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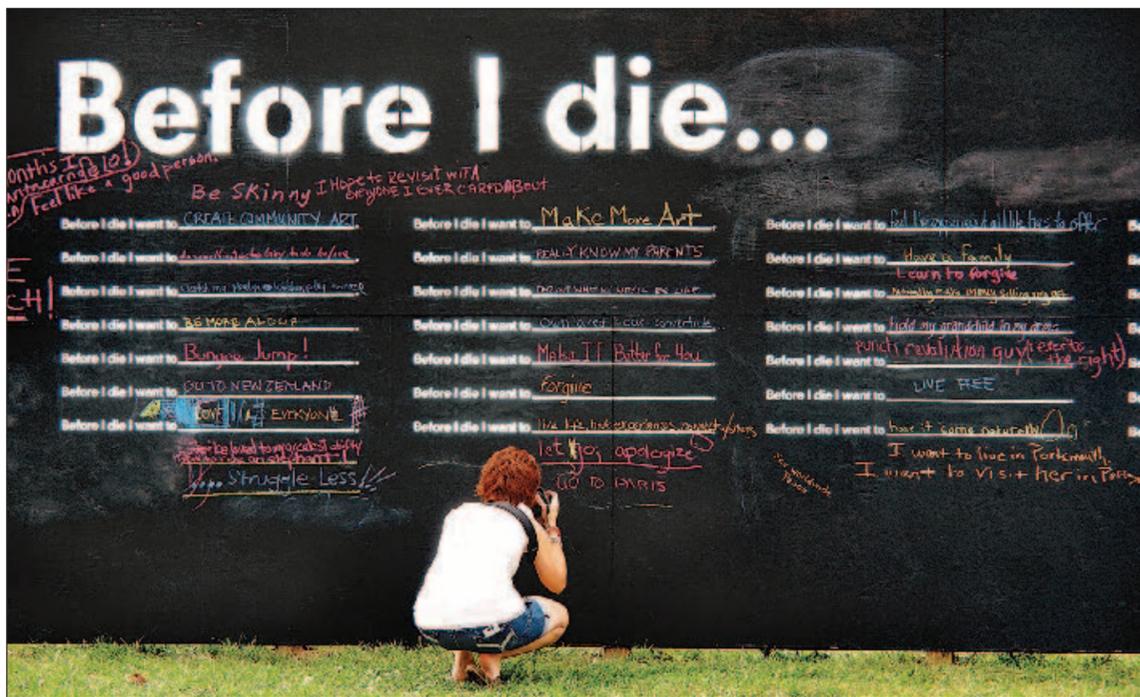
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The "Before I Die ..." art display, a 32-foot-long painted chalkboard that invites public participation, is attracting a lot of attention these days at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth.

What is your answer?

Public is asked to share thoughts in new display at Strawberry Banke Museum

BY CHARLES MCMAHON cmcmahon@seacoastonline.com

PORTSMOUTH — What do you want to do before you die?

A new interactive public art project located on the public grounds of Strawberry Banke Museum invites you to share your answer.

The project was brought to Portsmouth by 3S Artspace, in partnership with Strawberry Banke and the Civic Center design studio in New Orleans.

"Before I Die ..." is a 32-foot-long painted chalkboard on which the phrase "Before I Die I Want To ..." is stenciled repeatedly.

The wall, located across from the Prescott Park gardens, invites passers-by to complete the phrase using chalk supplied at the site. The focus of the community-based interactive art project is for the people of the Seacoast to both share and discover their hopes and aspirations, according to Chris Greiner of

"It's not just one person's expression of a theme; it's a chorus of ideas, which when added together, something much bigger than the sum of its parts is created."



Chris Greiner

Co-founder of 3S Artspace

3S Artspace. It was installed Thursday night and only hours later was filled with people's comments.

The following are some of the comments found Friday: "make more art," "really know my parents," "have a family" and "learn to forgive."

"This installation will be an

artwork created by the people of Portsmouth," Greiner said. "It's not just one person's expression of a theme; it's a chorus of ideas, which when added together, something much bigger than the sum of its parts is created. We are

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NEW POLICE PACT EXPECTED TO COST CITY \$500K MORE

BY CHARLES MCMAHON cmcmahon@seacoastonline.com

PORTSMOUTH — A proposed agreement with the city's patrolmen's union would cost the city nearly a half-million dollars over the next three years if approved by the City Council on Sept. 19.

The information, which was provided to the Portsmouth Herald on Friday, is contained in a spreadsheet that was left out of the tentative agreement posted Wednesday on the city's Web site.

City Councilor Eric Spear posted the information on his re-election campaign's Web site, www.portsmouthmatters.com.

The spreadsheet shows a cost comparison between the current contract with the NEPBA Local No. 11, Portsmouth Patrolmen's Association and the tentative agreement already approved by the city's Police Commission.

Before the council votes on the proposed contract at the upcoming meeting,

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RIVERWOODS RESIDENTS TO GET UNIL REFUNDS

BY AARON SANBORN asanborn@seacoastonline.com

EXETER — RiverWoods and Unilil have settled their multi-million-dollar legal dispute, and residents of the continuing care community will receive a full refund with interest for their overcharged electric bills.

The settlement was agreed to on Aug. 29. According to the settlement, Unilil paid RiverWoods another \$1,459,721, and RiverWoods terminated its

lawsuit against the Hampton-based utility in Rockingham County Superior Court.

The settlement puts an end to a legal tug-of-war between the two parties.

The retirement community filed suit against the utility company in June as an attempt to recoup the full \$1,801,504 it was owed for overpayments from 2004 to 2011, as a result of a metering problem at the facility's The Ridge campus. This

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Terror threat: New York, Washington stay calm

BY EILEEN SULLIVAN AND LOLITA C. BALDOR Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Counterterrorism officials

have been working around the clock to determine whether the threat is accurate, and extra security was put in place to protect the people in the two cities that took the brunt of the jetliner attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon a decade ago. It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the intelligence community can say whether

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Gov. Lynch kicks off Seafood Festival

BY KAREN DANDURANT news@seacoastonline.com

HAMPTON — Gov. John Lynch opened the 22nd annual Hampton Beach Seafood Festival on Friday with kind words for Hampton Beach. "I look forward to this every year," Lynch said. "We are at one of the best beaches in the world, and it doesn't get any better than this."

Noting that New Hampshire was recently named the most livable state in the country, and one of the best places to raise children, Lynch welcomed residents and visitors from out of state. He cut the red ribbon to open the festival with a huge

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Hampton Beach Seafood Festival

When: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

Admission: Adults \$5, kids under 12 free

pair of scissors.

The Seafood Festival is known for offering an array of vendors, with crafts, jewelry and some of the best seafood in

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The Hampton Beach Seafood Festival drew large crowds on Friday, the first day of the three-day event.

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