

YESTERDAY ...

10 years ago — Oct. 1, 2005
(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

The first tractor-trailer loads of slot machines began arriving Friday morning at Hollywood Slots in Bangor, set to open next month in the former Miller's Restaurant building on Main Street in Bangor.

"This is a great day for us. I'm thrilled that things are moving ahead so quickly," Jon Johnson, general manager for the company's Bangor operations, said Friday while overseeing the delivery of the first wave of the 475 slots ordered for the interim slots facility.

A \$17 million transformation of the site is nearing completion.

Johnson said the Bangor slots facility, the only one of its kind authorized by state and city voters, remains on track for a November opening, though a firm date has yet to be set.

"I'm not ready to jump off the cliff yet, but I'm teetering on the edge," Johnson said in regards to the grand opening.

The Bangor facility, like several other Penn National gaming properties, will have a Hollywood movies theme. Because of relatively low ceiling heights in the former restaurant, it likely will be decorated with movie posters and similar items.

"Once all of our games are in place, we'll probably add more memorabilia," Johnson said, adding that larger pieces are planned for the \$75 million permanent facility Penn National plans to build for 1,500 slots at or near city-owned Bangor Raceway.

With a little over a month before show time, the project is advancing on many fronts, Johnson said. The interior has been gutted and given new finishes, including carpets, tile and paint. An elevator has been installed. The wiring is essentially done, and 120 surveillance cameras have been installed.

Outside, the copper colored roof is being painted bright blue, exterior walls will be a neutral shade of beige, and the window trim will be done in green. The tall marquee out front, now turquoise, will be painted in matching colors, Johnson said.

Parts of the facility have

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



BANGOR DAILY NEWS PHOTO BY PAUL MARCOUX

This is part of the convy of trucks and men from Michigan who arrived in Bangor in September 1954 to help repair the havoc wrought by Hurricane Edna to the lines and phones of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in this region.

been given names consistent with the theme. These include Chairman's after "Chairman of the Board" Frank Sinatra of Rat Pack fame, Lancaster Lane after Hollywood icon Burt Lancaster, and Rodeo Drive after the shopping strip of the stars.

"We wanted to come up with names to go with the Hollywood theme and wanted to have fun with it," Johnson said.

High school students here are learning a new language, but they aren't working on conjugating verbs or perfecting pronunciation.

Instead, they're studying hand shapes and movements, finger spelling and facial expressions as part of Hampden Academy's new American Sign Language class.

Offered here for the first time as an option for meeting the school's foreign language requirement - along with French, Spanish and Latin - the class aims to give students a basic understanding of sign language.

"Like any foreign language, it takes years to be fluent," teacher Melissa Shaffer said this week.

Developed naturally over time by its users, American Sign Language is a complex language with its own grammar, sentence construction, slang and regional variations.

Because it is a conceptual language, the aim is to translate the thought and idea, rather than each individual word.

Each sign is made with a

specific hand configuration placed on or near the signer's body. If the hand shape, movement or location changes, the meaning of the sign also changes.

In addition to teaching Hampden Academy's two sign language classes with a total of about 47 students, Shaffer teaches sign language to all kindergarten through eighth-grade students at the Adams School in Castine.

The two schools may be the only ones in the state to offer the program for credit instead of as an elective course or as an extracurricular activity, she said.

25 years ago — Oct. 1, 1990

A group of peace activists opposing President Bush's "huge deployment of U.S. military forces in Saudi Arabia" took their demands to the streets of Bangor Saturday.

Peace Walk '90 included members of the Maine Peace Campaign and the Maine Coalition for Peace & Justice in Central America who held a rally at Bass Park before embarking on a walk through downtown Bangor and part of Brewer. A larger, similar walk was held in Portland, and smaller events were scheduled for the Lewiston and Bucksport areas, organizers said.

According to organizers, the walk marks the 10th year the event has been held by the group, which by noon Sunday was placing "U.S. OUT OF EL SALVADOR" signs on the tables holding buttons and

bumper stickers promoting their cause.

The group also passed out a statement condemning Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the large U.S. presence in Saudi Arabia. The solution to the problem, according to the statement, is for the U.S. to proportionally participate in a United Nations peacekeeping force, and for the U.N. to mediate negotiations there.

"The current stand-off in the Middle East between the United States and Iraq is not based on the defense of principles of freedom, democracy or self-determination on the part of the Bush administration," the statement read. "It is a confrontation based on who will control the rich oil resources of the region."

Those who participated in the walk accepted pledges, with the funds going toward the Maine Peace Campaign, the Maine Coalition on Central America, and the remaining one-third of the proceeds being donated to a group of the walker's choice, according to Liz Robbins, one of the organizers of the project.

50 years ago — Oct. 1, 1965

Local businessmen scheduled for relocation in Bangor's downtown urban renewal project have declared their desire to move into new buildings in the redevelopment area that will total more than \$6 million in value, it was reported Thursday.

Urban Renewal Executive Director Harold Thurlow said written statements submitted by business parties who will

be affected in the redevelopment work indicated they wanted to stay downtown and relocate in new structures totalling more than 400,000 square feet.

They would construct the new buildings or lease space from a developer, he reported. The totals were gained from the preliminary plans set out in forms submitted by the parties in order to guarantee a "preference status" in the redevelopment.

Urban Renewal regulations provide those business proprietors or property owners dislocated by a project with a priority rating in relocating within the project area. The local urban renewal authority has stipulated this will be done wherever possible, all things being equal.

A 60-day period for filing of the preferential status forms was set up and ended September 21. Figures have just been compiled.

Thurlow said 25 different businesses submitted the forms. He estimated that their space requirements would indicate more than \$6 million in new buildings. The list does not include businesses or developers outside of the project area who also have indicated interest in putting up new buildings, he said, nor those within the area who may be interested but do not qualify for preference status.

100 years ago — Oct. 1, 1915

The advance sale of seats for the Bangor band's first pop concert, which opened Thursday forenoon, indicates the customary

liberal attendance at City Hall tonight. A program of much interest and variety has already been published. The overture will be Keler-Bela's Racoczy, which will be presented for the first time to a Bangor audience. This overture has for its chief melodic material that of the ancient Hungarian war melody, the Racoczy march, which has been heard at other concerts in Bangor. This air has long been a favorite theme for composers, most notable of the adaptations being those of Liszt and Berlioz, that of the latter having been performed a few years ago at the Maine Festival. Keler-Bela's overture is the most gorgeous garb in which the celebrated melody has been clothed.

The annual opening address of Bangor Theological Seminary was given in the chapel of that institution on Thursday night.

There was an excellent attendance. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. V.W. Collier of Hammond Street Church and at the close, after the notable address by Prof. John J. Martin, Ph.D., on, Jesus and the Present Hour, three announcements of importance were made. The first was of the gift of \$3,000 received in the month of September from Dea. A.D. Carter of Lowell, Mass. to establish three scholarships, yielding \$50 annually and to be named for him and his wife. All the funds of the seminary are inadequate for their several purposes but the scholarship fund is one of great need and this gift will prove a marked help in that direction.

The second announcement was with regard to new students of whom 16 are already on the ground with several more coming. The group of new men, it was indicated, are of excellent average quality.

The third announcement was of the appointment of a librarian in succession to the late Prof. Ropes. The trustees at their annual meeting named a committee with power to select and appoint a librarian and the Rev. Frederick T. Persons of Mt. Carmel, Conn., has been appointed.

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support groups

Support group listings run as space permits. Items are due at least seven to 10 days before the Thursday of publication. Email: weekly@bangordailynews.com. Mail: The Weekly, P.O. Box 1329, Bangor ME 04402.

BANGOR:

- Al-Anon meetings for relatives and friends affected by the excessive drinking of someone else, Bangor area and throughout Maine. Meeting times and locations, maineafg.org or 800-498-1944.
- Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Groups, 7-9 p.m. second and last Thursdays, Westgate Center for Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care, 750 Union St. 942-7336 or kmminer@nathealthcare.com.
- Bangor Area Narcotics Anonymous meeting for families and loved ones of addicts. 6-7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Francis Center (old firehouse) across from St. Joseph emergency entrance, 368 Center St.

- Janice, 299-8802.
- Bangor Area Parkinson's Group, 2-3:30 p.m. third Sundays, Acadia Hospital. Room reserved. Open to patients and caregivers.
- Bereavement support for parents who have lost a child. 6-7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays, Brookings Smith Family Center, 163 Center St. Judy, 889-9025.
- Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7 p.m. third Tuesdays except in December, St. Francis Center. 294 Center St.
- Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, or CHADD, 6-7 p.m. third Tuesday, office of Barry Rubin, Bangor Family Counseling, Suite 335, 96 Harlow St. Free. 990-1555.
- Eastern Maine Crohn's and Colitis Support Group for IBD patients, caregivers and family members, 6-7:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Dr. Frank Chapman Conference Room, 2nd floor, St. Joseph Hospital. 974-9724.
- Eastern Maine Medical Center Bereavement

- Support Group, 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays of each month, Cascade Room, Riverside Inn, 495 State St. Sandra Levesque, 973-6604.
- Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex St. Free. Twelve Step recovery program for those suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating and bulimia. 781-321-9118 or 942-1738.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Groups for anyone affected by mental illness, Acadia Hospital. Information and meeting schedule, Jean-Ann, 949-5658, or Betsy, btsygrs@yahoo.com.
- Maine Kids-Kin Greater Bangor Support Group for grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and other family members who are raising a relative's child, 6 p.m. first and third Tuesdays, Families and Children Together, 304 Hancock St. 941-2347 or 866-

- 298-0896.
- Nicotine anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, conference room, Maine Veterans Home. Provides help for those who have quit smoking and want to stay that way. Larry, 843-7563.
- Ostomy Support Group ostomy patients, their families and caregivers, 3-5 p.m. second Tuesdays, Felician Conference Room, second floor, St. Joseph Hospital. Free. Rose Cyr, 907-1550 or rosanne.cyr@sjhhealth.com.
- Overeaters Anonymous for those with eating disorders, 10 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays, Strauss meeting room St. Joseph Hospital, Center Street; and 10 a.m. Mondays and noon Thursdays, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 540 Essex St. Barbara, 990-2025.
- Safe Place, for those who have lost someone to suicide, 6:30-8 p.m. first Wednesdays, St. Joseph's Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Peer led group

- with no fee. Associated with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. afsp.org.
- Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance support groups for women affected by partner abuse. Day and evening groups; child care activities. Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance, 800-863-9909.
- St. Joseph Diabetes and Nutrition Center Diabetes Support Group, Willette Conference Center, Building 1, St. Joseph Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Meetings facilitated by certified diabetes educator. Group members share tips on diabetes management. Open to all. Free. 907-1187.
- Bangor TOPS 0311, (Take off Pounds Sensibly), 9-10:15 a.m. Fridays, Nason Manor community room, 140 Hancock St. Vicky, 852-9061.
- BREWER:**
- Bangor Area Recovery Network recovery education and support, 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, BARN Community Recovery

- Center, 142 Center St. Free. 561-9444 or bangorrecovery@gmail.com.
- Central Maine Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, 4-5 p.m. third Mondays, conference room, Brewer Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Open to survivors and caregivers. Patty, 989-7300, ext. 134.
- BUCKSPORT:**
- Cancer Support Center of Maine support group for cancer patients, 12:30 p.m. first Wednesdays, Bucksport Regional Health Center, 110 Broadway. Bring bag lunch or snack. 469-6383.
- HOLDEN:**
- Vestibular Support Group for those experiencing dizziness, imbalance, vertigo or ringing in the ears, Brewer Physical Therapy and Spine Clinic, 51 Main Road. 989-4122.
- ORRINGTON:**
- Al-Anon, 6-7 p.m. Fridays, East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Road. 284-1844 or questions@maineafg.

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