON'S NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. IT'LL BE BUILT AT THE INTERSECTION OF TUPPER AND CENTER DRIVES. RESIDENTS APPROVED THE NEARLY 3 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. ORRINGTON FIRE CHIEF SCOTT STEWART TELLS TV5 THE FACILITY WILL HOUSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE STAFF, AND WILL HAVE MANY UPGRADES COMPARED TO THE CURRENT BUILDING WHICH HAS BEEN USED SINCE THE 1950S.

2006 STEWART :25 ...THOSE CONCERNS.

POLICE AND FIRE OFFICIALS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO USE THE BUILDING BY NEXT SUMMER.

SIX NEW LAWS HAVE BEEN PASSED PROTECTING AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN IN THE STATE. MAINE WOMEN NOW HAVE GUARANTEED PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ABORTIONS, AS WELL AS ACCESS TO A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL TO PERFORM THE PROCEDURE. HOUSE SPEAKER SARA GIDEON SPOKE WITH TV5.

2004 GIDEON :25 ...A RELATIONSHIP WITH.

THE NEW LAWS ALSO INCLUDE CONTRACEPTION BEING AVAILABLE IN VENDING MACHINES, AND ADVANCED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE FOR MINORS.

DV EXHIBIT

9/17

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A POWERFUL, PERSONAL EXHIBIT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS GETTING READY TO OPEN IN AUGUSTA. PHOTOJOURNALIST PATRISHA MCLEAN IS INSTALLING HER MULTI-MEDIA EXHIBIT, "FINDING OUR VOICES", AT THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF MAINE. THE MAINE COALITION TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ALSO APART OF THE PROJECT. ON MONDAY MCLEAN SPOKE WITH TV5 ABOUT THE ABUSE SHE ENDURED AND ABOUT GIVING OTHER WOMEN A VOICE THROUGH HER EXHIBIT.

2006 MCLEAN

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...FEELS VERY FREEING.

THE INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT OPENS TO THE PUBLIC TODAY. A GRAND OPENING RECEPTION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY AT 5PM AT THE HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER LOCATED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AUGUSTA CAMPUS.

HEATING OIL

9/16

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GOOD NEWS FOR CONSUMERS AS HEATING SEASON DRAWS CLOSER: HEATING OIL PRICES ARE DROPPING TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN NEARLY TWO YEARS. THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE SAYS THE AVERAGE STATEWIDE CASH PRICE FOR HEATING OIL IS NOW \$2.61 PER GALLON, THE LOWEST SINCE DECEMBER 2017. THE OFFICE SAYS OVERALL HEATING OIL PRICES WERE 8% TO 13% LOWER THAN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR. THE OFFICE SAYS PRICES ARE HISTORICALLY LOWER DURING THE OFF SEASON, BUT SAYS CRUDE OIL PRICES HAVE ALSO DROPPED.

"WELLSPRING INC" HELD THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL RACE FOR RECOVERY SATURDAY MORNING IN BANGOR. FOLKS WERE ABLE TO WALK OR RUN IN THE EVENT. ALL MONEY RAISED BENEFITS THE BANGOR-BASED ORGANIZATION AND HELPS CONTINUE THEIR MISSION OF ENSURING ACCESS FOR TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ALL THOSE WHO SEEK IT, REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY. ORGANIZERS SAY THE REASONS WHY THEY KEEP THIS EVENT GOING, YEAR AFTER YEAR, ARE SIMPLE. DAWN PELLETIER OF "WELLSPRING INC" SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 PELLETIER :20 ...EVENT FOR WELLSPRING.

LAST YEAR'S EVENT, BROUGHT IN OVER \$20,000.

A NEW COMPUTER CODING SCHOOL IS STARTING UP IN DOVER-FOXCROFT. THE PROGRAM IS FREE AND ANYONE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IS INVITED TO ATTEND. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE PENQUIS HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER. THE CODING SCHOOL IS MADE BY POSSIBLE A PARTNERSHIP WITH EASTERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDITS. THE START DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30TH AND THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF ROOM. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT "CODE MAINE (DOT) NET".

PENOBSCOT JOB CORPS IN BANGOR IS ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT. THE CENTER OFFERS TRAINING TO PEOPLE AGES 16 TO 24 FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREERS FROM WELDING TO HEALTHCARE, AND THEY WORK WITH EMPLOYERS TO FIND OPEN POSITIONS. THE FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM IS FREE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY AND INCLUDES DORMITORY HOUSING, A CLOTHING ALLOWANCE, AND MORE. HEATHER LESSNER IS THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR THE CENTER. SHE TELLS TV5 200 PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED, AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO ADD UP TO 60 MORE.

2006 LESSNER :11 ...THE WAY TO GO.

YOU CAN VISIT "PENOBSCOT (DOT) JOB CORPS (DOT) GOV" FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR VISIT THE CENTER FOR A PUBLIC TOUR EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:30AM.

A BUSINESS IN SKOWHEGAN IS UNDER FIRE AFTER PRODUCING AND SELLING APPAREL, FEATURING A PROHIBITED NATIVE AMERICAN-THEMED MASCOT. EARLIER THIS YEAR S-A-D 54 VOTED TO RETIRE THE "INDIAN" NICKNAME AND MASCOT FOR ITS SCHOOLS. IN ADDITION, A NEW STATE LAW BANS SUCH MASCOTS.

ON MONDAY, THE "MAINE FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY" POSTED IMAGES OF APPAREL FEATURING "INDIAN OUTLAW" LOGOS IN CELEBRATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM'S HOME OPENER. COMPANY OWNER TODD SMITH IS ALSO A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER. HE VOTED AGAINST RETIRING THE "INDIANS" NICKNAME. SKOWHEGAN HASN'T SELECTED A NEW MASCOT.

CHAMBER PROGRAM

9/12

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THE 129TH LEGISLATURE ENDED THIS YEAR'S WORK IN JUNE. LAWMAKERS ENACTED ABOUT 600 LAWS, MANY OF THEM GOING INTO AFFECT IN A LITTLE OVER A WEEK. THE MAINE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ADVOCACY TEAM PUT ON A HALF-DAY PROGRAM FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES LOOKING AT PERTINENT BILLS AND BREAKING THEM DOWN FOR BUSINESS OWNERS. TOPICS RANGED FROM WORKERS COMPENSATION TO THE NEW 'PAID TIME OFF' LAW. DEB NEUMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE BANGOR REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SPOKE WITH TV5.

2007 NEUMAN

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...GOOD OR BAD.

CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES SAY, BUSINESS OWNERS THAT HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING NEW LAWS SHOULD REACH OUT TO THEIR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HELP AND CLARIFICATION.

NECEC SESSION

9/12

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THE LAND-USE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A SESSION WEDNESDAY ON C-M-P'S PROPOSED MASSIVE TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE. THE 145-MILE NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT NEEDS SPECIAL APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION TO CROSS THREE AREAS: THE KENNEBEC RIVER GORGE, BEATTIE POND, AND THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. KNOX RESIDENT MATT WAGNER WAS AT WEDNESDAY'S MEETING. HE TELLS TV5 HE'S OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT.

2006 WAGNER

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... NEED THOSE SPACES.

THE MEETING WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH IN GREENVILLE.

MAINE IS CONSIDERING A SCALLOP FISHING SEASON THAT WOULD ALLOW FISHERMEN TO HARVEST LEVELS OF THE SHELLFISH SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. THE STATE'S SCALLOP SEASON TAKES PLACE IN THE WINTER AND SPRING AND PROVIDES SOME OF THE MOST VALUABLE SEAFOOD IN MAINE. THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES SAYS DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST SEASON. THE VOLUME AND VALUE OF MAINE'S SCALLOP FISHERY DECLINED LAST YEAR, BUT IT REMAINS IN A MUCH HEALTHIER POSITION THAN IT WAS A DECADE AGO. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THIS SEASON'S RULES ARE SCHEDULED THIS MONTH IN AUGUSTA, ELLSWORTH, AND MACHIAS.

REGULATORS ARE REVIEWING THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF A PROPOSED 145-MILE TRANSMISSION LINE THAT WOULD BRING CANADIAN HYDROPOWER TO THE NEW ENGLAND POWER GRID. MAINE'S LAND-USE PLANNING COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO DELIBERATE TODAY. MAINE UTILITY REGULATORS HAVE ENDORSED C-M-P'S 'NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY CONNECT', WHICH ALSO AWAITS APPROVAL FROM MAINE'S ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. MUCH OF THE PROJECT CALLS FOR WIDENING EXISTING CORRIDORS, BUT A NEW SWATH WOULD BE CUT THROUGH 53 MILES OF WILDERNESS IN WESTERN MAINE. OPPONENTS ARE CONSIDERING PUSHING FOR PUTTING THE \$1 BILLION PROJECT TO A STATEWIDE VOTE. SUPPORTERS SAY THE PROJECT WOULD DRIVE DOWN REGIONAL ELECTRICITY RATES AND REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION. CENTRAL MAINE POWER PROMISES TO PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INCENTIVES.

DEATH WITH DIGNITY FORUM

9/11

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO WEIGH IN ON MAINE'S NEW DEATH WITH DIGNITY LAW AT A MEETING IN AUGUSTA TOMORROW. STATE OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR INPUT ABOUT THE COLLECTION OF DATA AND HOW REPORTING FORMS SHOULD BE USED. THE MEETING IS SET FOR 5 THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER.

E-BIKES

9/11

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK OFFICIALS HAVE A MONTH TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT ELECTRONIC BICYCLES IN THE PARK. SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN SCHNEIDER TELLS THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS THE PARK HAS SOME LEEWAY IN REGULATING SO-CALLED E-BIKES, DESPITE AN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE TO TREAT THEM SAME AS REGULAR BICYCLES. HE SAYS THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BAN OR RESTRICT E-BIKES TO PROTECT USERS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. THE PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF ACADIA, SAID THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY THAT DONATED THE PARK'S CARRIAGE ROADS SPECIFIED THAT THERE BE NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

HOWEVER, A MEMBER OF ACADIA'S ADVISORY COMMISSION SAYS THE ROCKEFELLERS WERE OPPOSED TO COMBUSTION ENGINES, NOT ELECTRIC ONES.

LYME CONFERENCE

9/11

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THE ONGOING EFFORT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT LYME DISEASE WILL CONTINUE THIS SATURDAY IN BREWER. THE GROUP "MAINE LYME" IS HOLDING AN AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT THE BREWER COMMUNITY SCHOOL. IT'S FREE TO THE PUBLIC, BUT SEATING IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. SOME OF THE TOP MINDS ON THE TOPIC WILL GIVE PRESENTATIONS. FORMER "MAINE LYME" PRESIDENT HAPPY DICKEY TELLS TV5 THEY HOPE TO HELP PARENTS OF KIDS WITH THE DISEASE NAVIGATE DIFFICULT WATERS.

2002 DICKEY

:23

...DISEASE GO THROUGH.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 SATURDAY MORNING, WITH THE CONFERENCE RUNNING UNTIL 3:30.

MAINE'S RURAL RESIDENTS COULD HAVE AN EASIER TIME ACCESSING CANCER TRIALS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES UNDER A \$5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT. ACCORDING TO MAINE PUBLIC, THE FUNDING IS EXPECTED TO TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF CLINICAL TRIALS OFFERED THROUGH THE MAINEHEALTH CANCER CARE NETWORK. THE TRIALS WILL EXTEND TO LOCATIONS SUCH AS FRANKLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN FARMINGTON AND LINCOLN HEALTH IN DAMARISCOTTA. MAINE MEDICAL CENTER'S CHIEF OF ONCOLOGY, DR. SCOT REMICK, SAYS THE TRIALS WILL COVER PREVENTION TO TREATMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE, WHILE ALSO SPANNING ALL AGES.

9/11 EVENT 9/11 PA

TODAY MARKS THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS.
EASTERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL BE HOSTING A REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY. IT STARTS AT 8:15 IN KATAHDIN HALL. COLONEL BRENDA JORDAN
OF THE MAINE NATIONAL GUARD WILL GIVE THE KEYNOTE REMARKS, AND
MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL READ QUOTES IN MEMORY OF THE
DAY, AND HOW AMERICANS COLLECTIVELY ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVICE.
PRESIDENT OF E-M-C-C LISA LARSON SPOKE WITH TV5.

2001 LARSON :25 ...COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER.

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

A BILL THAT EXPANDS RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN MAINE TO INCLUDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS, WILL BECOME LAW. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS ALLOWED IT TO PASS BUT DIDN'T SIGN OFF ON IT. THAT WILL DELAY THE LEGISLATION UNTIL AFTER MAINE'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES IN MARCH. THE DELAY GIVES LAWMAKERS A CHANCE TO SET ASIDE FUNDING FOR THE ELECTION PROCESS. THE GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY OF STATE MATTHEW DUNLAP BOTH HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE LOGISTICS AND COST. DUNLAP RESPONDED TO SOME CONCERNS OVER THE VOTING METHOD BEING USED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

2006 DUNLAP :19 ...TWO YEARS AGO.

AUDIO COURTESY OF TV5. RANKED-CHOICE VOTING WILL BE USED IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

GAS PRICES

9/10

PA

GAS PRICES HAVE DROPPED A BIT MORE IN MAINE. THE LATEST GASBUDDY PRICE REPORTS SHOW PRICES WENT DOWN NEARLY 2 CENTS PER GALLON, TO \$2.53. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS \$2.55 PER GALLON. THAT'S DOWN 10 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO, AND NEARLY 29 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

MAINE IS SET TO BECOME THE FIRST STATE TO ALLOW VOTERS TO USE RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND PRIMARIES. ON FRIDAY, GOVERNOR JANET MILLS ANNOUNCED THAT SHE'LL ALLOW THE BILL TO GO INTO LAW IN JANUARY, WITHOUT HER SIGNATURE. MILLS' OFFICE SAYS THAT RANKED CHOICE VOTING WILL NOT BE USED IN MAINE'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN MARCH, BUT WOULD BE USED IN FUTURE PRIMARIES.

THE NUMBER OF HIGH-DOSE OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS IN MAINE HAS DECREASED BY 58% SINCE 2015. THE PORTLAND PRESS HERALD REPORTS THE NUMBER OF SUCH PRESCRIPTIONS DROPPED FROM OVER 29 THOUSAND IN 2015 TO JUST OVER 12 THOUSAND IN 2018. MAINE PASSED A LAW THAT FULLY WENT INTO EFFECT LAST YEAR THAT LIMITS THE DOSAGE AND DURATION OF OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS. EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PALLIATIVE CARE, HOSPICE CARE, AND OTHER CONDITIONS. DR. NOAH NESIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL AFFAIRS AT PENOBSCOT COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE, SAYS THE NEW LAW HAS DONE ITS JOB, BUT HE WOULD LIKE THE STATE TO NARROW ITS EXCEPTIONS FOR PALLIATIVE CARE.

MAINE'S PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SAYS HIGH POWER BILLS THAT SPARKED OUTRAGE AND A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT WERE CAUSED BY HIGH USAGE DURING COLD WEATHER, NOT PROBLEMS WITH CENTRAL MAINE POWER'S BILLING SYSTEM OR ELECTRIC METERS. THE FINDING TRACKS WITH AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT THAT BLAMED FRIGID TEMPERATURES, COMBINED WITH A MODEST RATE INCREASE, FOR OVERBILLING COMPLAINTS. A SPOKESWOMAN SAYS C-M-P IS PLEASED WITH THE CONCLUSION. THE COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MORE THAN 97,000 CUSTOMERS RECEIVED BILLS LAST YEAR THAT WERE AT LEAST 50 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE YEAR EARLIER. THE P-U-C STILL HAS TO MAKE A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION; THE THREE-MEMBER PANEL IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON DECEMBER 20TH.

THE MAINE D-O-T WANTS PUBLIC INPUT ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STILLWATER AVENUE IN OLD TOWN. THE PROJECT IS CENTERED AROUND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS BETWEEN BENNOCH ROAD AND COLLEGE AVE. THE D-O-T IS HOSTING A MEETING TONIGHT AT 6PM AT OLD TOWN CITY HALL. TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION AND FIELD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

GAS PRICES

9/4

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GAS PRICES ARE STILL ON THE DECLINE IN MAINE. THE LATEST GASBUDDY PRICE REPORTS SHOWS PRICES FELL 2.5 CENTS PER GALLON IN THE LAST WEEK, BRINGING THE AVERAGE TO \$2.55. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS \$2.56 PER GALLON. THAT'S DOWN 14.6 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO, AND 26 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IS REMINDING STUDENTS HEADED BACK TO SCHOOL THAT A NEW LAW BANS VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE LAW, WHICH TAKES EFFECT SEPTEMBER 19TH, WAS ADOPTED BY LAWMAKERS IN RESPONSE TO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS USING ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES. A 2017 SURVEY INDICATED ABOUT 15% OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS REPORTED USING E-CIGARETTES AND ABOUT 33% REPORTED THAT THEY HAD TRIED THEM. DR. NIRAV SHAH, DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE C-D-C, SAYS THE UPDATE TO MAINE LAW IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES POSE SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS, PARTICULARLY FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND YOUNG ADULTS.

ORGANIZERS OF REFERENDUMS AIMED AT UNDOING THE DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT, RESTORING RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FOR VACCINES, AND STOPPING TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS THROUGH MEDICAID ARE MAKING A FINAL PUSH FOR PETITIONS TO STOP THE LAWS FROM GOING INTO EFFECT. PETITION GATHERERS HAVE UNTIL SEPT. 18 TO SUBMIT MORE THAN 63,000 SIGNATURES TO STOP THE LAWS FROM GOING INTO EFFECT UNTIL A STATEWIDE VOTE NEXT YEAR.

THE DRIVER OF A CAR THAT CRASHED SATURDAY MORNING IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK IS NOW FACING CHARGES. ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS, PRANEETH MANUBOLO HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF MANSLAUGHTER. THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS REPORTS THAT MANUBOLO ALLEGEDLY TOLD INVESTIGATORS HE WAS OUT DRINKING IN BAR HARBOR WITH FRIENDS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE CRASH HAPPENED AROUND THREE ON THE ONE-WAY SECTION OF THE PARK LOOP ROAD. THE PAPER SAYS MANUBOLO IS EXPECTED TO BE IN BANGOR FEDERAL COURT TODAY.

DOG WASH

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IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 150TH YEAR, THE BANGOR HUMANE SOCIETY HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL DOG WASH ON SATURDAY. STACEY COVENTRY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, TELLS TV5 PROCEEDS FOR THE EVENT GO TOWARDS THE PAWS ON PARADE EVENT COMING UP SEPTEMBER 28.

2004 COVENTRY

:22

...OUR ALUMNI RETURN.

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF GETTING YOUR OWN FURRY FRIEND OR WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS, VISIT BANGORHUMANE.ORG.

ACADIA TRIPLE FATAL

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PA

3 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN A ROLLOVER CRASH IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. IT HAPPENED ON THE ONE-WAY SECTION OF THE PARK LOOP ROAD AROUND 3AM. POLICE ARRIVED TO FIND 3 PEOPLE DEAD. PARK OFFICIALS SAY A FOURTH PERSON IN THE VEHICLE SURVIVED AND WAS TAKEN TO M-D-I HOSPITAL IN BAR HARBOR. ALL FOUR PEOPLE IN THE CAR WERE VISITORS TO THE ISLAND AND ACADIA NATIONAL PARK. THE VICTIM'S HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND THERE'S NO WORD ON WHAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT.

AFF REACTION

8/28

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THE ORGANIZERS OF THE AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL SAY THEY ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS YEAR'S EVENT. THE 18TH ANNUAL AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL WRAPPED UP ON SUNDAY PEOPLE FROM NEAR AND FAR CAME OUT TO ENJOY THE THREE DAY EVENT FEATURING FOOD VENDORS, CRAFTERS, AND LOTS OF MUSIC. DAN CASHMAN IS ON THE A-F-F BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE SPOKE WITH TV5.

2007 CASHMAN

:20

...COME OUT TO.

NEXT YEAR'S AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 28TH THROUGH THE 30TH.

THE FALLOUT CONTINUED TUESDAY FROM MONDAY'S SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE STILL GOING AT EACH OTHER AFTER DISAGREEMENTS CAUSED THREE OUT OF THE FOUR BOND VOTES TO FAIL. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS SPOKE WITH TV5 TUESDAY MORNING. SHE SAYS THAT REPUBLICANS ARE BLOCKING IMPORTANT FUNDING.

2002 MILLS :16 ...IN MAINE HISTORY.

ASSISTANT SENATE G-O-P LEADER JEFF TIMBERLAKE SAYS REPUBLICANS ARE PUSHING FOR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, NOT KNOWING WHAT'S IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, AND THAT THE ALLOTMENTS IN THE BONDS WERE TOO VAGUE.

2003 TIMBERLAKE :18 ...BILL BACK UP.

TIMBERLAKE SAYS A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES WAS A MAJOR FACTOR AND HOPES THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER THIS FALL ON GETTING SOMETHING READY FOR JANUARY.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO POINT FINGERS OVER WHOSE TO BLAME FOR 3 OUT OF 4 BOND PROPOSALS FAILING DURING MONDAY'S SPECIAL SESSION. REPUBLICANS SAY THEY'RE PUSHING FOR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT DEMOCRATS SAY THE STATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INTEREST RATES AS LOW AS UNDER 2%, SO NOW'S THE TIME TO BORROW. MAINE STATE TREASURER HENRY BECK, WHO OVERSEES THE BOND SALES, TELLS TV5 HE'S PLEASED LAWMAKERS PASSED THE TRANSPORTATION BOND, BUT WISHED THEY PASSED THE OTHERS TOO.

2004 BECK :17 ...GOOD PRICE.

ASSISTANT SENATE G-O-P LEADER JEFF TIMBERLAKE SAYS A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES WAS A MAJOR FACTOR AND HOPES THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER THIS FALL ON GETTING SOMETHING READY FOR JANUARY.

SPECIAL SESSION

8/27

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IT WAS A CONTENTIOUS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE MONDAY AS LAWMAKERS MET FOR A SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS A BOND PACKAGE PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR JANET MILLS. THE BILLS WOULD FUND TRANSPORTATION, CONSERVATION EFFORTS, BROADBAND EXPANSION, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY PROJECTS. LAWMAKERS VOTED TO PASS THE \$105 MILLION BOND TO FUND TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS AND WILL NOW HEAD TO VOTERS IN NOVEMBER. THE OTHER THREE BONDS FAILED TO REACH THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE NEEDED TO PASS AFTER REPUBLICANS VOTED AGAINST THEM. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS TELLS TV5 SHE'S DISAPPOINTED IN THE DECISION BY REPUBLICANS AND WISH THEY COULD HAVE WORKED TOGETHER.

2001 MILLS :10 ...CALLED THEM IN.

REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WANT TO DISCUSS THE BILLS MORE WHEN LAWMAKERS RETURN FOR THE NEXT SESSION IN JANUARY. ALSO VOTED-ON YESTERDAY WAS A BILL TO ENACT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. IT PASSED THE SENATE AND NOW HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS BUTTED HEADS MONDAY AT THE STATEHOUSE. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS CALLED LAWMAKERS BACK TO AUGUSTA FOR A SPECIAL SESSION TO VOTE ON A PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE TO FUND TRANSPORTATION, CONSERVATION EFFORTS, BROADBAND EXPANSION, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY PROJECTS. THE \$105 MILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND WAS PASSED, BUT REPUBLICANS VOTED AGAINST THE OTHER THREE, WHICH MEANS THEY DIDN'T GET THE TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT NEEDED TO PASS. SENATE GOP LEADER DANA DOW SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 DOW :23 ...ANY OF THAT.

ALSO VOTED-ON YESTERDAY WAS A BILL TO ENACT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. IT PASSED THE SENATE AND NOW HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.

MONDAY'S SPECIAL SESSION IN AUGUSTA WASN'T AS PRODUCTIVE AS DEMOCRATS MIGHT HAVE HOPED. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS CALLED LAWMAKERS BACK TO THE STATEHOUSE TO VOTE ON A PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE TO FUND TRANSPORTATION, CONSERVATION EFFORTS, BROADBAND EXPANSION, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY PROJECTS. THE \$105 MILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND WAS PASSED, BUT SENATE G-O-P LEADER DANA DOW TOOK TO THE FLOOR MONDAY TO ANNOUNCE THAT REPUBLICANS WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTING THE OTHER THREE. IT WAS A DECISION THAT SEEMED TO STUN DEMOCRATS. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER TROY JACKSON SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 JACKSON

:17

...BACK IN JANUARY

AFTER THE VOTES ON THE BONDS, SENATE DEMOCRATS BROUGHT UP A BILL TO ENACT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. IT PASSED THE SENATE AND NOW HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.

GAS PRICES 8/27 PA

GAS PRICES HAVE DROPPED A BIT MORE IN MAINE. PRICES FELL NEARLY 2 CENTS PER GALLON IN THE LAST WEEK TO \$2.58, WHICH IS ALSO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THAT'S DOWN 16 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO, AND 25 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE MATT DUNLAP SAYS SOME HOUSEHOLDS ARE RECEIVING A CONFUSING VOTER REGISTRATION MAILING THAT'S NOT FROM THE STATE. DUNLAP SAYS HIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FROM RELATIVES OF DECEASED VOTERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED MAILINGS FROM A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION CALLED "VOTE FORWARD", BASED IN ALABAMA. THE GROUP ENLISTS PEOPLE TO SEND HANDWRITTEN LETTERS TO POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC VOTERS ASKING THEM TO REGISTER TO VOTE. THE LETTERS COME WITH VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS ALREADY FILLED OUT. THE MAINE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS SAY THE STATE DIDN'T WORK WITH THE VOLUNTEER GROUP IN ANY WAY. DUNLAP SAYS THE EFFORT DOESN'T BREAK MAINE ELECTION LAWS. HE ASKS THAT MAILINGS ADDRESSED TO A DECEASED PERSON BE DISCARDED.

SKOWHEGAN AREA HIGH SCHOOL'S CONTROVERSIAL MASCOT WILL NOT BE AROUND WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK. OVER THE SUMMER, WORKERS PAINTED OVER A MURAL ON THE GYMNASIUM WALL THAT DEPICTED AN AMERICAN INDIAN SPEARFISHING. THE SAME IMAGE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM A SIGN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO ELIMINATE THE MASCOT THAT WAS DEEMED OFFENSIVE TO NATIVE AMERICANS. LAWMAKERS LATER ADOPTED A STATE LAW DOING THE SAME. THE S-A-D 54 SCHOOL BOARD HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON A NEW MASCOT.

TEXT-TO-911

8/22

PA

THIS WEEK'S INCIDENT IN LITCHFIELD WHERE A MAN WAS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING A WOMAN IS PUTTING FOCUS ON THE STATE'S RELATIVELY NEW TEXT-TO-911 SYSTEM. MAINE IS ONE OF A FEW STATES THAT ALLOW PEOPLE TO TEXT 911 IN AN EMERGENCY. THE STATE ROLLED OUT THE SERVICE STATEWIDE LAST DECEMBER. IN THE LITCHFIELD INCIDENT, POLICE SAY THE WOMAN TEXTED 911 ASKING FOR HELP. THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WORKED WITH CELLPHONE CARRIERS TO EXPAND 911 TEXTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE. EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU DIRECTOR MARIA JACQUES TELLS TV5 A FEDERAL GRANT WILL HELP DISPATCHERS BETTER PINPOINT WHERE A TEXT IS COMING FROM.

2002 JACQUES

:11

...FOUR BUILDINGS.

POLICE SAY CALLING 911 IS STILL PREFERRED BECAUSE IT CAN OFTEN PROVIDE EASIER AND FASTER COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, TEXTING 911 FOR HELP IS BEST FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD OF HEARING OR FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN A SAFE PLACE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL.

GAS PRICES

8/20

PA

THE COST OF GASOLINE IS STILL DROPPING IN MAINE, FOLLOWING A NATIONAL TREND. THE LATEST SURVEY FROM GASBUDDY.COM SHOWS PRICES DROPPED NEARLY 3 CENTS PER GALLON, AVERAGING \$2.60. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS ALSO \$2.60 PER GALLON. THAT'S DOWN 17 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO, AND 22 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

FERRY RATES

8/20

PA

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD MONDAY IN BELFAST TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED RATE RESTRUCTURING FOR FERRY SERVICES. IT COMES JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER FLAT RATES WENT INTO EFFECT THAT WERE OPPOSED BY MANY ISLANDERS. THE MAINE STATE FERRY SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD SAYS THE NEW RATE PLAN WOULD BRING OFF-SEASON RATES DOWN, BUT RAISE THEM IN THE SUMMER. MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER BRUCE VAN NOTE SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 VAN NOTE

:29

...SEASONAL COSTS.

ISLANDS THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW RATES INCLUDE ISLESBORO, MATINICUS, SWANS ISLAND, FRENCHBORO, NORTH HAVEN, AND VINALHAVEN. A FINAL DECISION IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS IS CALLING LAWMAKERS BACK TO WORK FOR ONE DAY. THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 10 MONDAY MORNING. LAWMAKERS WILL FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON BONDS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND LAND CONSERVATION. THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN MEETING WITH BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS AND IS PRESENTING TO THEM A REVISED \$163 MILLION BOND PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED AND VOTED ON IN THE FORM OF FOUR GOVERNOR'S BILLS. IF PASSED, THE BONDS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER.

AFTER NEARLY A DECADE OF FUNDRAISING AND HARD WORK, THE ORONO BOG BOARDWALK GOT A MUCH-NEEDED UPGRADE. VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS TO THE RECONSTRUCTION WERE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON-CUTTING FOR THE TRAIL ON SATURDAY. FUNDRAISING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 2010, AND WORK ON TEARING DOWN AND REBUILDING THE PATH STARTED IN 2013. DIRECTOR JIM BIRD TELLS TV5 THAT 125 VOLUNTEERS HELPED IN REBUILDING THE TRAIL, ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO EXPLORE THE BOG.

2002 BIRD :23 ...WE REALLY WANT.

THE TRAIL IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SO THAT EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO SEE THE BOG.

WHEELS FOR HOPE

8/19

PA

A VERY SPECIAL CAR SHOW WAS HELD AT NORTHERN LIGHT HEALTH CARE SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THE 3RD ANNUAL "WHEELS FOR HOPE" FEATURED A "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" COMPETITION, A SILENT AUCTION, A RAFFLE, FOOD, AND EVEN MINI R-C CARS FOR THE KIDS. SHEREE TILLSON WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS. SHE TELLS TV5 THAT ALL THE MONEY RAISED IS GOING TOWARD A GREAT CAUSE.

2001 TILLSON

:13

...HAVE A FUNDRAISER.

THE GOAL FOR THIS YEAR WAS EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS, WITH ALL PROCEEDS BEING SPLIT BETWEEN NORTHERN LIGHT CANCER CARE AND NORTHERN LIGHT ACADIA HOSPITAL.

THE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BEGAN THURSDAY FOR A LAND-BASED SALMON FARM PLANNED IN BELFAST. NORDIC AQUAFARMS SAYS IT WOULD BE ONE OF THE LARGEST SALMON FARMS OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD AND COULD MEAN A \$500 MILLION INVESTMENT. THURSDAY, THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DECIDED WHICH PERSONS WOULD BE GRANTED INTERVENER STATUS IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. NINE OUT OF THE 11 WHO APPLIED WERE GIVEN THAT STATUS. THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS IS FOR THE BOARD TO COLLECT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE CASE FROM THE PUBLIC.

ANTIQUE SHOW

8/16

PA

THE ELLSWORTH ANTIQUE SHOW AT THE WOODLAWN MUSEUM IS IN FULL SWING. ORGANIZERS SAY IT'S THE LONGEST-RUNNING SHOW OF ITS KIND IN THE COUNTRY. SINCE 1937 THIS SUMMERTIME TRADITION HAS BEEN GOING ON IN ELLSWORTH. JOSHUA TORRANCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WOODLAWN, TELLS TV5 THE EVENT BRINGS MORE THAN JUST BEAUTIFUL PIECES, IT BRINGS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

2003 TORRANCE

:13

...REUNION WEEK.

31 VENDORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE POND ARE TAKING PART. THE SHOW RUNS THROUGH THE WEEKEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT "WOODLAWN MUSEUM (DOT) COM".

ACADIA LEASHES

8/15

PA

OFFICIALS AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK HAVE ISSUED A REMINDER ABOUT KEEPING PETS ON LEASHES. RANGERS SAY THEY'VE HAD THREE REPORTS THIS WEEK OF VISITORS BEING BITTEN BY DOGS LOOSE IN THE PARK. PARK REGULATIONS REQUIRE ALL PETS TO BE RESTRAINED ON A LEASH THAT IS NO MORE THAN 6 FEET LONG. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SOME TRAILS.

GAS PRICES

8/13

PA

GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO DROP IN MAINE. THE LATEST REPORT FROM GASBUDDY.COM SHOWS PRICES FELL 5.6 CENTS PER GALLON IN THE LAST WEEK, BRINGING THE AVERAGE TO \$2.63. THAT MATCHES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, WHICH IS THE LOWEST LEVEL SO FAR THIS SUMMER.

TRASH CHANGES

8/13

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CHANGES ARE COMING SOON TO WHAT BANGOR RESIDENTS CAN AND CAN NOT THROW OUT IN THEIR CURBSIDE TRASH. STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, FOLKS WILL BE ALLOWED TO THROW OUT FIVE THIRTY-POUND BAGS OF TRASH PER WEEK. CITY OFFICIALS SAY ANYTHING BEYOND THAT WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE PINE TREE LANDFILL IN HAMPDEN. TIRES, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, AND YARD WASTE LIKE LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. IF YOU NEED TO THROW AWAY YARD WASTE AT ANY OTHER TIME BESIDES FALL OR SPRING PICKUP, YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE IT TO BANGOR PUBLIC WORKS. BANGOR CITY COUNCIL CHAIR SARAH NICHOLS SPOKE WITH TV5.

2001 NICHOLS

:10

...AS A CITY.

WHEN IT COMES TO BIG TRASH DAYS LIKE CHRISTMAS, THE COUNCIL SAYS THEY'RE DISCUSSING SOLUTIONS FOR THAT. TRASH WILL GO TO THE COASTAL RESOURCES FACILITY ALSO KNOWN AS THE FIBERIGHT IN HAMPDEN.

ONE BIN, ALL IN

8/9

PA

THE CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING PICK-UP SYSTEM FOR BANGOR RESIDENTS IS BEING SIMPLIFIED. THE CHANGE COMES AS THE COASTAL RESOURCES OF MAINE FACILITY, OPERATED BY FIBERIGHT IN HAMPDEN, IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL NEXT MONTH. BANGOR IS ONE OF OVER 100 CITIES AND TOWNS PLANNING TO SEND THEIR WASTE TO THE PLANT. BANGOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ERIC WILLETT SAYS THE NEW SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE LESS EFFORT FOR RESIDENTS.

2003 WILLETT

:28

...THROW AWAY.

AS PART OF THE SWITCH THE RECYCLING CENTER RUN BY THE CITY WILL BE SHUT DOWN ON SEPTEMBER 2ND. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN VISIT "BANGOR MAINE (DOT) GOV (SLASH) TRASH".

SKOWHEGAN FAIR

8/8

PA

THE SKOWHEGAN STATE FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS GATES THIS MORNING. TO CELEBRATE OPENING DAY, ADMISSION IS JUST A DOLLAR AND ALL-DAY RIDE BRACELETS WILL BE \$12. PRICES CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE DAY, SO ORGANIZERS URGE YOU TO VISIT "SKOWHEGAN FAIR (DOT) COM" FOR PRICING AND A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

PRECIPICE TRAIL OPEN

8/8

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK'S PRECIPICE TRAIL IS OPEN, NOW THAT NINE PEREGRINE FALCON CHICKS HAVE LEFT THEIR NESTS. THE PRECIPICE, VALLEY COVE, AND JORDAN CLIFFS TRAILS ARE USUALLY CLOSED FOR PART OF EACH SUMMER BECAUSE OF THE NESTING BIRDS. FOR NOW, VALLEY COVE TRAIL REMAINS CLOSED BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT INCLUDE DETERIORATED WALLS AND STONE STEPS. IT'S EXPECTED TO REOPEN IN THE FALL.

SOME MAINERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE PROPOSED SALE OF EMERA MAINE. BACK IN LATE MARCH, EMERA ANNOUNCED A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO SELL ITS INTEREST IN THE MAINE-BASED UTILITY TO ENMAX, A CANADIAN ENERGY COMPANY. ON WEDNESDAY, A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE BY RESIDENTS, LEGISLATORS, AND UNION OFFICIALS WHO SAY THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE BILLION-DOLLAR PRICE TAG FOR THE ACQUISITION COULD MEAN FOR EMPLOYEES AND ELECTRICITY RATES. REPRESENTATIVE SETH BERRY SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 BERRY :21 ...RATES, OR BOTH.

DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR EMERA MAINE, KENDRA OVERLOCK, HAD THIS TO SAY IN RESPONSE...

2003 OVERLOCK :25 ...COMMISSION PROCESS.

THE SALE IS EXPECTED TO BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

CENTRAL MAINE POWER HAS ANNOUNCED SEVERAL CHANGES AS THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INVESTIGATES PROBLEMS WITH THE COMPANY'S BILLING AND METERING SYSTEMS. THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT SEEING LARGE INCREASES IN THEIR BILLS SINCE C-M-P IMPLEMENTED A NEW BILLING SYSTEM IN 2017. OFFICIALS SAY THE COMPANY HAS PROPOSED FUNDING A \$6 MILLION "CUSTOMER BENEFIT FUND" THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAINE P-U-C. THEY'VE ALSO CREATED A NEW POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR MAINE. A NEW MAINE-BASED TEAM IS BEING FORMED TO HELP WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT OF C-M-P'S BILLING SYSTEM. THE COMPANY IS ALSO PARTNERING WITH EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST TO PROVIDE HELP TO CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE UNRESOLVED POWER USAGE DISPUTES WITH C-M-P. EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE MAINE P-U-C SAID IT WAS DELAYING A DECISION ON A RATE INCREASE REQUEST BY CMP UNTIL ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE BILLING AND METERING ISSUES WAS COMPLETE.

CMP UPDATE

8/7

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THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THAT IT WILL DELAY A DECISION ON A RATE HIKE REQUEST BY CENTRAL MAINE POWER UNTIL AFTER THE AGENCY'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE COMPANY IS COMPLETE. THE MAINE P-U-C IS INVESTIGATING BILLING AND METERING ISSUES INVOLVING C-M-P FOLLOWING THE ROLLOUT OF A NEW BILLING SYSTEM IN 2017. THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS REPORTED SEEING LARGE INCREASES IN THEIR BILLS AFTER THE NEW SYSTEM WAS IMPLEMENTED. P-U-C CHAIR PHIL BARTLETT SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 BARTLETT :15 ...TIME FRAME.

AS PART OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE P-U-C RECENTLY HELD A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE FRUSTRATED CUSTOMERS TESTIFIED.

GAS PRICES

8/6

PA

GAS PRICES HAVE SHOWN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE LAST WEEK. THE LATEST SURVEY FROM GASBUDDY.COM SHOWS THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS IN MAINE FELL LESS THAN A PENNY PER GALLON, TO \$2.69. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FELL 2.6 CENTS, AVERAGING \$2.70. THAT'S DOWN 5.6 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO AND STANDS NEARLY 16 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

THE CITY OF BANGOR IS CLOSING ITS LOCAL RECYCLING STATION. THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS REPORTS THE STATION AT THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2ND. BANGOR HAS ENTERED A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PINE TREE WASTE TO BRING MIXED TRASH AND RECYCLING TO THE FIBERIGHT PLANT IN HAMPDEN, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IN MID-AUGUST. OFFICIALS CLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY WILL BOOST RECYCLING RATES AT LEAST 50%.

CHILDREN'S DAY

8/6

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HAMPDEN IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY ON SATURDAY. THE EVENTS KICK OFF AT 11AM WITH A PARADE LEAVING FROM REEDS BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE BULK OF THE ACTIVITIES ARE FROM NOON TO 4 AT THE WEATHERBEE SCHOOL INCLUDING FIELD GAMES, TOUCH-A-TRUCK, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS. IN THE EVENING, THERE WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY THE LOCAL BAND "SOULED OUT" AND FIREWORKS. JANET HUGHES IS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS FOR THE EVENT. SHE SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 HUGHES

:14

...ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS, YOU CAN VISIT HAMPDEN CHILDREN'S DAY DOT ORG.

ANTIQUE FEST

8/5

PA

THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF COLLECTOR'S ITEMS AND VINTAGE PIECES IN UNION THIS WEEKEND. OVER 150 VENDORS FROM 26 STATES GATHERED AT THE 38TH ANNUAL MAINE ANTIQUES FESTIVAL. INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EXHIBITS DISPLAYED REPURPOSED ITEMS, VINTAGE CLOTHES, TOYS, AND MUCH MORE. FESTIVAL MANAGER PAUL DAVIS SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 DAVIS :17 ...THING TO DO.

ORGANIZERS SAY THE EVENT WILL RETURN NEXT AUGUST.

LOBSTER FEST

8/1

PA

THE 72ND ANNUAL MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL GOT UNDERWAY WEDNESDAY IN ROCKLAND. THE EVENT SEES AROUND 50 THOUSAND PEOPLE EVERY SUMMER, AND SERVES 20 THOUSAND POUNDS OF LOBSTER, ALL OF IT SOURCED EXCLUSIVELY FROM MIDCOAST MAINE. ORGANIZERS SAY IT PROVIDES A BIG BOOST FOR THE TOWN, AND ITS 100% VOLUNTEER-RUN. TOM PEACO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENOBSCOT BAY REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 PEACO :16 ...ANY OTHER PLACE.

THE FESTIVAL RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY.

BLUEBERRY FEST

8/1

PA

THE 11TH ANNUAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL KICKS OFF THIS SATURDAY IN BLUE HILL. A BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED. ORGANIZERS SAY THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FOOD VENDORS AND GAMES FOR THE KIDS. THE FESTIVAL RUNS FROM 7-2 OUTSIDE THE BLUE HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON TENNEY HILL.

RIDE FOR WISHES

8/1

PA

THE AUGUSTA EAGLES ARE HOSTING THEIR 13TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR WISHES THIS SATURDAY. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAKE-A-WISH MAINE. OVER THE FIRST 12 YEARS, THEY'VE RAISED ABOUT \$140,000. ORGANIZERS SAY THE DAY WILL BE FILLED WITH FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, AND AN AUCTION FEATURING 70 ITEMS. AUGUSTA EAGLE RYAN CARVER SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 CARVER

:20

...MIND OFF STUFF.

REGISTRATION FOR THE RIDE IS FROM 8 TO 9AM. TO FIND OUT MORE, YOU CAN VISIT THE AUGUSTA EAGLES FACEBOOK PAGE.

GOLDEN @ ACADIA

8/1

PA

CONGRESSMAN JARED GOLDEN AND STATE OFFICIALS TOOK A HIKE TOGETHER ALONG A TRAIL THAT'S BEING RESTORED IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK. THE PURPOSE OF WEDNESDAY'S HIKE WAS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE TO TACKLE A \$65 MILLION DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG AT THE PARK. THIS IS PART OF THE "RESTORE AMERICA'S PARKS CAMPAIGN" IN HOPES OF PASSING TWO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BILLS CURRENTLY PENDING IN CONGRESS. REPRESENTATIVE GOLDEN SPOKE WITH TV5.

2001 GOLDEN

:15

...TO OFFER.

CONGRESSMAN GOLDEN SAYS HE HOPES THE VISIT WILL ENCOURAGE MORE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE BILL.

OFFICIALS WITH THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SAY THEY'LL LIKELY SIGN OFF ON A STAY OF CENTRAL MAINE POWER'S RATE HIKE REQUEST. THE P-U-C'S HANDLING OF C-M-P'S POTENTIAL RATE INCREASE LIKELY DELAYS A DECISION UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR OR LATER. C-M-P WANTS TO RAISE RATES BY OVER 10%. THE REQUEST IS COMING AS THE UTILITY IS DEALING WITH BROAD CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE WAY THE COMPANY HANDLED THE ROLLOUT OF A NEW BILLING SYSTEM. P-U-C CHAIR PHIL BARTLETT SAYS THE COMMISSION WILL FACTOR IN THE COMPLAINTS WHEN IT DOES CONSIDER THE RATE INCREASE. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SAYS THE COMMISSION CAN'T "SIMPLY SAY NO."

GAS

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GAS PRICES ARE DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MAINE. THE LATEST GASBUDDY SURVEY SHOWS THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS FELL LESS THAN A PENNY, TO \$2.69. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FELL 3 CENTS IN THE LAST WEEK, AVERAGING \$2.72. THAT'S NEARLY 2 CENTS HIGHER THAN A MONTH AGO, BUT STANDS 12 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

GOLF FUNDRAISER

7/30

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GOLFERS TEED OFF FOR CHARITY AT BANGOR MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE ON MONDAY. THE ANNUAL "HEROES, HOPE, AND HEALING MCDONALD'S GOLF CLASSIC" RAISES MONEY FOR THE PLAYROOM AND PARENT ROOM AT THE RAISH PEAVEY HASKELL CHILDREN'S CANCER AND TREATMENT CENTER. ORGANIZERS EXPECTED TO SET A NEW RECORD IN MONEY RAISED, WELL OVER THE GOAL OF \$70 THOUSAND. BOARD CHAIRMAN JEFF SOLARI SPOKE WITH TV5.

2006 SOLARI

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...WIN THAT FIGHT.

THE TOURNAMENT ALSO UNDERWRITES THE COST OF CAMP HOPE, WHICH PROVIDES A SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS BEING TREATED FOR CANCER OR BLOOD DISORDERS.

CMP UPDATE

7/30

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LAWMAKERS HEARD FROM STATE REGULATORS MONDAY ABOUT COMPLAINTS AGAINST CENTRAL MAINE POWER. THE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE HEARD FROM OFFICIALS FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE. THEY DISCUSSED THE CONTINUING CONCERNS REGARDING C-M-P'S BILLING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES PROBLEMS. REGULATORS ALSO BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON C-M-P'S PROPOSED RATE HIKE. REPRESENTATIVE SETH BERRY CO-CHAIRS THE COMMITTEE. HE SPOKE WITH TV5.

2003 BERRY

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...CUSTOMERS THE MOST.

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE IS LOOKING TO PUT A HOLD ON THE RATE HIKE UNTIL THE BILLING CONCERNS ARE FIGURED OUT.

KIWANIS AUCTION

7/26

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HUNDREDS OF FOLKS WERE BARGAIN HUNTING THURSDAY NIGHT IN DOVER-FOXCROFT. THE 69TH ANNUAL KIWANIS AUCTION AT THE PISCATAQUIS VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY. THERE WILL BE A 50/50 RAFFLE EACH NIGHT IN ADDITION TO PLENTY OF FOOD. THIS IS THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE KIWANIS CLUB OF DOVER-FOXCROFT, AND THIS YEAR THEIR SILENT AUCTION IS BIGGER AND BETTER. ORGANIZER JOY GREGORY SAYS THERE'S \$7,000 WORTH OF ITEMS UP FOR GRABS.

2003 GREGORY

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... MORE PEOPLE TOGETHER.

AUDIO COURTESY OF TV5. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT "DOVER FOXCROFT KIWANIS (DOT) ORG".

TRIBAL LEADERS AND MAINE LAWMAKERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON POTENTIAL REFORMS TO A 1980 AGREEMENT IN HOPES OF SPURRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ADDRESSING HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL. AND SOCIAL INEQUITIES ON RESERVATIONS ACROSS THE STATE. MONDAY MARKED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE. TRIBAL LEADERS SAY THEY FACE TOO MANY BARRIERS WHEN TRYING TO TACKLE ISSUES ON THEIR LAND FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO TRIBAL GAMING. UNDER THE 1980 SETTLEMENT, THE TRIBES AGREED TO BE SUBJECT TO MAINE'S LAWS AND JURISDICTION, EXCEPT FOR "INTERNAL TRIBAL MATTERS". THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE TASK FORCE IS SET FOR AUGUST 9TH.

THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HELD THEIR THIRD PUBLIC HEARING ON CENTRAL MAINE POWER'S PROPOSED RATE HIKE MONDAY NIGHT IN HALLOWELL.

C-M-P FACED TOUGH CRITICISM FROM CUSTOMERS THAT SPOKE ABOUT HIGHER BILLS, THE COMPANY'S NEW BILLING SYSTEM, AND NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES THEY'VE HAD WITH C-M-P'S CUSTOMER SERVICE. COMMISSIONERS REITERATED THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE ACTION. PHIL BARTLETT, CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, SPOKE WITH TV5.

2002 BARTLETT :18 ...RELIABLE SERVICE.

BARTLETT SAYS THE P-U-C STILL HAS A LOT OF EVIDENCE TO COLLECT BEFORE THEY MAKE THEIR FINAL DECISION ON THE 10.65% RATE HIKE.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT SAYS ATTENDANCE IS STEADY DESPITE A LACK OF HIGHWAY SIGNS. TIM HUDSON TELLS MAINE PUBLIC THAT THE PARK EXPECTS SIMILAR ATTENDANCE TO LAST SUMMER, WHEN OVER 18,000 VISITORS FROM 45 STATES AND NINE COUNTRIES CAME TO THE PARK. HE SAID HIGHWAY SIGNS FOR THE NEARLY THREE-YEAR-OLD MONUMENT SHOULD BE UP BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES. THIS WINTER, THE PARK PLANS TO INSTALL COUNTING EQUIPMENT TO BETTER DETERMINE HOW MANY SNOWMOBILES USE THE TRAILS. THE LAND INCLUDES A 17-MILE LOOP ROAD WITH VIEWS OF MOUNT KATAHDIN; TRAILS FOR HIKING, MOUNTAIN BIKING AND SNOWMOBILING; AS WELL AS PADDLING ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE PENOBSCOT RIVER.

DV TRAINING SESSION

7/17

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AROUND 150 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ATTENDED A TRAINING SESSION IN ORONO WEDNESDAY REGARDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IS PUT ON BY THE MAINE COALITION TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND ORGANIZERS SAY THIS IS CRITICAL EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN JUST SOCIAL WORKERS. JUDITH JOSIAH-MARTIN OF THE UMAINE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SPOKE WITH TV5.

2006 MARTIN

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...HAVE TO KNOW.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SIMILAR TRAINING, YOU CAN CONTACT PARTNERS FOR PEACE TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION.

ROUTE 1A CONSTRUCTION

7/18

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CHANGES ARE COMING TO A SECTION OF ROUTE 1A, WHERE A LOT OF ACCIDENTS HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE YEARS. THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ADDING A CENTER LANE IN HOLDEN. PAUL MERRILL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE MAINE D-O-T, TELLS TV5 THE GOAL IS TO CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF CRASHES AND HELP TRAFFIC FLOW MORE SMOOTHLY.

2001 MERRILL

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...SEE SOME CRASHES.

CONSTRUCTION IS SET TO START SUNDAY AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS. ALL OF IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE OVERNIGHT HOURS. THE D-O-T WILL ALSO START CONSTRUCTION SOON ON ROUTE 46 IN BUCKSPORT TO MAKE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.

A NUMBER OF FRUSTRATED CENTRAL MAINE POWER CUSTOMERS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TUESDAY NIGHT. THE HEARING IS A PART OF THE INVESTIGATION BY THE P-U-C ON CMP'S CUSTOMER SERVICE AND JUST HOW ACCURATE THEIR BILLING IS. MANY CUSTOMERS SAY THEY SAW HUGE SPIKES IN THEIR BILL, SOME WEREN'T BILLED FOR MONTHS, AND OTHERS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE CONFUSION SURROUNDING THE ROLLOUT OF C-M-P'S NEW BILLING SYSTEM. HOLLY KOZLOWSKI OF SACO AND JESSICA MEYER TESTIFIED TUESDAY NIGHT.

2001 CUSTOMERS :25 ...ELECTRIC BILL.

IF THE P-U-C FINDS THAT C-M-P VIOLATED ANY RULES IT COULD MEAN TOUGHER REGULATIONS OR EVEN REFUNDS FOR EFFECTED CUSTOMERS. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THREE HEARINGS THIS WEEK. THE NEXT ONE IS ON THURSDAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON.

A WIND POWER PROJECT IN HANCOCK COUNTY IS GETTING THE OKAY FOR A LONG-TERM CONTRACT. THE MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RATE TERMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BY WEAVER WIND, LLC. THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SAYS THE 20-YEAR CONTRACT HAS A COMPETITIVE RATE THAT WILL BENEFIT RATE PAYERS. THE PLAN CALLS FOR 22 TURBINES TO BE INSTALLED IN EASTBROOK AND OSBORNE.

GARDINER CRUISIN'

7/12

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IT WAS AN EVENING OF CLASSIC CARS AND CLASSIC MUSIC IN GARDINER LAST NIGHT. THE GARDINER WATERFRONT CRUISIN' EVENT FEATURED OVER 100 CARS, NEW AND OLD. THERE WAS ALSO FOOD AND TUNES FOR THE HUNDREDS OF FOLKS WHO TURNED OUT. ORGANIZER JASON EVERETT TELLS TV5 IT'S A GREAT EVENT FOR CAR ENTHUSIASTS TO GET TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY LOVE.

2004 EVERETT

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...THEM ALL READY.

GARDINER WATERFRONT CRUISIN' HAPPENS EVERY THURSDAY DURING THE SUMMER FROM 5 TO 7PM.

A PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO FUND TOBACCO CESSATION AND MAKE SURE TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE TAXED AT THE SAME RATE HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW. THE LEGISLATION TAXES TOBACCO PRODUCTS (LIKE PIPE TOBACCO, CIGARS, AND E-CIGARETTES) AT 43 PERCENT OF THE WHOLESALE SALES PRICE, THE SAME AS CIGARETTES. THE LAW ALSO SETS ASIDE MORE THAN \$7 MILLION FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS SIGNED THE PROPOSAL ON JULY 2ND.

EXCHANGE AND HARLOW STREETS IN BANGOR ARE GETTING A LITTLE LOVE THIS WEEKEND. THAT'S WHERE THE DOWNTOWN BANGOR SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL IS HAPPENING. THE EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE DOWNTOWN BANGOR PARTNERSHIP. IT'S A NON-PROFIT DEVOTED TO PROMOTING EVERYTHING THE CITY HAS TO OFFER. THIS WEEKEND, THE FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE ARTWORK FROM LOCAL ARTISTS, A TENT WITH LIVE GLASSBLOWING AND WOOD CARVING, MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES, A CHILDREN'S AREA, AND MORE. BETSY LUNDY, BANGOR'S DOWNTOWN COORDINATOR & CULTURAL LIAISON, TELLS TV5 IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO SHOWCASE WHAT THIS SECTION OF DOWNTOWN HAS TO OFFER ON A DAILY BASIS.

2007 LUNDY :09 ...FOR PEOPLE.

ORGANIZERS SAY THE EVENT WENT ON FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES BEFORE ENDING TEN YEARS AGO, AND THEY'RE EXCITED TO REVIVE IT.

NEW BANK CLOCK

7/10

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WORK IS BEING DONE TO A PIECE OF HISTORY IN DOWNTOWN BANGOR. THE CLOCK OUTSIDE BANGOR SAVINGS BANK ON STATE STREET IS BEING REPAIRED AND REPLACED. BANK OFFICIALS SAY IT WAS WORKING UNTIL JUST RECENTLY. IT'S PART OF THE BUILDING THAT WAS ONE OF BANGOR SAVINGS' FIRST BANK LOCATIONS THAT OPENED IN 1889. IT WAS REBUILT AFTER THE FIRE OF 1911. KATE RUSH OF BANGOR SAVINGS BANK TELLS TV5 THE CLOCK WAS LAST UPGRADED IN 1996, WHEN A 70'S ERA-DIGITAL DISPLAY WAS REPLACED WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE APPROPRIATE.

2004 RUSH

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...NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WORK ON THE CLOCK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

REAL ID UPDATE

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MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE MATT DUNLAP SAYS HIS OFFICE WILL NOT LET FEDERAL AGENTS HAVE OPEN-ENDED ACCESS TO A NEW IDENTIFICATION DATABASE. MAINERS CAN NOW BUY REAL ID-COMPLIANT DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS. CONGRESS PASSED THE FEDERAL REAL ID LAW AFTER THE 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS TO STRENGTHEN RULES FOR GOVERNMENT-SANCTIONED IDENTIFICATION. DUNLAP TELLS TV5 THAT MAINE WON'T JOIN STATES THAT LET FEDERAL POLICE AGENCIES CONDUCT BROAD FACIAL RECOGNITION SEARCHES AS PART OF INVESTIGATIONS.

2002 DUNLAP

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...ELSE TO ACCESS THAT.

FEDERAL AGENCIES WOULD NEED APPROVAL FROM THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE IN ORDER TO GET IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION ABOUT MAINERS.

THE STATE HAS BROUGHT IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUE FROM OUT-OF-STATE DRIVERS REGISTERING THEIR VEHICLES HERE IN MAINE. THE PORTLAND PRESS HERALD REPORTS THE NUMBER OF PASSENGER VEHICLES REGISTERED HERE, BUT OWNED BY OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS, HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN FIVE YEARS. MAINE'S REGISTRATION FEE IS \$35, WHILE CONNECTICUT HAS AN \$80 FEE AND MORE THAN 1,400 MAINE REGISTRATIONS. THAT STATE WILL ALSO NOT ISSUE REGISTRATIONS TO ANYONE OWING PROPERTY TAXES, LEADING SOME TO SKIP THE BACK TAXES AND REGISTER IN MAINE. OKLAHOMA HAS MORE THAN 4,600 MAINE REGISTRATIONS, MOSTLY FROM CAR RENTAL BRANDS. MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE MATT DUNLAP SAYS HE PERIODICALLY HEARS FROM OTHER STATES ABOUT LOST REVENUE AND RESIDENTS WHO ARE BREAKING LAWS, BUT SAYS IT'S NOT MAINE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

AN AUCTION THIS SATURDAY IN ABBOT WILL BENEFIT THE J-D FOUNDATION. THE ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT SUICIDE. THE AUCTION WILL INCLUDE ANTIQUES AND FURNITURE, GETAWAY PACKAGES, GIFT CERTIFICATES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, AND MORE. J-D FOUNDATION CO-FOUNDER CHERYL MORIN TELLS TV5 IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE.

2004 MORIN :12 ...ONE ANOTHER.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD SATURDAY FROM 11 TO 2 AT THE J-D FOUNDATION, 107 MAIN ROAD IN ABBOT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THEIR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, VISIT "J-D FOUNDATION (DOT) ORG".

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS IS BEING CRITICIZED FOR NOT SIGNING OFF ON A LAW TO INCREASE FUNDING TO NURSING HOMES. SEVEN NURSING HOMES IN MAINE HAVE CLOSED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE GOVERNOR IS HOLDING OFF ON THE BIPARTISAN-SUPPORTED BILL UNTIL NEXT YEAR WHEN LAWMAKERS RETURN TO SESSION. REPUBLICANS SAY POSTPONING THE FUNDING IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE CARE FOR OUR ELDERLY. BUT A SPOKESPERSON FOR MILLS SAYS THE GOVERNOR HELD THE BILL BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR A RATE HIKE THAT EXCEEDS THE LEVEL TO QUALIFY FOR MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS. WHEN THE LEGISLATURE GOES BACK INTO SESSION, MILLS WILL HAVE THREE DAYS TO SIGN THE BILL, VETO IT, OR LET IT BECOME LAW WITHOUT HER SIGNATURE.

PLANE RECOVERED

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PA

A PLANE THAT CRASHED ALMOST TWO WEEKS AGO BEHIND M-D-I HIGH SCHOOL WAS RECOVERED FRIDAY FROM THE MARSH IT LANDED IN. THE ACADIA AIR TOURS BIPLANE WAS CARRIED OUT BY HELICOPTER. THE PLANE CRASHED ON JUNE 22ND JUST BEFORE 11AM. THREE PEOPLE WERE ON BOARD. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY SUSTAINED ONLY MINOR INJURIES IN THE CRASH.

SUPPORTERS OF A NEW LAW SAY IT WILL IMPROVE ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN BY ENCOURAGING MAINE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PURCHASE LOCAL FOOD. THE LEGISLATION PROVIDES MONEY AND STAFFING NECESSARY FOR SCHOOLS AND NUTRITION DIRECTORS TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BUY AND SERVE THE FOOD. THE LAW WILL ALSO MAKE IT EASIER FOR FARMERS IN THE STATE TO FIND BUYERS FOR THEIR PRODUCE. THE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT IN SEPTEMBER.

EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

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UNDER A NEW LAW, MAINE COULD STAY ON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME ALL YEAR ROUND, BUT ONLY IF CONGRESS ACTS. MAINE'S LAW WAS ENACTED LAST MONTH WITHOUT GOVERNOR MILL'S SIGNATURE AND IS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, CONGRESS WOULD FIRST HAVE TO PASS A LAW TO ALLOW THE YEAR-ROUND OBSERVATION OF EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, AND ALL STATES IN THE EASTERN TIME ZONE, INCLUDING WASHINGTON, D.C., WOULD ALSO HAVE TO MAKE THE SWITCH.

DESPITE A SALES BOOM AFTER THEIR LEGALIZATION IN 2012, THE SALES OF FIREWORKS HAVE DIPPED IN RECENT YEARS. =MUNICIPALITIES ARE INCREASINGLY BANNING OR LIMITING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS UNDER THE 2012 LAW. STEVE MARSON OWNS EIGHT "PYRO CITY" STORES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND SAYS SALES HAVE BEEN OFF BY 20 PERCENT COMPARED TO THREE YEARS AGO, BUT ADDS THAT SALES ARE PICKING UP THIS YEAR. CONSUMER FIREWORKS SALES IN MAINE WERE HIGHEST DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF LEGALIZATION. FIGURES FROM THE MAINE REVENUE SERVICE SHOW THAT SALES HIT NEARLY \$7 MILLION BUT FELL 29 PERCENT FROM 2012 TO 2018. MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN PYROTECHNICS ASSOCIATION SAYS NATIONAL SALES HAVE RISEN SINCE 2012.

GOVERNOR JANET MILLS HAS OPTED TO HOLD ON TO NEARLY 40 BILLS, PASSED BY LAWMAKERS, UNTIL THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION, SAYING THEY NEED FURTHER REVIEW. ONE IS A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW SPORTS BETTING IN MAINE. THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO NOT TAKE ACTION ON IT DOES NOT ALLOW THE BILL TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT HER SIGNATURE, AS IT WOULD DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. INSTEAD, IF THE SAME LEGISLATURE HOLDS ANOTHER SESSION, MILLS WOULD HAVE TO ACT ON IT AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE IT STARTS. IF ANOTHER SESSION IS NOT HELD, IT EFFECTIVELY BECOMES A "POCKET VETO," ALLOWING THE BILL TO DIE. THE BILL WOULD ALLOW CASINOS, COMMERCIAL RACING TRACKS, OFF-TRACK BETTING FACILITIES, AND RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO APPLY FOR LICENSES TO OFFER IN-PERSON SPORTS BETTING. THOSE SAME FACILITIES COULD ALSO APPLY FOR MOBILE SPORTS BETTING LICENSES.

A BILL TO BAN HANDHELD CELL PHONE USE WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL HAS BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW. AFTER YEARS OF WORKING ON THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, SENATOR DIAMOND TELLS TV5 THEY'VE PASSED A MOMENTOUS PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

2001 DIAMOND :11 ...THIS LEGISLATION.

THE BILL GOES A STEP FURTHER THAN THE TEXTING BAN THAT'S ALREADY ON THE BOOKS. DRIVERS CAUGHT UNDER THIS NEW LAW WILL HAVE TO PAY A \$50 FINE FOR A FIRST OFFENSE AND \$250 FOR REPEAT OFFENSES. THE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT SEPTEMBER 19TH.

GAS PRICES

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PA

GAS PRICES ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE RISE IN MAINE. THE LATEST REPORT FROM GASBUDDY.COM SHOWS PRICES ROSE 5 CENTS PER GALLON LAST WEEK TO AN AVERAGE OF \$2.66. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE HAS RISEN 4.6 CENTS IN THE LAST WEEK, AVERAGING \$2.71 A GALLON. THAT'S DOWN NEARLY 11 CENTS FROM A MONTH AGO, AND STANDS NEARLY 14 CENTS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO.

A MERGER OF MAYO REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND NORTHERN LIGHT HEALTH IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REALITY. GOVERNOR JANET MILLS SIGNED OFF ON THE LAW ON FRIDAY. MAYO IS OWNED AND GOVERNED BY A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, WHILE NORTHERN LIGHT IS A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION. THE LAW NEEDED TO CHANGE TO LET THE TWO MERGE. THE NEXT STEP IS APPROVAL FROM D-H-H-S. THE MERGER IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FALL, MAKING MAYO NORTHERN LIGHT'S TENTH HOSPITAL.