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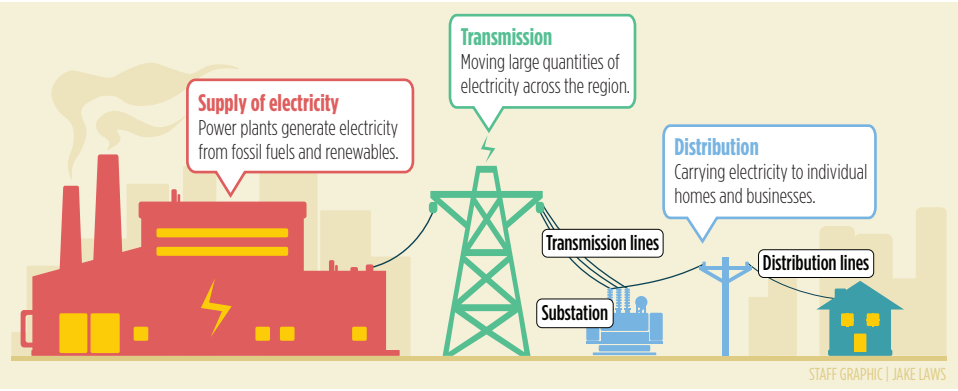
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Curious about your CMP bill? Here’s what it pays for.

How electricity flows

Electricity bills cover a handful of types of costs, including those associated with generating and moving power, shown here. Bills in Maine also include costs to cover storm damage, funding for state programs and other expenses paid by utilities.



We asked Maine’s largest electrical utility and several state agencies to break down the average residential bill, and then analyzed where the money goes.

By DANIEL KOOL
Staff Writer

In Maine, power bills cover a range of costs that play different roles in keeping the lights on, including separate rates to generate and move electricity, fund policies enacted by the state government and pay for damage caused by storms. But between confusing terminology and changes that effect take at different times in the year, it’s not always clear what you’re

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paying for. We asked Maine’s two largest electrical utilities

and several state agencies to break down the average residential bill, then analyzed where the money goes. Here’s how a sample bill from Central Maine Power Co., which serves southern, central and western parts of the state, divides down. The percentage of each category will change depending on the amount of power used, so your bill may break down differently.

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November 20, 2025

Today is the 324th day of 2025. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today in history:
On Nov. 20, 1910, Francisco Madero led a revolt against Mexican President Porfirio Díaz, marking the beginning of the decade-long Mexican Revolution.

Also on this date:
In 1945, 22 former Nazi officials went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. (Almost a year later, the International Military Tribunal sentenced 12 of the defendants to death; seven received prison sentences ranging from 10 years to life; three were acquitted.)
Today’s Birthdays: Actor Estelle Parsons is 98. Author Don DeLillo is 89. Comedian Dick Smothers is 87. Former President Joe Biden is 83. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 79. Musician Joe Walsh is 78. Actor Bo Derek is 69. Actor Ming-Na Wen is 62. Rapper Michael “Mike D” Diamond (Beastie Boys) is 60. Actor-comedian Joel McHale is 54.

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GOING GREEN IN A BIG WAY



Freya Rice, 4, watches as her dad, Cody Rice, operates the crane lifting the holiday tree into place in Portland’s Monument Square on Wednesday. Freya and her siblings came down from Lewiston with Rice’s fiancée to watch the delicate operation. The city’s tree-lighting ceremony is planned for the evening of Nov. 28. (BRIANNA SOUKUP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Cutler accused of violating terms of probation

The former Maine gubernatorial candidate, convicted of having sexually explicit images of children in 2023, is accused of accessing sexual content online and using unmonitored electronic devices.

By DREW JOHNSON
and MORGAN WOMACK
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Former Maine gubernatorial candidate Eliot Cutler is accused of seeking an escort online and having two unauthorized cellphones, which authorities say are violations of his probation on a 2023 conviction for possessing sexually explicit images of children. A probation officer asked a Hancock County Superior Court judge

to revoke Cutler’s probation, as first reported by The Ellsworth American. Cutler, 79, is due in court on Dec. 16 for a hearing on the probation violation charge, according to a probation summons. In September, Cutler allegedly used an external USB drive to access content about massage parlors in San Francisco and answered questions online about “what he would prefer sexually in an escort,” according to the probation officer’s affidavit.

The affidavit, released by a spokesperson for the Maine Judicial Branch on Wednesday morning, says this “coincided with a request from Cutler for a travel permit to go to California to see elderly friends.” The affidavit also says Cutler met with a probation officer in October and turned over two cellphones that weren’t being monitored, which authorities allege was also a violation

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Eliot Cutler is due back in court Dec. 16. (GREGORY REC/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

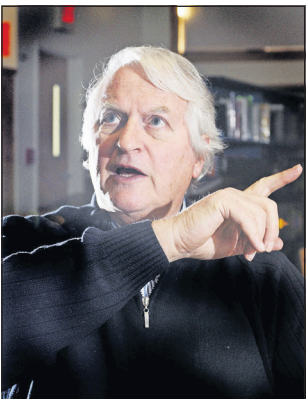
CHARLES ROTMIL | 1932 - 2025

Holocaust survivor who shared his story with young people dies at 93

A teacher, painter and filmmaker, Charles Rotmil was one of Maine’s most eloquent voices in remembrance of the World War II atrocities and of human rights education.

By GILLIAN GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Decades after surviving the Holocaust, Charles Rotmil often shared a simple but powerful message: “I don’t live in the past. The past lives in me.” Rotmil, one of Maine’s most significant voices in Holocaust remembrance and human rights education, died Tuesday morning, his partner, Cathryn Wilson, confirmed. He was 93.



Charles Rotmil in 2007. (JOHN EWING/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

After emigrating to the United States and settling in Maine, Rotmil shared his story with thousands of students and pushed for schools to teach about the genocide committed against Jews by the Nazis in German-occupied Europe during World War II. “We need to know what happened during this period so that it will never

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Senate candidate’s initial disclosure offers few details about his personal finances

Democrat Graham Platner, an oyster farmer from Hancock County, filed the overdue report last week.

By RANDY BILLINGS
Staff Writer

U.S. Senate candidate Graham Platner filed his overdue federal financial disclosure late last week, but the document sheds little light on his personal finances. Platner, a 41-year-old oyster farmer and combat veteran from Hancock County who is seeking the Democratic nomination, was supposed to have filed the disclosure in September, but it wasn’t filed until Friday.

The document offers an incomplete look into Platner’s personal finances. While the campaign has described him as a working-class oyster farmer, critics have cast him as a man of privilege. Platner is the grandson of Warren Platner, a renowned architect and interior designer. His dad, Bronson Platner, is a former assistant district attorney and author who once

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