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BLAINE  
HOUSE  
CONFERENCE

- The Blaine House Conference on Maine-Canadian Trade being held tomorrow and Friday at the Augusta Civic Center "is one of the most timely and important conferences ever held in Maine," according to Governor Joseph E. Brennan. The conference is being sponsored by the Department's of Conservation, Agriculture, and Marine Resources, and the State Planning Office. Ellen Baum has coordinated the conference. Governor Brennan will greet the conference participants on Thursday and speak to them on Friday. Governor Brennan also said that "the work we do at the Blaine House Conference, the issues we debate, the progress we make with our friendly trading partners in Canada will be closely watched throughout the United States and internationally." Commissioner Anderson will moderate Friday morning's session.

BOAT  
LAUNCHING  
SITES OPENED

- Eight newly developed or improved boat launching sites have been recently opened for public use according to Richard Skinner, Supervisor of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation's Boating Facilities Development Division. The sites provide access to the Penobscot River in two locations and to lakes in Cumberland, Oxford, Knox and Penobscot Counties. The newly opened sites are: Chickawaukie Pond in Rockland; Crystal Lake in Gray; Hutchinson Pond in Albany Twp., Oxford County; Long Lake, Harrison; Pierce Pond, Penobscot; Sebago Lake, Standish; Penobscot River, Brewer; Penobscot River, Passadumkeag. Four new access sites and improvements to two existing sites are scheduled for completion this summer. They are Pleasant Pond in Litchfield; Round Lake, Charlotte; Stevens Pond, Liberty; St. John River in Van Buren; Upper Richardson Lake, T4R1; and Wood Pond in Jackman.

LIFEGUARDS  
COMPETE

- Four teams of State Park Lifeguards traveled to Old Orchard Beach on August 2 to compete in the 5th annual State of Maine Lifesaving Championships. When the competition was over, three "firsts" had been accomplished. It was the first ever tie, with Ogunquit tied with Sebago Lake State Park for first place overall; it was the first year that Sebago Lake entered as a separate team; and it was the first time that first place had been taken by a fresh water lifeguard team. Congratulations to Kurt Petersen, Sebago's Captain and his team! Popham Beach finished 2nd overall, with State Parks South finishing 4th and State Parks North finishing 5th. Turn page over for more results...

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LIFEGUARDS - In the RUN-SWIM-RUN competition, Glenn Waters from Popham finished first; Scott Gordon, Sebago, second, and Kevin Bradbury, State Parks South, fourth. In the PADDLEBOARD competition: Glenn Waters, Popham, came in second. IRON GUARD: Ross Davis, Sebago, first; Jeff Reardon, State Parks South, second; Jon Millett, State Parks North, third; Doug Pride, Popham, fourth. In the WOMEN'S RUN-SWIM-RUN: Liz Gardner, State Parks North, finished second. In the 2-MILE RUN: Andy McKendry, Popham, second; Jamie Doanne, State Parks South, third. Sebago finished first and Popham third in the RUN-SWIM-RESCUE RELAY.

FORT KNOX EVENTS - Three "almost free" plays and the reenactment of a Civil War era encampment will be August program features at Fort Knox according to Mike Leighton, Park Manager. Brown's Head Rep, a non-profit, traveling theatre company based on Vinalhaven Island presented "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" on August 19 and 20. A children's play called Long Division was presented on August 20 and Tying the Knot will be performed today at 2:00 p.m. The sound of musket fire will be heard when the 20th Maine Company B Civil War Regiment visits the Fort on the weekend of the 23rd. The 10 members of the regiment will appear in authentic uniforms throughout the weekend and demonstrate the use of replicas of Civil War era equipment. They will present educational programs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

ART CONTEST WINNER - John Poisson's six entries in the second annual "Art in the Park" Photography Contest held recently in Farmington won six prizes, including "Best in Show"! Congratulations, John!

TRAVEL NEWS - Walter Anderson returned from a 3-week trip to Ireland where he met with representatives of the Universities of Dublin and Cork and the Geological Survey of Ireland. Walter combined a little pleasure with business also and did some touring with his wife... Alec Giffen and family recently returned from a vacation to the Rocky Mountains where they visited Glacier National Park (USA) and Jasper and Banff National Parks (Canada)... Joe Kelley and his family recently returned from a week-long vacation in New Brunswick.

NEW ARRIVALS - Kristopher Scott Ramsey, 6 lbs. 14 oz., arrived on August 7 (2 weeks overdue). Proud parents are Scott and Cheryl Ramsey...Daniel John Leighton was born in August weighing in at 10 lbs., 12 oz. to Mike and Sue Leighton, Fort Knox State Park. Congratulations to both families.

TEAM WORK - After listening to Marc Loiselle constantly complain about not getting his house painted, his co-workers at the Maine Geological Survey decided to do something about it...they all took the day off and painted Mark's house. Complaining does pay off sometimes.