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CALENDAR

We welcome community groups to list their special events in Calendar. Items should be submitted two weeks in advance. Send them to: Calendar Editor, The Times Record, P.O. Box 10, Brunswick, ME 04011; by fax, 721-3151; or e-mail, calendar@timesrecord.com. Include name and phone number.

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Wednesday

Miscellaneous

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PRESENTATION, addressing ways to save energy, protect enviornment and lower carbon footprint; Bath City Hall, 55 Front Street; 7 p.m.; contact Karen, 449-1939.

"BANNERS OVER BATH," creating collective banner reflecting MidCoast Community Read, 6:30 p.m.-8p.m., Patten Free Library, Summer Street, Bath; all ages, free; contact Harriet Mosher, 798-6964.

DOCUMENTARY: SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE, 7 p.m., Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick; sponsored by Greater Brunswick Peace-Works to mark the 5th anniversary of the war in Iraq; 443-9502.

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, 7-9 p.m., The Parkwood Inn, 71 Gurnet Road, Brunswick; updating on the progress in remediation of the National Priorities List; public welcome.

Supper-meals

SPAGHETTI DINNER, American Legion Post 21, Congress Avenue, Bath, 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.; $10; contact Amy Wright, 443-9804.

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Thursday

Miscellaneous

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS INFORMATION MEETING, 9 a.m., First Parish Congregational U.C.C., 40 Maine Street, Freeport; 442-9511.

MID COAST HOSPITAL ANNUAL SPRING USED BOOK SALE, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., The Café Conference Rooms, 123 Medical Center Drive, Brunswick; proceeds benefit the Health Career Scholarships; 729-6671.

Music

THE NOVEL JAZZ SEPTET, performing swinging jazz; Skidompha Public Libary, Main Street, Damariscotta; 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; $10, $5 ages 12-18, under 12 free; 536-5513.

Supper-meals

MERRICONEAG GRANGE POTLUCK CELEBRATION, 6 p.m. special celebration, 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner, 7:30 open meeting; Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell; 725-2881.

Theater

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MAINE SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence Arts and Community Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland; $12 adult, $10 student and senior; 854-0065, www.acorn-productions.org

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Friday

Miscellaneous

FREEPORT WOMEN'S CLUB, hosts Professor of Architecture, Roger Richmond, presenting 3-D photography; 1 p.m.; Freeport Community Library; free; 688-2238.

LABYRINTH WALK, 12-7 p.m., First Parish Church, Pilgrim House, 9 Cleaveland Street, Brunswick; free; 729-7331.

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Music

MARTIN SWINGER, 7 p.m.- open mike, 9 p.m.- featured performer, Side Door Coffeehouse, bottom floor of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 15 Pleasant Street, Brunswick; $6.

Supper-meals

FISH OR MEATLOAF SUPPER, hosted by VFW Post 9459; Rt. 196, Lisbon; 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.; $ adults, children under 10, $3; contact 353-5291 Thursday or Friday after 4 p.m.

Theater

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MAINE SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL, 8 p.m., St. Lawrence Arts and Community Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland; $12 adult, $10 student and senior; 854-0065, www.acorn-productions.org

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Saturday

Lectures

INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST DAHR JAMAIL SPEAKS ON HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 7 p.m., Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick; sponsored by Greater Brunswick Peace-Works to mark the 5th anniversary of the war in Iraq; 443-9502.

Miscellaneous

BOOK SALE, hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick; Curtis Memorial Library, Middle Street, Brunswick; 9 a.m. to noon; 729-8515.

BOOK SIGNING, 2 p.m., Brunswick Bookland; meet author of Brett McCarthy; Work in Progress, Maria Padianat; 725-2313.

HOME PLANNING SEMINAR, seminar attendees save 2% off package price, plan your dream home; 88 Pond Road, Bowdoinham; 800-622-4608.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND FUNDRAISER, easter bake sale; Roger's Hardware and Brackett's Market in Bath; 8 a.m.-11 a.m.; donations accepted; dblum@bathpublicschools.com.

SATURDAY ADVENTURES AT HUSE, 9 a.m.-noon, Huse School, 39 Andrews Road, Bath; Bath Youth lacrosse clinic, open to all ages 5 and up; sponsored by Morse High School Student Community Liaison; free; 373-9068 ext. 275.

Music

LE VENT DU NORD, 7:30 p.m., Chocolate Church Arts Center, Bath; ticket prices vary; 442-8455.

Supper-meals

BAKED BEAN & CASSEROLE SUPPER, The Bath Area Senior Activity Center; 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.; adults, $6, children, $3.

BAKED BEAN SUPPER, hosted by First Parish Congretional Church; located at Casco Lodge Masonic Hall, Mill Street, Yarmouth; 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.; adults $7, children $3; 846-5894.

HOME BAKED BEAN AND HAM SUPPER, Lisbon Methodist Church, School Street, Lisbon; 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; adults $6, children $2.50; 353-8951.

Theater

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MAINE SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL, 5 and 8 p.m., St. Lawrence Arts and Community Center, 76 Congress Street, Portland; $12 adult, $10 student and senior; 854-0065, www.acorn-productions.org

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Sunday

Miscellaneous

MAPLE SYRUP DAY, at Old Fort Western, downtown Augusta; tapping trees, guided tours; 1 p.m.-3 p.m.; free; 626-2385.

NATURE PROGRAM: MAMMALS OF MAINE, 2 p.m., at benches by second parking lot, Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park, Freeport; guided program may include a walk, short talks, and other activities, weather permitting; free with park admission, $1.50 ages 12-64; 865-4465.

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Monday

Lectures

"WOMEN'S HISTORY AT BOWDOIN: THE PIONEER YEARS," 5:30 p.m., Moulton Union, Main Lounge, Bowdoin College, Brunswick; free; 725-3834.

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Tuesday

Miscellaneous

BIODIVERSITY PRESENTATION, by author Dr. Malcolm Hunter of the University of Maine's Wildlife Ecology department; 7 p.m.; Curtis Memorial Library; free; 725-5242.

TOAST AND THE TRUE COST OF FOODS, 7-8:30 p.m., Topsham Library, 25 Foreside Road, Topsham; part of Cool Cities: film and discussion series, sponsored by the Sierra Club, Maine partners for Cool Communities, Topsham Conservation Commission, Topsham's Future and Topsham Library; free: 725-1727.

DEAR ABBY: When I was in my teens, my mom had a publication of yours that included poems and special columns from the Dear Abby archives. I loved to pick it up from time to time and look at it. Among my favorites of the many varied items inside was the prayer for a family pet. It helped me greatly when our dog, "Blondie," reached the end of her life.

There were also a couple of pieces about the harm done by gossip, which I found especially relevant to my life as a teenager.

I am now a mom, and my daughter is 12. I don't know what became of my family's copy of that booklet, but I would love to have another one to share with my daughter. I think she'd get a kick out of many of the poems and essays – and frankly, I would also enjoy revisiting some of them myself, this time from an adult perspective. Is that publication still available?

JENNA IN GAMBRILLS, MD.

DEAR JENNA: Yes, the booklet is still available.

Over the years, readers have requested that I rerun articles that have special meaning for them. Readers told me that some of my columns had been clipped and saved until they were yellowed with age and falling apart.

Then they suggested that the special letters, poems and essays be assembled as a booklet. It is titled "Keepers" because so many Dear Abby readers have kept them to reread.

You can order a copy by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby – Keepers, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Many people have told me that "Keepers" makes a welcome gift for newlyweds, new parents, animal lovers, or anyone who is recovering from an illness because it's a quick and easy read, and filled with wisdom and humor on a wide variety of topics.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a pug nut. She has two ugly dogs, and she lets them sleep with us. The dogs snore and break wind all night, and she thinks it's cute. If I snore or break wind, she tells me it's annoying.

She dresses these dogs in expensive gowns and pearls. Now she expects me to drive them 1,200 miles to our vacation home, while she flies. She also wants to buy a third dog. What do I do?

NO. 4 IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NO. 4: People usually get the kind of treatment they're willing to tolerate. In most marriages, the spouse takes precedence over the pets -- regardless of how beloved those pets may be.

If I – or my husband – had been in your situation, the pugs would have been slumbering together in their own little bed since the beginning. However, because you have failed to draw the line, you have given your wife implied consent.

Unless you're ready to stand on your hind legs and demand to be treated better than the four-legged members of your household, you'll have to move a little closer to the edge of the bed and have your vehicle checked before you embark on your 1,200-mile trip.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

Thurs., March 20, 2008

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your health is strong today. You feel optimistic. Co-workers are helpful. This is a good day to get a lot done!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a happy, carefree day for you. Basically, you want to have fun. Sports, the arts, movies and playful times with children will delight you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a fine day to shop for your home. It's also a good day to make real estate deals. And it's a lovely day to enjoy family gatherings or entertain at home.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a great frame of mind today! Your glass is half-full. The question is – half-full of what? Let's hope it's your favorite beverage.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) This is a good day for business and commerce. It's also a good day for shopping. Much of what you initiate today could turn out to be quite profitable in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) The Moon is in your sign today, making a lovely aspect to moneybags Jupiter. You feel content, peaceful and on good terms with the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You feel quite happy with yourself and the world today. It's easy to be in touch with your higher self, i.e., that self who wants to help others who need help. What better aspiration is there than this?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Group activities will be active, dynamic and optimistic today. It's a great day to attend classes, clubs, conferences, conventions and sporting events. You'll enjoy the company of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Work-related travel is likely today. You also might start to work in an area related to higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Try to learn something new today. You're a bit restless because you want some adventure and you want something fresh and different to happen. Oh, yeah!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a profitable day to sit down with others and decide how to share things or how to handle jointly held property. Make plans about wills, inheritances and insurance matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Patch up arguments with loved ones today. Conversations with those who are close to you will be positive. People are open to forgiveness and compromise.

YOU BORN TODAY You fight for what you think is right. You go after what you want. This doesn't mean you're not sensitive, because you are. Many of you are multitalented and versatile. You excel at many things. Unfortunately, this makes it hard to choose a career. You're interested in secret knowledge and psychic phenomena. Your year ahead is wonderfully social and promotes partnerships.

Birthdate of: Holly Hunter, actress; Jay Ingram, author/broadcaster; Bobby Orr, hockey player.

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Answer to puzzle on TV/Comics Page

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0206

Across
1 Tub toy
5 Olympics sportscaster Jim
10 Toaster waffle
14 Facetious "I see"
15 Detective Vance
18 Show approval, in a way
17 Salon sound
18 Bear with no ideas?
20 Sentimental sort
22 Like Beethoven's Symphony No. 6
23 Suit collars
24 Next in line
26 Vast amounts
28 Headhunter posses?
32 Blue blood, for short
33 It begins with "http"
34 Cry of surprise
38 Sweeps
39 Flies off the handle
42 Flapper wrapper
43 Flexible, electrically
45 Hi-___
46 Workers with white hats
48 First rule of lion taming?
51 Starbucks size
53 Train loads
54 Mrs. Huxtable of 1980s-'90s TV
55 Lacking color
57 Five Pillars faith
61 "Repunzel" and others?
64 Needing shampoo, say
65 Gaelic tongue
66 Cloud-nine state
67 Driver's headache
68 Marsh growth
69 In-line skate
70 Angle (and a three-word hint to this puzzle's theme)

Down
1 Part of a jazz combo
2 Shout of dismay
3 "You wish!"
4 Holdoggen's dare
5 Speedometer meas.
6 Groups on risers
7 Ceramist's need
8 One's hands and knees
9 "___-hoo!"
10 Cloud-nine state
11 Clunk-binding particle
12 Market upticks
13 Withdraws, with "out"
19 Dandelion, e.g.
21 Streisand tize role
25 "Whoopsa!"
27 .45 or .22
28 "Very funny!"
29 Cathate ___-Z
30 Brie coat
31 Adventurous expedition
35 "Oh, sure!"
36 Cruise stopover
37 "Child's play!"
40 Hopscotch site
41 Sulu player on "Star Trek"
44 Headed up
47 Dismissal, slangily
49 Professor Higgins
50 "No fooling!"
51 Angry look
52 Blutter's pkry. maybe
54 "Mask" star, 1985
56 Suffix with Saturn
58 1953 Leslie Caron film
59 Word of woe
60 "Toads cause warts," e.g.
62 Atlanta Braves' longtime network
63 Compass dir.

Puzzle by Larry Shaver

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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