

# YESTERDAY

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**10 years ago — May 12, 2006**

(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

**BANGOR** — Environmental organizations and wildlife advocates marked the first annual Endangered Species Day on Thursday by celebrating the successful efforts to save bald eagles, piping plovers and other critters threatened with extinction in Maine.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution declaring May 11 as Endangered Species Day in an effort to increase public awareness about the plight of rare, threatened and endangered plant and animal species.

Gov. John Baldacci followed suit this week by declaring all of May Endangered Species Month.

On Thursday, representatives of the Sierra Club, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Wildlife Alliance of Maine, and the College of the Atlantic gathered in the Bangor Public Library to commemorate the day. U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, both Maine Republicans, also sent representatives to the small media event.

"For 33 years, the Endangered Species Act has stood as a bulwark against the loss of our nation's rich biological legacy," said Kenneth Cline, professor of environmental law and policy at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor.

"In addition to the direct protections of the listed species themselves, endangered species often serve as umbrella species, protecting the vast web of life that need similar habitats and ecosystems. Moreover, an endangered species is often an indication of peril faced by the ecosystem."

More than 1,300 plant and animal species are currently protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. Maine has its own list of nearly 50 species that need protection.

George Matula, the endangered and threatened species coordinator with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, pointed to the bald eagle as one of the best examples of a species - both in Maine and nationally - that was rescued from near extinction. The bald eagle is widely expected to be removed from the list soon.

"We have come from around 21 pairs of bald eagles back in the 1960s to about 380 pairs now," said Matula, who is based in DIF&W's Bangor office.

Speakers also called on Congress to avoid making drastic alterations to the Endangered Species Act. Both Snowe and Collins pledged continued support for the act in statements read by their representatives.

Similar events were held in Portland and nationwide. The Arizona-based organization the Center for Biological Diversity also unveiled a Web site Thursday listing 100 success stories under the federal act.

**HERMON** — The future of town-offered wireless Internet access services touted as a way to attract businesses to town appeared uncertain Thursday after councilors said the costs were too high and the unanswered questions too many.

In a unanimous vote, the seven councilors nixed the idea of setting up a one-man town department to handle the project that would lose \$85,572 in the first two years.

After more than an hour of discussion, town officials pressed for a decision, one way or the other, on the matter, but the proposal lingered in limbo until Councilor Louis "Buzzy" LaChance proposed moving forward with the project, an idea he quickly acknowledged he opposed. He found a second for the motion, and the measure quickly was defeated.

A consultant predicted the fledgling fixed wireless access system currently in place and operated by the school department could not survive as is.

"They cannot sustain the fixed wireless product that is out there," Jeff Taylor, an independent consultant brought in by the town, told the council. Taylor, who previously consulted with the school system, said that

while school officials are knowledgeable, they are not equipped for such an endeavor.

He presented the council with an ambitious proposal to add 156 new business and residential customers a year.

The town currently offers fixed wireless Internet access to about 30 customers. The access now covers about 35 percent of the geographic area of the town, and expansion to about 90 percent coverage was being considered by adding a tower.

Having wireless Internet access as a utility in town was seen as a strong selling point in convincing new businesses to move to Hermon.

"From an economic development standpoint I think that there's a lot to be gained if Hermon wanted to put itself on the top rung of municipal technology as a service to the community," Town Manager Clint Deschene told the council Thursday.

Hermon residents have been offered free dial-up service for years through the school and the fixed wireless system was being seen as a more community-friendly alternative to commercial services.

But many questions remained, including whether they were investing in equipment that quickly would become outdated and whether one person could handle all the duties. Councilors finishing up their budget deliberations and trying to minimize increases, were also having trouble with the bottom line budget figure.

"I'm not sold on this from a financial perspective," Council Chairman Michael Guthrie said.

**25 years ago — May 12, 1991**

**OLD TOWN** — City officials here will help in determining cost-cutting avenues used by The Bus.

Currently, The Bus serves the Canoe City Monday through Friday, 306 days per year, making runs through the city on an hourly basis to Bangor and the University of Maine.

As the Bangor City Council reviews the budget for The Bus, it will be looking for ways to cut costs for the program, according to Director Joe McNeil, who said that the program's initial budget included overestimates for gasoline.

Still, he said, a number of factors, including increases in The Bus contributions to the state retirement fund and worker's compensation costs, have forced officials to review cost-cutting proposals. Among those proposals, he told the Old Town City Council Monday, are trimming routes, fare increases, cost sharing among client towns, and selling advertising spots inside the buses.

McNeil said that the last fare increase in Old Town was five years ago, when the city runs went from every half hour to running each hour. Councilors took no action on the matter, and asked McNeil to provide City Manager David O. Cole additional information.

The Police Athletic League Youth Archery program is in progress as part of a yearly offering by the department and the city of Brewer.

The program is taught by Bob Ruhlin, a Department of Transportation employee, and Mike Rose, manager of the archery department at Van Raymond Outfitters, Brewer.

The two have a combination of 40 years of experience in archery. Rose is the archery instructor at YMCA's Camp Jordan and is the professional staff shooter for Browning Archery. He is also certified bow-hunter education instructor.

Four members of the program — Kim DeBeck, Michael McCarthy, Gabe Rubino and Jason Hesseltime — earned silver medals at a national competition in Ohio this past year.

**BREWER** — Sixteen-year-old Stephanie Scott of Brewer got a roaring, two-wheeled birthday surprise Saturday when 100 Harley-Davidson motorcyclists on 56 motorcycles arrived at her house, put her in a sidecar, and took her for a 20-mile ride.

"It was great," Scott said

after her first time on a Harley. And she'd like to do it again.

When members of the Harley-Davidson Owners Group, or HOGs, learned that Scott, an avid Harley fan, is afflicted with muscular dystrophy, they went all out to make it a birthday to remember. The HOGs made Scott a cake, and gave her a Harley-Davidson-embroidered jean jacket as well as T-shirts and banners. United Bikers of Maine bought her some long-stem red roses.

The HOGs, which includes people from all walks of life, were in Brewer during the weekend for the second annual Mother's Day Swap Meet and Bike Show. Hundreds of Harley owners, including some from Connecticut, rode up to the auditorium for the show.

The event was one of at least three fund-raisers the HOGs hold every year. They donate the proceeds from booth rentals and ticket receipts to charities. Inside the auditorium, HOGs sold jewelry, leathers and, of course, T-shirts. Outside, people admired a herd of Harleys.

Bikers came to swap parts or get them for less than they would pay at a Harley dealer. Some HOGs have built their bikes from parts collected at the swap meets, noted Roger Howard, 47, of Bucksport.

Howard directs the Bangor chapter of HOGs. The 60-member Bangor group is one of five chapters in Maine, the others being in Caribou, Augusta, Lewiston and Falmouth. The Harley Owners Group comprises 160,000 people nationwide. Chapters have been formed in Canada, Great Britain and France.

"Basically what we stand for is to let the person have his own choice," said Howard. But freedom isn't free; you have to fight for it, he added.

HOGs detest, for instance, lawmakers' attempts to make them wear helmets. Educate riders, make them aware of the protection a helmet might provide, then let them decide whether they want to wear one, Howard said.

Freedom is what it's about for Harley-Davidson motorcyclists. Paintings of vikings, American Indians, eagles and wild horses symbolize HOGs' desire to roll, roam, and discover freely and without obstruction, Howard explained.

"Everything here has a free spirit," he said. "It all kind of blends in one way or another."

Howard grew up on a farm, living mostly outdoors to the breaking rumble of a tractor's motor. The combination saw to it that he became a HOG. Now Howard rides a 1989 springer soft-tail. "My church is the outside," he remarked.

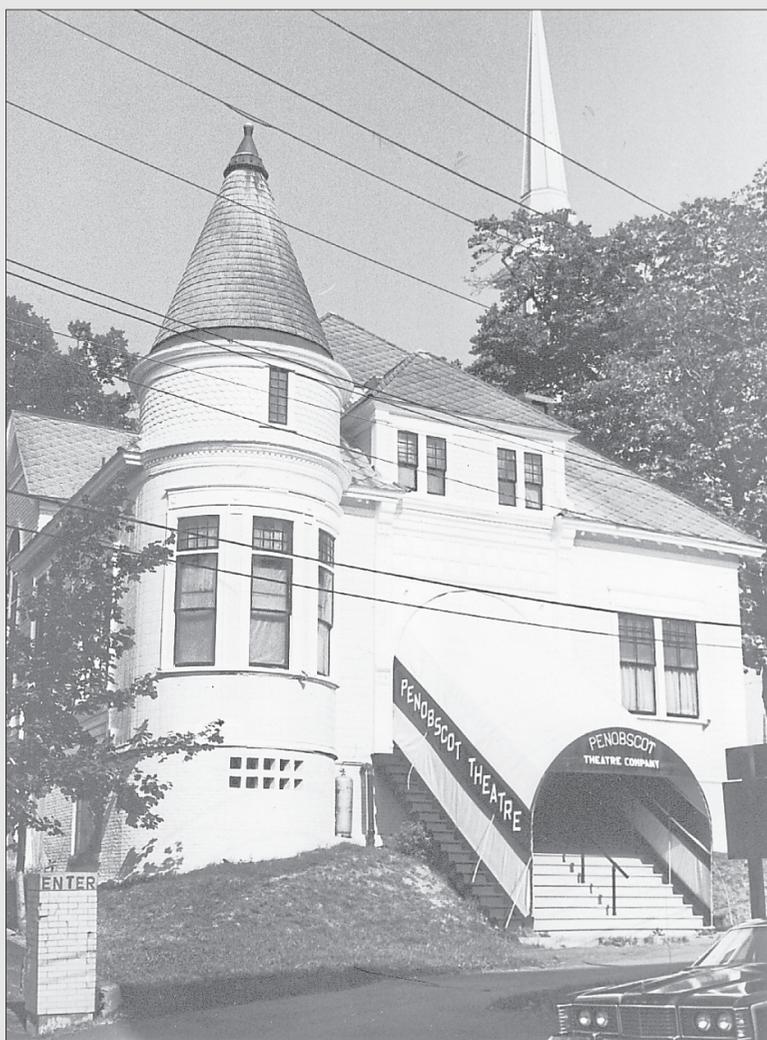
**50 years ago — May 12, 1966**

It's flip, fast and funny and as with all sophisticated (at least of late) cops and robbers stories it is decidedly choppy.

"Harper" opened at the Cinema Wednesday, and Paul Newman, as Harper, the private eye, is superb. He puts a bit of Mike Hammer into it and a bit of James Bond and then he adds a bit of his own insouciance and the result keeps the audience in giggles regardless of the dialogue.

Lauren Bacall is her svelte, cool self, Shelley

## PICTURE FROM THE PAST



BANGOR DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO BY CARROLL HALL  
The exterior of the former Penobscot Theatre, located at 183 Main St. in Bangor, as seen in September 1983.

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Winters tugs at the heart strings as the faded dancer, Julie Harris has a round as a dope addict and Pamela Tiffin and Robert Wagner (a very new image of Robert Wagner) taken care of the young set.

The plot is intricate but with most such 'posh' films the intricacy is more than pushed aside by the decord, the swift changing scenes and the brisk patter and innuendo.

"Harper" deals with a grim subject but the result is not grim. It is good escapism, smoothly done and with a flair for humor. Even the ads are accurate, too, when they say "Paul Newman is Harper" for he carries the show.

**100 years ago — May 12, 1916**

A settlement was made Thursday with the strikers by the Wing & Engel Co., who will receive an increase in wages and will return to work at the mill. A part of the crew went to work Thursday night and will work extra hours to make up the time lost. The men demanded an increase of 25 cents per day. Mr. Wing, manager of the mill, was unable to make any settlement with the men as the owners of the mill were all away at the time so they walked out Monday afternoon. While the men did not receive the increase they struck for, the received a satisfactory increase and agreed to return to their work.

Compiled by Emily Burnham

## Death Notices

**BEAULIEU, PHILIP JOSEPH**, Bangor, 25, Bangor, May 2, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at First Baptist Church of Bangor, 56 Center St., Bangor.

**BERUBE, JIMMY J.**, 50, Bangor; at Bangor, May 2, 2016.

**BOULTER, PAULIE I.**, 68, Winterport; at Brooks, May 1, 2016.

**CAMERON, BARBARA**, 84, May 4, 2016, Bangor. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith.

**CLARKE, WILLIAM H.**, 72, Bangor, April 30, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**COFFIN, CARLEEN (TOWLE)**, 76, Hampden, May 3, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Hampden Congregational Church, 101 Main Road North, Hampden. Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

**CUTTER, CAROL I. CARR**, 95, Bangor, April 26, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2029 Broadway, Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**DEARBORN, VANCE EDWARD**, Orono, April 28, 2016.

**FULLER, KEVIN**, 60, Bangor, April 28, 2016.

**FUNAIOLLE, JOANN K.**, 77, Glenburn, Feb. 5, 2016. Service 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Pleasant View Cemetery, Glenburn. Brookings-Smith, Bangor.

**GRAY, WELSEY FRANCIS**, Orono; at Bangor, Dec. 24, 2015. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**HENDERSON, MARY ANNE**, 78, Bangor; at Bangor, May 2, 2016.

**MCASKILL, ELIZABETH A.**, 93, Orono, Dec. 27, 2015.

**MELIDONES, MICHAEL WILLIAMS**, 62, Bangor; at Bangor, May 4, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**MILLAR, DENYS**, Bangor, Dec. 30, 2016. Service 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at 101 West Broadway, Bangor.

**NADEAU, ELMO 'MO'**, Frenchville; at Holden, May 1, 2016.

**NADEAU, WYLDIA**, 75, Bangor, May 5, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**NEVELLS, GERTRUDE C.**, 86, Orono; at Orono, April 12, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Riverside Cemetery, Bennoch Rd., Orono. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**POLLARD, VELMA E.**, 98, Bangor; at Otis, Dec. 27, 2015.

**POMEROY, HARRISON WILLIAM**, 90, Glenburn and Eddington, March 3, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Brewer. Brookings-Smith, Bangor.

**SMITH, RICHARD D. JR.**, 74, Bangor; at Bangor, April 30, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**SPEAR, MARIE ROSE CECILE (DAMIEN)**, Old Town and Brooklin, May 3, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Monday, May 9, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**SPELLMAN, JAMES F.**, Old Town, Jan. 7, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, at St. Joseph Cemetery, Old Town.

**VARNEY JR., CLAYTON E.**, Winterport, Feb. 5, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Frankfort Congregational Church, Frankfort. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

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