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Dog traces missing Sanford woman to NH

Police believe Kerry Rear got into a car

By **TAMMY WELLS**
Senior Staff Writer

SANFORD — Police here believe Kerry Rear, the woman missing from Sanford since Jan. 22, got into a car on Route 4.

Rear, 40, hasn't been seen or heard from since that night, despite extensive searches.

Late Friday afternoon, Sanford Police Det. Sgt. Matthew Jones said Quincy, a specially trained Labrador retriever, had tracked Rear and the vehicle to downtown Dover, New Hampshire.

Jones said police believe Rear likely got into a vehicle

just beyond Down Maine Veterinary Clinic on Route 4 in Sanford — that's when Quincy began tracking the travel lane of the roadway.

The dog is part of the nonprofit VK9 Scent Specific Search and Recovery Unit of Brewer. Quincy's handler, Julie Jones, who has been conducting searches with dogs for 23 years, used an article of Rear's clothing to give Quincy the scent, and began the track. The dogs are able to detect human scent even when the individual being tracked is in a car.

"We put the dog out at each major intersection,"

said Jones, and Quincy continued to track. Eventually, they crossed the border into Rollinsford, New Hampshire, just over the border from South Berwick, where the dog tracked Rear's scent to the Cumberland Farms convenience store parking lot.

From there, the track continued into Dover, where Quincy led police to Mr. Mike's Convenience Store and to the drive-thru of Dunkin Donuts at the rear of the store. Then, the track led them to Dover's downtown area.

Rear was last seen at Lil Mart, near the round-



Rear

about in south Sanford, at 8:15 p.m. Jan. 22. Witnesses told police she was disoriented and confused, and believed she was in a bank.

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Quincy, a trained tracking dog with the VK9 Scent Specific Search and Recovery Unit out of Brewer, stopped at Sanford Police Department Friday morning before heading out to track Kerry Rear, the 40-year-old Sanford woman missing since Jan. 22. Police now believe Rear got into a vehicle on Route 4 and by Friday afternoon her scent had been tracked to downtown Dover, New Hampshire.

'Clink, clink'

Uncorked Wine Bar opens in Biddeford

By **ALAN BENNETT**
Staff Writer

BIDDEFORD — Walking down Main Street, you may begin to hear the sounds of corks popping and glasses clinking with olympic grandeur.

Don't be alarmed: It's just Uncorked Wine Bar, the newest addition to Biddeford's burgeoning nightlife scene.

The brainchild of Jim Albert — owner of Jimmy the Greek's in Old Orchard Beach — the concept for Uncorked came from Albert's other establishment, Cowbell Burger Bar, located directly across the street.

"I was asking a lot of my customers at Cowbell what they'd like to see in Biddeford, and I noticed a lot of (people) at happy hour drinking wine," Albert said Friday. "I saw that space open up with all the glass and I said to myself, 'Wine Bar.'"

"The lightbulb went off," he said.

Albert opened Cowbell in June, a massive, 2,500-square-foot American-influenced restaurant and customizable burger bar, complete with 25 different

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Eight band members and 10 chorus students from Biddeford Middle School have been selected to perform in the 2017 York County District Honors Music Festival. Performers will appear in concert at 4 p.m. Saturday in the BMS Performing Arts Center.

Top student-musicians set for Biddeford performance

By **ED PIERCE**
Executive Editor

BIDDEFORD — Music can transform young minds and serve to inspire students while touching their hearts and souls in unique ways.

That power will be on full display at 4 p.m. Saturday when Biddeford Middle School hosts the 2017 York County District Honors Music Festival. The event features the most tal-

ented band and chorus students from 12 local middle schools performing in concert at the BMS Performing Arts Center.

BMS band and chorus students had to audition for selection to the event, so only the top 10 percent of music students at the school will be performing at the festival, said Amy Delorge, BMS instrumental music instructor.

"The best part of all of

this is having an opportunity to spend extensive time with this group of students," Delorge said. "This is truly a great group of kids."

Scores of BMS students auditioned to perform in the festival, but Delorge and vocal instructor Alicia Phelps could only select eight band participants and 10 chorus members for the honors distinction.

BMS band students chosen to perform are

Aushe Edmond (alto saxophone), Maliha Raida, Emily Poisson, and Ru Liu (clarinets), Aurelia Leonard (french horn), Colin Tippet (percussion) and Zowie Cheetham-Wilmot and Allie Hayden (trombones).

Chorus students from BMS selected to perform include Sally McGrath, Elizabeth Nunes, Katie

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Police arrest Saco suspect on outstanding warrant

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SACO — Police say multiple agencies assisted in serving an arrest warrant for a suspect who has evaded authorities for several months.

Nicholas Osgood, 33, was served an arrest warrant around 9 a.m. Friday at 68 Middle St., according to a press release from the Saco Police Department.

Osgood had failed to appear in court during November 2016 for an assault domestic violence charge leading to the issuance of the arrest warrant, according to police.

He had evaded police since the missed court appearance and this led to a raid Friday on his residence, according to police.

Osgood was taken to the Saco police station. He was unable to post the \$10,000 cash bail and was remanded to York County Jail.

He is scheduled to appear in the York County Superior Court on March 24 at 8:30 a.m. on the charge of assault domestic violence, a class D crime.



Osgood

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'Muslims are not the enemy'

UNE professor shares thoughts on immigration ban

By **DINA MENDROS**
Associate Editor

BIDDEFORD — While on the campaign trail, then-Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump took a strong stance on terrorism, on how to keep America's boundaries safe and who should and shouldn't be let into the country.

One of his first acts as

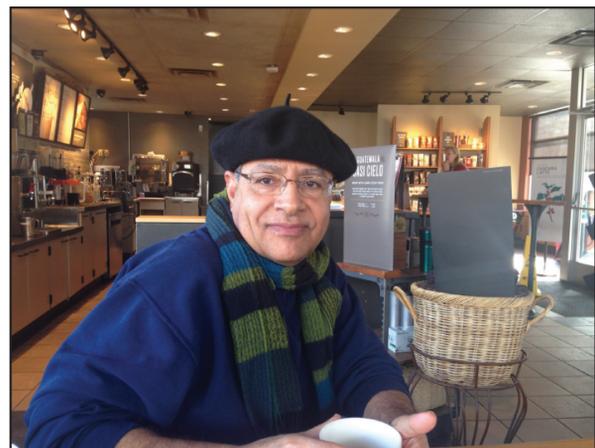
president was to make good on some of those campaign promises. On Jan. 27, President Trump issued an executive order barring immigrants from seven predominately Muslim countries from entering the country for 90 days. The order affects people attempting to enter the country from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. In addition, it bans refugees for 120 days and Syrian refugees indefinitely.

This controversial

policy has its backers, who applaud the order as a positive step in the war against terrorism, and its opponents that think it is unfairly keeping out law-abiding people including refugees who face danger and uncertainty if they were to return home.

Locally, University of New England political science professor Ali Ahmida said he has concerns about the immigrant ban. He

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DINA MENDROS/JOURNAL TRIBUNE

Saco resident and University of New England political science professor Ali Ahmida discusses on Thursday at Starbucks in Saco his concern about President Donald Trump's executive order temporarily banning Muslims from seven countries from entering the U.S.





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Uncorked Wine Bar, located at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets, is the latest addition to Biddeford's burgeoning nightlife scene.

Wine Bar

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burgers and an equal number of local draught beers. Located at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets, Uncorked is styled in an "upscale-casual" design, and features champagne-colored couches and a bar for a combined seating of 25 people. Bottles line the windows and small chandeliers hang from the rafters. The bar also showcases a wall made of corks, and the centerpiece of the space is an illuminated wine tap system, which seals the bottles to lock in freshness. "It's a really cool atmosphere," Albert said. "The lighting and the mood music inside just transport you into a different place." The bar features 50 bottles of wines of all varieties. Joining Albert is Steve

Siders, a friend and colleague of the local restaurateur who grew up in and worked with wine in Napa, California. "He's taken an instrumental part of this project," Albert said. "When you're going into this wine bar you have great confidence in the selection." In addition to his new bar, Albert also said he's in the process of constructing an arcade bar two doors down from Uncorked, with the hope of creating a "cluster" of classy downtown establishments. "What we're trying to do is a small cluster of those activities in an upscale way," he said. "You can park once, and visit several establishments. It's creating interest in the downtown area, certainly other than weekend nights." Uncorked held a soft

opening on Friday, Jan. 27, but opens in full this weekend. Albert said the bar will begin to host daily happy hours and theme nights, including "Ladies' Night" on Wednesdays and a Sunday special, "Bubbles and Giggles," with Champagne starting this Sunday. Patrons can grab a glass of bubbly and a free doughnut at that event, Albert said, starting at noon. Saying that Cowbell has "exceeded" expectations, Albert said he is excited to bring his new business ventures to Biddeford's growing downtown. "Biddeford is on the upswing for sure," he said. "We're at the cusp for where we're going go." — Staff Writer Alan Bennett can be contacted at 282-1535, ext. 329 or abennett@journaltribune.com.

Immigration Ban

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thinks it's sending the wrong message about a country that has had a reputation of being open and welcoming to immigrants from all nations. Ahmida said he has personal concerns about the ban. The Libyan native has dual citizenship, from both his homeland and the United States, his adopted country where he came as a student in the 1980s. Although a U.S. citizen, who teaches in Biddeford and resides with his wife and two children in Saco, Ahmida said because of Trump's order he is questioning whether to attend a conference he's been invited to in Cairo in March. He wonders what will happen when he tries to reenter the country. A White House memorandum issued Wednesday states that Trump's order doesn't apply to lawful, permanent U.S. residents, but there has been a lot of confusion around implementation of the ban and Ahmida is apprehensive. He said because of his concerns, he hasn't been able to give much comfort to students from some of the affected countries that he's talked to. Recently, "I was talking to a Libyan student who was crying, telling me he can't bring his wife," said Ahmida. On another occasion, he said, "I was talking to a Libyan student who has

a visa (to enter the U.S.) who asked me 'should I come?' I said 'go to Canada.'" In addition to the real concerns about those affected by Trump's order, there are a host of philosophical and ideological drawbacks with it, said Ahmida. "Terrorism is a real problem and the American president has to deal with it," said Ahmida. However, "there is already a very, very elaborate vetting structure that the intelligence community said is existing." "Many of these countries were chosen haphazardly," he said, and notes — and is backed up by numerous media reports — that no one that has committed a terrorist attack in the U.S. comes from the countries that Trump's order impacts. Moreover, said Ahmida, "To invent Islam and Muslims as enemies of the U.S. is ill-informed and flat out wrong. The idea that all Muslims are terrorists ... that Islam hates us is very hard. ... It ignores the tremendous diversity of Muslims worldwide" in terms of how they practice their religion and their world-view. "There are one billion, 700 million Muslims including U.S. citizens. More Muslims are killed by extremists than non-Muslims," he said and noted that Muslims are just as angered by acts of terror as everyone else.

"The question is not whether we should vet immigrants or not, but this hasty decision to ban Muslims from seven countries is Islamophobic. Many ordinary people are being banned from the U.S., students, children, families. Ahmida warns that the ban could do more harm than good. "It plays into the ISIS ideology vis a vis the U.S. ... and gives them a justification for terrorism." "This policy will divide us and give us a false sense of security in the short term, but undermine American values of openness and inclusiveness of refugees and people who are escaping war and genocide, or talented students and professionals who see the U.S. as a democratic, open society where they could fulfill their dreams and be contributing citizens to a multi-ethnic, multi-religion and most diverse immigrant society. "These core American values are at risk. "We need to go back to the American traditions of building bridges and ties instead of division and walls," said Ahmida. "We need to engage the administration to rethink this policy." — Associate Editor Dina Mendros can be contacted at 282-1535, ext. 324, or dmendros@journaltribune.com.

Student Musicians

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Belanich, Katlyn Bickford, Sarina Strickland, Delia Boucher, Andrew Marcotte, Aiden Maliski, Vernika McDaniel, and Kerri Scott. Raida, an eighth-grader, said she was humbled when she learned she had been chosen to perform. "I was so surprised," she said. "I don't think my family thought I could be a musician, but as I got better, they have become very proud of me." She hopes to continue to play clarinet as she transitions into high school. Tippet, an eighth-grade percussionist, said he enjoys playing the timpani and snare drums, along with the suspended cymbals and he's excited about performing with some of the best student musicians in the area. "I auditioned because

it seemed to be cool to be a part of a band from the entire county," Tippet said. "I've been playing since I was in fourth grade and this is quite an honor for me." Being selected to perform in the festival shows how far that Leonard has progressed in music. As a seventh-grader who just took up the french horn last year, she said earning this distinction is hard to fathom. "I like that not many people play the french horn," Leonard said. "It's so different from other instruments." Delorge said she's proud of the strides that BMS music students have made to reach this level of performance. "I expect them to experience a number of a-ha moments," she said. "They'll develop a sense of

pride from being with 100 musicians from throughout the county and a sense of joy. We're all very proud to host this year's festival and show off our beautiful facility here too." After spending much of Saturday rehearsing with their Honors Music Festival peers, BMS students will take the stage to perform with Massachusetts conductor Joseph Wright at 4 p.m. in the BMS Performing Arts Center. The public is invited to attend the performance and admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students/children with a family cap for immediate families of \$15. All proceeds benefit the BMS Music Department. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. — Executive Editor Ed Pierce can be contacted at 282-1535, ext. 326 or by email at editor@journaltribune.com.

Missing Woman

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She was wearing stockings, but no shoes, brown sweatpants and a puffy black jacket with a hood that had a pink lining. She left the store on foot and was walking toward Route 4. Rear was reported missing by her father, Ken, who lives in Florida, on Jan. 28. Police have conducted searches of the area around the roundabout for the last several days, with help from firefighters, the Maine Warden Service and others. A friend, Jason Fitts, who

has acted as a spokesman for Ken Rear, said the news that she had been tracked to New Hampshire is welcome. "It gives me a little hope," said Fitts in a brief telephone interview Friday afternoon. Jones said he and Det. Eric Small plan to get in touch with detectives at Dover Police Department. As well, they will review surveillance tapes from the convenience stores and plan to pepper the downtown Dover area with flyers, putting out the word about the

missing woman and asking for help. Police late Friday said the Rear family is offering a \$5,000 reward to the person or persons who provides direct information that leads to the whereabouts of their daughter. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sanford Police Det. Eric Small at 324-9170, ext. 227. — Senior Staff Writer Tammy Wells can be contacted at 324-4444 (local call in Sanford) or 282-1535, ext. 327 or twells@journaltribune.com.

Briefly

Maine heating prices remain steady

AUGUSTA (AP) — The Governor's Energy Office says the price of heating oil in Maine is unchanged from two weeks ago. The statewide average cash price for No. 2 heating oil was \$2.28 per gallon this week, the same as it was in mid-January. The statewide price of kerosene went down a penny, to \$2.80. Propane prices have crept up 7 cents and are now to \$2.53 per gallon. The state found the highest heating oil price was \$2.60, while the lowest price was \$2. Those are the same highs and lows as mid-January. Northern Maine had a higher average at \$2.37 per gallon. The figures reflect a Jan. 30 survey.

State officials criticize new solar panel rules

AUGUSTA (AP) — Maine's Republican governor and a leading Democrat expressed displeasure this week with new solar rules approved by state utility regulators. The owners of solar panels get credits on their bills for the energy they send back to the electric grid. But critics, including GOP Gov. Paul LePage, say the current system pays them too much, meaning other customers are unfairly subsidizing the solar industry. The LePage-appointed Maine Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday approved rules that would slowly shift more costs onto the owners of rooftop solar panels as the cost of solar technology drops. Existing customers would stay under the current rules for 15 years. The new rules wouldn't be effective until 2018, giving

time for legislators to come up with their own framework. LePage said the rules will still make electric ratepayers subsidize solar panel owners' electricity bills at far-over market rates until 2042. "Net energy billing customers should be compensated for the electricity they generate at fair market rates," LePage said. Maine has the 11th highest electricity rates in the nation, though they are among the lowest in New England. The governor said the commissioners continue "to shift the burden away from those who choose to install and have the resources to afford rooftop solar installations and onto ratepayers." He said the burden would be on low-income and elderly customers, as well as small businesses operating on very thin margins.

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