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Panel rejects LePage nominee to UMS board

By ALANNA DURKIN

Associated Press

AUGUSTA — A Democratic-led Maine legislative panel rejected one of Republican Gov. Paul LePage's nominees to the University of Maine System Board of Trustees on Friday after several people raised concerns about views she's shared on her online blog and one professor accused her of plagiarism.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee voted 8-6 along party lines against Susan Dench's nomination to the 16-member board, which makes policy and budget decisions for the seven-system school.

It was the first time that the committee has ever voted down a governor's pick for the board, said LePage spokeswoman Adrienne Bennett, who accused Democrats of playing partisan politics.

The full Senate will consider Dench's nomination and those of James Donnelly and Samuel Collins — who were unanimously approved to the board by the committee — when it meets next week.

Dench, who leads the Informed Women's Network and once wrote a conservative blog for the Bangor Daily News, has written that the "quest to build girls up" has "feminized our schools"

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JEFF LAGASSE/Journal Tribune

Jaclyn Dagle reaches for an apple Wednesday at Giles Family Farm in Alfred. Below: Apples hang from a tree Wednesday at Giles.

Fresh for the picking

By TAMMY WELLS

Senior Staff Writer

ALFRED — Does an apple a day really keep the doctor away? According to the Washington Post, perhaps. A Sept. 24, 2013 story delves into the history of the phrase and whether it is true.

According to the story, in 2012, an Ohio State University study found that eating an apple a day helped significantly lower levels of bad cholesterol in middle-aged adults, and in 2011, a Dutch study found that eating apples and pears might help prevent strokes.

Which is all good news, especially now that it is apple season. Orchards throughout York County and beyond offer a wide variety of apples already picked in their farm stands, and many allow folks to walk into the orchards and pick their own apples.



Inside:

• A recipe for "Tammy's Apple Crisp" and a full list of apple orchards in York County, See Page A3.

Whether you prefer McIntosh, Cortlands, honey-crisp or Macoun, red or golden delicious, or northern spy, its time to pick the apples.

Folks can make a pie or a

crisp, or cook the apples into sauce. And, of course, there's nothing like an apple for a snack or to finish off a meal.

And even though temperatures are expected to be in the 80s this weekend, it is fall, and it is apple season. Many orchards will be open for picking through Columbus Day and perhaps beyond.

On Wednesday, Bryn Groat of Lyman and Jaclyn Dagle of Waterboro were picking apples

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Walk to raise awareness, money for bullying prevention

By LIZ GOTTHELF

Staff Writer

SACO — Twenty-eight percent of U.S. students in grades six through 12 have reported that they've experienced bullying, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Crossroads Youth Center's Unite Against Bullying ME Walk, Run or Roll, and family fun day will be held for the second year in a row on Sunday, bringing awareness to and raising money for bullying prevention.

A two-mile walk will be

held at noon Sunday, on the Eastern Trail behind Thornton Academy. Registration begins at 11 a.m. From 1-3 p.m. there will be live music as well as food and craft vendors. Post-walk events will be held at the quad on the Thornton Academy campus, "with a nice outdoor atmosphere," said Crossroads Director Deb Landry.

Money raised at the event will go toward funding bullying prevention curriculum

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No bail for man charged in girlfriend's death

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

AUBURN — A man charged with running down and killing his pregnant girlfriend before trying to flee to Haiti has been ordered held without bail.

Evaristo De Deus, of Lewiston, made his first court appearance in Maine on Friday, two days after he was taken into custody at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. His girlfriend, Laudrinha Kubeloso, who was four months pregnant, was struck from behind by an SUV on Tuesday and was pronounced dead at a Lewiston hospital.

De Deus, whose surname

police initially said was just De Deus, did not enter a plea in the brief court appearance and was not assigned a bail hearing or return court date.

De Deus, 33, and Kubeloso, 32, were recent asylum seekers from Angola. Kubeloso had been a volunteer at Hope House, a family support center in Lewiston, where she used her knowledge of several foreign languages to work as a greeter, center co-founder Jan Willson said.

The center is raising money to help pay for Kubeloso's funeral, said Willson, who remembered Kubeloso as a

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LIZ GOTTHELF/Journal Tribune

King makes a stop in Saco

On Friday, U.S. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, speaks with Southern Maine Agency on Aging Director of Adult Services Polly Bradley at the Truslow Adult Day Center in Saco. King took a tour of the center Friday.

UNE students, staff attend climate change protest in NYC

By DINA MENDROS

Staff Writer

BIDDEFORD — On Sunday, approximately 400,000 people marched in New York City to call for world leaders to commit to take action and address the climate crisis, according to the People's Climate March website.

In addition, there were about 100,000 people holding their own marches in other parts of the world.

Among the crowd in New York, were 48 students and four faculty members from the University of New England.

The UNE contingent took a bus, subsidized by the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club, early Sunday morning to make the six-hour trek to the city, and returned in the early morning hours the following day.

The People's Climate March was timed to coincide with an emergency United Nations Climate Summit in New York City on Tuesday.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who participated in the march, invited the summit world leaders from all sectors of society to discuss steps that can be taken to reduce carbon emissions. The summit was in preparation for reaching a global agreement next year on ways to reduce the threat of climate change, according to the U.N. website.

The issue of "climate change is very important," said Katelyn Duffy, a UNE freshman and marine/environmental science



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students from the University of New England in Biddeford, pictured Sunday, participate in the People's Climate March in New York City.

major. She said she attended the NYC march "because I wanted my say to be counted."

Junior Ellie Weickert, who is majoring in medical biology, said she went to New York because she also wanted to express her opinion, because it fulfilled a class assignment, and "because I wanted to be part of history and meet a bunch of different people."

"It was a cool experience," she said, for people from across the nation and around the world to "unite as one."

People of all ages, said

Weickert, from babies to World War II veterans, attended the march.

"It was almost surreal," said Ryan Rossen, a sophomore who is an environmental science major. "I didn't expect that many people and of so many diverse backgrounds."

Those attending included indigenous people, representatives of faith communities, union members, migrant workers, scientists and, of course, environmentalists.

Faculty members helped organize the trip for inter-

ested students, said instructor Bethany Woodworth, because "a lot of our students want to make a positive difference in the world. They're looking for a way to do that."

In addition, said Pamela Morgan, the chair of UNE's Department of Environmental Studies, environmental issues are important to the university.

"UNE has made leaps and bounds in the 20 years I've been here," she said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/Courtesy Reg Bennett

Pictured Friday, from left to right, with shovels in hand are Wells High School teacher Steve Kayser, building committee co-chair Zak Harding, Wells Town Manager Jon Carter, Superintendent Ellen Schneider, student Ally O'Brien, school committee chair Helena Ackerson, state Sen. Ron Collins, building committee co-chair Josh Gould and Principal Jim Daly.

District breaks ground on Wells High School project

WELLS — Wells-Ogunquit Community School District officials, teachers, students and others gathered at noon Friday for a ground breaking ceremony for Wells High School's renovation project.

Also marking the occasion were the high school band and

Wells and Ogunquit municipal officials, commemorating the start of the project to renovate and expand Wells High School. As construction trucks rolled in and out of the school's driveway, Superintendent Ellen Schneider and seven other guests spoke briefly to those

gathered just outside of the construction site. The two-year, \$26.85-million project was approved by Wells and Ogunquit voters last November. — *Submitted by Reg Bennett, public information officer, Wells-Ogunquit CSD*

Virus probed in paralysis cases in 9 Colorado children

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Health officials are investigating nine cases of muscle weakness or paralysis in Colorado children and whether the culprit might be a virus causing severe respiratory illness across the country.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday sent doctors an alert about the polio-like cases and said the germ — enterovirus 68 — was detected in four out of eight of the sick children who had a certain medical test. The status of the ninth case is unclear.

The virus can cause paralysis but other germs can, too. Health officials don't know whether the virus caused any of the children's arm and leg weaknesses or whether it's just a germ they coincidentally picked up.

"That's why we want more information," and for doctors to report similar cases, said the CDC's Dr. Jane Seward.

The cases occurred within the last two months. All nine children are being treated at Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, and most are from the Denver area.

All had fever and respiratory illness about two weeks before

developing varying degrees of limb weakness. None seems to have a weak immune system or other conditions that might predispose them to severe illness, but the cases are still being investigated, Seward said. Investigators don't think it's polio — eight of the nine children are up to date on polio vaccinations.

The cases come amid an unusual wave of severe respiratory illness from enterovirus 68. The germ is not new — it was first identified in 1962 and has caused clusters of illness before, including in Georgia and Pennsylvania in 2009 and Arizona in 2010. Because it's not routinely tested for, it's possible the bug spread in previous years but was never distinguished from colds caused by other germs.

This year, the virus has gotten more attention because it has been linked to hundreds of severe illnesses. Beginning last month, a flood of sick children began to hit hospitals in Kansas City, Missouri, and Chicago — kids with trouble breathing, some needing oxygen or more extreme care such as a breathing machine. Many — but not all — had asthma before the infection.

The CDC has been testing

a limited number of specimens from very sick children around the country, and as of Thursday reported 277 people in 40 states and the District of Columbia with enterovirus 68. So far no deaths have been attributed to the virus, but Seward said 15 still are being investigated.

Health officials know enterovirus can cause paralysis. Published reports count at least two U.S. children who were paralyzed and died and were found to have the virus in their spinal fluid. One was a New Hampshire 5-year-old who died in 2008. Details are scant on the second case, which happened many years earlier. Earlier this year, Stanford University researchers said they had identified polio-like illnesses in about 20 California children over about 18 months. Two tested positive for enterovirus 68. CDC officials say it's still not clear if the virus was a factor in those cases.

Paralysis is a rare complication of enterovirus 68 infection, but with so many more cases of enterovirus being reported this year, it may not be surprising to see that problem, said Dr. Larry Wolk, chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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compassionate woman who grew corn and tomatoes at the center's community garden.

"She had this big smile and very warm personality and was a great greeter for the international community," Willson said.

About a dozen people from

the local African immigrant community attended De Deus's court appearance.

Police say De Deus was removed from a Haiti-bound airplane that was set to depart in 10 minutes and was detained Wednesday in New York. He was returned Thursday evening to Androscoggin County.

A judge ordered an affi-

davit about the case sealed. A criminal complaint states De Deus either intentionally killed Kubeloso or showed depraved indifference to the value of human life in causing her death.

De Deus's attorney, Justin Leary, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured Sunday are, left to right, University of New England students Ryan Rosen, Victoria Sanchez and Emily Filberti and others who participated in the People's Climate March in New York City.

Climate March

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There are a number of university environmental boards and committees, said Morgan.

The school has taken a number of actions to create a more sustainable environment, such as: reducing cars on campus by providing some students with free bicycles; building green facilities; con-

structing a rain garden to reduce water pollution; requiring an environmental science class for graduation for all students in the College of Arts and Sciences; and President Danielle Ripich has signed onto the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment.

Participating in Sunday's event was a positive experience for the students and faculty

from UNE, said Morgan. The overwhelming number of those who took part in the march weren't angry, they were upbeat, she said.

"There was a sense of 'We love the Earth, and we want it to stay the way it was meant to be,'" said Duffy.

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New groundfish study begins

PORTLAND (AP) — A group of scientific and academic institutions is leading a researching initiative about the groundfish stocks in the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank.

The federal New England

Fishery Management Council is giving \$800,000 to the Northeast Consortium for the project. The consortium includes the University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. University of New Hampshire officials say the consortium will seek proposals related to the project.

University officials say they will give priority to proposals that seek to demonstrate ways to grant access to closed areas and increase catch of haddock without impacting cod, yellowtail flounder and window-pane flounder.

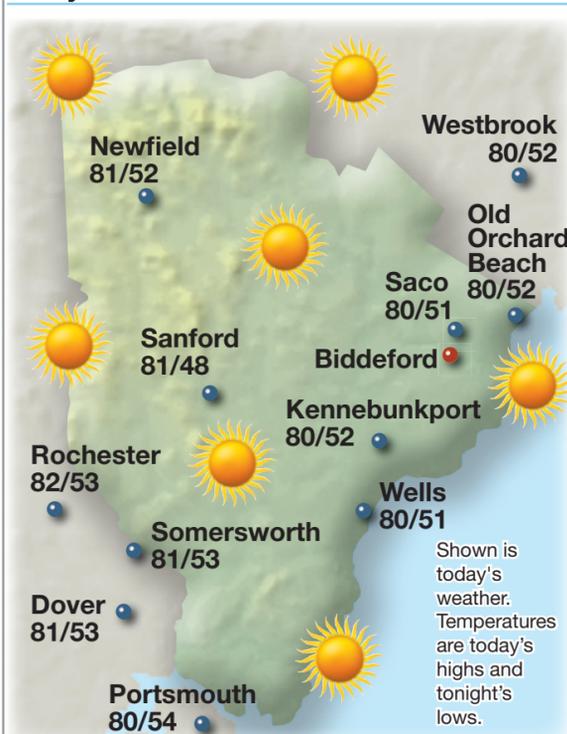
Studies that develop ways to minimize incidental catch of flatfish through modified fishing gear are also being sought.

BIDDEFORD AREA FORECAST

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Sunny, nice and warm	Clear	Sunny and very warm	Remaining warm with clouds and sun
▲ 80°	▼ 51°	▲ 79° ▼ 54°	▲ 74° ▼ 50°

Today's Forecast



Tide Report

Kennebunkport:

Day	Time	High	Time	Low
Today	1:40 a.m.	8.7	7:41 a.m.	0.5
	1:52 p.m.	9.2	8:07 p.m.	0.1
Sun.	2:19 a.m.	8.6	8:19 a.m.	0.6
	2:31 p.m.	9.3	8:49 p.m.	0.2

Old Orchard Beach:

Day	Time	High	Time	Low
Today	1:24 a.m.	9.0	7:19 a.m.	0.5
	1:36 p.m.	9.5	7:45 p.m.	0.1
Sun.	2:03 a.m.	8.9	7:57 a.m.	0.6
	2:15 p.m.	9.6	8:39 p.m.	0.2

Marine Forecast

Eastport to Merrimac River
Wind west 6-12 knots today. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. Wind west 4-8 knots tonight. Seas 1-3 feet. Clear. Wind southwest 6-12 knots tomorrow. Seas 1-3 feet. Visibility clear. Monday: Wind northeast 6-12 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. Tuesday: Wind east-northeast 8-16 knots. Seas 3-6 feet. Visibility under 3 miles in showers.

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