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SPORTSMAN'S SHOW - A number of employees spent part of Easter Weekend helping with the Departmental exhibit at the Augusta Civic Center including Mick Rogers, Dan Bell, Ken Wiley, Wimpy Burnham, Tim Hall, Joe Forti and Gordon Bell (Parks and Recreation); John Forssen (Public Lands); John Paine, Rudolph Davis, and Bruce Reed (Forestry); Dick Dyer and Marshall Wiebe (Public Information). John Paine made the most of his day in Augusta by entering a raffle and winning a Remington centerfire rifle.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL - The Division of Administrative Services has been informed by the State Controller that out-of-state travel authorization can only be given by the Commissioner. This authority cannot be delegated. In view of this, please be sure that requests for out-of-state travel are submitted early enough to obtain the Commissioner's signature, particularly if you are aware that he will be away, and the travel requires an advance.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS - DOC's Christmas Party Team held their second planning session on April 11. The team has collected more than \$40 from bottles and cans donated by DOC employees. Andrea Erskine is continuing the search for a hall and should have one selected and reserved soon. Team members have each taken on entertainment responsibilities which will be described later. The team reminds employees to recommend slides appropriate for a DOC show to Jym St. Pierre and to recommend B&W photos for the So You Think You Know Maine contest to Lin Gosselin, LURC. The team has several fund raisers planned for later this spring and summer. Details soon. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for the party, please contact your bureau representative. They are: Lin Gosselin, LURC; Mike Gallagher, Parks; Don Moen, Forestry; Carol Holden, Public Lands; Carolyn Lepage, Geology; and Dick Dyer and Andrea Erskine, Admin. Services.

REMINDER - This is a reminder that John Selser from the Office of Legislative Assistants will present slides and talk on the legislative process in Maine at a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar on April 26 from 12:00 - 1:00 in the Marquardt Building, Classroom 2.

BIG A - The Land Use Regulation Commission is now three weeks into the Big 'A' public hearing. Several of the Commission members and staff, including Alec Giffen, Mark Dawson, Tom Radsky, Fred Todd, Ben Townsend, and Donna McLaughlin have taken up temporary residency in Millinocket for the public hearing on Great Northern Paper Company's Big 'A' application. They have been spending long hours listening to GNP, the intervenors, and the public. The hearings will be moved to the Gardiner Armory at the end of the month.

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BRIEFLY - Maureen Doyon, Administrative Services, was given a surprise
STATED baby shower on Tuesday, April 9 in the Harlow Building. Maureen's baby, Danielle, was born two months premature and therefore, we never had the chance to give her a shower before the baby was born. They received a play pen and several other nice gifts. ..Speaking of babies, Tom and Sally Morrison are the parents of 9 Golden Retriever pups, AKC registered, shots and papers...Gordon and Sally Bell, Parks, spent one week vacationing in our neighboring country, Mexico...Pam Tibbetts and family spent one week at Walt Disney World...Gary Donovan and family will also be spending time in the Magic Kingdom, the week of April 15 (this week)...John Picher will be speaking at the Turf Management Conference in Presque Isle on the 24th of April. John will speak on computer programs for turf maintenance...Doug Tyler made his weekly trip to the Allagash and found the headquarters construction to be right on schedule. (There is a picture available in Parks if anyone is interested in seeing the new headquarters)...

FLOOD - In spite of below normal average precipitation in 7 of
POTENTIAL the last 8 months, there is still potential for flooding in Maine according to the Maine River Flow Advisory Committee. If precipitation during April is normal and evenly distributed and temperatures about normal, then streamflow will be in the normal range. However if significant rainfall occurs over a short time period, flooding could result.

GEOLOGY A new publication printed by the Geological Society of America
NEWS (GSA) includes a paper co-authored by Woodrow B. Thompson of the Maine Geological Survey. Woody says that his paper describes "Styles of deglaciation in Central Maine". Some of the more dramatic discoveries described in other papers within the publication include new evidence that northern Maine had its own glacial ice cap, approximately 12,500 years ago, separate from the much larger glacier covering most of Canada...Joe Kelley gave a talk at a convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in New Orleans, Louisiana last week on the subject of natural gas in Casco Bay, Maine.

EMPLOYEE - Two people joined the Department this week. Barbara Kimball
NEWS began work as an Account Clerk II in the Bookkeeping Section on Tuesday, transferring from Agriculture...William Galbraith also began work on Tuesday with the Land Use Regulation Commission as an Environmental Services Specialist II. Welcome aboard Barbara and William.

BIRD - For 5 weeks beginning April 16 and lasting through May 21, Steve
WALKS Oliveri will once again be leading guided tours of the Pine Tree State Arboretum and adjacent areas. Each Tuesday morning, weather permitting, meet Steve at the Hospital Street parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Walks will be approximately 1 hour long. Binoculars are recommended and you must be prepared for walking over wet fields and soggy trails. Highlights from past years' walks include American bittern, blue-winged teal, upland sandpiper, and northern harrier. This is a good opportunity for skilled as well as beginning birders to sharpen their identification skills. For more information, contact Steve at 289-2791.