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PEPSI - If you go to Reid State Park and think you recognize one of the
FREE lifeguards from TV, you could be right. Reid State Park was the setting for filming of a Pepsi-Free commercial which is going to be aired on national television soon. Although it sounds like it would be great fun to have a commercial filmed at your park, Dalton Kirk, Manager at Reid, stated that he wouldn't hesitate to say no if he were ever contacted again. What was supposed to be a small scale filming operation (a crew of 12 and no more than 12 actors) ended up being a crew of 300 people and a caravan of vehicles. Dalton had to put up a big fight to keep dune buggies off the beach and tried to fight the use of fireworks, but lost that one. According to Dalton, the only thing good that came out of the whole deal was Jim Pietkiewicz, who had come to the park to do the commercial and ended up being hired as a lifeguard. Dalton's word of advice to anyone who is ever contacted to do something like this is to make sure you have all the details and know what's going to be taking place.

SOFTBALL - The Force won its third straight game by beating Motor Vehicles
NEWS 10-9 on August 19. Motor Vehicles, last year's tournament champ, showed up shy 2 players, so Chris Swain and Gary Cole volunteered to play for them. The result was a very close game in which the lead changed hands several times. Tony St. Peter hit a lead-off homerun in the 5th inning to start a 5-run Force rally, but MV tied the score in the sixth. The game was finally decided when Melanie Lanctot led off the bottom of the 7th inning with a single, and one out later, raced home on Bob Johnston's game-winning triple. A cancellation and a rain-out kept the team from playing a couple of scheduled games, but there are still 2 left before the tournament. The deadline for signing up for the tournament is September 1, so get your \$5.00 in to Steve if you haven't already done so. The tournament takes place September 17 and 18 and promises to be an exciting one, so come early to get a good seat!

NEW - Mt. Blue State Park is the home for the new record Red Pine discovered
RECORD by Malcolm Gill, Laborer I at Mt. Blue. The tree is 96' tall and 7' 4"
SET around and it located in the picnic area at Webb Beach.

DIRECTORY - On page 9, remove Merle Ring from the Eastern/Western Region Headquarters
CORRECTION and place his name under the Eastern region Headquarters on page 6.

BRIEFLY - If you've been looking for a fool-proof method for keeping raccoons out
SPEAKING of your garden, call Tom Cieslinski, 289-3821 for details on his technique...
Maine Geological Survey's new State Bedrock Maps have been sent out for peer review...

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WEDDINGS - Tambra McCollett, receptionist for Administrative Services, was married to John Mulholland on Friday, August 19. Both the wedding and reception were held at the Augusta Country Club. Tambra and John are honeymooning in Florida... Lisa Lasselle, summer Laborer for Administrative Services, was married to Tim Bowman on Saturday, August 20. Lisa and Tim were married at the Methodist Church with a reception following at the Augusta Civic Center. They are honeymooning in New Hampshire and will be going back to school at UMO when they return.

IDEA EXCHANGE - The 1st Annual Interpretation Idea Exchange for all Park Managers, Rangers and other interested folks is going to be held on August 31 at Bolton Hill Headquarters in Augusta from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be a chance to inform others of your park's current interpretive programs, identify problems and solutions, share resources and materials and coordinate plans and programs. This meeting is going to be geared to natural history interpretation. There will be other meetings planned for historic site interpretation. RSVP by August 26 to Park's Augusta office at 289-3821.

ADIRONDACKS REPAIRED - Seven Adirondack shelters, built by Civilian Conservation Corp workers at Cobscook Bay State Park in the 1930's, are being restored for public use according to Jarvis Johnson, Park Manager. "The Adirondacks are part of eastern Maine's history; we want campers to continue to be able to enjoy them," Johnson said. Restoration of the shelters involves replacement of rotting base logs and repairs to the roofs. Park Rangers Dennis Preston and Dennis Downs, and Assistant Park Rangers Brian Albee, Phil Ramsdell, and Lee Lyon are making the repairs.

OUI ARREST - While driving home recently, Sue Ellen Boothby, Park Receptionist at Ferry Beach State Park, was alarmed by the erratic driving of a car ahead of her. She got the car to pull off the road and instructed the occupants to stay there while she called the police. Apparently the occupants were sufficiently impressed because they awaited the arrival of the police, at which time they were arrested for operating under the influence.

SEBAGO CELEBRATES Sebago Lake State Park celebrated the recent arrival of Thomas James (T.J.) Staley. T.J.'s parents, Debbie and Bob (a Park Ranger at Sebago) and his grandparents, Lucy and Phil Mayo (Park Receptionist and Manager at Sebago) are all doing well.

BUDWORM NEWS - Tom Rumpf, Forest Insect Manager, attended the Joint Planning Unit Meeting for the CANUSA Spruce Budworm Research Program in Oregon last week. He learned that our western counterparts are fortunate to deal with a species of budworm (western variety) which causes little mortality in infested stands and requires only one spray treatment per outbreak in a given area to control the infestation and minimize growth loss.

A/V EQUIPMENT - The Public Information Section has established a new system for lending out Audio/Visual Equipment which should ensure that people get exactly what they need. A new form will be used which will allow you to check off equipment needed from a list of what is available. The borrower will sign the form stating when equipment is to be returned and will be given a copy. When equipment is returned, the form will be signed by someone in the Public Information Office showing that the equipment was returned in the same condition as when it was taken.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW - The Snowmobile Division, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, will be hosting a booth at the Fifth Annual Maine Snowmobile and Sportsmen's Show being held at the Bangor Municipal Auditorium on October 29 and 30. Frank Farren, Supervisor of the Snowmobile Division, Scott Ramsey, Snowmobile Coordinator, and Sue Roderick, Division Secretary, will be staffing the booth.