

Gleanings

10 years ago

From the Journal Tribune: "Things have been getting a little greener throughout the city as the newly formed Saco Energy Committee is taking steps to conserve energy and produce savings."

50 years ago

From the Biddeford-Saco Journal: "Echoes of draft card burnings in this country are heard in a letter from a local youth who is serving aboard a ship somewhere off the coast of Vietnam. David M. Girard, 19, serving on the USS Annapolis, told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Girard of 69 Saco Ave., he has no pity for the participants of marches and anti-war protest meetings, and considers them 'misguided.' The ones he really pities, he said, are 'the guys on shore. They are catching hell.'"

100 years ago

From the Biddeford Daily Journal: "There are 10 applicants in this city for aid under the new act passed by the legislature for the needy blind. City Clerk Locke and Dr. D. E. Dolloff, the physician appointed by the municipal officers, have made personal calls on the applicants for aid, and it was planned to have the municipal officers sign the applications at a meeting which was scheduled for Monday evening, but did not materialize."

— Angelo J. Verzoni

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2015. There are 24 days left in the year.

ON THIS DATE:

- In 43 B.C., Roman statesman and scholar Marcus Tullius Cicero was slain at the order of the Second Triumvirate.
In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1842, the New York Philharmonic performed its first concert.
In 1909, chemist Leo H. Baekeland received a U.S. patent for Bakelite (BAY'-kuh-lyt), the first synthetic plastic.
In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff (WYN'-kahf) Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.
In 1965, Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras I simultaneously lifted the mutual excommunications that had led to the split of their churches in 1054.
In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash. Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese navy launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as part of a plan to pre-empt any American military response to Japan's planned conquest of Southeast Asian territories; the raid, which claimed some 2,400 American lives, prompted the United States to declare war against Japan the next day.

TEN YEARS AGO

Federal air marshals shot and killed an airline passenger, Rigoberto Alpizar, at Miami International Airport after he claimed to have a bomb. (It turned out that Alpizar, who suffered from bipolar disorder, had no bomb.)

FIVE YEARS AGO

Elizabeth Edwards, the estranged wife of former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, died at her home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at 61 after fighting breast cancer. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange surrendered to authorities in London, where he was jailed for nine days before being freed on bail as he fought extradition to Sweden for questioning in a rape investigation.

ONE YEAR AGO

Six prisoners held for 12 years at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, arrived in Uruguay amid a new push by President Barack Obama to close the U.S. prison. Britain's Prince William and his wife, Catherine, arrived in New York City on their first official visit to the U.S.

— By The Associated Press

Quote of the day:

"O tempora! O mores!" (Oh the times! Oh the customs!) — Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 B.C.-43 B.C.)

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Collier to lead innovative computer initiatives at UNE

PORTLAND — The University of New England has appointed Jay Collier director of Computational and Digital Programs. Collier will lead new, innovative initiatives designed to enhance computational thinking across disciplines.

Computer science and technology applications are changing almost daily. Collier's appointment reflects UNE's focus on providing a flexible and adaptable approach to computer and digital education, ensuring that graduates are ready for careers that utilize and contribute to this rapidly evolving digital landscape, the university said in a recent press release.

"We live in a digital age and our students will increasingly need knowledge in this area," UNE President Danielle Ripich said in the release. "Jay Collier's work in this field and his dedication to Maine made him a perfect fit for UNE as we continue to work collaboratively to build Maine's workforce. There is no question the need is there to integrate computers and digital programs into all aspects of higher education. Whether it's health informatics, where UNE is a recognized leader, or other areas that will be developed, UNE will push forward to give students the best educational experience."

The first to hold the position at UNE, Collier will look at educational offerings serving both traditional and non-traditional learners in residential, hybrid and online environments. He will also explore areas of specialization for those seeking more focused training. Collier's work will concentrate on the essential workplace competencies required of leaders and knowledge workers in this global, technology-



Jay Collier is pictured in this undated photo.

focused economy.

"I'm pleased to join the University of New England to develop new learning programs in computing, digital and information technologies," Collier said in the release. "The demand for tech professionals at all levels is growing rapidly and UNE is well positioned to help prepare students to meet employer needs here in Maine and beyond. I look forward to continuing to work with our many employers, educators and workforce colleagues to raise awareness of these career opportunities across the state and across the country."

Collier brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education and

digital communications to the position. Most recently, he spearheaded Project>Login, a business-led campaign of Educate Maine to expand opportunities for K-12, college and adult learners exploring and pursuing pathways toward high-demand computing, digital and information technology careers in Maine.

Collier holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston University and a Master of Arts degree from Vermont College. He has held positions at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College and Bates College, and he has served as a consultant to the Maine Department of Education.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, December 9

Amedisys Home Health Care representative host a Q&A discussion group called "Holiday Stress and Depression" at 3:30 p.m. at Atria Kennebunk. This important seminar is designed to help individuals with the holiday blues and find healthy ways to cope. The event is free and open to all; call 985-5866 for more information.

Drop by Goodall Library, 942 Main St., Sanford, 6-7 p.m. for an evening designed for relaxation. Folks will learn techniques to help continue the positive benefits of de-stressing and slowing down. The class will cover such topics as breathing exercises for calming the body and mind, Japanese acupressure for reducing stress, Yoga postures and hand positions for slowing down and learning to be in the present moment, guided imagery, meditation and reflexology to improve sleep and overall health. Folks will also learn about the foods, herbs and teas that calm, and the healing properties of essential oils.

Sunday, December 13

The Christmas Social for the Daughters of Isabella Circle 828 will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at The Pantry Cafe, 420 Elm St., Biddeford. Social hour is from noon to 1 p.m., BYOB. A buffet luncheon will follow, and there will be door prizes, raffles and games. Bring a \$5 gift to swap. Tickets are \$20, tip optional. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Dec. 9. For more information, call Pat Marcotte at 282-5281 or Joan Beauchesne at 602-6073.

Lotteries

MASSACHUSETTS

Numbers - 2-2-4-9 (day)/0-0-1-1 (evening)
Numbers (Sat.) - 4-1-7-4 (day)/5-9-6-3 (evening)
Megabucks (Sat.) - 02-07-18-21-23-33

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Pick 3 - 6-1-9 (day)/0-6-5 (evening)
Pick 4 - 6-9-5-7 (day)/3-7-5-7 (evening)
Pick 3 (Sat.) - 3-8-0 (day)/7-6-5 (evening)
Pick 4 (Sat.) - 1-3-0-2 (day)/9-0-9-7 (evening)
Megabucks Plus (Sat.) - 03-07-10-35-41, Megaball: 4

NATIONAL

Hot Lotto (Sat.) - 05-25-27-29-30, Hot Ball: 14
Powerball (Sat.) - 13-27-33-47-68, Powerball: 13, Power Play: 2

Cancellation

The veterans' service officer from the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services will not be at Saco City Hall on Wednesday Dec. 9.

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