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**Five years ago**
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In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states cannot ban same-sex marriage.

**Today’s History:**

**Today’s Quote:**
“There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing.” — Robert Burns, Scottish poet (1759-1796)

**Gleanings**

10 years ago
From the Journal Tribune: “The public said they wanted it — the selections listened and responded. The Board of Selectmen voted to hold televisions of the budget meetings for the upcoming fiscal year at their Thursday night meeting. While it was the first time 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 discussion of the audit of the town of Alfred will be made at the next town meeting. The meet will be at the Alfred Fire Station.”

100 years ago
From the Biddeford Daily Journal: “Rev. Horace H. Hayes, pastor of the FirstFree Baptist Church of Boston, has accepted the call of the 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 from Rev. Mr. Hayes this morning.”

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In 1981, President Ronald Reagan signed a law that created the National Endowment for the Arts.

**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 history.

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U.S. military forces flew into Somalia in a nighttime raid, freeing an American and a Dutch 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 an attack by a deranged anti-abortion activist for using fake driver’s licenses while making undercover footage of Planned Parenthood found no evidence to support the claims.

Chef Rachael Ray announced new guidelines for more healthful school meals.

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