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TROY JACKSON DETAILS PERSONAL FINANCES IN NEW DISCLOSURE

The Democratic candidate for US Senate was paid more than \$130,000 for consulting work this year and last by union organizations based in Maryland. But his income pales in comparison to his opponent, Republican Sen. Susan Collins.

By **RANDY BILLINGS**
Staff Writer

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Troy Jackson's primary source of income over the last two years came from two international unions based in Maryland, according to a personal financial disclosure filed this week.

Since the beginning of last year, Jackson received \$90,000 from the International Association of Machinists and \$48,000 from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades for general consulting work.

Jackson's campaign said the candidate provided consulting and organizing help for various national and local issues. Jackson is no longer providing those services, the

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Independent polling shows a tight race between Republican incumbent Sen. Susan Collins, 73, and 59-year-old Democratic challenger Troy Jackson.

4 takeaways from the 1st debate between Collins and Jackson

Three more are planned between the candidates in the next 2 weeks.

By **RANDY BILLINGS**
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U.S. Sen. Susan Collins and Democratic challenger Troy Jackson faced off in a televised debate on Tuesday, sparring over a wide range of topics, including President Donald Trump, high prices and corruption allegations.

It was the first of four debates

scheduled for the next two weeks.

Independent polling shows a tight race. Jackson, a 59-year-old former logger and state Senate president, holds a two-point lead over the 73-year-old Collins, according to polling averages from FiftyPlusOne.

But a Marist poll released on Tuesday had Jackson up, 51% to 47%, with only 1% undecided.

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They made waves decades ago. Documentary brings the drama back.



TRAVIS LAZARCZYK

The new film chronicles the 1995 America's Cup journey of Mighty Mary, a boat with an all-female crew that included Yarmouth's Merritt Carey.

It was perfect sailing weather, blue skies and strong wind. Merritt Carey and Jim Brady weren't navigating Casco Bay. They sat at a picnic table at SailMaine's center near the Old Port, navigating memories three decades old.

Thirty-one years ago, Carey and Brady took part in the America's Cup defender

series, the competition to determine who would represent the United States in the prestigious sailing race. Carey was with Mighty Mary, the first all-female America's Cup crew. Brady, who won a silver medal in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, was

Merritt Carey, right, and Jim Brady at SailMaine in Portland on Wednesday. In 1995, these Mainers shined on sailing's biggest stage. (DARYN SLOVER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

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Former prisoners of war remember how 'life goes on'

Retired Col. Michael Brazelton and retired Maj. Gen. John Borling share their experiences of captivity during the Vietnam War as the Maine Military Museum in South Portland honors the sacrifice of POWs.

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SOUTH PORTLAND — Six and a half years — 2,402 days. That's how long Col. Michael Brazelton was held in captivity as a prisoner of war while serving as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War.

More than a half-century later, he visited the Maine Military Museum and Learning Center in South Portland, which houses a collection of artifacts and exhibits about American military service. Brazelton was there to speak



Retired Col. Michael Brazelton and retired Maj. Gen. John Borling, who both served in the Air Force, are former POWs from the Vietnam War. They visited Maine Military Museum in South Portland on Wednesday. (SHAWN PATRICK OUELLETTE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

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Attorney says client who survived botched execution expresses anger, confusion

'Where am I,' asked Christa Pike after she regained consciousness Tuesday in Tennessee.

By **KIM CHANDLER and KRISTIN M. HALL**
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Christa Pike was "angry and confused" in the hours after regaining consciousness following Tennessee's failed execution attempt, first asking, "Where am I?" her lawyer said Wednesday.

Pike, believed to be the first person to survive after receiving lethal injection

drugs during an execution, stunningly woke up as plans were being made to remove her from life support, just six days after she was strapped to a gurney in the death chamber, said attorney Randy Spivey.

"But on Tuesday, to the shock of everyone ... Christa woke up and began talking," Spivey said.

Pike, who was sentenced to death for the 1995 beating and stabbing death of classmate Colleen Slemmer, is aware of what happened to her, at least up to a point, Spivey said.

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TODAY'S ALMANAC

October 8, 2026

Today is the 281st day of 2026. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire began; more than 300 people died and more than 17,000 structures were destroyed during the three-day blaze.

Also on this date:

In 1862, Union forces beat back a Confederate offensive in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky's biggest and bloodiest engagement of the Civil War, leading to hundreds of casualties but ensuring the state would remain under Northern control.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1967, Bolivian forces wounded and captured guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara, who was attempting to spark a revolution in the South American country. He was executed the next day.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Hogan is 87. Comedian Chevy Chase is 83.

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