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ACT OF HEROISM

- Joe Pelletier, Ranger at Brownville, was involved in the rescue of a member of the Penobscot Indian Nation recently from the Gulf Hags Gorge. Mr. Louis Kenneth Paul had fallen into the Gorge and injured both of his legs. Joe spent three hours searching for Mr. Paul and then guided a National Guard Helicopter in to airlift Mr. Paul out. Joe was commended for his compassion, unselfish dedication and courage in his search and rescue efforts in a letter from Joseph Francis, Lt. Governor of the Penobscot Nation. The following are quotes from the letter: "Courage is a very important element of heroism. But I feel a much more vital facet of heroism is compassion. The ability to instinctively search out and care for another human being is truly a gift. The initiative you exhibited in addressing yourself to the distress call on the scanner is to be applauded. Joe, in our minds you will always be a hero." Such praise is certainly well-deserved. Mr. Paul is well on his way to recovery thanks to the caring efforts of Joe Pelletier.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

- On page 1 of the updated directory, Bertha Meyers should be changed to Bertha Myers...On page 12, Harold Jones's home phone should be 781-5143.

PICNIC

- Eric Smith, Park Manager I at Eagle Island, along with Mike Lord, Sam and Lee Cox and Pam Truesdale, hosted a picnic for the children of the governors attending the National Governor's Conference in Portland. On Sunday, July 31, 28 children were taken to Eagle Island on the Department of Marine Resources "Challenger" (an 80' vessel). They were landed on the island by Zodiac inflatable boats and had a chicken barbecue, provided by the Department of Agriculture. Security was provided by State Police and the Department of Marine Resources. The facility remained open to the public during the outing and a good time was had by all.

SOFTBALL NEWS

- After losing 3 in a row, the "Force" got back on the winning track in two very close games against Business Regulation and DHS Central. Against Business Regulation, the "Force" tied the score in the top of the 7th on a long sacrifice fly by Tom Radsky which brought Bob Johnston home from 3rd base. A loss seemed imminent, through, in the bottom of the inning when the leadoff batter for Bus. Reg. reached 3rd base on an outfield error. However, a pop-up, ground out and Tom Doak's leaping snag of a rising line drive kept the score tied. The DOC bats responded with a series of base hits, capped off by John Picher's double, to score 5 runs in the top of the eighth. Bus. Reg. then registered only a "goose egg" in the bottom of the eighth and the DOC losing streak ended. The win over DHS Central wasn't any easier. The teams entered the seventh in an 8-8 tie, after the lead had seesawed throughout the game. Chris Swain led off the seventh with a double, missing a home run by a few feet. He went to 3rd on Rich Marvin's hit and scored when the DHS pitcher dropped Carol Holden's pop-up, to give the "Force" a 9-8 victory. There are only 5 games left this season, so if you haven't played the minimum number of games to be eligible for tournament play, time is running out!

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- CLOTHING ORDER - The annual memo with order blanks for the 1984 summer uniforms was mailed out on July 29, 1983. The completed order blanks from all bureaus must be approved and returned to Administrative Services by August 15, 1983. If you need and are authorized to have uniform items, make sure the correct quantity and sizes are listed on your district or division's request.
- PEAT TRIPS - Commissioner Anderson and Carolyn Lepage, Geology, discussed peat research over breakfast last week with Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich. They then flew over the Great Heath in Washington county and toured the Downeast Peat Company on Denbo Heath...Commissioner Anderson and Andy Tolman flew over the Saco Heath the following night...
- LIST REVISION - Peter Lammert, Utilization and Marketing Forester, is revising his list of Maine-made forest products and is anxiously waiting to hear from anyone commercially manufacturing a variety of products. In 1970, they listed about 300 Maine-produced forest products from yo-yo discs to ironing boards. Today, the number has dwindled as plastic and other synthetics have become popular. The list is used to help businesses locate supplies and products and allows the State to keep those businesses informed about changes that may affect them.
- DOC OUTING - The "Force", DOC's softball team, is planning to hold an outing at Bang's Beach in Belgrade on August 20 with a lobster feed, softball, volleyball and swimming planned. All DOC employees and family are welcome. The cost is going to be \$7.00 if you want to have a lobster, and \$4.00 if you don't. You must sign up by August 12. Contact Steve Oliveri at 289-2791 for more information and to sign up.
- STATE CHAMPIONS - Twenty-four State Park Lifeguards journeyed to Old Orchard Beach on August 4th and took home the honor of being named Maine State Champions. The Parks team handed the OOB team its first defeat in the three years of the competition, along with teams from Wells Beach, Ogunquit, and Biddeford-Saco. Trophies were won by Leo Lachance, Range Ponds, 1st place in the Two Mile Run; John Casey, Scarboro Beach, 4th place in the Two Mile Run; Peter Garrett, Popham Beach, 1st place in the Run-Swim-Run; Jay Morrisette, Damariscotta, 2nd in the Run-Swim-Run; Dewey Wyatt, Popham, 1st place in the Iron Guard; Becky Ayers, Crescent Beach, 2nd place, Women's Run-Swim-Run; Michelle Marshall Sebago, 3rd place in the Women's Run-Swim-Run. The Parks team of Scott Nelson, Popham Beach, John Hutchinson, Scarboro Beach, Tom Valley, Damariscotta and Spike Freeman, Popham, for the Run-Swim-Rescue Relay came in 2nd place. Tim Hall, Lifeguard Coordinator, gives all the credit to the team for the victory. "They did everything themselves, from putting the events together to following through at the finish line." Tim gives special thanks to Leo Lachance and Greg Wilfert, Scarboro, for their assistance with coaching. The State of Maine Championship Cup will be displayed in the Augusta office for a week or so.
- COBSCOOK SHOWERS - Kyle Marie White, Receptionist at Cobscook Bay State Park says the park would be "perfect" if showers were available. According to Jan Saleeby, Acting Supervisor of Park Development, the contract for construction of a new shower building is ready to be put out for bids. He says the shower building will feature a Professor Richard Hill designed wood-fired boiler. Construction is expected to begin this year with the facility ready for use during the 1984 camping season.
- OLIVER LYNNWOOD ARRIVES - Arriving three weeks ahead of schedule, Oliver Lynnwood Hartman weighed in at 5½ pounds on July 26. Oliver and Lucy are doing fine.