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Airing it out: Terrain parks take off

TERRAIN PARKS have grown in popularity and acceptance over the years, with resorts piling the snow high for the enjoyment of freestylers, snowboarders and even some ski racers.

Bear Peak at Attitash has the Papa Bear, Mama Bear and Baby Bear of terrain platforms in its Abenaki Terrain Park.

"The beginner park is located at the base of Bear Peak and has beginner rails, boxes and jumps. The medium park is on Kachina, which offers medium-size elements and jumps, while Myth Maker has the expert park which has big rails and big jumps," said Bryan Desgroseilliers, manager of Abenaki Terrain Park.

"Progression and safety are our main concerns," Desgroseilliers said. "You learn a new trick in the beginner park, then bring it to the medium park then the expert park, then go back to

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A Small Prayer Today's Chuckle

Dear Lord, what a difference You make in our lives as we lay our burdens on You. Amen
If love is blind, how come there's a multibillion-dollar cosmetics industry?

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Sullivan: Chamber Citizen of Year

Developer honored: His extensive work with charities cited as one of reasons for award. Staff Report

MANCHESTER — Calling himself one of the most surprised people in the room, real estate developer Arthur Sullivan was named the 2013 Greater Manchester Cham-

ber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

"My heart is racing," Sullivan said after his name was announced. "Never in my wildest moments did I think I'd be up here tonight."

The selection was kept a secret, even from Sullivan, until it was announced about 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Armory Exhibi-

tion Center at the Radisson Hotel by Paul Boynton, president and CEO of the Moore Center.

Boynton said Sullivan, while a successful businessman whose accomplishments include the renovation of the Waumbec Mills building, was selected also because of his extensive charity work. That includes lending his time to organizations such as the

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, New Hampshire Institute of Art, The Muchachos, the Moore Center and NeighborWorks Southern New Hampshire.

"This is a man who is not just a member of a board or a member of a committee, but an active, fully engaged participant," Boynton

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STATE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

STATE OF THE STATE



STAFF PHOTOS



Becky Ranes (above), mother of Joshua Savyon, who was killed by his father last August, tears up as Gov. Maggie Hassan (left) mentions Joshua's Law — a bill that would make domestic violence a crime — during her State of the State address on Thursday.

Hassan: Keep NH economy moving

Union Leader Statehouse Bureau

CONCORD — Gov. Maggie Hassan used a "State of the State" speech Thursday to call for increased highway spending, endorse controversial Common Core education standards, and support a just-announced state Senate plan to expand Medicaid.

Her Medicaid remarks drew applause from the combined House and Senate session; but her lack of funding specifics drew criticism. The Republican Party quickly denounced what it saw as a move to hike the gasoline tax to pay for roads and bridges.

Hassan touted a proposal from New England governors to bring more natural gas into the region. Energy experts said the plan would require higher consumer prices. "The great Robert Frost once wrote 'The best way out is always through.' We are

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State politicians applaud as Gov. Maggie Hassan presents her State of the State address in Representatives Hall at the State House on Thursday.

Deal would expand NH health coverage

50,000 affected: Plan billed as not expanding Medicaid program, but not all agree.

Union Leader Statehouse Bureau

CONCORD — A bipartisan group of Senate leaders announced a compromise agreement that would bring expanded health insurance coverage to about 50,000 Granite Staters below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, using 100 percent federal fund-

ing for the next three years. Senate President Chuck Morse, R-Salem, disclosed the framework of the new bill Thursday to a Senate committee with Senate Democratic Leader Sylvia Larsen of Concord. Morse said the plan will require three federal waivers, would sunset after three years without continued 100 percent federal contributions and would use private insurance to reach the addi-

"It will be something the state can be proud of." SYLVIA LARSEN Senate Democratic leader

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School debate fires up crowd

Union Leader Statehouse Bureau

CONCORD — Commissioner of Education Virginia Barry came ready for a fight at a legislative hearing Thursday, calling opponents of Common Core "misinformed."

She accused them of attempting to deny local control to school districts that have been putting the standards in place for the past four years.

"Asking for laws that prevent implementation flies in the face of local control," she said.

Her passion was not lost on opponents at the House Education Committee hearing. "I have never seen Virginia Barry so fired up," said Doris Hohensee, chairwoman of N.H. Families for Education.

The large hearing room in the Legislative Office Build-

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Gambling oversight praised

But issue is divisive: Both sides air their views. Union Leader Statehouse Bureau

CONCORD — New Hampshire would be joining the major leagues of casino gambling if it approves a House bill allowing one high-end destination casino, opponents and supporters said Thursday.

Gambling foes and proponents at a packed legislative hearing on House Bill 1633 praised the work of the Gaming Regulatory Oversight Authority in establishing a regulatory structure and framework that would govern a new casino as well as all other gaming in the state, including the Lottery, charitable gaming and horse and dog racing.

But that was where the agreement ended.

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Republican Gary Lambert, left, introduces himself Thursday night at a debate with Marilinda Garcia, right, in New Boston.

MEGHAN PIERCE

GOP's Garcia, Lambert face off in New Boston

By MEGHAN PIERCE
Union Leader Correspondent

NEW BOSTON — Republican candidates Marilinda Garcia and Gary Lambert — competing for the 2nd Congressional District seat held by Democrat Annie Kuster — debated each other at the Whipple Free Library in New Boston Thursday night.

Moderator Rich Girard from the Girard at Large radio program immediately opened questions up to the several dozen audience members, who mainly wanted to know how the candidates intend to win against Kuster, and how they would overcome Washington D.C. gridlock.

Lambert, 54, said though it is a Democratic district, it can be won.

"This woman can be beat, but don't think it's going to be a pushover," he said of Kuster.

He added: "Folks are hungry. The voters are starving for leaders, people they can trust, they can follow."

Thirty-one-year-old Garcia of Salem is a state representative in her fourth term in the New Hampshire House.

"I am passionate about preaching the message about the equality of opportunity," Garcia said. As Americans, "that's what makes us exceptional."

At the state level, Garcia said she has worked to open the free market in health care and in the innovation economy, and

would continue to do so if elected to Congress.

Lambert said the election is about winning over the middle class.

"We come across as the party of the rich. We need to win the middle class; that's the bottom line," Lambert said.

The Nashua resident left his state Senate seat in 2012 after one term to return to active duty as a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

He is retiring from the Marines in June.

"I am not ready to stop serving my country. That's why I am running," he said.

Both candidates have made the pledge not to support the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in any form, including and not limited to Medicaid expansion.

Garcia said Obamacare is being run "more like the DMV and less like Amazon.com."

When asked, both said they would be willing to take a pledge against raising any tax or adding any fees, fines or penalties at the federal level.

Garcia is an adjunct professor of music at Phillips Exeter Academy and said she also works in the cyber-security field. She formerly worked as a court-appointed special advocate for abused and neglected children at the Salem District Court.

Lambert is senior partner at Lambert and Associates, a law firm he founded in 1989 specializing in patent and trademark law.

Senate wants political finance disclosure

Staff Report

CONCORD — The state Senate on Thursday voted to require political and advocacy groups that promote the election or defeat of candidates in state elections to publicly report their receipts and expenditures.

The vote was in favor of a heavily amended Senate Bill 120 was 19-4, with eight Republicans joining all 11 Democrats in favor.

The bill is viewed as a response to spending in 2012 by Americans for Prosperity and other groups targeting Democrats and several Republican incumbents who had conservative primary opposition.

Sen. David Pierce, D-Lebanon, said the bill gave senators "the opportunity to make a choice on whether we structure the law to give voters the information they need to make choices or whether to keep them in the dark. This amendment gives

voters the information they need."

Pierce said that even conservative U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, "hardly a champion of government regulation," wrote in the landmark Citizens United decision that with unlimited expenditures being allowed by advocacy groups, there must be disclosure.

Pierce said his amendment redefines a political committee as "any organization of two or more persons that promotes the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or measure or measures."

He said that the Attorney General and Secretary of State currently interpret a political committee as "one person" spending money in an election, and so, he said, they do not have to report.

Sen. David Boutin, R-Hooksett, strongly opposed the Pierce amendment as

invasion of the right of free speech. He called it "the most pernicious piece of legislation that I've seen in the 10 years I've been up here."

"If you have a group that wants to support issues, now they would have to report," said Boutin. "For what? They are not advocating the success or defeat of a candidate. It's a slippery slope."

"It's a shame that our federal legislators aren't looking at this as well," said Sen. Russell Prescott, R-Kings-ton, who backed the bill.

Prescott said he did not know if it will be upheld in the courts, "but I'm willing to take a chance on it. I want people to know where all the information they see on television is coming from."

The bill does not apply to any activity "designed to encourage individuals to register to vote" as long as the communication does not

mention a candidate.

Pierce explained after the Senate session that under the current interpretation, such a groups "would have to work in concert with someone else" to be considered a political committee.

Pierce said the bill's goal is to "identify those groups that have been involved in elections while protecting constitutionality and preserving the right of groups to issue advocacy without reporting. But if they're going to spend money on our elections, then voters have a right to know that."

He said groups that run ads that ask voters to call an elected official and ask them a question or to organize in a certain way do not have to file. But if the groups support or oppose a candidate, they would have to file, even if they do not say outright "vote for" or "vote against" a clearly identified candidate.



Arthur Sullivan, of Brady Sullivan Properties, center, was named the Greater Manchester Citizen of the Year Thursday night. Pictured with Sullivan, from left, are Paul Boynton, president and CEO of the Moore Center, Dick Anagnost, chairman of the Citizen of the Year Celebration committee, Chamber board of directors Chairman Ronald Covey, and President of the Chamber of Commerce Robin Comstock.

STAFF PHOTO

Citizen

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said. "He's hands-on and he isn't afraid to get his hands dirty either."

"I'm so proud to be able to lend a helping hand wher-

ever I can," Sullivan said of his charity work.

Past recipients of the Chamber award include former Manchester mayors Robert Baines and Raymond

Wieczorek, Manchester attorney Jack Middleton and businessman Dick Anagnost.

"It's certainly well-deserved," Manchester Mayor

Ted Gatsas said. "I don't think there is a nonprofit or a charity or anything else in the city of Manchester that he hasn't participated in and helped."

Hike Safe card would provide rescue revenues

◆ **HB256:** The state Fish and Game Department pays for the rescue of lost hikers from fees it charges for hunting and fishing fees.

Staff Report

CONCORD — The state would not bill hikers for the cost of their rescue if they purchase a "Hike Safe" card under a bill the House passed Thursday and is now on its way to the Senate.

The bill begins to address the issue of how to pay for hiker rescues that has plagued the state Fish and Game Department for years as well as lawmakers who have tried but failed to address the

problem.

The Fish and Game Department is largely funded by the fees collected for fishing and hunting licenses. But the cost of rescues falls mostly on the department, so instead of funding replenishing wildlife and fish species, some of the money pays for the rescues.

The department's budget for rescue costs often is exceeded, and officials have consistently asked lawmakers for another source of funding to pay for the rescues.

But budget writers have been reluctant to use state general fund money to pay for the rescues and instead have proposed other methods to no avail.

No free helicopter use

The state can charge hikers for the cost of the rescue, but most do not pay the bill.

In the past, rescues could involve the National Guard helicopters because they are called training missions. But now the National Guard charges for the use of helicopters and that greatly increases the cost of rescues.

Under House Bill 256,

hikers would be able to purchase "Hike Safe" cards which would allow card holders to escape state charges if they need to be rescued. The cards would cost \$25 per person or \$35 for a family.

People holding fishing and hunting licenses or who register snowmobiles or other off-road vehicles would also be exempt from rescue charges under the bill.

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"Ladies and Gentlemen, the Beatles!"
By Bruce Spizer with reporting by Bill Hewitt

Everyone knows what happened to the four lads from Liverpool after they appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show on Feb. 9, 1964. Here, a look back on the three days leading up to that historic broadcast, days filled with screaming teenagers, cynical American journalists, and genuinely magical moments that changed the Beatles and their fans forever.