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David Pease waves as he marches in the 2018 Bangor Pride parade on Saturday.

Bangor Pride parade, festival draw largest attendance yet

Events celebrate, support LGBT community

BY EMILY BURNHAM
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BANGOR — Members and allies of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community in eastern Maine showed up in colorful, loud force this weekend for the annual Bangor Pride parade and festival, which kicked off bright and early at 10 a.m. Saturday. Pride organizers said they believe it was the largest turnout ever for the parade, which boasted several hundred people from a number of area organizations, businesses, churches and causes. "We're so thrilled with the turnout. I've never seen this big before," said Ambureen Rana, who with her colleagues at



Dan MacKay of Halifax, Nova Scotia, awaits the 2018 Bangor Pride parade on Saturday. MacKay and other members of the Wabanaki Two Spirit Alliance were hosted by a Penobscot LGBT group and they led the parade.

Health Equity Alliance in Bangor were the main organizers of this year's week-long slate of programming. Representatives from a wide array of groups were on hand — from major area employers such as Hanford, Bangor Savings Bank and Wayfair to churches and synagogues to organizations such as SAGE Maine, which advocates for LGBT elders in the state,

and MaineTransNet, which provides support for transgender people living in Maine. Trisha Smith, Chad Raymond and a group of their friends drove down from Dover-Foxcroft to walk in the parade to support MaineTransNet, cruising along in what they dubbed the "Big Gay Buick." "It's a 1977 Buick LeSabre, and we drive in the pa-

rade for MaineTransNet, who sponsor our LGBT group," said Smith, who has attended a number of Bangor Pride events over the years. "For me, the best part of Pride is getting to see so many people we know. It's really great for everybody to come together." After the parade, a festival was held in West Market and Pickering squares for

Deport those who 'invade,' Trump says

President backs depriving illegals of due-process rights

BY PHILIP RUCKER
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THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Sunday explicitly advocated depriving undocumented immigrants of their due-process rights, arguing that people who cross the border into the United States illegally were invaders and must immediately be deported without trial or an appearance before a judge. Trump's attack on the judicial system sowed more confusion as lawmakers struggle to reach consensus on immigration legislation and as federal agencies scramble to reunite thousands of migrant children and their parents who had been separated at the border under an administration policy that the president abruptly reversed last week. The House is preparing to vote this week on a broad, GOP immigration bill, but

although the White House supports the legislation its prospects for passage appeared dim Sunday, both because Democrats oppose the measure and because Republicans have long been divided over how restrictive immigration laws should be.

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Meanwhile, some GOP lawmakers were preparing over the weekend a more narrow bill that would solely address one of the flaws in Trump's executive order, which mandates that migrant children and parents not be separated during their detention. The 1997 "Flores settlement" requires that children be released after 30 days, but the GOP proposal would allow for



Farm-raised Atlantic salmon move on a conveyor belt as they are brought aboard a harvesting boat near Eastport in October 2008. Federal data show the United States imported more seafood in 2017 than at any point in its history, and the nation's trade deficit in the sector is growing.

US imported more seafood in 2017 than ever before

NOAA says trade gap widening

BY PATRICK WHITTLE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — The United States imported more seafood last year than at any point in its history, and the nation's trade deficit in the sector is growing, federal data show. The U.S. imported more than 6 billion pounds of seafood valued at more than \$21.5 billion in 2017, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which oversees American fisheries. The country exported more than 3.6 billion pounds valued at about \$6 billion. The widening gap comes at a time when Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who heads the federal agency that includes NOAA, has identified reducing the deficit as a priority for the government.

The U.S. is home to major commercial fisheries for species such as Pacific salmon, New England lobster and Alaska pollock, but it imports more than 90 percent of the seafood the public consumes. Ross and others in U.S. fisheries are looking at new strategies to cut the deficit, including increasing the amount of aquaculture-based farming, said Jennie Lyons, a NOAA spokeswoman. The U.S. trades in seafood with countries all over the world, and the countries it buys the most from include Canada, China and Chile. Major buyers of U.S. seafood include China, Japan and South Korea. While U.S. fishermen would love to grow commercial fisheries, it's important to note that domestic and

US House passes bipartisan package to fight opioid crisis

BY KATIE ZEJIMA
THE WASHINGTON POST

The House on Friday passed a sweeping package to fight the opioid crisis, with members of both parties approving measures that include encouraging non-addictive pain treatment and fighting the rise of synthetic drugs such as fentanyl. The suite of legislation, which comprised nearly 80 bills, passed the House 266 to 14. It would allow for increased research for non-addictive pain medications, allow physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe medications that treat opioid addiction and create opioid recovery centers. "This package is not Congress' first legislative response to this crisis, nor will it be our last. But it does include meaningful solutions that will update archaic pol-



OxyContin pills lie on a counter at a pharmacy in Montpelier, Vt., in February 2013.

icies, better equip our communities to respond to this evolving epidemic, and save lives," said Reps. Greg Walden, R-Oregon, and Michael Burgess, R-Texas. Walden is chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which has been investigating alleged pill dumping in West Virginia, and Burgess is chairman of its health subcommittee.



Hessah Al-Ajlal drives her car for the first time down busy Tahla Street in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, just after midnight Sunday, when the world's last remaining ban on women driving was lifted.

Saudi women take the wheel as driving ban ends

BY NABIH BULOS
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

Maha Ageel joined 14 other women at a friend's place Saturday night in their hometown of Jeddah. A bit before midnight, they piled into five cars, waiting for the night to slide into Sunday. Once it did, Ageel said, the women "were ready."

Switching drivers every five minutes or so, their convoy made its way through the city's crowded thoroughfares before heading to Jeddah's seaside boulevard. There they joined the crowds that had come to mark the lifting of the ban on women driving, a burdensome edict and longstanding public relations



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