

WEATHER / STATE / REGION

Autopsy conducted on man killed in officer-involved shooting

EPPING — An autopsy Monday determined that a 40-year-old man shot and killed in an incident with a State Police trooper off Route 101 on Saturday night died by gunshot wounds to the head. The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office said in a statement said that the autopsy on Walter Welch Jr., 40, of Fremont was conducted by New Hampshire's Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Jennie V. Duval and said that while Duval determined that the cause Welch's death was gunshot wounds to the head, the manner of death is undetermined. "The exact number and sequence of gunshots fired during the incident remains under active investigation," the statement said. "No further information will be released until after the trooper's formal interview, which

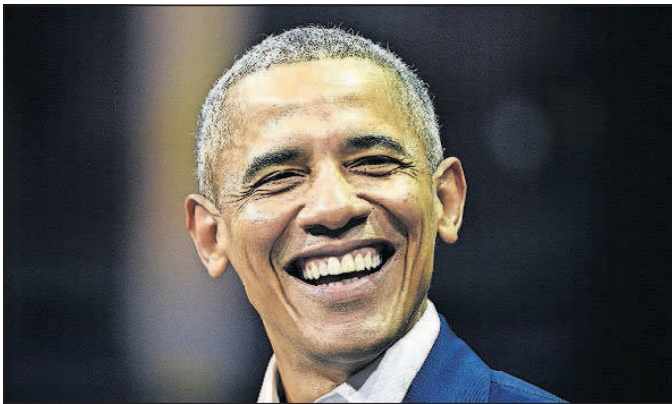
is expected to take place this week." Police previously said that Welch Jr. was in his pick-up truck and had a gun in his hand at the time of the shooting. The trooper, who fired a gun during the incident, was not physically injured during the incident and was evaluated at a local hospital and released. The incident started Saturday evening at approximately 6:43 p.m. when State Police dispatch received a 911 call regarding an erratic driver operating a white pick-up truck westbound on Route 101. Shortly before 7 p.m., a state trooper saw the white pick-up truck stopped off Exit 6, southbound on Beede Road in Epping. The trooper approached the stopped pick-up truck and thereafter an encounter ensued. During the encounter the trooper

discharged his weapon, the release states. Welch, the sole occupant of the pick-up, died at the scene, according to the AG. There is no known video of the incident as State Police cruisers do not have video equipment and State Police officers do not have body cameras, the attorney general said in the press release. Authorities say the exact circumstances surrounding the trooper's discharge of his weapon remain under active investigation. Pursuant to protocols, the trooper is on administrative leave and the name of the trooper is being withheld pending his interview. Anyone who witnessed this incident is asked by State Police to contact Sgt. William Bright of the New Hampshire Police Major Crime Unit at 603-271-3636.

Obama endorses 25 NH Democrats

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Former President Barack Obama is endorsing 25 fellow Democrats in New Hampshire. Obama on Monday tweeted a list of candidates he supports around the country. Among the 180 candidates from 20 states were 25 from New Hampshire — including gubernatorial candidate Molly Kelly, U.S. Rep. Annie Kuster and Congressional hopeful Chris Pappas. Nine state senate candidates also made the list, along with 13 candidates for the House. Senate Democratic Leader Donna Soucy says Obama understands the importance of electing strong leaders at the state level because he served as



Former U.S. President Barack Obama, seen Sept. 27 in Helsinki, Finland, has endorsed 25 candidates in New Hampshire. [JUSSU NUKARI/LEHTIKUVA VIA AP, FILE]

a state senator in Illinois. The state Senate candidates Obama endorsed include Dr. Tom Sherman of District 24 and Jon Morgan of District 23. The 13 state

representative candidates he endorsed include Strafford County District 18's Gerri Cannon and Wendy Chase and Rockingham County District 9's Mark Vallone.

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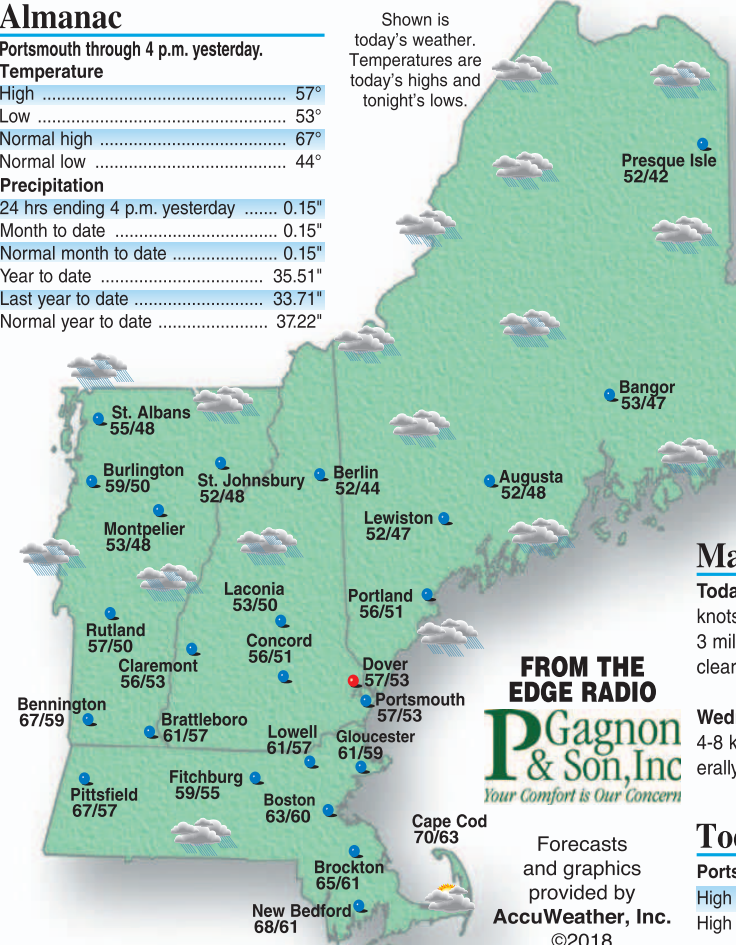
Five-Day Forecast

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy with a bit of rain	Periods of rain	Warmer with clouds and sun	Periods of clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny and cooler	Mostly sunny
57° RealFeel 58°	53° RealFeel 51°	70° 53° RealFeel 74°/53°	75° 53° RealFeel 75°/54°	62° 42° RealFeel 66°/42°	63° 55° RealFeel 66°/53°

Almanac

Portsmouth through 4 p.m. yesterday.	
Temperature	
High	57°
Low	53°
Normal high	67°
Normal low	44°
Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yesterday	0.15"
Month to date	0.15"
Normal month to date	0.15"
Year to date	35.51"
Last year to date	33.71"
Normal year to date	37.22"

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:43 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:21 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:58 p.m.
Moonset today	2:22 p.m.

Moon Phases

Last	New
Oct 2	Oct 8
First	Full
Oct 16	Oct 24

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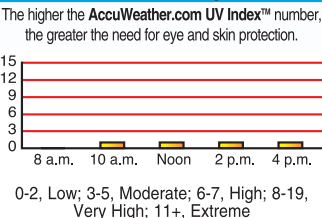
Today: Wind from the north at 7-14 knots. Seas 3-6 feet. Visibility less than 3 miles at times in rain; otherwise, clear.

Wednesday: Wind from the north at 4-8 knots. Seas 3-5 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted.

Today's Tides

Portsmouth Light	
High	5:16 a.m.
Low	11:12 a.m.
High	5:34 p.m.
Low	11:58 p.m.
Portland	
High	4:54 a.m.
Low	10:55 a.m.
High	5:12 p.m.
Low	11:41 p.m.
Kennebunkport	
High	5:04 a.m.
Low	11:00 a.m.
High	5:20 p.m.
Low	11:47 p.m.
York Harbor	
High	4:57 a.m.
Low	11:08 a.m.
High	5:15 p.m.
Low	11:54 p.m.
Dover Landing	
High	6:44 a.m.
Low	12:37 a.m.
High	7:03 p.m.
Low	12:53 p.m.
Dover Point	
High	6:27 a.m.
Low	12:05 a.m.
High	6:45 p.m.
Low	12:22 p.m.
Hampton	
High	5:08 a.m.
Low	11:27 a.m.
High	5:26 p.m.
Low	---

UV Index Today



Regional Weather

Maine: Periods of rain today; only in the morning at the northern coast.

Massachusetts: Cloudy today with a touch of rain, except dry in the southeast; areas of morning fog in western parts.

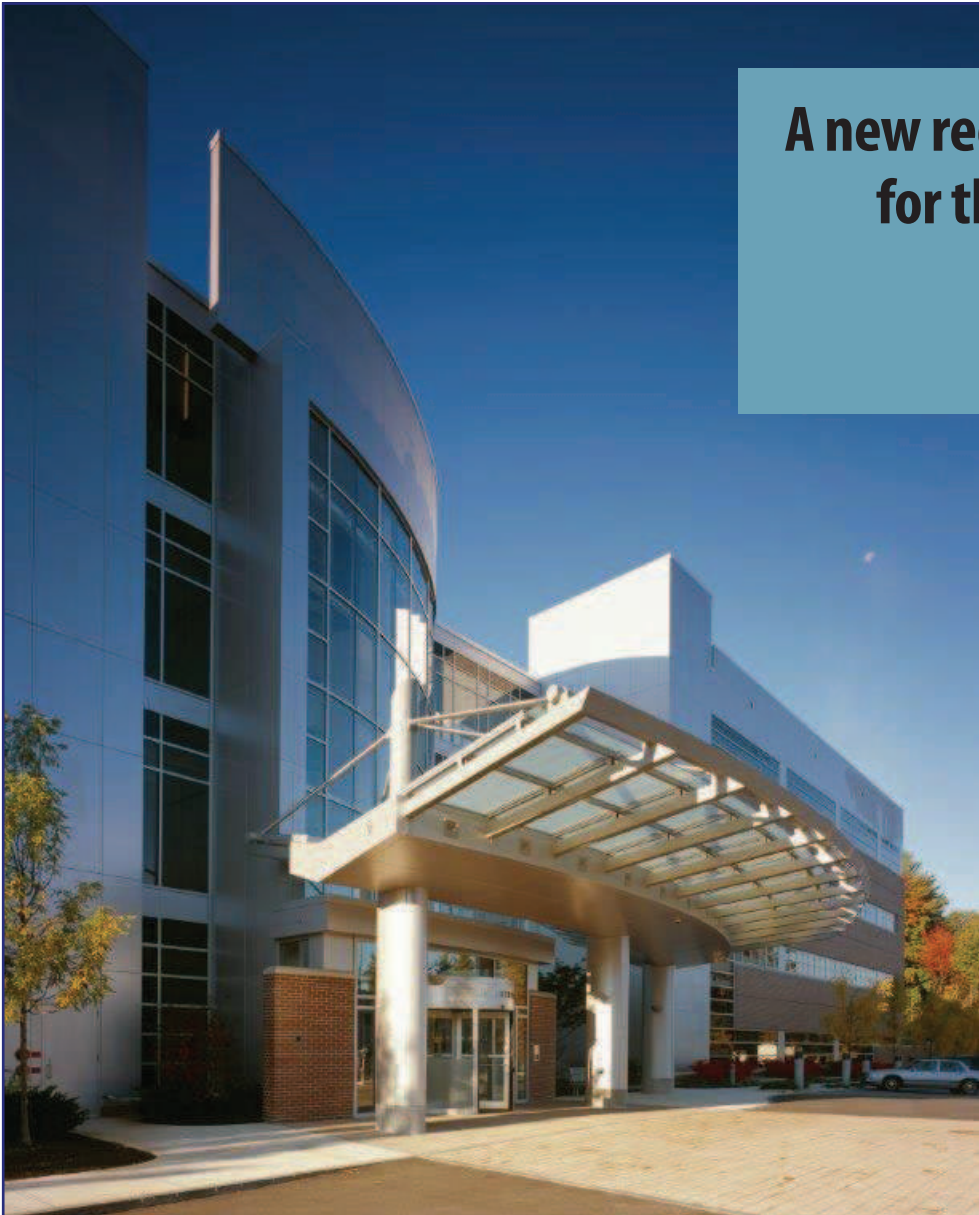
New Hampshire: Cloudy today with a touch of rain.

Vermont: Periods of rain, some heavy today, except a little rain in northeastern parts.

Weather Trivia™

Q. What does the term nor'easter refer to?

A. A strong storm coming up the Eastern Seaboard



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Exeter Health Resources, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital recently announced plans to develop a new regional network to collaboratively deliver health care within the Seacoast Region. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas and opinions about our plans.



We invite the public to attend one of our open community forums to learn more:

EXETER HOSPITAL

October 2, 2018

Exeter Hospital
 5 Alumni Drive, Exeter NH 03833
 6:30 pm

WENTWORTH-DOUGLASS HOSPITAL

October 9, 2018

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital
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LOCAL

Report coming in
Rochester officer-
involved shooting

Douglas Heath, 38, was killed in gunfire exchange with police Aug. 20

By Kyle Stucker
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ROCHESTER — The state attorney general’s office will release Thursday its final report on the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred in Gonic on Aug. 20.



Heath

Senior Assistant Attorney General Peter Hinckley will present findings during a press briefing in Rochester City Hall’s City Council Chambers at 1 p.m. Thursday, the AG’s office announced Wednesday. Douglas Heath, 38, of Colby Street in Gonic, was fatally shot on Aug. 20 following a police pursuit that ended in a crash at the intersection of

Oak Street and Route 125, the AG’s office has said. The AG has said Heath exited the vehicle from the passenger side of the car, after which there was an exchange of gunfire between Heath and the two Rochester officers and two State Police troopers. Heath was struck by gunfire and died at the scene. The AG has said a gun was found near his body. Heath was wanted on multiple drug charges at the time of his death, according to court records. The officers and troopers involved were placed on paid administrative leave in conjunction with the investigation. Thursday’s press briefing will include police and private citizen video recordings of the incident, according to the AG’s office. Copies of the AG’s final report and the video recordings will then be available on the New Hampshire Department of Justice website at doj.nh.gov.

Bedrock Gardens to host
Fairy & Hobbit House Festival

New Hampshire’s first lady will read to youngsters

LEE — New Hampshire’s first lady Valerie Sununu will be reading from her favorite children’s books as Bedrock Gardens welcomes visitors to its 3rd annual Fairy and Hobbit House Festival Weekend and Fundraiser Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sununu will be reading on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Author Betsy Williams, author of “Are There Faeries at the Bottom of Your Garden,” and storyteller Michael Lang will share fairy lore on Friday and Saturday. There will be facepainting provided by the teens and staff of Arts in Reach on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bedrock’s own beekeeper “Queen Bee McKeen” will be on hand to explore the world of bees. Visitors will also be able to stroll along a Fairy and Hobbit House Trail past houses created by gardeners, artists, and children, and take time to make their own house out of natural



Visitors to Bedrock Gardens’ third annual Fairy & Hobbit House Festival will be able to explore the wonders of nature Oct. 5 and 6. [DARYL CARLSON/FOSTERS.COM/FILE]

materials provided. The main gardens, with all 23 different themed areas, will be open as well. Special items, such as books, whimsical handmade creations and fairy fare will be for sale, or visitors can come dressed in their hobbit or fairy attire. The cost for this event will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children with ages between 3 and 12.

Visitors should note there will be no on-site parking. All parking will be at the Mast Way School in Lee, and there will be frequent buses shuttling back and forth. Handicapped visitors can park at Bedrock Gardens with valid handicapped plates or placard. Details at <https://www.bedrockgardens.org/mastway-school.html>

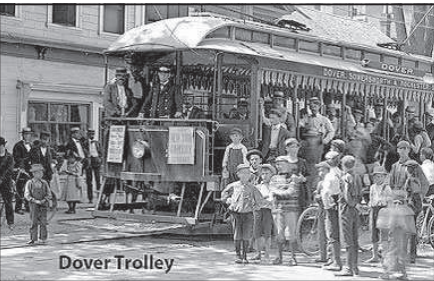
Fall welcomes Dover’s October Art Walk

Hindle’s collection ‘Images of the Past’ featured

DOVER — Mother nature once again has begun to adorn herself in her fall array, and apples, pumpkins and fall vegetables abound at our farmer’s markets and grocer’s shelves. And in October’s Art Walk, walkers will have the opportunity to be the first to see how Dover turns

the Fall season into an event. This Month’s walk features a baker’s dozen stops between Williams Street on the south, and Third Street to the north. From portraiture to pyrography, and textiles to tattoos, there are artists ready to satisfy whatever might tickle your current fancy. This month’s musicians include North River Music, Steve Carter, and David Corson, all at the Washington

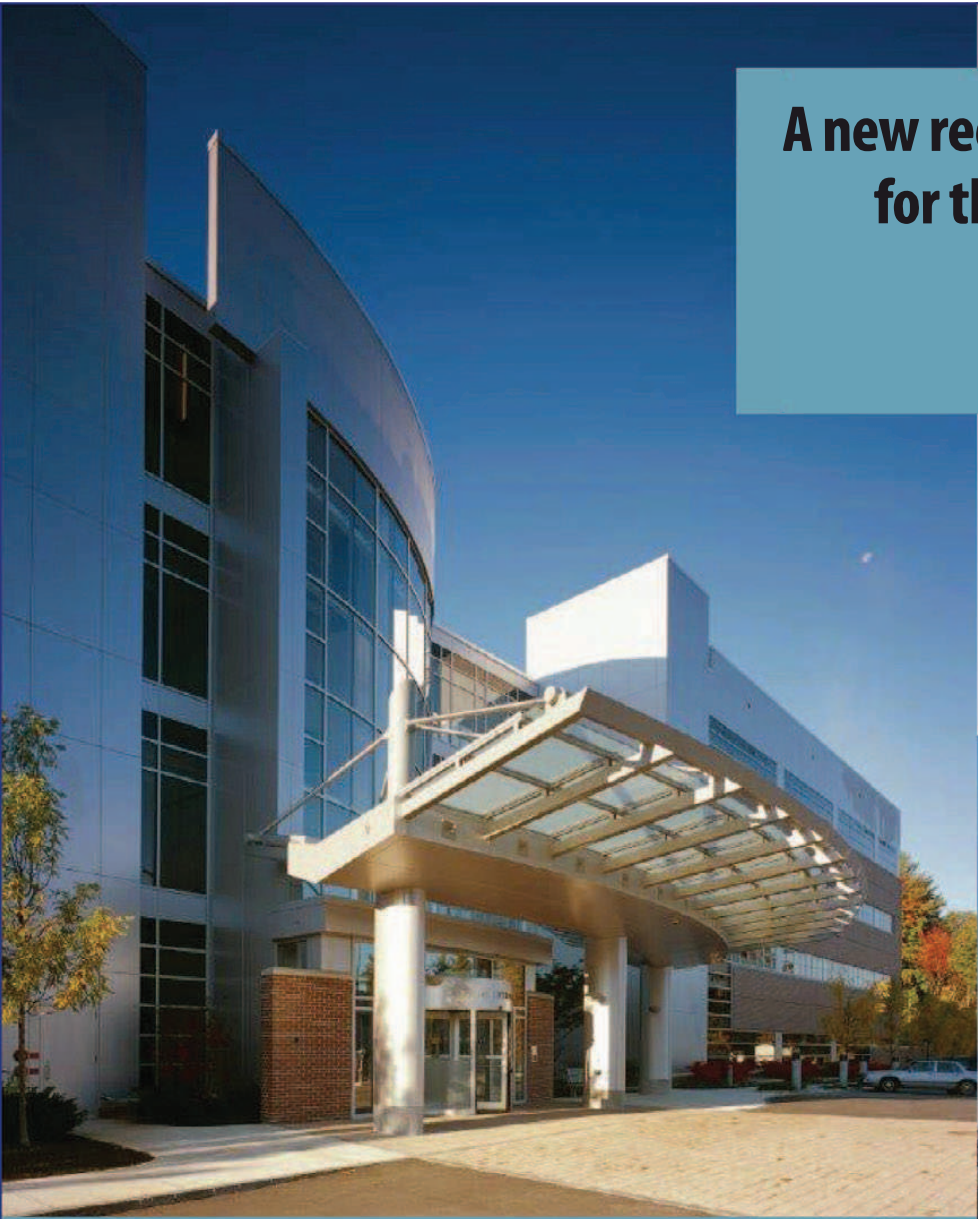
St. Mills. The Art Center at One Washington St. will feature Thom Hindle’s collection “Images of the Past.” Once again, patrons who spend \$30 or more will be entitled to receive a free Art Walk tote. The October Art Walk takes place on Friday, Oct. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m., throughout downtown Dover. More information about this month’s art walk is available at <https://doverartwalk.com>



Thom Hindle’s “Images of the Past” will be featured during October’s Art Walk in downtown Dover. [THOM HINDLE COURTESY PHOTO]


The Dover Art Walk is a Dover Main Street event is run by the Dover Art Walk sub-committee

including The Art Center, Dover Business Industrial Development Authority, and D Graphics.



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