

Gleanings

10 years ago

From the Journal Tribune: "The public said they wanted it — the selectmen listened and responded. The Board of Selectmen voted in favor of televising the budget meetings for the upcoming fiscal year at their Tuesday night meeting. While it might not make the most exciting television, all the budget meetings, which begin on Saturday, Feb. 1 and continue into March, will be televised."

50 years ago

From the Biddeford-Saco Journal: "A motion for dismissal of an indictment against John. J. Hayes, 18, of Old Orchard Beach, charging him with arson, was denied today by Justice Lincoln Spencer in Superior Court here. Atty. Marcel P. Viger, Biddeford, court appointed counselor for Hayes, filed the motion yesterday afternoon following Hayes' arraignment. Hayes, who pleaded innocent, was indicted in connection with a fire which destroyed the Federal School in Old Orchard Beach on Sept. 13, 1966."

100 years ago

From the Biddeford Daily Journal: "Rev. Horace H. Hayes, pastor of the First Free Baptist Church of Boston, has accepted the call of the Cutts Avenue Free Baptist Church of Saco, and will come to Saco the first Sunday in March to take up his new duties. This information was received by Frank P. Hodgdon, clerk of the parish, in a letter received from Rev. Mr. Hayes this morning."

— Ryder Schumacher

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2017. There are 340 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1947, gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 48.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ford Motor Co. said it had lost a staggering \$12.7 billion in 2006, at that time the worst loss in the company's 103-year history. (Ford later reported a loss of \$14.6 billion for 2008.)

FIVE YEARS AGO

U.S. military forces flew into Somalia in a nighttime helicopter raid, freeing an American and a Danish hostage and killing nine pirates. U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona returned to Congress to officially tender her resignation a year after she was shot and severely wounded in her home district. First lady Michelle Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, along with celebrity chef Rachael Ray, announced new guidelines for more healthful school meals during a visit with elementary students in Alexandria, Virginia.

ONE YEAR AGO

President Barack Obama said he would ban the use of solitary confinement for juvenile and low-level offenders in federal prisons, citing the potential for "devastating, lasting psychological consequences" from the use of the isolation as punishment. A Houston grand jury investigating undercover footage of Planned Parenthood found no wrongdoing by the abortion provider, and instead indicted anti-abortion activists for using fake driver's licenses when making the videos that targeted the handling of fetal tissue in clinics.

— By The Associated Press

Quote of the day:

"There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing."

— Robert Burns, Scottish poet (1759-1796)

Biddeford Fifty Plus Club expects busy year ahead

BIDDEFORD — The Biddeford Fifty Plus Club held its monthly luncheon and meeting on Jan. 10 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center on North Street in Saco, where it elected a Board of Directors for 2017-18.

The club is a nonprofit organization, which organizes a wide multitude of activities and events ranging from knitting for charity, bingo, Wii bowling, teaching members how to play bridge, hosting a book club and more. In addition, it hosts trips to casinos, theatrical venues, mystery trips and monthly luncheons.

The monthly luncheons are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at a local area restaurant and include entertainment. The next luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco. Membership is \$20 per year.



Biddeford Fifty Plus Club officers for 2017 and 2018 include Connie Vadnais (officer-at-large); Stephanie Ruel vice president); Barbara Johnson (chaplain); Geraldine Souliere officer-at-large); Debbie Godbout (secretary); Jean McLaughlin (Good Will officer); Barbara Jackson treasurer); and Mike Pendergrass (president).

Membership is open to all adults age 50 and above. For more information on being a member, programs, trips and/or luncheons, call 282-5005 or stop by the J. Richard Martin Community Center, 189 Alfred St., Biddeford (also known as the Ross Center).

UNE president to receive Portland chamber award

PORTLAND — University of New England President Danielle Ripich will receive the Robert R. Masterson Economic Growth Award from the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The award will be presented to Ripich at the chamber's annual Imagine Portland! event on Jan. 26 to recognize Ripich for her leadership in UNE's contributions to the region's education and economic expansion.

Ripich has guided UNE through a period of unprecedented growth during her 10 years as president. Enrollment at the university has increased from 4,000 to more than 10,000 students and generated an economic impact of more than \$1 billion in 2016.

The university has added new colleges, research centers, educational

and recreational facilities and residence halls. In addition, the university has added a study abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and acquired an Atlantic island to serve as a field research station.

"Ten years ago, when I assumed office, I challenged UNE to 'steer for the deep waters,'" Ripich said in a release Monday. "The university met that challenge tenfold." Portland Chamber Chief Executive Officer Chris Hall praised Ripich, saying she, "embodies the best qualities of leadership, and her vision,



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implemented by her great team at UNE, has brought our region remarkable benefits."

"Great jobs, exciting new opportunities and the highest quality educational experiences only begin to describe what President Ripich's leadership has meant to our community," he said.

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Lotteries

MASSACHUSETTS
Numbers – 1-2-6-9 (day)/0-0-5-4 (evening)
MassCash – 04-09-24-26-35
Mega Millions – 08-42-54-63-67, Mega Ball: 11

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Pick 3 – 2-6-6 (day)/8-4-7 (evening)
Pick 4 – 5-3-1-0 (day)/8-1-2-3 (evening)

Business After Hours
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Thornton Academy invites you to meet students and staff, take a campus tour, and hear about the latest happenings. TA students will be on site to get a glimpse of networking and gain some insight into the function of the chamber members. Thornton Academy is eager to listen to the needs of the business community and learn how it can prepare students for the workforce and partner in helping to grow the economy.

See you there!

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