

## Elementary school courses: reading, writing... skiing

Yosemite area school children are lucky.

Every Wednesday in winter they ski at Badger Pass. And they get out of school to do it.

Badger Pass Ski Days are part of the winter physical fitness program for Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona elementary schools. The

community program is heavily supported by YP&C Co.

Each Wednesday YTS buses pick up students from the Yosemite and El Portal schools. Wawona children arrange for their own transportation.

"The young skiers are usually making their first runs by 1:30 and

by 3:30 they are on their way home," says Cassandra Crump who coordinates the Yosemite children.

A critical element in the program is the work and time of the volunteers. Bus attendants keep order during the trip to and from Badger and the "Porch Parents" supervise at the ski lodge.

"Many of the kids become very highly skilled," Crump reports. The majority of the students are in the 7-13 age bracket. There are different skill levels available to the skiers. The "Station Program", which has only one ability level, is for children ages 5 - 6. This program is coordinated by Margene Vanwagtendonk.

The program runs from January 12 to late March. Volunteers are compensated for their efforts by a complimentary lift ticket for that day and one to be used at a later time. Many parents will come at 9 in the morning and ski until the kids come later in the day.

"In addition to El Portal and Yosemite, the kids from Wawona enjoy the program too," says Crump. Melody Schwartz coordinates that group.

Why do the schools make room in their schedule to allow their young students to ski? "They like the kids to try out a different sport," says Gail Miller, who runs the El Portal Program.

"They feel that as long as Badger is right here that the students should be encouraged to take advantage of it," Crump says.

## Ice rink defies weather cycle

Pioneers in Yosemite Valley realized the value of leisure activities. They loved to ice-skate.

They glided across Mirror Lake, coursed around a pond behind the Yosemite Chapel, and, during cold winters, scraped up and down the Merced River.

In 1926, Valley skaters plied their skills in different scenery after discovering ice in a huge gravel excavation pit near present-day Camp Tresidder.

Yosemite ice-skating received a big boost the following year when the Curry Village parking lot was flooded. The mammoth rink, 60,000 square feet, was the site for intercollegiate hockey games and many skating shows. Instructors were hired from Europe, then the winter sports capital of the world.

The present facility is one-fifth the size of the former rink, but has one distinct advantage: a refrigeration system. A few winters ago, daytime highs often reached into the sixties, yet the rink remained open.

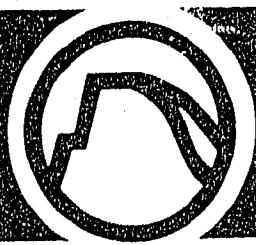
The pioneers never had it that good.



Sylvia De Bruin, who first skated on the frozen canals of Holland, teaches everything from basic ice-skating to advanced figures at the Yosemite Outdoor Ice Rink in Curry Village.

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## Fledgling Rotary answers call for community service

In the Phillipines, a small island hospital develops into a valued medical institution.

Citizens of the El Portal community enjoy a park cleared of litter and debris.

Forest encroachment is stalled in Cook's meadow and campsites are stocked with firewood.

Three diverse situations and one common characteristic; each has been engendered through the efforts of the Yosemite Rotary Club.

The local chapter of the International Rotary was chartered in March, 1981. Wayne Schultz and Chet Skinner, incumbent President, were the founders. "Wayne was a Rotarian in the Grand Canyon and became convinced that such an organization would be effective in the Yosemite Community," Skinner explained.

In many communities the local Rotary is affluent, a membership composed of largely well-to-do individuals. "In Yosemite that simply is not true," Skinner maintains. "However, we are very

selective in our membership."

The goals of the International Rotary, with chapters in 157 countries, are brotherhood, world understanding, and community service.

"We are a community organization that tries to help groups in need," Skinner states. To generate funds the club hosts no-host bars for community social functions. Proceeds from an annual Christmas dinner/dance go to various charities. "We have contributed to a soccer team, two scout troops, and two baseball teams on a regular basis," Skinner says.

On the international level, the Phillipines hospital project has been successful. "We started sending money and hospital equipment through a former Park employee who works there as a doctor's aide," Skinner explained.

Apart from their community service projects, certain customs and practices have distinguished Rotary Clubs from other service organizations. Mandatory meeting

attendance is one of these traditions. "If you can't make the local weekly meeting at the Four Seasons, you have to go somewhere else to make it up," Skinner said. This rule encourages vacationing Rotarians to meet people in other communities. "We've had people from as far away as Finland and South America," he said.

To help the club meet its operating costs, members are periodically "fined". Fines are levied for a new baby in the member's family or the purchase of a new car. "We try to have some fun with it," Skinner said. In addition to the nominal fines, annual dues of 35 dollars are collected.

Finally, the Yosemite Rotary Club strives to have an informative program each week. "We've had speakers from all over the world address our group," Skinner stated.

The aspect of the group that Skinner finds most enjoyable is the enthusiasm of the membership. "In less than two years we've made what I feel is very significant progress," he said.



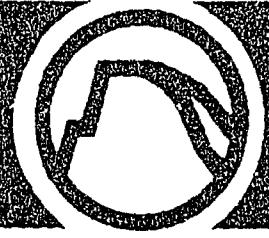
Chet Skinner, Rotary President, seated, is "fined" by Lion Derrick Vocelka. The ritual was observed during a joint meeting of the Yosemite Lions and Rotary clubs on December 16.

### WRITE US A LETTER

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### Yosemite Sentinel

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## Rec Center bustles on quiet winter nights

Pow! Bam! Come on, shoot your way out of there. Look out! They're shooting back. Oh geez, another quarter.

At the Employee Recreation Center in the Sport Shop you can do more than engage in extraterrestrial combat. You can read a book, browse through magazines, play pool, sink darts, or maybe just relax and talk with a friend.

Should you be gripped with hunger in the heat of battle, you can order a nacho and a drink from the beverage list which includes beer, wine, special coffee, smoothies, Perrier water, and soft drinks.

Recreation centers for employees have migrated between the Loft restaurant and the Sport Shop for several years, but they are nonetheless a traditional winter operation of Employee Recreation. "Due to energy and other considerations we have been in the

Pinball wizards ply their artistry on a machine at the Employee Recreation Center. Video games, pool, darts and a host of other leisure activities are pursued daily in the spacious interior of the converted Sport Shop in Yosemite Village.



Sport Shop for the last three years," says Ray Martinez, Manager of Employee Recreation. The primary obstacle to operating a center in the summer is the lack of available space.

"Local school kids take control of the video games every day around 4 o'clock when we open," Martinez reports. After seven however, only

those over 18 are permitted to use the facilities.

Peak operating times are between 9:30 p.m. and closing time at 11:30. "We usually average around 40 people a night," Martinez states.

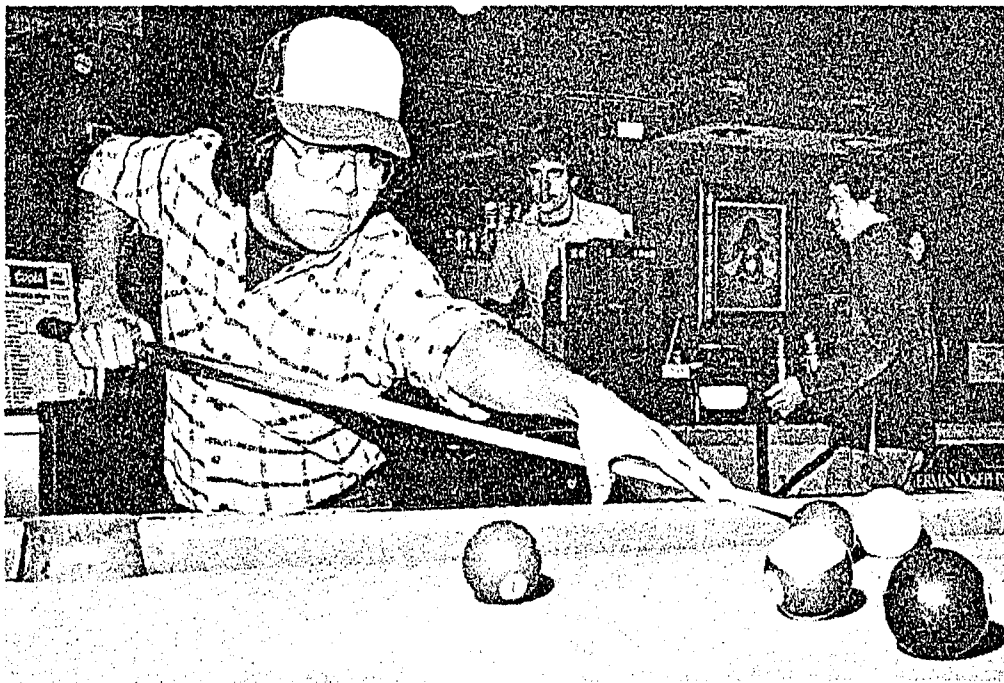
Capital improvements call for the procurement of four video games to supplement the nine presently operating. "And we should have a big screen T.V. in operation for the last of Monday Night Football in January," Martinez mentions.

Program plans include scheduling Merced College classes for this winter. Martinez said that there will hopefully be course offerings in stained glass, ceramics, accounting, philosophy, and literature. To foster competition, there will be pool and dart tournaments. "There will be a casino night again this year," Martinez says.

The equipment at the Rec Center is not gathering dust. "Virtually everything is getting good use," Martinez pointed out.

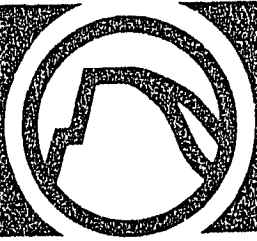
"With this central location we hope to entice employees out of the dorms in the winter," Martinez says. "It also serves to build unity."

Excuse me, but if you have another quarter we can compete for high score.



Michael Johnson lines up a shot on the Rec Center pool table. Rec Attendant Mark Crawford, center, and John Store are at the snack bar.





## Employees carry the ball in

The setting can safely be described as incomparable.

Its atmosphere is at once charming and unique.

In the 55 years since construction, it has acquired a favorable reputation extending far beyond the borders of the United States.

Yet all this would be of little value if the staff of the Ahwahnee Hotel did not provide service equivalent to guest expectations.

"Through developing and retaining our employees, we hope to continue to provide one thing: excellent service," explains John O'Neill, Ahwahnee General Manager.

"We like to give the employees direction, but we also realize that the best suggestions for improvement come from the person doing the job."

"At the risk of sounding trite or corny, it is a fact that the team concept is very important here," O'Neill continues.

Part of the team in the Main Dining Room is James Peggins, Head Waiter since 1974. "I enjoy

training the new employees and seeing how fast they pick it up."

Training efforts can be weakened considerably if employees aren't retained. "The fewer employees we have to break in and acclimate to the Ahwahnee, the better our operation will be," O'Neill said.

Turnover is costly. "We have to spend a great deal of time on communication and education," O'Neill explains. "And the ability to deal with guests tactfully in touchy situations is best developed through repeated experience."

The wine stewards often study their trade in off-hours. Last year, for the first time, per capita consumption of wine surpassed liquor in the United States. This trend is causing increased competition and sophistication in wine production.

"I got my first experience in this field by going to the wine country and waitressing in the Bay Area," says Marita Siverson, wine steward. "These days I have to read to stay up. It's really getting technological. A '78 is often as good as a '72 now, although not as mellow." Her efforts have paid off. She can say



John O'Neill, Ahwahnee Hotel General Manager: "We strive to enhance the Ahwahnee Hotel's distinctive qualities."

at least something about each of the 105 wines on the Ahwahnee wine list.

In contrast to the exacting knowledge of the wine steward, pastry chef Ray Wilson, who has worked at the Ahwahnee for over 30 years, believes imagination is important in his job. "My specialties are black-bottom pie and devil's food cake."

Carl Stephens, Ahwahnee gardener, is given a great deal of freedom to create decorations and flower arrangements for the Hotel.

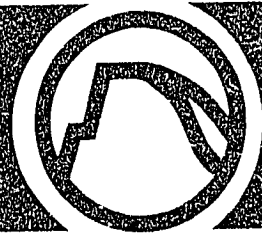
"My greatest skill is probably the ability to create something interesting out of available materials," Stephens says.

Has he ever had the desire to work in a nursery rather than a hotel? "I received an offer to manage a botanical gardens in Southern California and I wouldn't have any part of it," he said. "I am perfectly content here. After 28 years, you can become very efficient in your job. I can handle Bracebridge dinner arrangements without writing out my plans or working extra hours."



Tea time in the Great Lounge. The serving of complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies before a roaring fire has proven to be a popular guest activity.





## Ahwahnee service upgrade



"That's the ugliest branch I've seen," was one remark Ahwahnee gardener Carl Stephens recalls hearing before he transformed the "branch" into this Christmas decoration for the Ahwahnee Hotel lobby.

Part of the emphasis on service is obvious in Joyce Perkins, Ahwahnee concierge. "I'm doing my best job when I'm at my desk with no papers lying around and guests feel that they can easily ask a question. Availability is the key word," she said.

"Guests use me to find out how to enjoy their visit in Yosemite. My favorite tool is the Yosemite map. I also act as social hostess every day at tea time in the Great Lounge," she said.

The unusual or unconventional request often ends up in the hands of the concierge. "The other day, I was going through my mail and came across a check," Joyce relates. "The gentleman wanted me to send him two blueberry muffins and the recipe for them. The chef gave me the recipe and I sent the package off."

Cathy Boire shares the concierge duties with Joyce and enjoys planning special functions for the

Ahwahnee's guests. She has set up morning jogs and hotel tours and worked extensively on the Hotel's holiday activities schedule.

In addition to the newly-created concierge position, a doorman has also been added to greet guests. These guest services should increase the likelihood of the Ahwahnee receiving a four-star rating.

The star rating system of hotels and restaurants is a function of the Mobil Travel Guide. The American Automobile Association publishes a similar rating which uses diamonds. They have given the Ahwahnee three star and three-diamond ratings, respectively.

"We are proud of our three-star rating which means excellent, best in the area. Most hotels don't even receive one star," O'Neill said.

"Although we have studied the requirements for a four-star rating in detail, the focus of our efforts is simply on providing excellent service," he said.

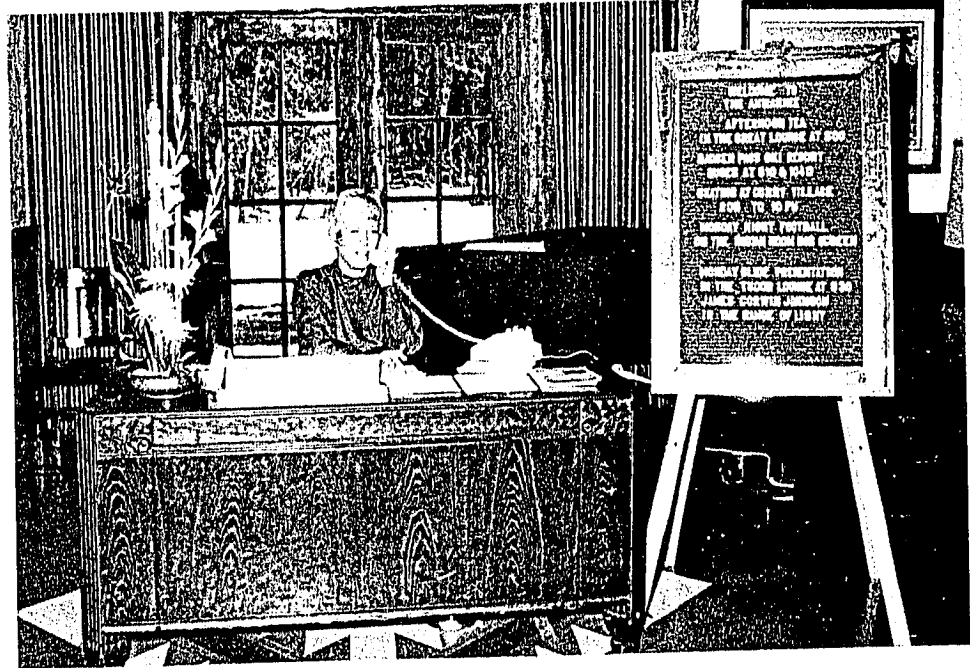
For the hotel staff, the holiday season is the time of greatest effort and highest visibility. The

Bracebridge Dinner, a one-day experience for the guests, marks the culmination of four months of intensive preparation by Ahwahnee employees. "It's really fun around the holidays for a lot of us," says Peggins. "It seems that people are happier, more at Christmas than Thanksgiving."

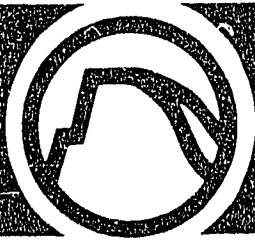
"Our employees share the enthusiasm of the holidays," O'Neill states. "I think it's due to a strong desire to be around other people during this time."

Guests arriving during the holidays, and at any other time, are greeted by the doorman, receive their room keys from the front desk clerk, have their room cleaned by housekeepers and are served by a waiter or waitress in the Dining Room. The significance of this is clear. The people that will most affect the perceptions and level of satisfaction of the guests, are the employees performing the vital, daily functions of the hotel.

"The leadership may decide on the course of action," O'Neill says, "But our employees are ultimately responsible for the experience our guests have at the Ahwahnee."



Joyce Perkins answers her telephone at the concierge desk. She believes her greatest service is being available to meet guest requests.



## “Good afternoon and welcome to the Ahwahnee”

Doorman Marcus Samora is often the first staff member with whom guests at the Ahwahnee Hotel have contact. In the following interview Samora discusses his feelings about Yosemite and his high-visibility job.

**Q: You have been in Yosemite since April of 1982. What jobs did you hold before coming to the Park?**

A: "I worked for the California Conservation Corps for one year. After that I fought fires with the California Department of Forestry. I soon developed breathing difficulty, however and began to drive a tow-truck in Fresno for my father-in-law."

**Q.: How did you happen to hear about Yosemite Park and Curry Co.?**

A: "The tow-truck work was very irregular so I decided I needed something more. I went to the unemployment office and noticed a picture of Half Dome on the wall. I said to myself that it would be great to work in a place like that. So I applied for a job."

**Q: What jobs have you held in Yosemite?**

A: "I started off as a maid at the Lodge, became a san jan, then began at the Ahwahnee as a lobby porter."

**Q: What do you like to do in your free time?**

A: "In the summer I enjoy bike-riding and floating down the Merced in my raft. If I get pressured I usually take a walk or grab my

fishing pole and sit by the river. This winter I'll probably pull out the toboggan and I may try cross-country skiing. I'll avoid downhill, though. I can't afford to break my leg and be out of work for six months."

**Q: What makes a good doorman?**

A: "You can't be shy. I have to greet people every day over and over



A picture of Half Dome in a Fresno unemployment office eventually led Marcus Samora to a job with YP&C Co.

again. If you can relate to people this is a great job. It helps to know the area and the history of the Park and the Hotel. Typical questions include: "What kind of wood is the Ahwahnee Hotel made of? Why is there a pond in the front yard? Where is Mirror Lake?" My favorite people are the real old folks. They can tell me about events here 50 or 60 years ago.

I also like to keep in mind that the tourists are here to escape the pressures and hassles of city life."

**Q: How do you feel about your job and working in Yosemite?**

A: "I really like meeting some of the dignitaries that come to the hotel. I was able to talk to the Queen's personal policeman when the advance team of British and Americans were here. Earlier this year I had a nice chat with James Arness and met his wife. The best part of working here is being continually surrounded by the mountains and the beauty. The worst part of the job is walking to work in the snow, something I've never experienced before."

**Q: What are your future plans?**

A: "Since I'm only twenty years old, and my wife and I are content in our jobs, we plan to stay here for a while."

**Q: Is there anything further that you would like to add?**

A: "I hope that everyone enjoys the holidays and hang in there."

## Personnel office announces management changes



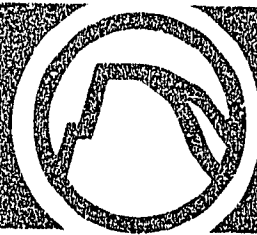
Richard Peraino, formerly Housekeeper at Yosemite Lodge, is now the Assistant Manager of Reservations.



Carol Weese, who works at the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria, was promoted from food service person to Assistant Manager.



Buffe Wells is now Assistant Manager of the Village Store Grocery. Previously, she managed Village Store Apparel.



## Yosemite Sentinel asks: "Why did you come to Yosemite?"



Todd Tremble, Yosemite Lodge night cleaner from San Diego, California: "I came here for the climbing. I've been climbing for about eight years now."



Jeff Laforce, Ahwahnee Hotel second cook from the Bay Area: "I like the scenery. I was commuting three hours a day before, but now it's only ten minutes."



Terry Hall, former Manager of White Wolf, is now the Assistant Restaurant and Bar Manager at Yosemite Lodge.



Carolyn Doe, Dishwasher/night cleaner at the Ahwahnee Hotel from Maumee, Ohio: "A friend of mine who worked here told me to come out because she knew I wanted to work in the West."



Pam McMahon, Badger Pass Sport Shop cashier from Coos Bay, Oregon: "I have been here for nine months now. I came because unemployment is incredibly high in Oregon. My aunt is in management here and got me an application."



Eve Young was promoted from sales clerk to Manager of the Ahwahnee Gift Shop.

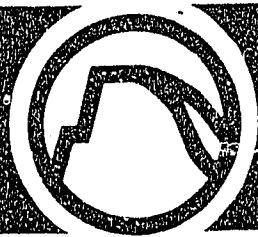


Charles Bell is now the Night Cleaner Supervisor at Yosemite Lodge. He was formerly a station cook at Curry Village.



Ruth Thorsen now manages the Village Store Apparel Department. She previously managed the Glacier Point Gift Shop.





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## CALENDAR

### Movies

- January 4 Star Trek II/The Wrath of Khan - PG
- January 11 Bambi - G
- January 18 Cat Ballou - G  
Oldies (Short) - G
- January 24 Dog Day Afternoon - PG

### Employee Recreation

- Weight Center Winter Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5 - 8 p.m.  
Camp Six Rec Tent
- Aerobics Exercise: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30 - 7 p.m.;  
West Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Basketball: Mon. and Thurs. (except holidays), 5 - 7 p.m.  
Elementary School
- Tai Chi: Tues. and Thurs., 6 - 8 p.m.; East Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Volleyball: Thurs. and Fri., 8 - 11 p.m.; East Auditorium,  
Visitor Center
- Recreation Center: Mon. - Sat., 4 - 11:30 p.m.; Village Sport Shop

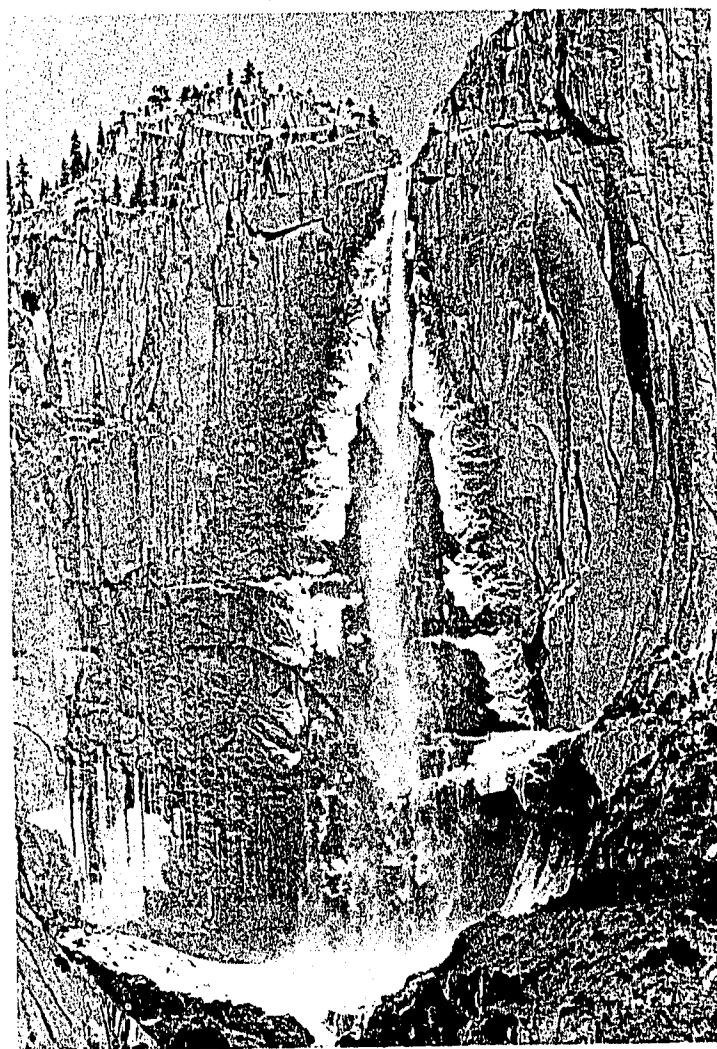
### Yosemite Winter Club

- January 15 Cross-country ski trip to Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch. For further information call Don Pitts.
- January 15 and 16 Lions/Legion Slalom
- January 23 Second Annual Winter Club Day at Badger Pass
- January 26 Moonlight cross-country ski trip and fondue party, 6 - 10 p.m. Crane Flat.

### Hospitality Training Seminars

- January 19 "Wine-making, Selling, and Presentation" by Jim Fetzer of Fetzer Wineries and Ahwahnee staff members. Ahwahnee Hotel.

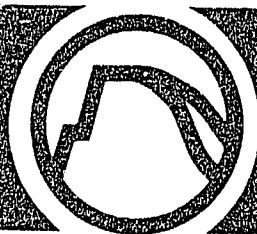
"... I heard that you can see Woody Woodpecker on the cliff by Yosemite Falls. Look right above the lower falls, up to the left. See his beak pointing to the right? Follow my finger. You don't see it? Stand where I'm standing, dear. You still don't see it? Freddy, get the binoculars..."



A scene from Noel Coward's *Billie Spirit*, which played December 2-4 in Curry Village Pavilion. The dinner theatre was a production of the Yosemite Players and Employee Recreation.

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# BETWEEN THESE WALLS



Local children converse with a distinguished guest at the annual Village Store Christmas Party, held December 3. Assistant Manager of Village Store Grocery, Buffe Wells (in elf cap), maintains order.



A vintner describes the finer points of his wine at a wine-tasting seminar held recently in the Ahwahnee Hotel. The Vintner's Holidays featured some of the top wine-makers in California.



## Ads

For Sale, 1971 Opel, \$250. Call 379-2379.

For Sale, ACI (American Campgrounds, Inc.) full membership. Call 372-1416 on weekdays and 372-4580 at other times.

For Sale, 12' x 60' mobile home including 250 gallon propane tank. \$8,000.

Women's diamond and emerald ring, small. \$1,500.

Kawasaki 900, 1974. \$1,300.

Call 372-1416 during business hours and 372-1415 at other times.

## Announcements

**Ski Buffets** at the Ahwahnee Hotel will be held every Thursday starting January 13. Reservations are required. Dress code is relaxed. 6 - 10 p.m.

The Yosemite Natural History Association's catalog of 1983 **summer field seminars** is now available. It describes the 32 courses in botany, geology, Indian culture, astronomy, etc. to be offered starting May 16. YNHA will mail copies upon request. Call 372-4532 or pick up a copy at the Visitor's Center desk.

A new shipment of **shoes** has arrived recently at the Uniform Center. A full range of sizes are now available in three styles. Socks and tights for women are also offered. Payment is made through payroll deduction and all sales are final. These shoes are sold substantially below normal retail.

Quoddy Oxford Moccasins - \$30.

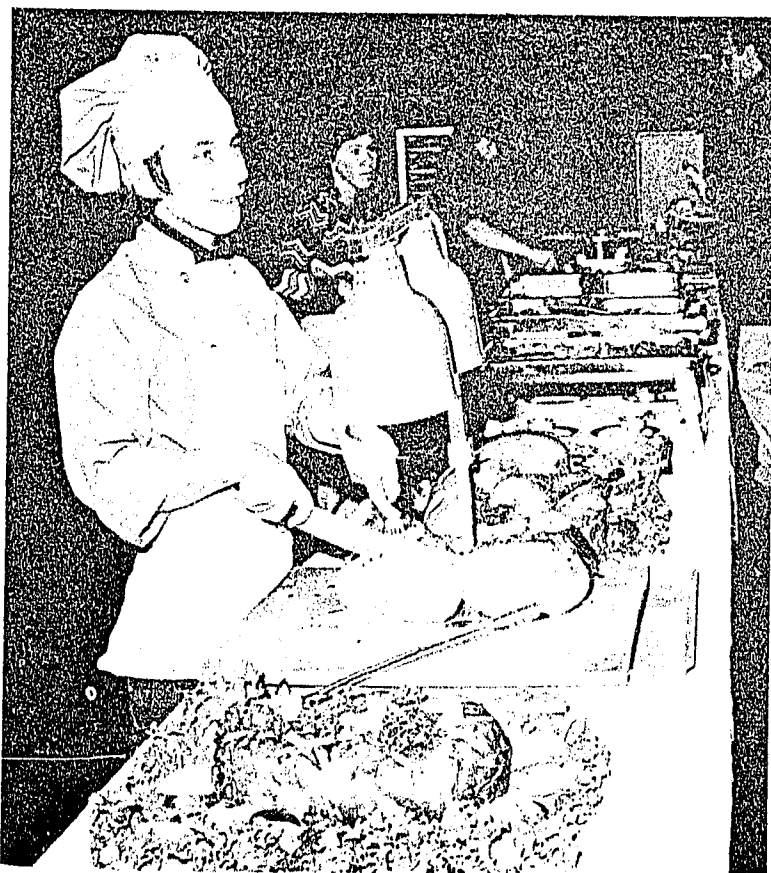
Adidas Kutztown (Brown) - \$30.

Adidas Official (Black) - \$31.80

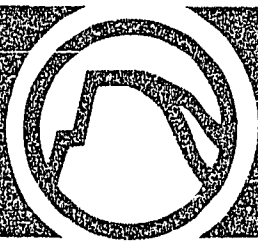
Wigwam Brown Knee Socks (75% wool) - \$2.50

Danskin Brown Tights - \$5.50

Stop by the Uniform Center for a great bargain and dress up your feet.



Terry Johnson (T.J.) serves at the Employee Thanksgiving dinner, held November 25. The dinner is funded annually by YP&C Co.



## And now the Queen?



A team of British and Americans came to the Ahwahnee Hotel in early December in anticipation of a possible visit by the Queen of England.

The Queen is considering visiting Yosemite National Park during her trip to the U.S. West Coast, scheduled for early 1983.

Shown at a reception for the delegation are, from left: Robert Binnewies, Park Superintendent; His Excellency, Sir Oliver Wright, British Ambassador to the United States; the Honorable Selwa Roosevelt, Chief of Protocol for the U.S. State Department; and Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President.

## Russian scholars marvel at Yosemite scenery

A distinguished delegation of scholars from the USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow visited Yosemite National Park in mid-November. The trip to Yosemite was arranged in conjunction with a conference on Africa held at the Institute of International Studies at University of California/Berkeley.

The delegation was received at a reception in the Solarium of the Ahwahnee Hotel on November 15. During the gathering, Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President, exchanged greetings and remarks with the leader of the Soviet delegation, Anatoly Gromyko. Anatoly is the son of Andrei Gromyko, Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union and a frequent figure in the international relations arena.

The occasion afforded members of the Yosemite community a rare opportunity to mingle with Russian citizens, whose overseas travel is tightly controlled. Some discussion centered on the belief that much of the conduct of the two superpowers is affected by the difference of perspective between the countries. Alexander Beltchuk noted that Russian and American actions in Europe affect many different peoples, but the United States does not always realize the full effect of its decisions.

A younger member of the group, Sergei Shatalov, 25, was delighted at the opportunity to visit Berkeley. "When I was a youth, we were very much in tune with the lifestyle and philosophies of the student movements which were often expressed at Berkeley," he said.

The Soviets expressed their hopes that the Park be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Hardy answered questions via an interpreter about the Yosemite bears. When someone

asked about the Russian bear, Gromyko quipped that it was a "friendly bear."

According to a letter from Carl G. Rosberg of the Institute of International Studies at Berkeley, the Soviets were awed by the Yosemite scenery and very gratified by the reception they were given. He said: "The Soviet scholars were extremely touched by your thoughtfulness. I believe the visit to Yosemite was the highlight of their trip to the United States."

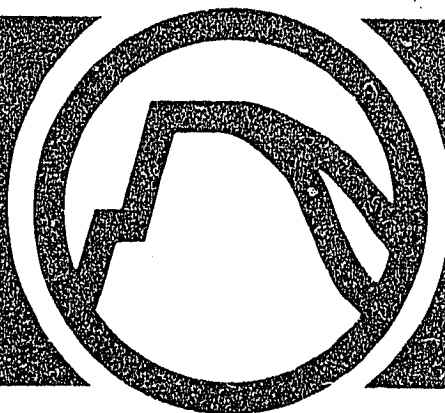


Anatoly Gromyko, speaking, head of the Soviet delegation from the USSR Academy of Sciences expresses his feelings about Yosemite after Ed Hardy, YP&C Co. President welcomed the scholars.



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Telemark! A nordic skier controls her progress down the Badger run at Badger Pass by utilizing the telemark turn.

## Badger Pass Hosts California Ski Media

A winter vacation for ski writers and other news media was held at Badger Pass, January 7-9. The annual Ski Media Weekend is hosted by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to familiarize the media with Yosemite's winter activities.

"We hoped to gain positive publicity for the principal winter sports: downhill skiing, nordic

skiing, and ice-skating," says Public Affairs Administrator Debi Glovin, whose office had primary responsibility for the event.

Ski writers, sportscasters, weather persons, news reporters, and their families were invited to attend. Lodging, transportation, meals, and free skiing and skating were provided by YP&C Co. Since

the vast percentage of Yosemite's winter visitors are from California, invitations were limited almost exclusively to in-state media.

The weekend was structured to allow the media and their families to enjoy the skiing and skating. "We wanted to show our guests a good time," Glovin said.

The weekend was organizationally smooth. The real test of its success, however is the amount of publicity generated by hosting the media. "It is our hope that through television and radio spots, and in articles in newspapers and magazines, more people will know about Badger Pass and the Yosemite winter experience," Glovin said.

## QUEEN TO VISIT YOSEMITE MARCH 5-7

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh will be visiting Yosemite National Park, March 5-7, 1983. Confirmation of the royal visit was received by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on December 30, 1982.

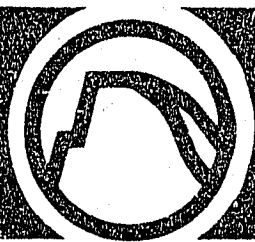
In accordance with a U.S. State Department request, the Ahwahnee Hotel has been cleared for the period March 5-7 to accommodate the Queen and her entourage. The 43 families who had intended to stay at the Hotel that weekend have

been presented with three alternatives: 1 - making an alternate reservation at the Ahwahnee; 2 - accepting complimentary lodging at Yosemite Lodge for the same weekend; 3 - full refund.

The schedule of activities for the royal couple during their stay is not finalized. It is known that the Yosemite portion of the Queen's visit to the U.S West Coast will be low-key. YP&C Co. and National Park Service preparations have been made primarily in response to direction from the White House and the State Department.

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## Mountaineering School Guides

by David Merrill

The next time a friend asks you to go cross-country skiing with the Yosemite Mountaineering School, go.

My memories of nordic skiing in upstate New York recall images of careening down backwoods trails on the fringe of disaster. Uphill travel on cross-country skis remained a mystery to me for many years. Beginning Touring, taught in a meadow at Crane Flat by YMS guide Sigi Johanson, proved to be the perfect cure.

The School's guides are under the supervision of Director Bruce Brossman. "I started working at Badger Pass at the age of 17 as a san jan," Brossman says. "And for a while I tried to make it through college in Colorado. But my rock-climbing got in the way of that."

Brossman has worked for the Mountaineering School for several

years. His guides offer instruction in rock-climbing in the summer and cross-country skiing during the winter.

According to Brossman, the majority of the skiing students at the School are beginners. "I wouldn't be surprised if our average of 30-50 beginners a day is the highest in the country," he said.

The classes are designed to prepare the skiers for YMS back-country trips. "This helps our profits, naturally, but also involves the skiers in the best cross-country experience that Yosemite has to offer," Brossman said.

"You don't have to dress up like Sir Admiral Byrd to take one of our trips, either," Brossman says. Most of the trips lead to huts equipped with wood stoves. Guided treks to Glacier Point and Ostrander Lake are taken regularly. "We hope that

some day there will be huts at Crane Flat and Tenaya Lake, too." Brossman added.

Rick Stockwell is the most-senior guide employed by the School. He compared skiing in Yosemite to what he experienced while teaching cross-country in Vermont.

"It's easier and faster to learn back East because there are more groomed and set tracks," he explained. "Back-country skiing in Yosemite involves frequent changes of terrain, logs obstructing your path, and even river-crossings. And you usually have a pack on your back," he said.

Brossman says that there are two things that can quickly turn off the first-time nordic skier: icy conditions and waxing. Ice can make controlling the long and narrow nordic skis a real challenge. Waxing can be a nightmare for the inexperienced.



A former YMS guide instructs a group of college students during a snowstorm at Crane Flat on January 21. The meadows and woods of Crane Flat have provided nordic skiers with an accessible alternative to the popular trails at Badger Pass.

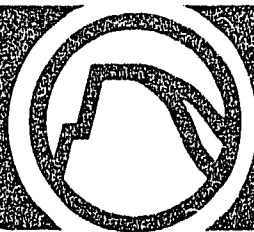
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## Hold Class In Meadows

"I remember my first day of cross-country skiing in Colorado," Brossman said. "At that time I was into downhill but decided that cross-country deserved a try. I read the fine print on the wax, chose a color and rubbed it into my skis. Then I started across the field. Before I knew it, my skis were so full of snow that I had to "ski-walk" to get anywhere. They wouldn't glide at all. I remember thinking, oh, this is a lot of fun."

Today's beginners are spared that hassle due to synthetic surfaces which slide on downgrades, yet provide enough friction for uphill travel. This means less headaches for the guides, as well. "I can remember waxing ten people's skis twice a day," Brossman recalls. "And that was before lunch."

For the advanced skier, the

waxable skis are still valued equipment. The waxed ski is easier to turn, quieter, and offers more challenge," Brossman explains.

The guides also provide instruction in snow-camping and snow-survival. Patrick Shryock got his start in this aspect of the sport as a kid in Indiana. "I used to build snow caves in wind drifts," he said.

Cross-country skiing is a booming sport. Part of the reason for its popularity is that it is relatively inexpensive, especially when compared to downhill skiing. Many experts consider nordic skiing, which exercises the entire body, to be the ideal aerobic sport.

Brossman watches the number of new races each year to gauge the growth of cross-country skiing. "There are new ones all the time and they are getting a good turnout," he says. Yosemite's Nordic Holiday Weekend, which

centers around a 12 kilometer race at Badger Pass, is an annual event. It's the highlight of the season for the YMS staff.

Stockwell enjoys the camaraderie of the Mountaineering School. "We're definitely one of the closer Company units," he said. "Most of the people that are here I've known for a long time."

Stockwell currently faces a dilemma, though: "Should I stay in skiing? It's fun and it keeps me active, but I don't know if I'm doing the right thing. I can only be sure of one thing. I was in insurance before and I know that this job will keep me from getting behind a desk."

Strike out across a snow field under a deep blue sky, skis scraping snow the only audible sound, your body warm from physical exertion, and you'll begin to understand his conflict.

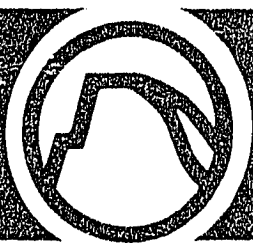


As Director of the Yosemite Mountaineering School, Bruce Brossman has to be more than a proficient skier. Running the largest nordic skiing school on the West Coast requires effective managerial skills as well.



YMS guide Sigi Johanson glides across a Yosemite Valley meadow. Relatively inexpensive waxless skis and widely recognized health benefits have greatly broadened the appeal of nordic skiing.





## "Riders On The Storm" Face Hazards And Long Hours

Valley Roads Foreman Ralph Parker spotted the small sportscar in the eerie light of the Wawona tunnel well before it hit him. With the horn blaring, he started backing his rig, but the driver never slowed down. Parker noticed the snow-covered windshield just before the car slammed into the plow blade. The driver emerged, bloodied.

Driving hazards are part of the job for National Park Service road crews. Mechanical nightmares, federal hiring restrictions, and long hours during storms are also part of the picture.

Clearing the roads after a snowstorm is a big responsibility. With limited equipment, minimal personnel, and snow down to 4,000 feet, priorities have to be set.

Terry Gess, NPS Chief of Maintenance, listed these priorities. "First we have to work on Yosemite Valley and Highway 140. We have to keep the clinic accessible, fire lanes usable, and make the roads safe for school buses. I'll put all my men there if I have to."

Highway 41 to Fresno and 120 West receive attention when the Valley and 140 are just about under control. The road to Badger Pass is the next priority.

To clear these areas there are three sets of road crews. Five men are assigned to Wawona, five to Hodgdon Meadow (120 West), and 10 work in Yosemite Valley. Gess wishes he could hire more personnel.

"It's not a good time for the

federal government. Our freedom to hire more personnel is limited by a tight budget," he says.

When a snowstorm sweeps through the Sierra, the Yosemite road crew work schedule changes. They work ten hours straight . . . at least.

"Because of manpower shortages we often have to go to the limit of the law," Parker explains. "We have to give the men at least eight hours off between shifts. For a guy living in Mariposa, an eight-hour break means four or five hours sleep and then he's back on the road."

Machine shop mechanics back up the road crews. A rig without mechanical attention is like a rig without fuel. It doesn't run.

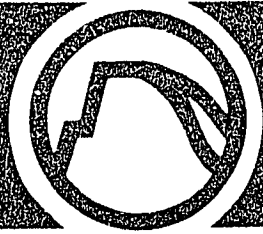
Here too, the manpower shortage creates headaches.



Terry Gess, National Park Service Chief of Maintenance is charged with keeping Yosemite National Park accessible, rain or shine. . . or snow.



Ralph Parker has worked on Yosemite roads for over thirty years. His district, which includes Yosemite Valley and Highway 140, has top priority for snow removal in the event of a major storm.



"We have seven mechanics," explains shop foreman Ralph Seely. "We could use ten."

The mechanics maintain and repair four rotaries and six push-plows. There are no spares.

Rotaries are mechanically complex and hardly models of reliability. If one breaks down, the mechanic often finds himself out in the snowstorm, too. "A rotary full of snow is usually too heavy to tow," explains Seely.

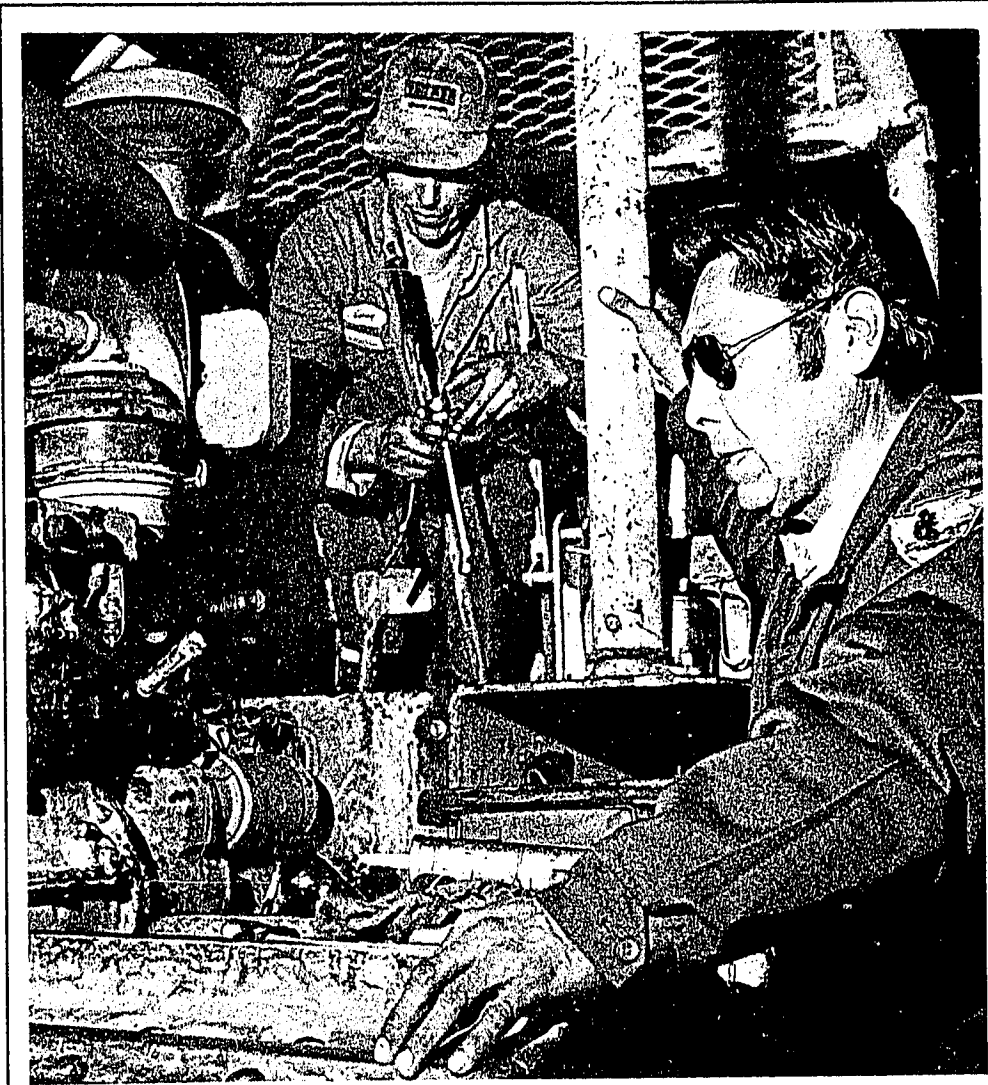
The rotaries are expensive (price tag: \$140,000 +), but indispensable in deep snow. When the snow level passes a certain depth, plows alone are ineffective. But if trees or rocks have fallen onto the roadway, a rotary can not be safely operated.

Some of the problems that the crews and mechanics face are borne of limitations typical of heavy equipment operation. "When you run these rigs you are going to have problems," says Parker. "If regularly scheduled maintenance comes due in the middle of a snowstorm, we have to pull the rig in," he explains. "An oil change might take four hours."

Dedicated employees are crucial to meeting the challenge of the winter operation. "During a storm, we have to work weekends, overtime, and sometimes right on through the night," Seely explained.

Even when rigs are manned and operating, the unpredictable can arise. "One guy was driving a plow and saw a car coming right for him," Parker said. "He swerved off the road, but the car hit the plow anyway and knocked it over."

"Whiteouts" can stop a plowing operation literally in its tracks. "If you are driving up the road and all of a sudden the wind blows the snow so hard that all you see is white, what do you do?" Parker says. "Do you continue and risk hitting a stuck car or running off



Breakdowns of snow removal equipment doesn't surprise anyone who knows how it runs and the conditions under which it operates. Here, an NPS mechanic, center, and Ralph Parker examine an engine undergoing repairs.

the road? Of course not. You stop."

Although the crews accept most of their working conditions, some situations make them uneasy. When the snow is heavy and the wind strong, trees start falling. Twice in recent years, trees have toppled onto operating rigs. Windshields are replaced, hoods wired, or whatever is needed, and the equipment is pressed back into service.

"Although I've never had one fall on me, I've had them fall just in front of or behind me," Parker says. "It really shakes you up."

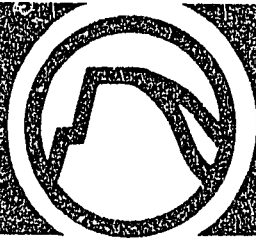
The inherent risks in snow removal make Parker hesitant to send out one-man crews in remote areas. "If at all possible I send out two rigs together. If a guy has a

problem at least there is someone there," he said.

"Shotgun" riders were common at one time on NPS rigs. "I used to do it as a kid," says Parker. "It was tough to stay awake."

Parker recalls one incident where a second person proved to be invaluable. "We were heading up to the tunnel when a fire broke out in the battery. I pulled over and my helper and I smothered the flames by cramming snow under the hood. If I had been alone I probably would have lost the engine," he said.

Ralph Parker has acquired a lot of experience on Yosemite roads. He's been working on them for over 30 years. There is one phenomenon he has consistently observed, and learned to accept: "During big storms, something always happens."



## Yosemite's Court: Resource Protection Makes It Different

"Before I was appointed as the federal magistrate, I had been backpacking and cross-country skiing in Yosemite for many years. I believe this has given me a good feel for the resource protection function of my office." - Don Pitts, Yosemite Magistrate.

As the principal judicial official in Yosemite National Park, Judge Pitts handles cases dealing with petty offenses and misdemeanors. More serious crimes are handled outside of the Park.

"The courts can be viewed as a service industry," Pitts says. "We serve people with legal disputes, both criminal and civil."

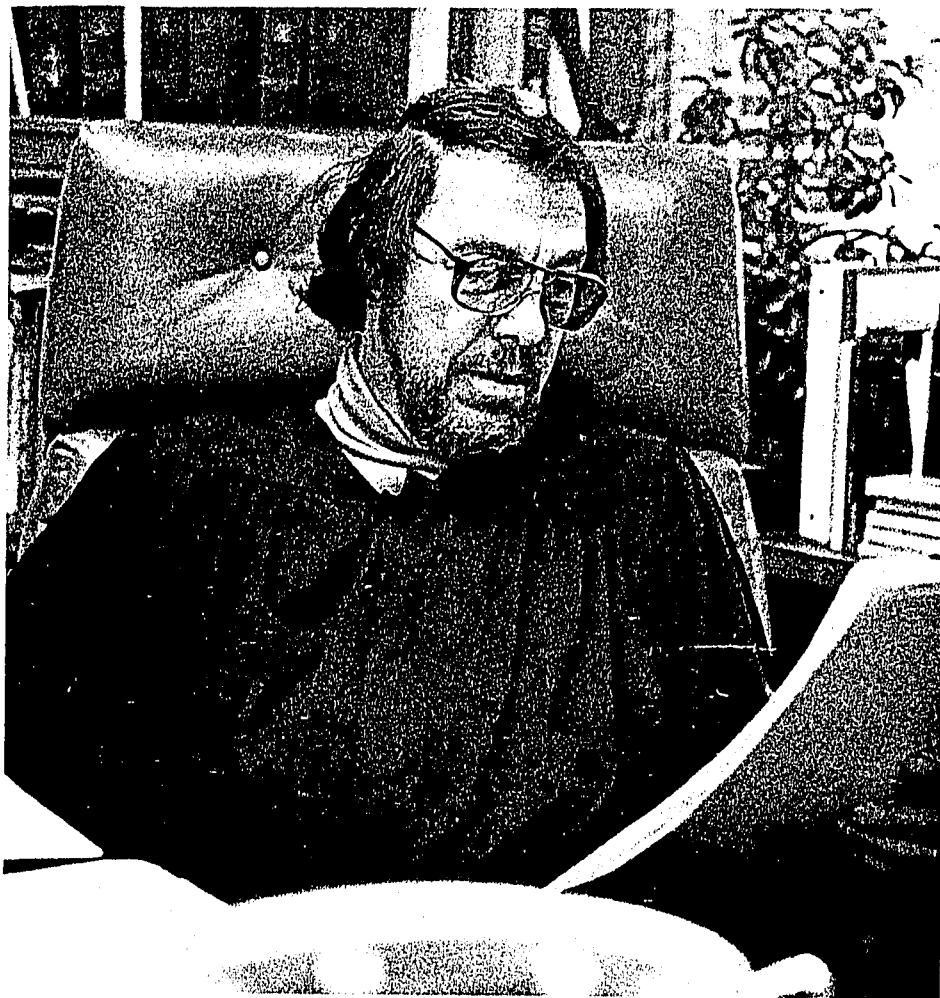
Why is there a court in Yosemite Valley? Beyond its obvious judicial function, having a court in Yosemite Valley serves a related end: efficiency.

"In most Yosemite cases, there is a ranger, a guest, and a local person involved," Pitts explained. "We don't want to send them all to Fresno."

There has been a magistrate in Yosemite since 1923. Pitts came to the Park seven years ago. While going through his files he paused: "Let me see, the hot case in 1941 was a liquor theft from Curry Company. They handled 80 cases that year."

In 1982 there were 700-800 cases, with the majority of the court appearances from April to mid-November. The intervening months are hardly a respite for Judge Pitts. "That is when we handle a huge backlog of paperwork," he says.

The Judge's "bible" is the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which lists a substantial number of the criminal offenses for National Parks. There is one page devoted entirely to Yosemite. For example, did you know it is illegal to fish from horseback in Yosemite National Park?



If Yosemite Magistrate Don Pitts isn't hearing a case in court, he is probably working on the paperwork that goes with it.

If no federal law exists for a particular offense, the applicable California statute is applied. Burglary is not listed in the CFR, but it is part of the state code.

Some laws, if violated to a sufficient degree may require that the individual answer the charges in court. Exceeding the speed limit by 26 miles per hour will lead to a mandatory court appearance. "The decision is not up to the ranger," Pitts says. "It's automatic."

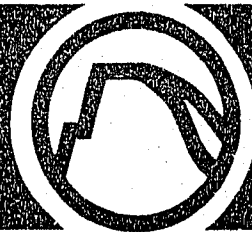
Bail is set for many offenses. But it is variable. Such factors as a questionable identity or a record of failure to appear may lead to increased bail.

Contrary to the belief of many, an individual charged with a crime in a

National Park does not forfeit any constitutional rights. The person must be brought before a magistrate within a reasonable time, a formal charge has to be made, bail has to be set. Certain individuals, for example a person who is publicly intoxicated, may be placed in jail until they are able to care for themselves. The Yosemite jail holds sixteen people, and is being remodeled to accommodate four more.

Pitts commented on his role as Yosemite Magistrate: "We are here to serve justice, but there is more to it than that. We have laws, like not camping in the meadow, which exist to protect the natural resource. You could park four armored divisions in the Valley if you want to."





# The Origins Of Valentine's Day

(It's Not A Florists' Conspiracy)

by Terry Kern

The story of Valentine's Day is a combination of both pagan and Christian history. It encompasses the philosophies of astronomy as well as the laws of nature. It's not quite clear if it was the chicken or the egg, but the earliest written acknowledgement of a "lover's holiday" seems to have its beginnings in Roman mythology.

The Romans worshipped twelve gods, one for each of the planets. One of these was Venus, the goddess of love. Both heavenly and earthly, she was a union of virtue and dalliance, domesticity and adventure. Her legendary antithesis was Mars, god of war. Although vigorous and fiery, and endowed with incredible strength, he was putty in the hands of Venus' charms.



Their offspring was Cupid, who inherited traits of each, and whose birth was reputed to have "set the world in motion". He was a handsome youth, who flew about shooting invisible love arrows. Anyone he hit, god or mortal, was consumed with undying love.

According to the Romans, Cupid had his own tango with amour with a beautiful maiden called Psyche, the personification of the human soul. So exquisite of countenance was she, that even Venus was jealous of her and sent Cupid to encourage her to marry a very sorry character. Cupid instead became enamored of her and fell prey to his own arrow; Psyche was equally smitten. When it became apparent that her sisters were conspiring to win Cupid for themselves, he fled the scene, leaving Psyche to wander sorrowfully for many years in search of her true love. Their eventual reunion resulted in Psyche's attaining immortality, as love was the ultimate grace.

The Roman empire in the third century A.D. was a passion play of Christianity versus paganism. Emperor Claudius II was decidedly an advocate of worshipping many gods and set about to exterminate the opposing faction. The Catholic priest, Valentinus, became victim to a decree that made Christianity a crime punishable by death.

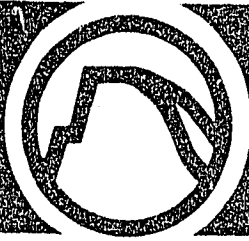
Acceptance of Saint Valentinus as the patron saint of lovers appears to be accidental. One story claims he performed a miracle of love and faith on the eve of his death, February 13, in the year 269. It was also a popular belief at the time that birds began to mate on February 14, thus ushering in the spirit of love and flirtation. Astronomically speaking, it is interesting to note that Venus enters the constellation Aries (the Greek equivalent to the Roman Mars) each February. Actually, it

arrives on February 14 only every eight years.

For a tradition of such dubious origin, the red and white displays of greeting cards and chocolates seem to indicate that Valentine's Day is still going strong. Though commercialism at times threatens to conceal the deeper sentiment of our present-day holidays, it is reassuring to consider that a special day has been set aside for hundreds of years to acknowledge one of the most mysterious and awesome gifts known to man, the ability to love.

May you feel the gentle sting of Cupid's arrow this Valentine's Day. May the hint of Spring entice the flowers of your heart to bloom, and find you the recipient of as much love as you give.





## Ginny Carlson Moonlights With A Paintbrush

*Whether in the glory of spring's awakening, the dryness of August sun, the golden spell of late October days, or the fairyland aspect of a perfect winter's day, Yosemite National Park has some charm for even those mortals who are least appreciative of its vast mountain splendor. . .but the ability to capture that feeling or emotion by reproduction of the scene beheld belongs only to an artist.*

*--Elizabeth H. Godfrey in Yosemite Nature Notes (1944)*

The artist tradition alluded to in the above passage continues today in the creations of Ginny Carlson, Retail Secretary for YP&C Co. While displaying some of her recent works she participated in the following interview:



Ginny Carlson's studio apartment is just that: her studio and her apartment.

**Q: What has been your association with Yosemite National Park?**

A: "I first came to Yosemite in 1960 on a camping trip. In 1977, I returned for a summer of climbing at Tuolumne. Shortly after that I applied for employment in the Park and was hired as secretary of the Mountaineering School."

**Q: How long have you been interested in art?**

A: "I've had classes in art since elementary school. I continued taking art in high school and then studied it at De Anza College in Cupertino. While working at Westinghouse I took a lot of night classes."

**Q: How did accepting a Yosemite job affect the pursuit of your hobby?**

A: "Mostly due to lack of space, I laid down my pencil when I first came to Yosemite. But while working the midnight to eight shift as a Park Service dispatcher, I found that I had a lot of time on my hands and started a Christmas picture for my father."

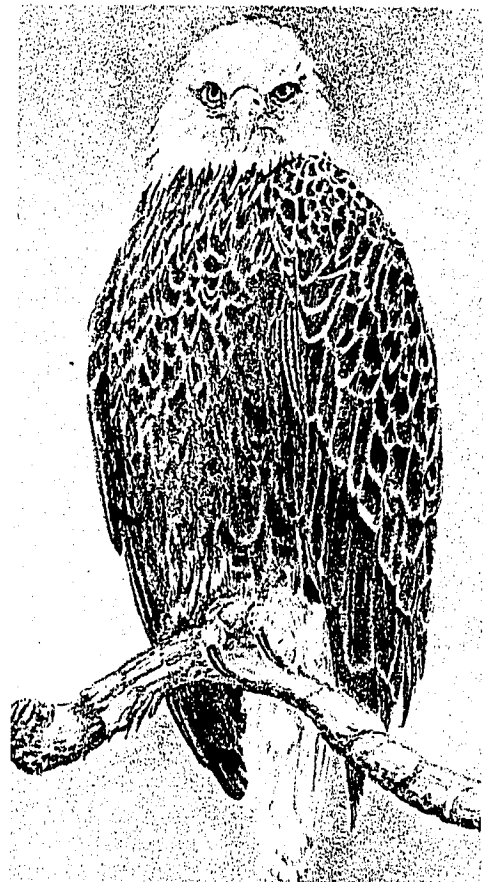
**Q: What mediums do you like to work in?**

A: "Pencil is my favorite. I had always heard that watercolors were hard to use, but I have started to get into those as well. During the summer, I like to take my sketchpad into the mountains. I also do landscapes and animals."

**Q: What are some of your other hobbies?**

A: "I like photography, skiing, both downhill and cross-country, and hiking. I also am interested in botany, particularly wildflowers. I do photos and field studies of various biological things. Most of my other hobbies complement my work in art."

**American Bald Eagle, by Ginny Carlson. Pencil, paper, and more than a little talent cause a recurring thought: "I wish I could do that."**

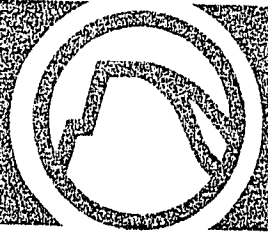


**Q: Have you ever sold any pieces?**

A: "This past year I sold about ten items. In the Christmas Craft Bazaar of 1981 I sold some work. I looked at some of those pieces recently and was pleased to see my skill is improving."

**Q: How do you plan to further develop your artistic talents?**

A: "I would like to expand the mediums that I work in. I have been hoping to get into pastels [oil-based chalks] for some time now. I often think about going back to art school. That creates a dilemma though, because I love to work in the Park. Having the Art Activity Center here is great because it exposes me to fresh ideas."



## YOSEMITE SENTINEL ASKS: WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE VALENTINE'S DAY?



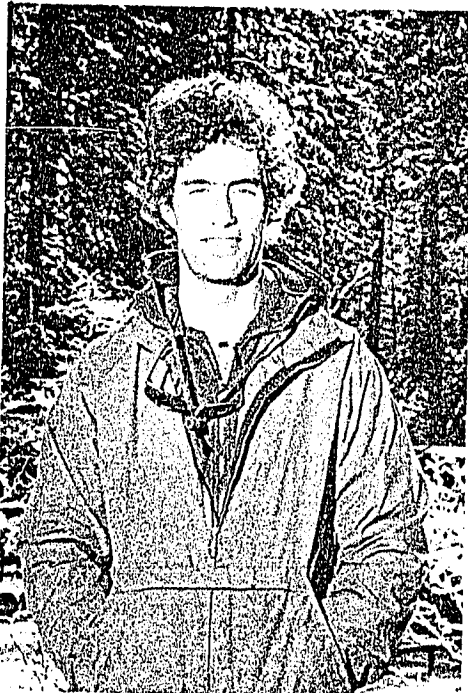
Donna Allen, Lodge Cafeteria cashier: "Ten years ago, I got a divorce. Last year, one of my daughters got married to a nice young British man."



Chet Brooks, Summer Tour Guide: "My third marriage. It was Valentine's Day, my wife's birthday, and we got married, all on the same day."



Barbara Skinner, Chief Trans Agent: "I can't remember any particular one, because they've all been so special. He [her husband] always gets me flowers and candy."



Dimitri Barton, Yosemite Mountaineering School Guide: "My mother's fortieth birthday. Her birthday is on Valentine's Day and we had a big party. God, that's coming up pretty soon."

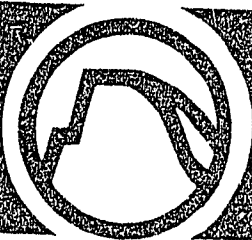


Rhonda Prater, Lodge Cafeteria food service person: "I had a crush on my teacher. I was going to give him a Valentine, but I didn't. I was too shy. We had a party in class that day. The punch was too sweet and I got a stomach-ache."



Steve Butcher, Lodge Sport Shop sales clerk: "In junior high, I sent an anonymous flower to this girl I had a crush on. But everyone knew who it was, so it wasn't that much fun."





# BETWEEN THESE WALLS 10

## CALENDAR

### Movies

- February 1 On Golden Pond - PG
- February 8 Sound of Music - G
- February 15 Cool Hand Luke (8 p.m.) - PG
- February 22 Omega Man (10 p.m.) - PG
- Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid - PG

### Employee Recreation Special Events

- February 14 Valentine's Flower Day (for details call 1475)
- February 4 Dance - "Mutants", 8-12 p.m., East Auditorium
- Super Bowl Sunday Big Screen T.V. at the Rec Center

### Employee Recreation Continuing Events

- Weight Center Winter Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5 - 8 p.m., Camp Six Rec Tent
- Aerobics Exercise: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30 - 7 p.m., West Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Basketball: Mon. and Thurs. (except holidays), 5 - 7 p.m., Elementary School
- Tai Chi: Tues. and Thurs., 6 - 8 p.m., East Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Volleyball: Thurs. and Fri., 8 - 11 p.m., East Auditorium, Visitor Center

Recreation Center: Mon. - Sat., 4 - 11 p.m.,  
Village Sport Shop  
Rec Center Happy Hour: 50¢ drafts and \$2.50 pitchers,  
Friday, 5 - 7 p.m.

### Yosemite Winter Club

- February 11 - 13 Ostrander Lake cross-country ski trip
- To be announced Hans Brinker Night at the Ice Rink

### Other Calendar Items

- February 5 Small Animal Veterinary Clinic, 4 - 6 p.m., Yosemite Elementary School

## ADS

**For Sale** - Three-bedroom house in Midpines. Call 742-7686 or 372 - 1436.

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Women's diamond and emerald ring, small. \$1,500.  
Kawasaki 900, 1974. \$1,300. Call 372-1416 during business hours and 372-4715 after hours.



That's Bridalveil Falls, alright, but not from Tunnel View. This photograph was taken from a lookout on Highway 120. The Merced River Canyon is in the foreground.

January 27, 1983

To The Residents Of Yosemite Valley:

Have you shopped at the Village Store lately and not been able to find a plastic shopping basket? If so, you either had to juggle your few purchases to the checkstand, or push around a cart for only a few items. It seems that too often we only notice a convenience when it is gone. In the last six months, 176 plastic shopping baskets have been missing from the Village Store. Because of this, we only have 14 baskets available for your use. If you happen to know the whereabouts of any of these absent baskets, their return to the Village Store would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Arvin Abbott  
Manager  
Village Store



## Get In Shape With The New Marcy Circuit Trainer

The fitness craze is sweeping the country. People are walking, running, hiking, biking -- you name it. If it has demonstrated health benefits, someone is doing it. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees are in the swing of this national pastime. YP&C Co. provides this wide variety of complimentary services for its employee's mental and physical well-being.

The Employee Recreation department has a wide variety of programs for getting in shape. The centerpiece of it is a New Marcy Circuit Trainer, soon to be installed in the former Lodge Housekeeping Office. This is also the new location of the Employee Recreation office.

The new machine has something for everyone. "You don't have to know how to work out," says Ray Martinez, Employee Recreation Manager. "Just come in and we'll set up a program for you."

There are several types of weight-lifting programs. Body-building develops select muscle groups for greater definition. Appearance is the predominant goal of this sport.

"We think that most people will be interested in using weights to tone-up and increase strength," Martinez said. "There are programs to help out in these areas as well."

Programs to improve performance in different sports can be set up. "By working on the specific muscles used in the activity we can work on bettering the performance. We can design programs for skiers, softball players and cyclists. Climbers can use weights to get ready for the summer," Martinez pointed out.

What if the doctor says that you have to get in shape? "Come in and we'll tell you what to do. We'll work out what has to be done," Martinez said.

If cardiovascular improvement is necessary, the rowing machine or the stationary bicycle would probably be the equipment that you would use. A rehabilitation program could be designed if the need arises.

The weight-lifting program can be used in combination with two other Employee Recreation physical fitness programs: aerobics and Tai Chi.

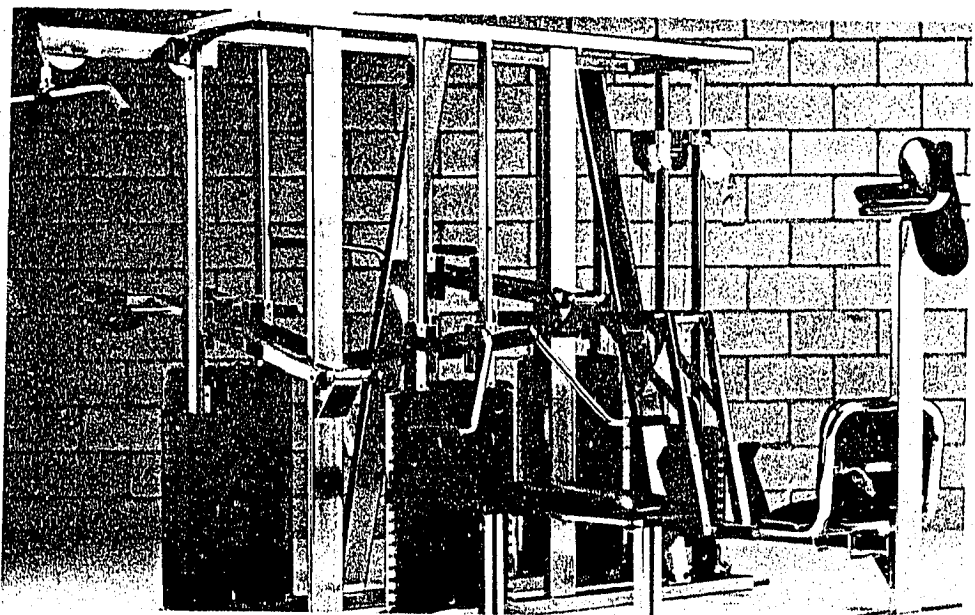
Aerobics focuses on cardiovascular strength, stretching, and coordination. It also is a good toning process. "We are redesigning our program to conform to the Jane Fonda workout, one of the best in the country," Martinez explained.

Tai Chi helps to relax the mind and improve concentration. It also includes stretching, self-defense, and nutrition.

"If someone went to Tai Chi, aerobics, and lifted weights on the circuit trainer, it would almost be like going to a health spa," Martinez said.

Other recreation activities include: movies shown every week, dances, basketball, volleyball, the pool league, dart tournaments, and a casino night.

"This summer there will be barbecues, swimming, the Company picnic, summer softball league, and other special events," Martinez mentioned.

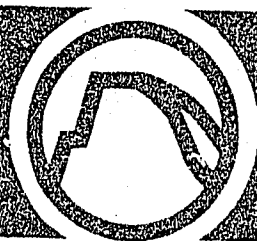


Press, curl, row: you can do it all on Employee Recreation's Marcy Circuit Trainer, soon to be installed in the Recreation office.

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## The Royal Visit: An Historical Perspective

*We who live and work in Yosemite National Park eagerly look forward to the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Background material on the royal family, originally prepared for the Foreign Commonwealth Office, Great Britain, has been made available by the Central Office of Information, London. Part of that information packet is reprinted here:*

### The Monarchy

The British people look to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II not only as their head of State, but also as the living symbol of their nation's unity.

The monarchy is Britain's oldest secular institution. During the last thousand years its continuity has only once been broken (in the Cromwellian period from 1649 to 1660) and, despite interruptions in the direct line of succession, the hereditary principle upon which it was founded has always been preserved.

When the Queen was born on 21 April 1926, her grandfather, King George V, was on the throne and her uncle was his heir. However, the death of her grandfather and the abdication of her uncle (King Edward VIII) brought her father, King George VI, to the throne, and on his death on 6 February 1952, Princess Elizabeth became Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. Four years before, on 20 November 1947, she had married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, now Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. She was crowned in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953, and in 1977 celebrated her Silver Jubilee, the twenty-fifth anniversary of her succession to the throne.

In the United Kingdom, the Queen's title developed through the union of the kingdoms of England and Wales, and Scotland (1707), the union with Ireland (1801), and the creation of the Commonwealth. It is 'Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith'. The form varies in the other nations of the Commonwealth of which the Queen is Sovereign. (She is head of State of a number of Commonwealth countries; the remaining countries have their own monarch or president.) The other Commonwealth countries of which the Queen is head of State are: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Fiji, Grenada, Jamaica, Mauritius, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

The seat of the monarchy is in the United Kingdom. In the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man the Queen is represented by a Lieutenant-Governor. In the other Commonwealth countries of which she is Queen, her representative is the Governor-General. He is appointed by her on the advice of the ministers of the country concerned and is completely independent of the British Government. In the United Kingdom dependencies the Queen is usually represented by Governors, who are responsible to the British Government for the good government of the countries concerned.

### The Royal Family

The Queen's children are her heir, Charles, Prince of Wales, who was born in 1948, together with two younger sons, the Princes Andrew

and Edward, and Princess Anne, Mrs. Mark Phillips. The Prince of Wales married Lady Diana Spencer in 1981 and their son, Prince William of Wales was born in June 1982. The Queen has two other grandchildren, Peter and Zara Phillips, the son and daughter of Princess Anne.

The Queen's mother, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, celebrated her eightieth birthday in 1980, and the Queen has only one sister, Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. Among her near relations are her first cousins - grandchildren of her grandfather King George V - the Dukes of Gloucester and Kent, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs. Angus Ogilvy.

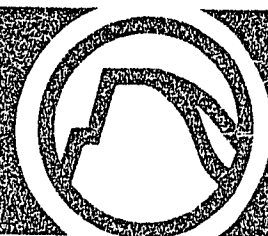
### WRITE US A LETTER

Do you have a question, comment, or opinion that you would like to express in print? If so, write a letter to the **YOSEMITE SENTINEL**. Letters of general interest are best. The **SENTINEL** staff reserves the right to edit for grammar, diction, and style. Send to: **Public Affairs Office; Yosemite Park and Curry Co.; Yosemite National Park, CA 95389**. The deadline is listed in the staff box.

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## Training Department Exists To Serve Employees

"We are always here to help employees. We may not always have an answer, but we know where to go to get it." -- *Brian Grogan, Employee Training Manager.*

Waiters, waitresses, cooks, housekeepers, in fact all YP&C Co. employees can benefit from the Training department. Service to employees through training and education has long been a Company tradition and is provided free of charge by YP&C Co.

Hospitality seminars were held in November, December, and January in the Curry Village Pavilion and were an immediate benefit to employees. Various topics in the hospitality industry were addressed. By increasing the professionalism of the employee, they will be able to perform better on their jobs. For a waiter or waitress, this could easily translate into better tips. "The more satisfied the guest is

with the level of service, the better the tip," Grogan said. "We had 204 people participate in six seminars."

Over 200 people have been through the Company cashiering training program. "This is a skill that the employee can use wherever they are," Grogan pointed out.

This winter the Employee Training department is offering several courses through the Merced College. "We now offer accounting, literature, psychology, philosophy, and photography," Grogan explained.

Food service employees can learn modern cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques through the Training department. "Two people on our staff are certified CPR instructors," Grogan pointed out.

Those interested in reading to improve their understanding of the

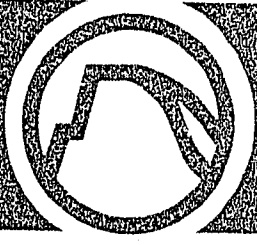
hospitality industry can take advantage of the management library. Information on hotels and restaurants, housekeeping, and even front desk operations is available.

The training department has an on-going program of uniform evaluation and upgrading. Presently, work is progressing on new employee uniforms. "A uniform consultant is designing a company-wide theme with diversity within the theme," Grogan explained. The colors will be richer and livelier. Different colors will identify people in various positions. "We hope to make the uniforms more attractive, with a high degree of visual appeal," Grogan said.

The department is working on an expanded orientation program for new employees. "Our goal is to help the employee adjust to the Park," Grogan said.



Brian Grogan, left, and Don Shearer, audio-visual aide, filming at Hospitality seminars. The classes covered numerous facets of the hospitality business.



## Life At Badger Pass: More Than

A popular perception of ski resort employees is that they ski a lot and get great tans. That would have to be the exception, and not the rule. Especially if it snows every day.

Employees at Badger Pass certainly weren't getting tans while a steady succession of storms swept through the Sierra Nevada in late January and February.

Inclement weather helps one part of the Badger Pass operation: food service. "One day we sold 150 pizzas in two hours," says Kate Hartman, lead food service attendant. "I'm now appearing in the Snowflake Room, announcing your pizza," Hartman said with a laugh, referring to the task of calling out order numbers when the pizza is ready.

Working in the midst of the Ski Lodge at Badger is Denise Knopf, ski hostess. This is her third season at Badger Pass. The job is a change of pace from her full-time summer job as housewife and mother.

She helps out in the office, assists in the NASTAR operation, serves cocktails, and helps out with rentals and ticket sales. "In general, you get a warm feeling from the guests," Knopf says.



Mike Rector, ski fitter, reports that a reorganization of the rental shop has speeded up the operation.

Mike Rector works in the rental shop as a ski fitter. In the summer he works in the Curry Village storeroom. "You should know something about ski repairs to do my job," Rector says. It really helps to have downhill and cross-country skiing experience, too. "I've received a lot of on-the-job training and have done some reading on my own, as well," Rector noted.

The rental shop was rearranged this year to speed up the operation. It was a successful project. "Loyd Price [Director of Guest Activities] and Sean Sullivan, rental shop manager, drew up some plans and compared notes," Rector explained.

Sam Breitner works out on the slopes, operating a lift. Yosemite is

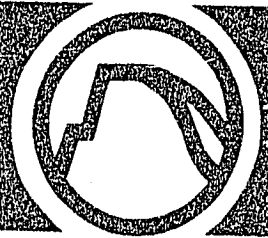
the third national park that he has worked in. "My wife and I have worked in the Grand Canyon, the Everglades, and now in Yosemite," he says. One of the main reasons that they came here is the unemployment in Michigan. "I feel that there is good job security in the national parks because people will always be coming to them," Breitner says. Breitner is able to make extensive observations of the skiers on his lifts.

"People start skiing on Bruin in the morning and by the afternoon they feel brave enough to come over to ski Badger. But a chair goes by every 5.82 seconds on the Badger lift," Breitner says. "Their eyes get real big."



Hundreds of California children have learned to ski at Badger Pass. Many grow up and bring their families back to introduce them to skiing there.





## Skiing And Getting A Tan

The lifts at Badger Pass are becoming increasingly sophisticated. "I've seen pictures of mules pulling sleds uphill at Badger [with skiers on them]," Breitner says. Today the Bruin lift has a computer in it that automatically tightens the cable when the lift stops to prevent the chairs from sinking.

Badger Pass is one of four national park alpine ski areas. National Park service functions at



Weather and road conditions are daily concerns for Bill Johnston, Badger Pass Area Manager.

April Reynolds, office clerk, left, and Denise Knopf, ski hostess at the Badger Pass activities desk. Answering guests' questions occupies a large portion of their time.

Badger Pass include overseeing safety, supervising the ski patrol, law enforcement, and snow removal.

When a skier is injured the following pattern of events usually emerges: The accident is reported to a lift station operator. The operator gets on his intercom to the Badger Pass ranger A-frame. From there a call is placed out to a ski patrolman via two-way radio. The ski patrolman will bring the injured person to the A-frame with a toboggan. The rangers take over from there.

"Basically, we are a communication and coordination center," states Mike Durr, Search and Rescue officer and relief acting Badger Pass ranger.

"We probably work more closely with the National Park Service than any other unit," says Bill Johnston, Badger Pass area manager.

"The real challenge of working up here is that things are always changing," Johnston says. Weather is an important factor. The road is critical. "When Highway 41 washed

out our business went down one Sunday by probably 500 skiers," he said.

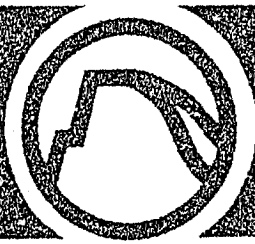
This year has presented two interesting statistics: the earliest opening in history and the best Christmas to New Year's week (number of people skiing) ever.

"We try to portray ourselves as a beginner and family ski area," says Johnston. "The hot-dog skier and jet-setters really aren't attracted to Badger."

Several capital improvements are planned for Badger Pass. Johnston: "We plan to continue our upgrading of the Lodge. And the video program will be expanded. The snow tiller has helped our operation so much that we would like to purchase another one. The Eagle chair lift, now twenty years old, will hopefully be replaced within the next five years by a triple chair. Three hundred new pairs of skis will be purchased for next season as part of our program to upgrade the ski rental equipment."

"One thing we don't want now is more snow," Johnston added.





## Search and Rescue: Lifesaver In A Wilderness Area

A helicopter is sitting on the runway at Lemoore Naval Air Station. From a nearby building two crew members trot out to the aircraft and climb aboard. Within minutes the blades are spinning and the chopper lifts off. Destination: Yosemite National Park.

"We do 130-150 rescues per year", says Mike Durr, National Park Service Search and Rescue Officer. "These range from rescuing someone who has fallen on a trail to a helicopter-assisted rescue of a climbing party on El Capitan. Last year, a very dangerous rescue was made of a parachutist injured in an illegal leap off Half Dome."

"One parachutist made it safely to the Valley floor, but the other slammed into the wall," Durr recalls. "The ground party had to hike along the base of Half Dome during the night. That involved a lot of scrambling. The following morning I was in the helicopter which was supposed to hoist the victim out. The blades were spinning three to four feet from the wall. To make it even worse, there was a large group of people watching from the rim of Half Dome above us and we were worried that they would knock something onto the chopper."

The three districts of Yosemite National Park (Valley, Wawona, and Mather) each have a district ranger. These rangers have search and rescue responsibility for their areas. Because of the number and complexity of rescues in Yosemite, the search and rescue office was founded 12 years ago. Mike Durr coordinates the assignment of search and rescue resources to the districts that need them.

What are these resources?  
"The Mountain Rescue

Association provides volunteers who are interested in the outdoors and search and rescue," Durr says. "We can also call search dog teams and aircraft."

The Navy choppers provided by Lemoore are allowed to participate in civilian rescues as long as they can cover for their primary mission of rescuing downed Navy pilots.

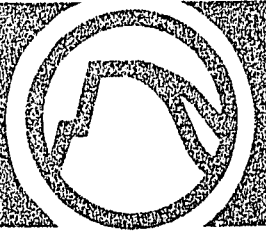
"During the fire season we rent a chopper and hire a pilot," says Durr. It is stationed at Crane Flat lookout. "It's primary function is wildland fire control, but it is also available for rescues," he said.

Two campsites at Sunnyside campground are reserved for climbers who agree to be on standby for rescues during the summer months. They are only paid for when they work. How are they chosen? "They usually come to us," says Durr.

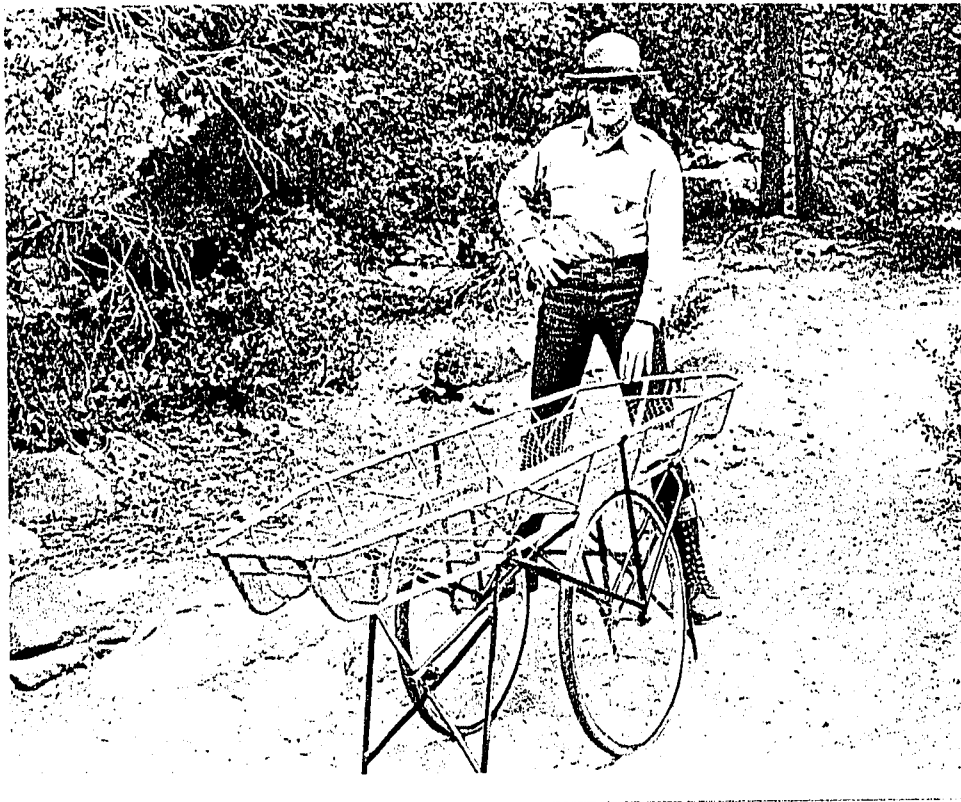
A ranger and a ski patrolman work on a toboggan in preparation for a rescue at Badger Pass.



"Cascade" toboggans, two-way radios, and snowmobiles increase speed and efficiency when rescuing injured skiers.



Rescue equipment has changed over the years as evidenced in this photograph supplied by NPS photographer Mike Dixon.



"We also use guides from the Yosemite Mountaineering School. Chris Faulkenstein, Dmitri Barton, and Bruce Brossman have helped several times," Durr said.

About 300 incidents a year are reported that don't require any action. "For example, an individual will call the rangers and say that their friend is long overdue from a hike and they are worried," Durr explains. "It usually results from the person miscalculating the time it takes to do the hike."

"A lot of us that come to work in the Park get a false sense of security in the fact that we live here all year," says Durr. "We start to think that we know more about the area. It is a wild area," he says. "It certainly isn't a park in the conventional sense. You can get hurt or killed here." Fifteen to thirty fatalities a year attest to this fact.

Water-related injuries and scrambling account for a lot of the fatalities. "Water problems are more common in the spring," Durr explained. "In 1978, there were nine water fatalities. We then

implemented mandatory life-vest rules and the deaths dropped significantly."

"Boys like to scramble," Durr went on. "It seems that they are magically attracted to vertical drops."

The average person hurt or killed scrambling is male, 12-18 years of age. A man that died this summer, however, defied this trend. He was 34 and married. "He saw a crack system at Yosemite Falls and thought he'd give it a try," Durr said. "He found it easier to go up than down. When he started down, he fell and was killed."

The most common backcountry problem is getting lost. "You should stick to established trails and only go off if you're proficient with a map and compass and are with someone who has a good knowledge of the area," says Durr.

The hiker/climber card (different from the wilderness permit) is one safety precaution to take before going on a hike. The card is no guarantee of rescue, though. "The best thing to do is to let a friend know where you are going and what you are doing," says Durr.

Presently, the taxpayer pays for the rescues. With a tight federal budget, however, the payment policy for rescues may be changed. Helicopters, for example, cost money.

"The rental chopper costs \$620 per hour to run," says Durr. "The twin-engine Navy chopper costs \$1,200 per hour."

Over the past fifteen years, two rescuers have been killed. "My people risk their lives and I think they should be compensated for that," says Durr.

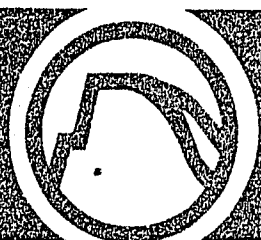
In the past decade the number of incidents has remained stable. Durr thinks that this figure could be reduced.

"Ironically, though, there is no money in the budget for prevention," he said.



The air-ambulance in the Ahwahnee Meadow. Seriously injured climbers are often air-lifted out of Yosemite Valley after stabilization at the Yosemite Medical Clinic.





## Guide Tells Story Of Rescue In LeConte Gully

*Early this year, two members of an ice-climbing party fell 400 feet while ascending Yosemite Valley's sunless south wall. Both were seriously injured. Dmitri Barton, Yosemite Mountaineering School guide, assisted in their rescue. His account of that operation follows:*

"I was working in the rental shop [in Curry Village] that afternoon. We were closed. I heard a knock, and looked up and saw a climber at the door. He had a headlamp on, ice axe, all kinds of gear hanging from him. 'Some friends of mine took a fall up there,' he said. He asked to borrow some gear and wanted to know if I could give him a hand. I said 'No way', and told him to come inside. I called the Park Service.

Mike Mayer, a ranger came over immediately to interview the climber, who appeared to be fairly relaxed. He told us that other members of the six-person party were keeping the victims warm. Mayer told me to close the shop and head over to the rescue cache [where the rescue equipment is stored].

I sped over to the rescue cache, met some other people, and then headed over to LeConte memorial where the rescuers were assembling.

We spotted the climber's lights up against the wall. After examining maps and photographs [the Park Service has very high-quality photographs of all areas in Yosemite Valley which show rock walls, gullies, and rock piles]. We decided the best route to attempt would be up the old Curry toboggan run. We assembled a blitz team [the first group to go up: for purpose of assessing the situation, medically and otherwise] and started up with our headlamps shining, leaving streamers on rocks and trees to show our path. We chose our route carefully, knowing that it would pay off later.

We ascended to the accident scene. Tangled ropes were all over the place. Ice-climbing tools were

strewn around. The two injured climbers lay on the hard-packed snow, moaning and groaning. Their friends had done a good job of covering them with sleeping bags. The climber's camp was uphill and they had a fire going. Some of the climbers kept climbing down and knocking debris onto the victims despite the fact that we screamed at them ten times to go a different way.

The climbers had fallen into a very nasty rockfall and avalanche area at the base of LeConte gully. While treating the victims, we noticed little pieces of ice falling down. We started thinking that we wanted to get out of there.

One of the guys had a head injury and was in a lot of pain. At that point, we decided that he would have to be taken down that night, because it is dangerous to give pain killer to someone with a head injury.

We put both of the climbers into litters. The other guy was placed out of the rockfall zone and two medics were assigned to stay with him for the rest of the night. They gave him Demarol to ease the pain.

A group of us started down with

the guy who had the injured head. He was one of those heavy ones, 180-200 pounds. He was screaming the whole time. He really didn't know where he was or how he got there.

The route down was sometimes treacherous. In steep or slippery sections we utilized a method that resembles a caterpillar walk. The group stands in one place and the litter is handed down. The guys at the end then have to run around to the front of the line. The litter is connected to ropes so it won't slide away if the rescue party falls. It took two to three hours to get down.

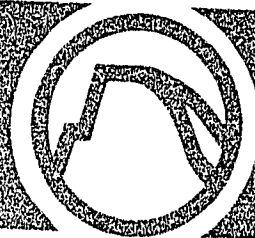
We had hoped to get a helicopter to get the next guy out, but around 3 a.m. our hopes were dashed. The fog was too thick in the San Joaquin Valley and the chopper couldn't take off. We made plans to get the second guy out the next morning.

A large group of rescuers assembled at dawn. Because it was daylight and much easier to see where to place the ropes, we got the second victim down much more quickly. He got off to the hospital right away."



Mike Rector in LeConte gully, near the site where two climbers fell 400 feet in January.

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## Participate In Radio Station Survey

FM radio and TV signals are relayed to the Yosemite Valley community via a communications system owned and operated by Yosemite Park & Curry Co.

TV signals are relayed by stations at Glacier Point and Wawona Point. Those received at Wawona are: KVIE, KCRA, KTVU, KNTV, and KXTV. Stations transmitted to Yosemite Valley televisions are: KQED, KTVU, KRON, KNTV, and KPIX.

The radio system has been transmitting FM broadcasts for the past ten years. Radio signals received by an FM antenna at Sentinel Dome are transferred through a 3000-foot cable to Glacier Point. There, a translator converts the signal to an output channel to allow rebroadcasting through a second FM antenna. Presently, two stations are received: KKHI, a classical music station, and KFOG, which primarily plays progressive rock. These stations have had such widespread community approval that YP&C Co. plans to continue them indefinitely.

As part of a continuing effort to provide a diverse listening selection, and also to ensure that the radio offerings are in line with community preferences, the Company is conducting the following survey.

If you would like to participate in this survey, please fill out, clip, and send the coupon below to the YP&C Co. Public Affairs office by March 10.

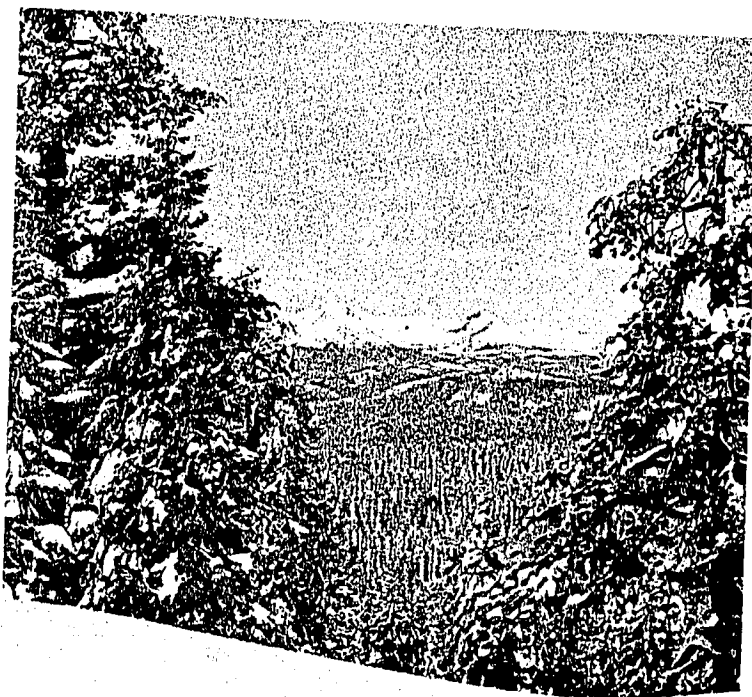
### Community Radio Preference Survey

YP & C Co. is considering adding one or more stations to its transmitters. The results of the following survey will be used to guide us in that decision.

In general, the radio station I prefer is:  
(rank in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4, . . .)

- mellow rock \_\_\_\_\_
- easy listening \_\_\_\_\_
- all-news \_\_\_\_\_
- jazz \_\_\_\_\_
- country-western \_\_\_\_\_

The snow-smothered Clark Range, photographed from an equally snowy Badger Pass.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. - **VCR tapes** are now on sale at Yosemite Lodge, the Village Store, and the Ahwahnee gift shop. Cost - \$14.95, plus tax (employee discount applies). For special audio or video needs, call 372-1227.

2. - The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be holding their fourth annual **Ski-a-thon** at Badger Pass on March 13. Skiers can ski all day for about half price and earn great prizes while helping to fight muscular dystrophy.

The ski packets can be purchased at the Badger Pass information desk or at most of the San Joaquin Valley ski shops. The price of the packet covers your lift ticket for the day and gives you head of the line privileges on designated runs. Pick up your packet soon and get your friends to sponsor you. If you need further information, contact Lorraine Fultz in the Fresno MDA office. Phone (209) 486-3420.

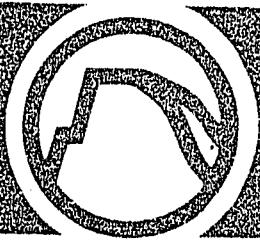
3. - **Save \$5.00** on your next ski lift ticket. With the purchase of \$50.00 worth of grocery items you will receive a coupon worth \$5.00 towards a lift ticket at Badger Pass good any day of the week. Coupon good through April 5, 1983.

Purchase must be made at one time, no accumulation. Does not include alcoholic beverages. Coupon is available at the Village Grocery, Degnan's Deli and Wawona Grocery Store. One coupon only, to be used against each lift ticket purchased.

4. - Our Lady of the Snows Parish is formalizing the **parish registration**. All Catholics are urged to fill out new registration forms which are available after Masses. Thank you. Father R. Craig.

5. - **E.T.** will be presented, courtesy of President Hardy on April 12. It will be free for residents of the Park.

6. - Employee ski enthusiasts can look forward to the **Employee Badger Pass Ski Day**, March 24. There will be free skiing, a band, and a pizza dinner.



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## CALENDAR

### Movies

- March 1                Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG, 1981)
- March 8                Enter the Dragon (R, 1973)  
Old Man and the Sea (G, 1958)
- March 15               Play Misty for Me (R, 1970)  
The Andromeda Strain (G, 1971)
- March 22               Bridge on the River Kwai (PG, 1957)
- March 29               The Graduate (PG, 1967)  
Summer of '42 (R)
- April 5                 Chariots of Fire (PG, 1981)

Take a good look at the movies offered this month. What? You've seen them before? No, you haven't. If you've seen them on T.V., you've seen movies that were chopped, cut, hacked, and sliced neatly to fit into a two hour time slot. (WITH commercial breaks.)

Recreation movies are uncut, unadulterated versions--and how can you beat the price? They're only \$2.50, even for double feature nights.

March movies begin with **Raiders of the Lost Ark**, the spine-tingling adventure starring Harrison Ford and directed by George Lucas and Steven Spielberg. If you haven't seen it, do.

Martial arts fans will like **Enter the Dragon**. Bruce Lee starred in, and also directed the fight scenes of this international hit.

If you're a Spencer Tracy fan, don't miss **The Old Man and the Sea**, adapted from the Hemingway novel.

The 15th brings two suspense thrillers: Clint Eastwood in the popular **Play Misty for Me**, and **The Andromeda Strain**, the story of a team of scientists attempting to isolate deadly organisms from outer space.

**The Bridge on the River Kwai**, starring William Holden and Alec Guinness, is one of the best war movies ever filmed. It won seven Academy Awards.

**The Graduate** is a commentary on American values. Dustin Hoffman stars in this powerful movie, which contains songs by Simon and Garfunkel. It is teamed with the **Summer of '42**, which is about the growing sexual awareness of two adolescent boys.

**Chariots of Fire**, which won the Academy Award last year as Best Film, is the first April film. Featuring Vangelis' score, this is the story of two British athletes bound for the 1924 Olympics.

If any of these movies tickle your fancy, why not enjoy? Besides, the Big Screen's better than television any day. . .

- Amy Allen

### Employee Recreation - Special Events

- March 12                Dart Tournament
- March 22-24           Pool Tournament
- March 26               Casino Night
- Every Saturday        Open Mike Night (8-12 p.m.)

### Employee Recreation Continuing Events

- Weight Center Winter Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5 - 8 p.m.,  
Camp Six Rec Tent
- Recreation Center: Mon. - Sat., 4 - 11 p.m.,  
Village Sport Shop
- Rec Center Happy Hour: 50¢ drafts and \$2.50 pitchers,  
Friday, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Aerobics Exercise: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30 - 7 p.m.,  
West Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Basketball: Mon. and Thurs. (except holidays), 5 - 7 p.m.,  
Elementary School
- Tai Chi: Tues. and Thurs., 6 - 8 p.m.,  
East Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Volleyball: Thurs. and Fri., 8 - 11 p.m.,  
East Auditorium, Visitor Center

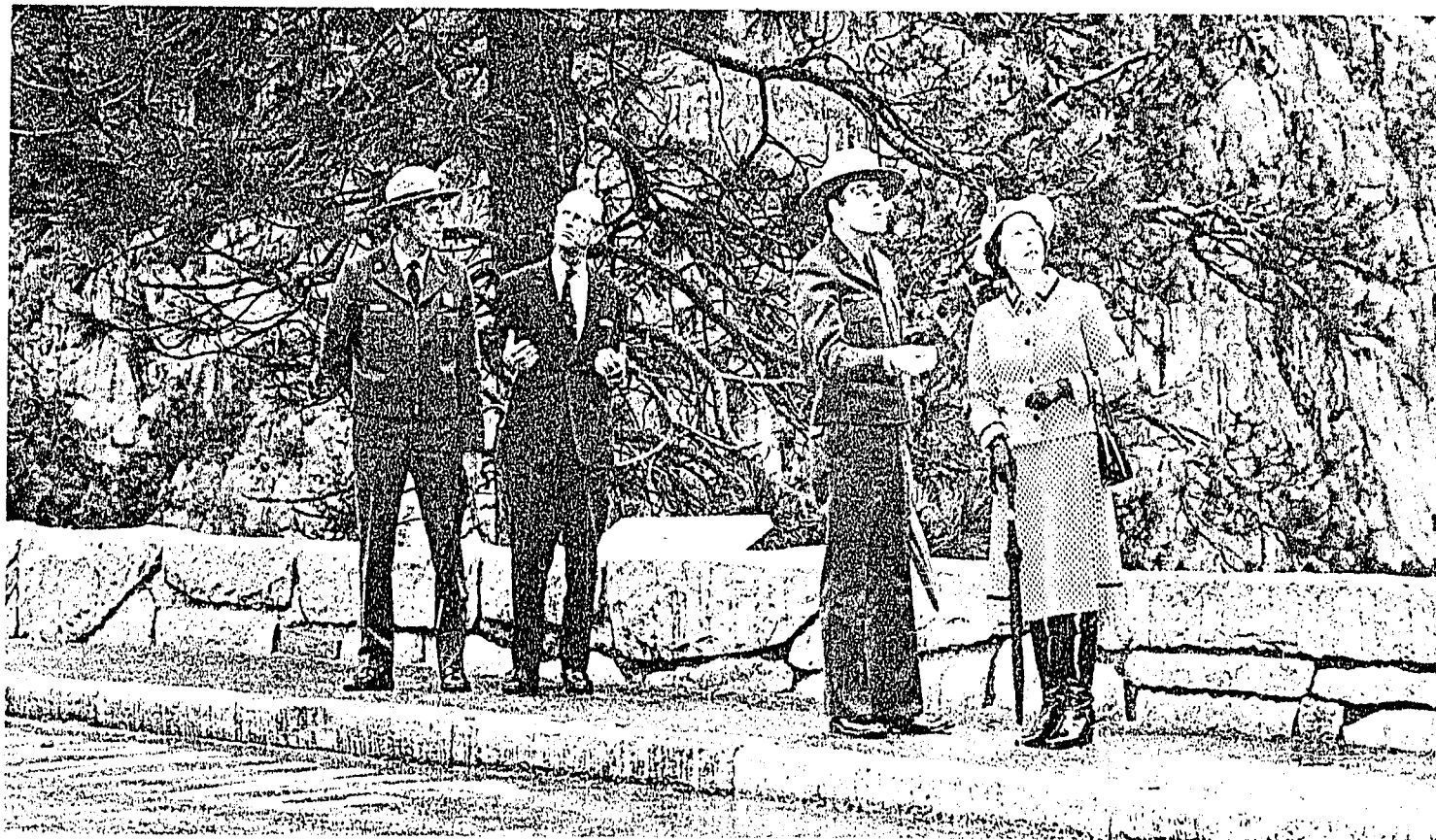
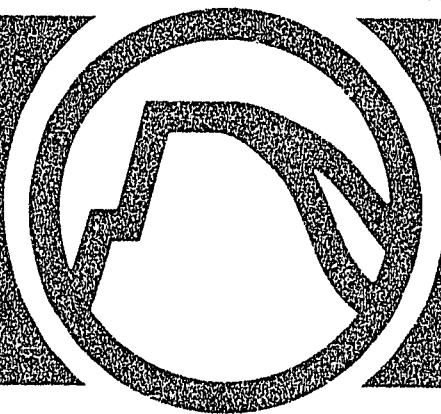
### Other Calendar Items

- March 19                Ancient Jocks
- March 20                Silver Ski Race



A view towards Ostrander Lake from Badger Pass. Ostrander Lake is a popular destination for cross-country skiers.





The grandest palace of them all? Queen Elizabeth II talks with Superintendent Bob Binnewies at Tunnel View just after the royal couple's arrival in Yosemite Valley on March 5. Prince Philip, second from left, appears to be keeping an eye on the weather while chatting with Assistant Superintendent Bill Burgen.

## Operations Chief Reflects On Queen's Visit

On March 7, 1983, a shiny black limousine pulled away from the Ahwahnee Hotel. At that moment, Queen Elizabeth II started another leg of her whirlwind tour, and the royal visit to Yosemite National Park was history.

As Operations Chief for the royal visit, Steve Hickman devoted almost all his working energies towards ensuring that the Queen's stay in Yosemite was a safe one.

"The Queen's visit occupied 80-90% of my time since early January," Hickman said. "The challenge for us was to ensure that the visit went well. This required planning and a lot of hard work."

Hickman was working in the Incident Command Center in the National Park Service fire house

when he heard of the accident in which three Secret Service agents died. "The report caused a lot of tension," he said. "It certainly was a shock. But because of the nature of the people that we were working with, like the Secret Service, we kept things moving."

Were there any unusual incidents? "We did have some fast moments when the Queen and Duke said that they wanted to go out around the Valley," he went on. "But we expected that."

Park Service personnel worked 12 hour shifts Friday through Monday during the visit. "We really enjoyed working with the State Department and Curry Co.," Hickman said.

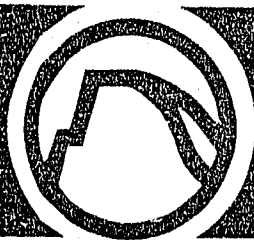
"There was a lot of experience gained throughout this whole

operation, and although we are enjoying a few quiet days now, should this come in the future, we'll look forward to doing it again," Hickman added.

Although the royal visit technically ended when the motorcade left the Park, Hickman noted that "there was no celebrating until the Queen was enroute from Castle Air Force Base."

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## Excitement, Teamwork, Good Will During Queen's Visit

March 7, 1983

Dear Ed,

Though their arrival at Yosemite was less happy than it might have been after the dreadful accident en route, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh nonetheless enjoyed themselves enormously at Yosemite. You and all your staff had taken so much trouble to make their stay worthwhile and the weather yesterday at least did you credit! Her Majesty and His Royal Highness had heard so much of the beauty of Yosemite and they had been so looking forward to coming to the Ahwahnee Hotel. The staff and service at the hotel were superb and particular congratulations and thanks are to be passed to Mr. and Mrs. de Bruin. I was also asked to mention how appreciative the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were of the friendliness and courtesy of the guides who took them around the Park.

While the beauty of Yosemite fully lived up to its reputation, perhaps the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had not realized what an overwhelmingly warm reception they would receive by everyone in the Park. This made for two days of well earned relaxation in the middle of their hectic program. They look forward to their visit to British

### Softball League Starting Soon

The softball season is almost underway, according to Ray Martinez, Employee Recreation Manager. The Team Captain's meeting is tentatively set for May 10. Rules, league format, and tournaments will be discussed.

League nights are scheduled as follows:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 5 - 7 p.m.

Sundays: 2 - 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, call Ray at 372-1460.



She talked with the Queen. Eve Young, Manager of the Ahwahnee Gift Shop will probably never forget the day she explained the shop's collection of Indian jewelry to the Queen of England.

Columbia tomorrow refreshed by the hospitality of you, your wife and everyone at the Park.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fellowes  
Asst. Private  
Secretary to the Queen

Mr. Edward C. Hardy, President  
Yosemite Park and Curry Company  
Yosemite National Park, CA 95389

March 7, 1983

Dear Ed:

Only moments have passed since the departure of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh from Yosemite.

Their visit to this, the grandest of all national parks, was a distinct

compliment to the combined talents of staffs. I was extremely proud of the manner in which you and your management team handled the myriad of intricate details that led to such a successful and historic visit.

The partnership between the National Park Service and the Yosemite Park and Curry Company certainly shined during the Royal visit, as we both knew it would.

The visit certainly was a highlight for all of us, but in a very large sense, as well, it was business as usual. We can do it, and we did do it!

Thank you for your support and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Binnewies  
Superintendent

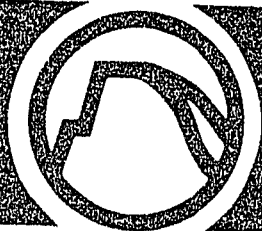
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## Era of "Working Woman" Affecting Women's Group

Women seem to be a lot busier these days.

A generation ago, most American wives did not work in full-time jobs. In the intervening years, two-income households have increased dramatically. This trend has led to a restructuring of many women's organizations, including the Yosemite Women's Group.

"I was looking at the minutes from the early 1950's and noticed something about the club meeting during the day at the Ahwahnee," says Suzanne Strassburger who, along with Anne Graham, co-chairs the Yosemite's Women's Group. "Now, women are working and don't have a lot of free time in the

middle of the day."

The Yosemite Women's Group used to be a very structured organization. Meetings were run according to parliamentary procedure.

"We are very loosely structured at this point," Strassburger went on. "There is no set membership, no application is filled out, and we don't take attendance at meetings."

Who can become involved? "If you are a woman living in the vicinity of Yosemite National Park, you are automatically invited," Strassburger said. "We have a good balance of Park Service, Curry Co., and non-affiliated participants in our functions."

Group activities are planned by a five-member board of directors, which meets about once a month. "We work out the details of the activities and then publicize them," Strassburger said. "Our philosophy is to plan activities of interest to women in our area."

A Halloween dance, the Christmas Crafts Bazaar, and the AFS Weekend were the three primary projects of the Yosemite Women's Group during the past-year.

"Our annual bazaar showed a good profit," Strassburger said. We had crafts people from all over the area come in and sell their goods, donating a percentage to our group. In addition, we had a soup and French bread luncheon. Volunteers come up with 25 different soups," Strassburger said with a smile.

Part of the money generated from the bazaar is applied to a scholarship for a local student.

Foreign high school students in the Bay Area are introduced to life in Yosemite National Park during the AFS (American Field Service) Weekend, scheduled this year for April 28 - May 1. Each student will be housed with a Yosemite family.

"They get a different perspective on life in the country by seeing how we live in the Park," Strassburger says. "The highlight of the weekend is a community pot-luck dinner." The visiting students are responsible for the evening's entertainment.

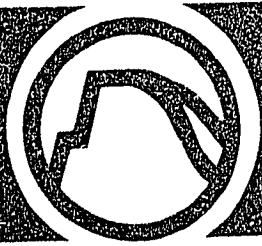
"Last year, a violinist from Sweden performed and the kids from South America sang folk songs," Strassburger said. "It was wonderful." The dinner and entertainment is followed by a dance.

Because of the increased emphasis on structuring Group activities to fit in with the schedules of local women, the board of directors is always looking for input. "We are open to ideas about what the club could or should be doing," Strassburger stressed.

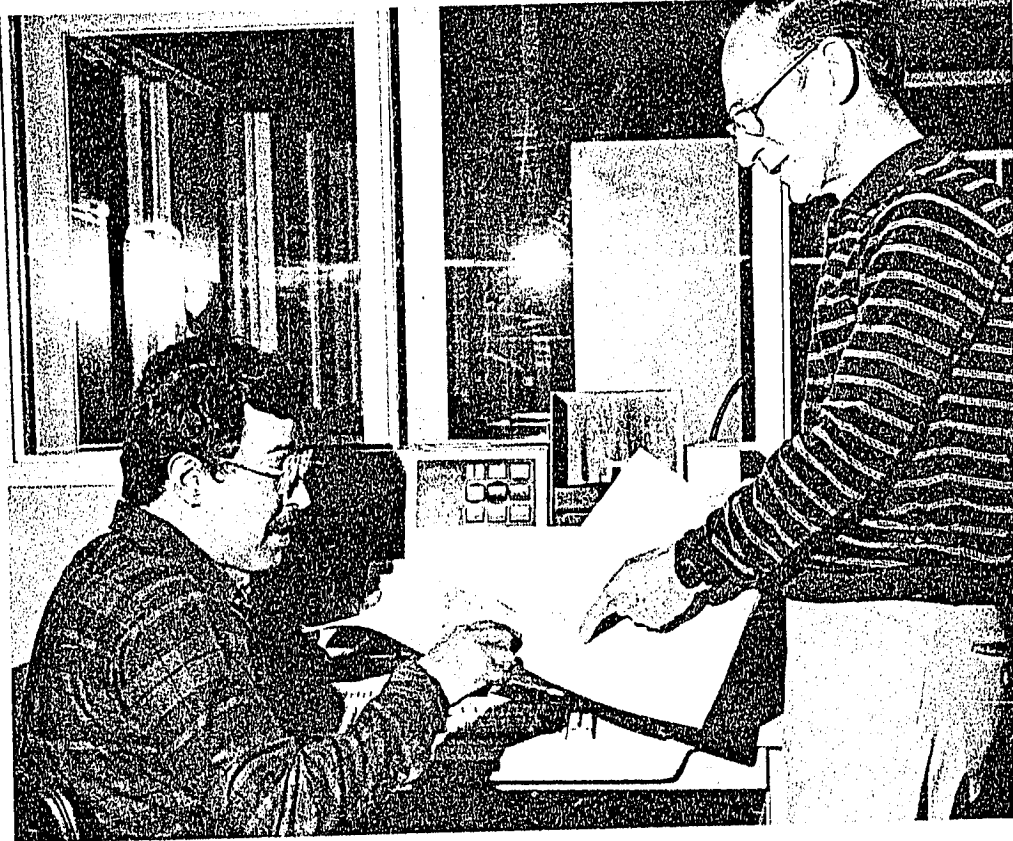


Suzanne Strassburger, Yosemite Women's Group Co-chair, believes the club must cater to the schedules of today's women to be successful.





## Accounting Personnel: They're Not Just "Number Crunchers"



Nick Quezada, Data Processing Manager receives a print-out from his "right-hand man", computer operator Dick Gallagher.



Joseph Paquette, auditor, has worked for YP&C Co. for 24 years. He spends part of his free time writing poems, and has published several.

What is your image of an accountant? Do you picture a stern-faced fellow with thick glasses and a visor, hunched over a desk, silently doing tabulations for 14 hours a day?

If so, think again.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Accounting Department counts a lot of numbers, but that is where the similarity ends. "When you have over 900,000 hotel guests and 2.6 million visitors per year, someone, somewhere, is going to have to work with a lot of numbers", says Mike Welch, who as Controller oversees the department.

"I get good feelings from working in Accounting," says Niessen Foster, "the Foz", Accounts Receivable Secretary. "I really like seeing how the Company fits together." His department checks folios for accuracy and bills individuals or groups that haven't paid upon check-out.

The winter is a relatively slow period for Sandy McDonald,

Accounts Payable Supervisor. "In the summer, we go at full speed," she said. "I'm supposed to make sure that the bills are paid on a timely basis. And I work with managers to encourage them to get their paperwork in on-time."

"This department is charged with monitoring the financial health of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.," Welch explains. "This boils down to producing timely, accurate, and complete financial reports."

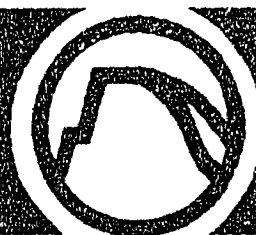
The constantly changing natural environment within which the Company operates is watched carefully. "The people in the statistics department record the weather and road conditions each day," Welch went on. "These daily observations can help us to determine if revenue fluctuations from year to year are due to business or environmental factors. This analysis produces better management results. Occasionally, insurance claims can be made on

the basis of adverse environmental conditions."

The weather statistics and a variety of other operating information are placed on the Company's Daily Operating Report. This report requires extensive manual tabulation to complete. Computerization should ease this load considerably. Welch, a 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, discussed the stereotype of an accountant's work. "We used to joke about 'debits by the window, credits by the door' when working on balance sheets," he said. "Many accountants don't like the detail involved in crunching numbers, per se."

"Taxes also take up a significant chunk of my time," Welch said. "In the Park we have corporate income taxes, property taxes, occupancy taxes, payroll, fuel, excise, sales and use taxes. With each new federal or state administration, there are generally several new tax bills. I have to do a lot of reading to stay up with the changes."

Computerization for various areas of the Company's operations is under active consideration. In addition to the current computer-assisted operations in Reservations and the upcoming computerization



of the Daily Report, financial analysis is now done, partially at least, on a mini-computer. An intensive search is also underway to secure a computer so that the front desks of the hotel units can be automated.

Welch compared the centralized reservations/front desk system that YP&C Co. is looking for to the one in place at Holiday Inns and other national hotel companies.

"Since the Holiday Inns are operated on a decentralized basis, a centralized daily report gathered from all of their locations is not as important to them as it is to us," he said. "Curry Co., however, does require this type of centralized information because all of the hotels are part of a centralized management team. Since this type of system is not in wide demand, the computer firms are less likely to manufacture it for marketing. They usually like to produce a system that will be purchased by a large number of customers. We are getting closer to purchasing a system," Welch said. "We would like to have it installed in 1983, but it's still too early to tell if this will occur."

The Company's present computer is used to print an item of immediate concern to all employees: paychecks. "Our payroll information is sent via telephone lines to MCA in Los Angeles. The information is processed and returned. The checks are printed here," Welch explained.

Pat Bryant, Payroll Supervisor, has to ensure that timecards from the units are accurate and legible before they are sent to the keypunch operator for input into the computer.

"My job here is fairly complex, compared to what it was in my previous experiences," Bryant said. "Where else do you have to make deductions for rent and meals?"

Since Pat's arrival, the office has made major strides towards increasing efficiency and accuracy. Bryant: "We processed the largest payroll in Company history last summer: 1704 checks."

"One of the major benefits of working here is that, for the first time in my life, I can walk to work," Bryant said.

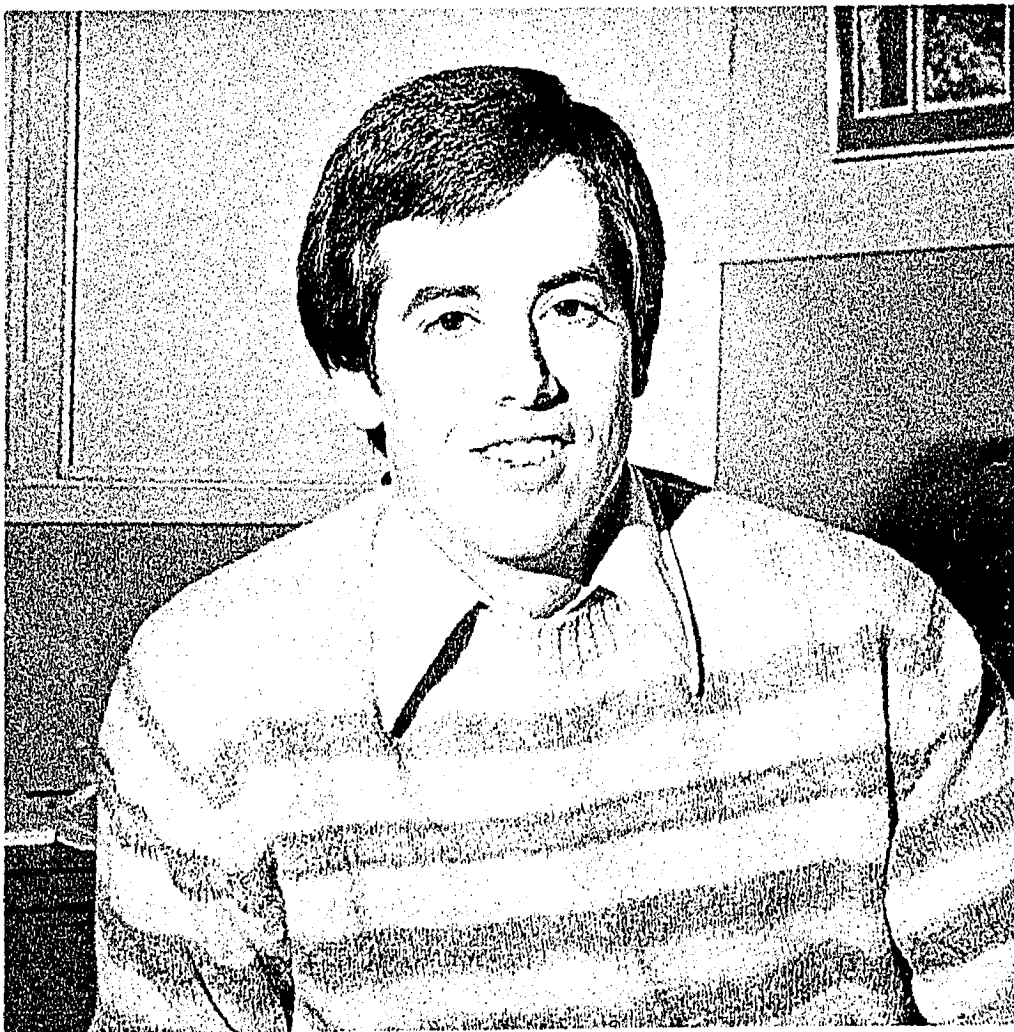
Joe Paquette also appreciates working in Yosemite... and has done so for 24 years.

"I always wanted to work in the mountains," Paquette says. "I grew up on the seashore in Massachusetts and decided that the mountains were for me. I first worked in Yellowstone, managing one of the units. But I needed year-round work (Yellowstone is closed in winter) and friends told me about Yosemite."

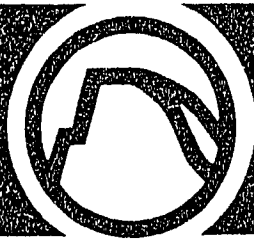
With tongue-in-cheek, Welch says that any accounting department does a type of "double duty." "We have to account for most of the money twice," he said. "One time when it comes in, and once when most of it goes out."



Laura Lee Bush, keypunch operator takes information from various sources and inputs it into the computer.



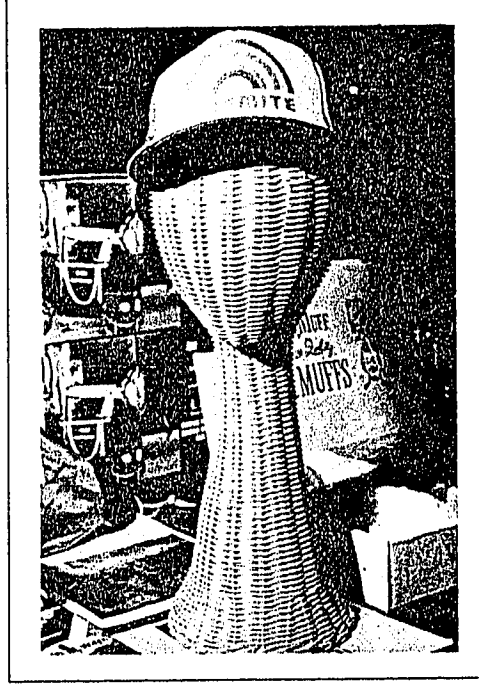
Is it timely? Is it accurate? Is it complete? Financial reports should meet these criteria according to Mike Welch, Controller.



Theodore "Ted" Black, Public Relations, Lodge Gift: "I've always thought it would be funny to give a slide-show of all my tourist pictures."



E. L. Capp, Head Mannequin, Curry Mountain Shop: "I remember standing around back in Mannequin School. A friend asked if I wanted to take part in a fire-fall in Curry Village. . .that was the last straw - so I went to work in the Mountain Shop."



Fred R. Rigget, Ahwahnee Gift Shop: "I was asked over for dinner once. I almost jumped at the chance until I found out what was on the menu, and I practically croaked."

## April Fool's Day to be Held April 2 This Year

by Amy Allen

Did you notice April Fool's Day this year? Did you acknowledge its presence or did you let it slip away without even putting salt in the sugar bowl?

April Fool's Day is our most misunderstood, maligned holiday. It didn't even stand a chance this year. Who thought of making April Fool's Day into Good Friday? And somebody stuck Easter into the calendar only two days later. Of course April Fool's Day, a holiday celebrated by only a small percentage of rather enlightened people would be ignored and crushed by a holiday biggie like Easter. (The Easter Bunny took a great twisted pleasure in taking over, I've heard, and plans to take over Mother's Day next year.)

Perhaps it's just because my birthday is in April, and we all can be a little defensive about our birthday month, but I am just a tad bit affronted at the lack of recognition April Fool's Day receives. I may be overly sensitive, but I can laugh at myself as the object of a good April 1st joke! "Take note, I don't say "practical joke." Practical jokes can be played at any time of the year, and practical jokers seem to derive a perverse pleasure from their occasionally demeaning little pranks. Jokes reserved for April Fool's Day can rarely be gotten away with on any other day but the first of April.

My father tells of a memorable April Fool's during his college days, when he woke up at 4:00 a.m. as his alarm had been altered. Later, upon rising, he slid his feet into his slippers and found two cold, raw eggs someone had placed in the toes. On his way to the bathroom, he discovered the door hinges had been removed, and after finally

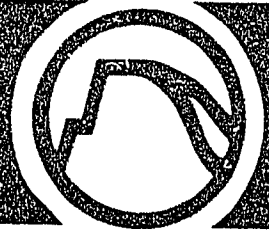
making it to brush his teeth, he discovered that shampoo had been stuffed into his toothpaste tube. Etc., etc., etc.

Nowadays, most people just let April Fool's slide by with only a feeble "There's a butterfly on your head!" or some equally impotent phrase.

The origin of April Fool's Day relates to the Biblical times. On a clear blue expanse of sea, the ark had been drifting about for days. Noah decided to send a pair of doves out to find land. They flew away and never returned. Noah looked at the sky and saw big, white fluffy clouds that spelled out "APRIL FOOLS!" The doves probably built a comfortable nest and had a good laugh now and then.

Sending someone on a foolish or impossible errand became the object of April Fool's Day. A friend of mine who worked in a lumber yard once sent a fellow to get a board-stretcher. The guy never did catch on.





## A World Traveler Settles in Yosemite

*Louis Schot has traveled extensively throughout his working life. As a child he endured the German occupation of Holland. Since 1970, Schot has lived in the United States. He came to Yosemite in the spring of 1982. In the summer he works at the Stables, and in the winter he drives snowcats at Badger Pass. He recently participated in the following interview:*

**Q: What was it like to grow up in Holland?**

A: "I have very vivid memories of World War II. I remember that there was a Jewish person who lived near us. When the Germans came into the area, we took him up to our loft and spread out 50 or 60 bales of hay to hide him. The German soldiers arrived and started stabbing around in the hay. But they didn't find him. We even had to hide my father in a food cart sometimes because he looked Jewish. We had to cripple our horses so the Germans wouldn't take them.

I started as a kid to see the world. For a while I worked with the passengers on a Holland-based ship. I eventually decided that I wanted to try to make it working ashore."

**Q: What did you do?**

A: "I took a job driving a truck. One day, though, I was at a truck show in Holland and saw a big, shiny tour bus. I thought that it would be fun to drive one those. And that is what I ended up doing.

**Q: Where did you drive to?**

A: "I always went long-distance to Italy, Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary. I drove American kids in the People-to-People program. Four years ago, my last group had a reunion in Seattle and they threw a big party for me."

**Q: What do you recall from your days as a tour driver?**

A: "I remember on one occasion leaving some kids that I had on a tour. The kids were crying and I was crying. When I'm active and in touch with people, sometimes it's hard to part."

**Q: What foreign languages do you speak?**

A: "I speak English, Dutch, German, Swedish, and Norwegian fluently. I can get by in Italian and French. I

used to be able to switch around the dinner table with German, Swedish and Norwegian. I can't do that now. Not without a half hour warm-up."

**Q: Do you prefer your summer or winter work?**

A: "I love horses. Learning how to pack mules is great because it's a challenge. I have worked a lot of livestock in the winters, mostly horses and dairy cattle. I have done seasonal work for many years now and I've never been out of work for an hour."

**Q: How do you feel about living in the United States?**

A: "I did miss the neighborhood

feeling I had in Holland, at first. It's not so easy to find that in California. But I'm a patriotic American. If someone says something bad about the U.S., they had better watch out because they'll have a big fight on their hands.

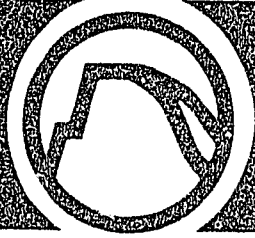
I really enjoy the Sierra atmosphere. I like driving down the hill [from Badger] and seeing the sunset. It's great having that everyday excitement."

**Q: Do you have anything to add?**

A: "You have to be honest, be yourself. Then you can transfer your qualities, like being excited, or having a smile on your face."



Snowcat tour guide at Badger Pass is a logical position for a former European tour bus driver. Louis Schot discovered this winter, however, that even snowcats can get bogged down in the snow.



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## CALENDAR

### Movies

- April 5 Chariots of Fire - PG
- April 12 E.T. - PG
- April 19 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid - PG

### Employee Recreation Continuing Events

- Weight Center - (to be announced)
- Aerobics Exercise: Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
West Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Basketball: Mon. and Wed., (except holidays), 5 - 7 p.m.  
Elementary School
- Tai Chi: Tues. and Thurs., 6 - 8 p.m.  
East Auditorium, Visitor Center
- Volleyball: Thurs. and Fri., 8 - 11 p.m.  
East Auditorium, Visitor Center

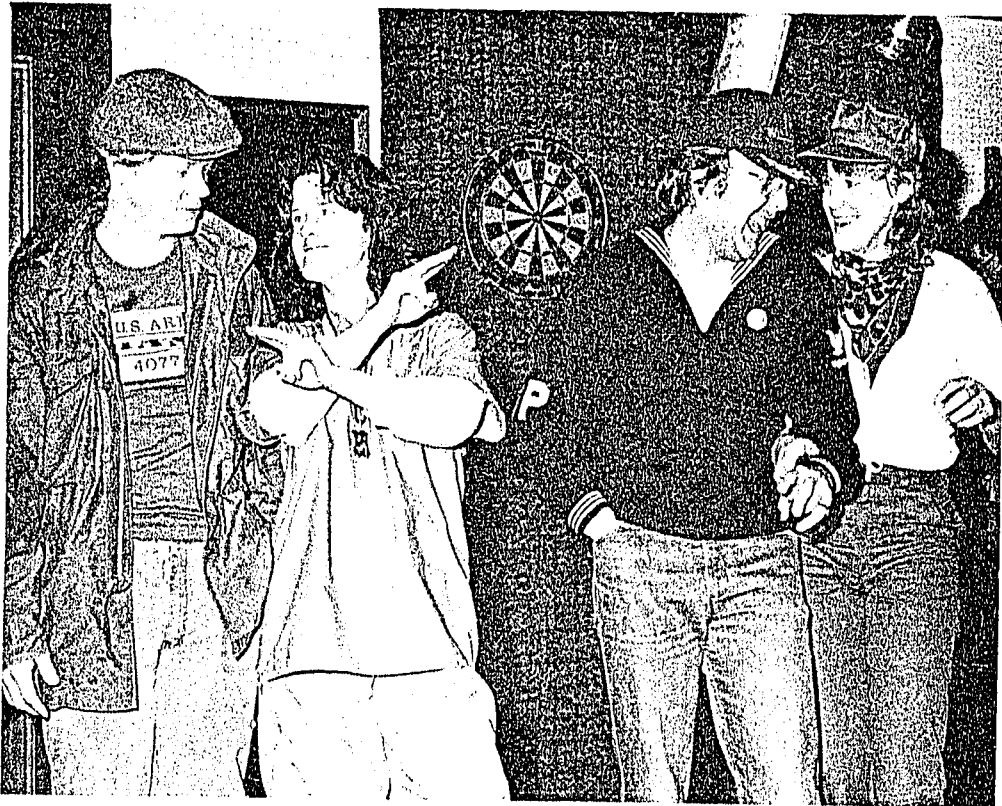
### Other Calendar Items

- April 2 Small Animal Veterinary Clinic, 4 - 6 p.m.  
Yosemite Elementary School



When snow conditions have been suitable, the Nordic Holiday Race has been held in Yosemite Valley.

(Public Affairs File Photo)



Farewell to the 4077th. Employee Recreation paid tribute to the Army's funniest doctors when they hosted a M.A.S.H. party on the evening of the series' final episode. Attending were, from left: Tim Casalou, Holly Barth, Larry Pannell, and Heather Joyner.

### Nordic Holiday Competition: "A True Citizen's Race"

Over one hundred skiers from all over California and even as far away as Norway participated in the Nordic Holiday Race on March 5. Due to heavy snows the week before, the traditional eight-mile course could not be prepared and the Yosemite Mountaineering School opted to have racers ski a four mile loop twice.

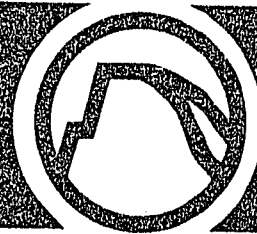
According to Bruce Brossman, School Director, the course was "hilly with some very exciting downhill sections."

James Rodriguez, former YMS guide won the Men's Division and Kathryn Besio, YMS guide won the Women's Division.

The Nordic Holiday Race is held each year on the first weekend in March.

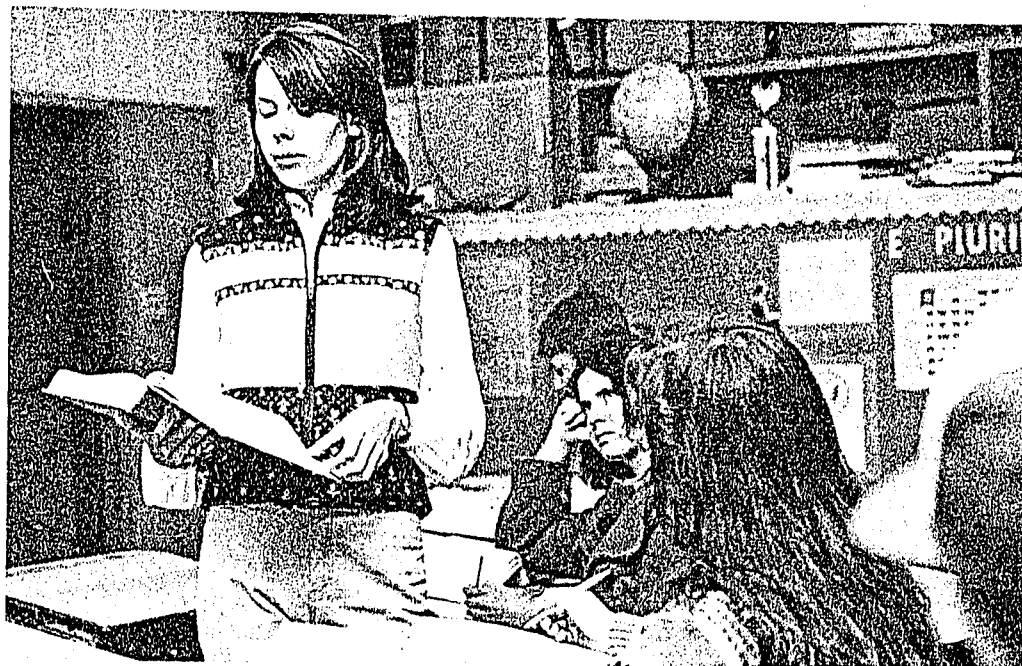
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How big is the Yosemite Falls ice-cone? The SENTINEL staff thought that this photograph would give you a clearer perception of its dimensions.

(Public Affairs File Photo)



Patti Reilly teaches accounting to Yosemite residents. Her class is one of several sponsored by Employee Recreation this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Lodge Apparel** shop will soon display an exciting, new spring collection. "Gunn Sax", "You Babes", "Harout Muslins", "Pendleton", and "Nike", are only a sample of the name brands to be featured. Jewelry, soaps, socks, and hats will be sold as well.

A great variety of winter clothing and accessories are still in stock. Items available include jackets and sweaters by "Pendleton" and "Woolrich", as well as gloves, hats, and scarves from other lines.

Manager Kathie Carlin and her employees look forward to serving you.

The **El Cerrito Band** will be performing at the Clark Community Hall in El Portal on April 22.

El Portal Annual **Chili Feed and Cake Walk**, May 6, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Adults - \$3.00, children - \$1.50, family \$12.00 (including seconds). Clark Community Hall.

Yosemite Women's Group will hold its annual **American Field Service (A.F.S.) Weekend**, Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1. There will be 35 English-speaking students from all over the world who have been spending the year in the East Bay area. They would like to broaden their experience by visiting Yosemite. The Women's Group is looking for families who would enjoy opening their homes to these students. A guest room is not necessary. A sofa or sleeping bag will be just fine. You are not obligated to provide activities for these students, but you will want to attend the community potluck dinner to be held in their honor on Saturday evening. For further information call Suzanne Strassburger at 372-4282, or Barbara Quick at 372-4823.

## SERVICE

For bike repairs and tune-ups see Mark at J-11 Annex.

## FOR SALE

'69 Cougar, 351 engine, new tires and chains, oil and filter. \$500 or best offer. Call Vernon at 379-9960.

Rossignol skis, 150 cm, with Salomon bindings - \$55; Hart 160 cm, no bindings - \$15; Coleman stove - \$15; Marantz receiver, Garrard turntable, Sony speakers, \$200 or best offer. Also have record albums for sale. Northface tent - \$325. Call Steve at the Annex Housing Office or go to Cabin 2031.

Kastle 210 cm, with Salomon 727 bindings - \$125; 48" ski poles - \$10; Size 32 ski pants - \$45; Wool sweater, medium - \$20; Bike pump - \$7. See Mark at J-11, Annex.

Miyata 15 speed bike, 6 months old, like new. Cost \$375, will sell for \$275. Call Brian at 372-1469 (home), or 372-1414 (work).

'59 Ford 1/2 ton pickup, long bed with camper, new battery, brakes, clutch, rear end, radiator. \$700 or best offer. Call Tony at 1458 or go to F-210, Tecoya.

Vermont Tubbs snow shoes, 10 x 14, 5-9. New, with bindings. \$50. See Dave at Tecoya C-1 after 6 p.m.

17' boat and trailer with 35 HP Johnson motor. Lifejackets and spare gas can included - \$695. Call 372-4802.

Sherwood 25 watt receiver, Emerson AM/FM cassettes player, Quadraflex speakers - \$160 or best offer. See Gil at Annex Cabin 2008 or Four Seasons.

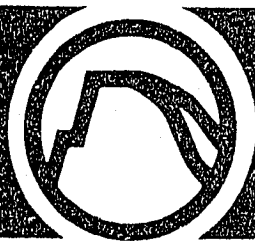
New popcorn popper - \$10; Raichle ski boots, 8 1/2, women's - \$50. See Patti at Annex K-16 or call 372-9955 or 9978.

Pile jackets, all sizes - \$35. See Dan at H-5.

## WANTED

**Babysitter needed.** In Yosemite Valley, approximately 15 hours per week. Call 372-4802.





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## Vintage Moments

by F. J. Johnson

Welcome to the first Vintage Moment of 1983, a regularly appearing column in which wines are examined from the standpoint of the typical Yosemite resident.

In this and subsequent articles, we shall explore such areas as wine paraphernalia, touring, tastings and related etiquette. We will also examine the identification, selection, and storage of fine wines.

The aspiring wine aficionado needs two basic tools to start his or her career: a bottle opener and a tasting glass. There are two types of bottle openers that I prefer - the standard lever-action corkscrew, and the ah-so.

The lever model usually includes a pen blade for the removal of lead foil. The astute shopper will make sure that the worm, or working end of the corkscrew, is a coil and not a spiral around a central shaft.

The ah-so is a handle attached to a pair of slightly outward bending prongs. The prongs are inserted between the cork and the neck of the bottle (long prong first), allowing easy removal of the cork. I eliminated the need for a separate blade by sharpening the long prong on one edge.

A properly designed glass is equally necessary for the enjoyment of fine wines. The ideal glass has a clear bowl with a capacity of 6-8 ounces, and should be free of etching and curving inwards near the top. This tulip shape is ideal for concentrating those elusive aromatics so important to a wine's character. A stemmed glass aids in keeping the wine at the proper temperature, while adding a touch of elegance to any setting.

One quick rejoinder - each individual has their own taste tolerances, which don't change, and their own level of experience, which does. This explains why not all wine tasters will agree on the merits of a particular wine, and why

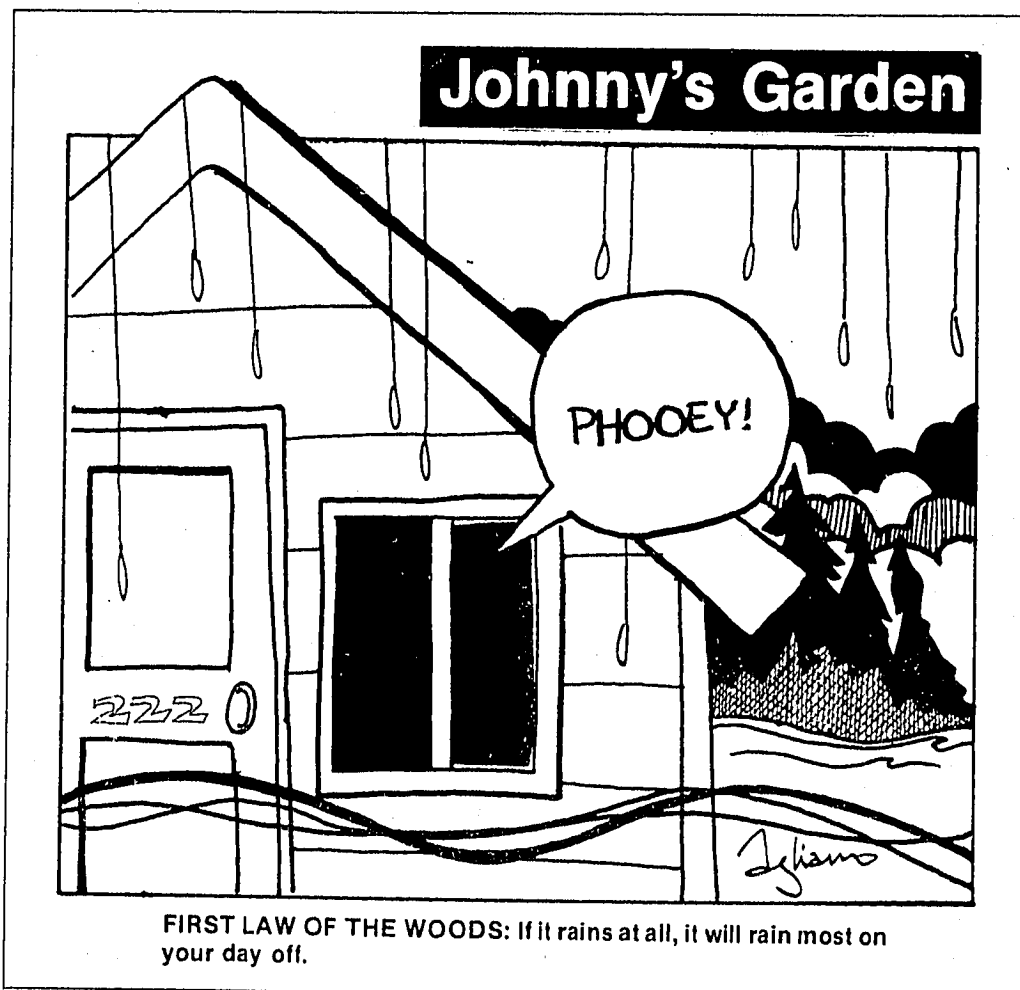
professionals often drink a wine they rate lower than another. With this in mind, I'd like to introduce W.E.S.T., or Wine Experimentation Series of Tastings.

W.E.S.T. is designed to increase an individual's knowledge of wine and wine terminology. In W.E.S.T., I shall propose assortments of wines to be tasted in group settings. These assortments will have various themes, but will gradually increase both in quality and price.

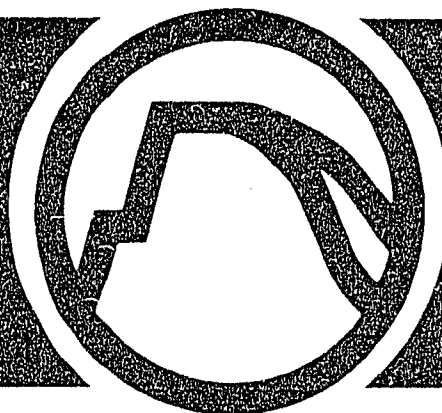
The participants of these tastings will enjoy greater benefits if a few simple guidelines are followed. First, the host should provide a water rinse, and preferably a clean glass for each wine. The wines should be served at the proper temperature (slightly chilled for whites, room temperature for reds), with some breads or crackers served between the wines to clear the palate. Tastings are usually arranged so that wines are served dry to sweet, and white to red. AND, since the wines will be served from numbered containers (no labels), each participant should

have a comment sheet that includes these categories: color, aroma, flavor, and after taste. Particular smells and their description work well for both aroma and flavor, while tactile descriptions (hot, round, heavy), are also good.

This month's selection theme is introduction. Designed with the novice in mind, it is a sampler of inexpensive wines selected to familiarize the taster with the basic difference between white and red wines. As the tasting proceeds, **compare** the light fruit of the whites with the bolder aromas of the reds. Also note the relative "dryness" of the wines. It is interesting to guess the name of the wines, knowing which are to be served, but not the order of pouring. This month's wines are: Gallo Chablis Blanc, Charles Krug Chablis, Blue Nun Liebfraumilch, Beringer Burgundy, Robert Mondavi Table Red, and Sebastiani Burgundy. These wines are available at either the Deli or the Village Store. Good luck, and remember -- Go W.E.S.T.



# YOSEMITE



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Spring is here!!

## It's Time To Break Out Those Running Shoes

by Dennis Yaminitski

Mother nature certainly had running in mind when she created Yosemite. It's truly a runners paradise and as I call it the "best training ground in the world." No matter what level or running condition you are looking for, Yosemite has it. With springtime here it's time to break out the running shoes and start getting those miles in. With this article we hope to keep you informed and updated on all the running news we can get our hands on, including local and international race coverage, running tips on Yosemite's hidden trails and roads, altitude training and local running gossip.

Congratulations to our own John Carter blazing to a 27:40 3rd place finish at the Heart Run in Merced. John is also the race director for the YP&C Co. sponsored 2nd Annual Lush Meadows "Engine 29" Run. The race is on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. There's a 2 mile and a 5 mile run, so it's a great way to get your running career started. Entry forms will be available at Employee Recreation. This months tip on a good trail to begin spring training is the-Hites Cove Trailhead located at



Dennis Yaminitski and Jo Whitford take advantage of an early Spring day.

Savage's. The nice weather and beauty along the south fork of the Merced River make this run truly enjoyable.

We look forward to keeping you informed and encourage your comments and any information you can give us. So get out of the dorms and tents and we'll see you on the road. Remember, there's only 9 months until the Honolulu Aloha Marathon.

### Reagan Congratulates YP&C Co.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

Many thanks for your kind note and the set of crystal stemware commemorating the visit of Their Majesties Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. I particularly appreciate your comment about Michael Deaver, and I am grateful to you and your fine staff for the many courtesies shown our royal visitors during their stay at Yosemite National Park. The goblets are a perfect remembrance of your special thoughtfulness.

Nancy joins me in sending you and all our friends at Yosemite Park & Curry Company our best warm wishes.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

## RECORD SNOWPACK IN YOSEMITE

According to Bob Johnson, Mather District Ranger in charge of snow surveys, snow surveys have been taken since 1926. Records are kept of the highest and lowest snow depth years. The most important factor of the snow survey is the water content which was 36-39% over normal in the survey started March 24. The same survey measured snow depths well over 200 inches at Snow Flat, breaking the 1969 record of 189 inches.

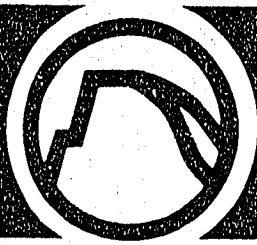
There were forecasts for a heavy winter, but no one expected the

record breaking snows and rains we experienced. Until this winter, 1952 and 1969 held the records for the greatest amount of snow and rain. The most recent survey indicated that snowpack is 1 - 20 inches greater than previous record years.

Although the heavy winter has caused flooding and slides, we can now see the promise of a beautiful spring. Wildflowers are beginning to bloom and soon the dogwood will blossom. With the heavy snowpack, we can be assured of full waterfalls well into summer.

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## 27th Annual Silver Ski Race

For the 27th year, Badger Pass hosted the annual Silver Ski Race Sunday, March 20. Snow flurries and cloudy skies were no deterrent to the excitement and fun had by racers and spectators.

Race courses were set on Badger Hill and Chipmunk to accommodate approximately 80 entrants in the nine race categories. First, Second, and Third place winners were chosen for male and female in each category.

The winners were:

### GROUP A - Adult Beginners & Racers 56 and Over

<b>Female</b>	1 - Teresa Hotchkins	<b>Male</b>	1 - Ron Nakagawa
	2 - Jean Williams		2 - Matt Deeds
	3 - Jeanne Wais		3 - Ted Mort

### GROUP B - Beginners 13 - 16 years

<b>Female</b>	1 - Dinorah Martin	<b>Male</b>	1 - Robert King
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### GROUP C - Beginners 12 years and under

<b>Female</b>	1 - Dickie Quick	<b>Male</b>	1 - Shawn Quick
	2 - Jamie Breckenridge		2 - Ian Wind
			3 - Major Roger

### GROUP 1 RACERS - 15-16 years

<b>Female</b>	1 - Lynda Horton	<b>Male</b>	1 - Frank Conway
	2 - Amy Ronay		2 - David Horton
	3 - Janet Wendt		2 - Jeff Hickman

### GROUP 2 RACERS - 12-14 years

<b>Female</b>	1 - Jennie Little	<b>Male</b>	1 - Jimmy Little
	2 - Larisa Durr		2 - Johnny Walker
			3 - Carter Williams

### GROUP 3 RACERS - 11 years and under

<b>Female</b>	1 - Dana Mackie	<b>Male</b>	1 - Jeff Hinson
			2 - Robert Swanbeck
			3 - Thomas Ronay

### GROUP 4 ADULT RACERS - 18-39 years

<b>Female</b>	1 - Patti Garza	<b>Male</b>	1 - Mark Conway
	2 - Char Dunlap		2 - Allen Berrey
	3 - Shari Williams		3 - Ken Melton

### GROUP 5 ADULT RACERS - 40-55 years

<b>Female</b>	1 - Gaile Gee	<b>Male</b>	1 - Randy Rust
			2 - Carter Williams
			3 - Warren Cleeland

### GROUP 6 SKI INSTRUCTORS AND SKI PATROL

<b>Female</b>	1 - Kathi Benson	<b>Male</b>	1 - Clarke Barrett
	2 - Doe Dickinson		2 - Landis Vanderkarr
			3 - Bob Evans

Best female overall went to Patti Garza with a 26.18 time. Best overall male went to Mark Conway with a 23.24 time. Congratulations.

Since the first Silver Ski Race held at Badger Pass in 1957, Badger Pass, the Yosemite Winter Club, and the Fresno Bee have worked cooperatively to sponsor this annual event. Continued community support is a major part of the Silver Ski Race. Thank you to all participants and spectators who contributed to the success and good times had by all!

## Now Available: Banking Service For Employees

Would you like to take the pain out of banking? If so, a new service is now available which allows employees to have a designated amount deducted from your paycheck and automatically deposited to your checking or savings account. This program is being undertaken in conjunction with the local Wells Fargo branch. Getting the program started is easy to do and can be done by contacting Diane at Wells Fargo during banking hours. Once your account has been set-up at the bank, notification will be provided to the payroll department which will then initiate the deduction.

For those who would like to avoid making weekly bank deposits, the direct deposit service continues to be available. Under this program, your entire net check is automatically deposited in your account at the local Wells Fargo branch by the payroll department. Your checkstub is delivered to you.

Any payroll-related questions concerning these programs can be directed to Pat Bryant, Payroll Supervisor, at extension 1127.

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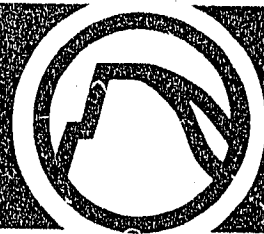
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## Dispatchers, Behind-The-Scenes, But Part Of The Action

by David Merrill

A few interesting statistics from the National Park Service Dispatcher's office:

On a busy day in summer, the on-duty dispatcher may handle 1½ to 2 calls per minute.

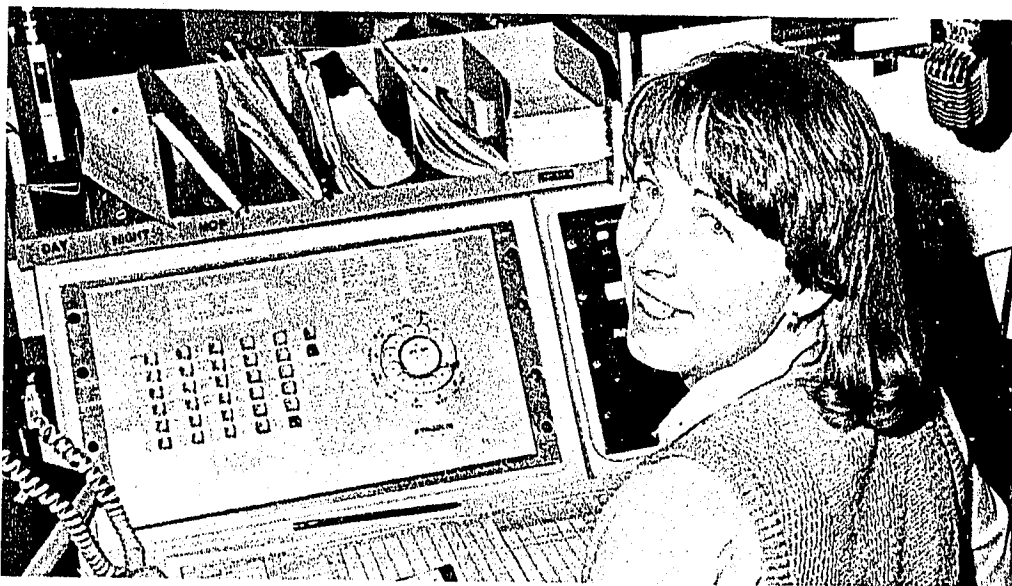
Radio transmissions for 200 rescues each year go through the office.

A dispatcher plays a role in each of 28,900 cases occurring annually in Yosemite. Incidents range from a routine traffic check, to a helicopter rescue on El Capitan.

The Park Service phone operator, who usually responds with the greeting—"Good afternoon, National Park Service"—is the link between the public and the dispatcher. Emergency calls coming through the phone operator or on the 911 line are handled by the dispatcher. All 911 calls are taped.

One emergency call may generate six calls. "My dispatchers may have to keep track of 40 people at one time. There may be a ranger at a car-stop, another at an auto-accident, and a third talking to security," says Conway. "The dispatcher has to be able to carry on three conversations at once."

An intricate knowledge of the Park, including the trails, is another



Carol Conway

trademark of an effective dispatcher. "We try to put people in here who know the Park well," says Conway.

Speed is another job requirement. "Dispatchers have to go from 0-60 in 30 seconds or less," Conway pointed out. "They have to be able to respond and act. I can't have them asking me if they should dispatch an ambulance."

Not only does the dispatcher have to know where the rangers are, they have to know what they are doing, as well. "Because of this, they can't leave their radio without telling the

relief person the location and activity of the rangers on duty," says Conway.

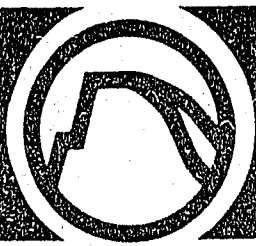
The Dispatcher's office also sends out electricians and plumbers. "We're just like a small sheriff's office, police department, and city maintenance department," Conway explains. "With this variety you don't get stale."

Radio transmissions during rescues can be heart-stopping, according to Conway. She recalled one incident involving a climber who lay dying after a fall on El Capitan in the late 1970's. "By the time the helicopter arrived he had already died," Conway said. "The crew had just placed the body on the chopper and were pulling away from the face of the cliff when a voice came over the radio: 'It's going down, it's going down.' My mind went blank," Conway recalls, "and all I could see was the aircraft spinning towards the base of El Capitan. Then another voice came in: 'We're O.K.. Don't send a fire-truck or an ambulance.' The helicopter eventually exploded."

"Rescues often inspire a strong sense of cooperation," Conway says, "especially if it is an extended search in the high country. We know we are not part of the glory, but we may have made it work."



Darlene Hales



## Maintenance Department: Small Crew, Big Job

by David Merrill



Tom Villoni

Who would ever think that so much depended on the skill and efforts of two dozen men?

The Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Maintenance department is relied upon in literally all areas of Company operations. "During the summer, Maintenance must respond to calls anywhere from El Portal to Vogelsang, from the Big Trees to Glen Aulin," says Tom Villoni, Maintenance department supervisor.

Small jobs are usually handled by the unit's utility men. "If they come across a job that they think will take more than half an hour to do, they usually call a specialist from Maintenance to assist," Villoni says.

These specialists are grouped under skill categories, or trade shops. These include: paint, electrical, refrigeration, carpentry, machine, plumbing, and locks. There is also a labor shop that provides manpower where it is needed most.

Villoni has to be aware of his employees' skills. Larry Mayes, paint shop foreman, has demonstrated a strong aptitude for matching colors. "You have to be able to match colors," Mayes points out. "There is a certain art to it." With only two employees, his shop does nearly all employee and much of the

guest area painting.

As carpenter/locksmith, Greg Otwell has to ensure that the units have enough keys. If someone locks their keys in the car, or can't get into their suitcase, he may be called. "Actually, we have a lot of guest contact. I like to think that we are the other side of renting the room," Otwell said.

All of these specialists depend on the Maintenance parts department. "They keep us going," says Villoni.

Before a repair is needed, however, the department works to prevent a problem from arising. Preventive maintenance on equipment supports this goal.

"Our top priority, is the safety and health of employees and guests," Villoni stated.

This on-going commitment to the welfare of residents and visitors in Yosemite is shared with the National Park Service. "We deal directly with the Park Service most often in electrical situations," Villoni said. "We have enjoyed 100% cooperation with them. And they are really an excellent source of information."

Another group of professionals that maintenance works with are "outside" contractors. "These people tend to be better versed in handicapped facilities, codes, and recent

developments in the maintenance field," Villoni says.

At this time, there is a major effort to prepare units for the summer season. "After we close Badger Pass we generally open Housekeeping Camp and the Crane Flat store. Then we have to open the High Sierra Camps," says Villoni.

"We drive to White Wolf, walk to May Lake, and ride horses to the rest of them," says Villoni. "You're with the same group along the way, too."

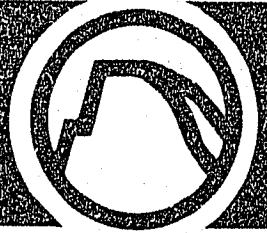
The group atmosphere of the High Sierra contrasts strongly with the one-man show of Guy Baudoux, night and weekend plumber. Resourcefulness is one of his job requirements. "It's a real challenge working alone," he says.

Baudoux says that there are three ways to learn: 1-from someone else, 2-in a book, 3-by taking it apart and figuring it out. "I learned the practical way, on-the-job," he said.

Since he usually has his days off, he is able to pursue several outdoor activities. "I like to do everything associated with the Park. I enjoy the Park in all its seasons," he said. "When I first came here, I was passing through," he went on. "Well, I've been passing through for the past seven years."



Greg Otwell



Tim Messick (center foreground) prepares for an exciting take-off in the Nordic downhill race. Other entrants watch as Holly Barth, official gate tender, supervises the start.



A victory sign from three winners in the race competition. Left to right; Bill Critchlow, Anton Nunnikhoven and David Gadd.

## Employee Day A Success

Great snow conditions and a beautiful sunny Spring day greeted this year's annual Employee Day at Badger Pass. Such excellent conditions were instrumental in attracting over 150 participants; one of the largest turnouts in the events' history.

After indulging in a BBQ lunch, the contestants lined up for the Nordic and Alpine downhill races. Winners in the Women's Alpine downhill race were Jane Thomas in first place, Connie Anderson coming in a close

second and Patty Kirby placing third. In the Men's division, Dean (Boo) Conway took first, Chris Faulkenstein second and Anton Nunnikhoven third.

In the Nordic downhill event, Kathy Bevis took the first place award for the Women's division. For the Men, Chris Faulkenstein placed first, with Bruce Brossman coming in second and Anton Nunnikhoven placing a close third.

The excitement of the day however, came in the relay event.

It looked like an easy victory for Dean Conway's team until Dean took a spill in the last leg of the race. Only a mere 5 feet from the finish line Anton Nunnikhoven's team sped in amid jubilant cheers for a spectacular first place finish!

After the races, employees enjoyed a pizza dinner, dancing to the Stoney Creek band and the announcement of the raffle prize winners. The lucky winners were: Doug Williams who won a pair of ski goggles, Nita Torres who won a pair of Vuarnet sunglasses and Ron Thornberg who was awarded a 1983/84 Badger season pass.

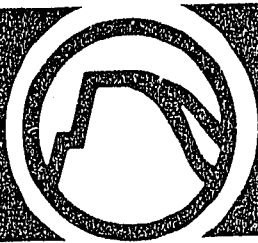
Anton Nunnikhoven races for the finish line in the Alpine downhill competition.



From left to right; Bruce Brossman, Dean Conway, Connie Anderson, Wade Lewis and Kathy Bevis proudly display their winning trophies.







## Alice Moreno Sews at Work - Crochets At Home

by David Merrill

*The room is small and cozy. Neatly folded pants and shirts fill ten-foot high shelves, and a row of coats hangs from the ceiling. Someone knocks and the door opens, revealing a curious face: "I came for my uniform." With a garment in her hand, Alice Moreno steps to the door and assists the new employee. She recently discussed her job as Company seamstress:*

**Q:** How long have you been in uniforming?

A: "Before my husband got a job with the Park Service, I had never worked in a job. But rather than sit at home and look at the four walls, I took a job as a maid in 1969. After a while, I began to sew at the Lodge, working on curtains for the cabins and mending pillows and bedspreads. In 1974 I left for a couple of years to take care of my husband who was ill. I returned as the seamstress for Training and Uniforming in 1976..."

**Q:** How do you spend your working day?

A: "We do all the alterations on the uniforms. We also make name tags and pin up the pants when fitting employees. We have to send returned uniforms to the cleaners on Tuesday and Friday. When they come back, I check the cuffs and zippers, and then size the clothes. I even sell shoes to employees via payroll deduction. I have to laugh when other employees first come in here to work. This is a small room and they are always bumping into things, but I don't have any trouble. If there is no attendant on duty I do the entire shop's work myself."

**Q:** With the summer season just ahead, what is on your mind?

A: "I'm looking forward to that time of the year because I like being busy. When the summer work starts, we'll have more uniforms going out, but also more coming in, too."



Alice Moreno

**Q:** Is sewing one of your hobbies?

A: "Not really. I picked up sewing from my mother and now sew just a little when it's necessary. I like crocheting. At Christmas I make dolls, usually Raggedy Anns, for my grandchildren. I get the dolls and stuff and dress them. In fact, the kids have come to expect a doll from Grandma."

**Q:** How do you feel about working in Yosemite?

A: "There are two days that I remember as the happiest in my life. One was when my first grandkid was born. The other was the day I came

to Yosemite. I remember coming up here as a kid all the time."

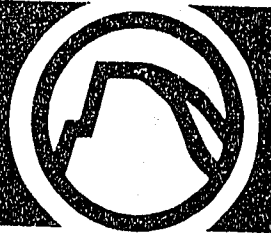
**Q:** Where are you originally from?

A: "I was born and raised in Ventura, California, and so was my husband. I have worked for Yosemite Park & Curry Co. for roughly 14 years."

**Q:** Do you have anything to add?

A: "We just purchased a home in Bear Valley and we are very proud of it. Someday we hope to retire there."

# 7 BETWEEN THESE WALLS



## Community Calendar

- May 3 Lion's Club Sponsored Blood Bank and Eye-Mobile 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Visitors Center, East Auditorium. For more information, call Rusty at 372-4475.
- Soft Ball League Team Captain's Meeting - Call Employee Recreation, Ext. 1475 for more information.
- Coalminer's Daughter - PG, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
- Meeting for all coaches and managers of Men's and Women's softball teams at 6:00 p.m. in the new recreation office.
- May 6 Sierra Club Slide Presentation, "John Muir's High Sierra", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 6 Sierra Club Film Presentation - "Islands in Time", "Alaska, Land in the Balance", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 7 Small Animal Veterinary Clinic, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Yosemite Elementary School.
- Sierra Club Slide Presentation, "Along the John Muir Trail", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial
- Goodbye Girl - PG, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
- May 11 Sierra Club Film Presentation, "Command Ground" and "America's Wetlands", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 13 Sierra Club Film Presentation, "Ski Mountains of the West", and "By Nature's Rules", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 14 Sierra Club Slide Presentation, "Adventure Backpacking" 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial. Blazing Saddles - R, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
- May 18 Sierra Club Film Presentation, "It Can Happen to You!" and "Wilderness Survival", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 20 Sierra Club Presentation, "Realm of the Wild" and "On the Safe Side of Winter", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 21 Sierra Club Presentation, "Flood and Forecasting" and "Off-Road Controversy", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- Lushmeadows Volunteer Fire Department. (Engine 29 Run). Meet At Uncle Joe's Pizza Barn at 9:00 a.m. Registration Forms available through Employee Recreation or Personnel Office.
- May 24 No Nukes - PG, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.
- May 25 Sierra Club Slide Presentation, "From Boulders to Big Walls", 8:00-9:30 p.m., LeConte Memorial.
- May 27 & 28 Sierra Club Film Presentation, "Grand Canyon by Dory, A Journey Through Time", 8:00-9:30 p.m., Visitor's Center West Auditorium.
- May 31 Four Seasons - PG, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

### WRITE THE CAPTION sound easy?

The person who comes up with the best caption for the given photograph will receive two movie passes courtesy of Employee Rec. Turn entries into, The Public Affairs Office.



## Classified

Jet Sound Car Stereo AM/FM Cass. & Speakers - cost \$375 - sell \$200

25" RCA Color TV - \$150

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5.1 Acres with 12' X 65' Expando Mobile Home, includes many extras. 5 mi. from Mariposa \$54,500. Contact 372-4802

Carlos 6-string Acoustic Guitar - \$100 - Joe, Annex Cabin 2001

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Thruster Panasonic Speakers - \$20 - Dave Mathias - Tecoya F-204

Vivitar 2x Teleconverter for Minolta Camera - \$20. Call 372-4441

62mm Supplemental close-up lenses (3) - \$10 - Call Roger at 372-4441

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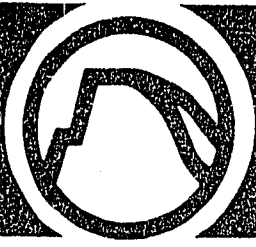
200 cm wooden Cross-country skis with size 10 boots & 145 cm poles - all for \$20. Call Roger at 372-4441

10 Speed bicycle with 25" frame - \$75. Call Roger at 372-4441

Aluminum backpack frame - \$5. Call Roger at 372-4441

Plastic weight sets; 2 weight lifting benches. Call recreation at 1475

Babysitter needed. Yosemite Valley, 15 hrs. per week. Call 372-4802.



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS 8

## Vintage Moments

by F.J. Johnson

Since 1960, vineyard acreage in California has tripled, and the number of new wine consumers has shown an even more dramatic increase.

It is for this segment of consumers, who are relatively new to the wine world, that I have opened my Wine Experimentation Series of Tastings. W.E.S.T. is not designed to tell the reader which wines are better than others, but rather to open discussion on that subject by persons of similar experience levels.

I cannot stress too often the importance of utilizing the group setting when conducting W.E.S.T seminars. This provides for a broader spectrum of ideas to be presented on each wine, and reduces the cost factor significantly. It can also be useful to persuade a friend who is knowledgeable about wines to participate, to get the ball rolling (or tongue wagging, so to speak). Please taste all the wines first, then go back and have some more of your favorites.

Most professional tasters follow a set pattern when tasting wine, in order to better achieve consistency, and to fully experience all that the wine has to offer.

First, he will examine the wine for color and general appearance, preferably using sunlight and a white background. Next he gives the wine a good swirl to release the aromatic components of the wine, which he judges by giving it a sharp sniff. Immediately after sniffing, he takes an ounce or so in his mouth and breathes air through his lips (head tilted back), making a slurping sound. This further releases the flavor components, and helps to spread the wine to all the taste buds. After swallowing, he will take note of the aftertaste. One final note on making accurate judgements - beware the power of suggestion, use all your senses except your ears.

Last month in W.E.S.T., I suggested six wines be sampled in order to demonstrate the basic differences between the red and white wines.

Using generalities, I noticed that the reds had higher alcohol, were drier, contained more tannins (that rough feeling on the tongue), and had stronger oaky aromas. The whites were fruitier, with light fresh aromas, and were sweeter, especially in the finish.

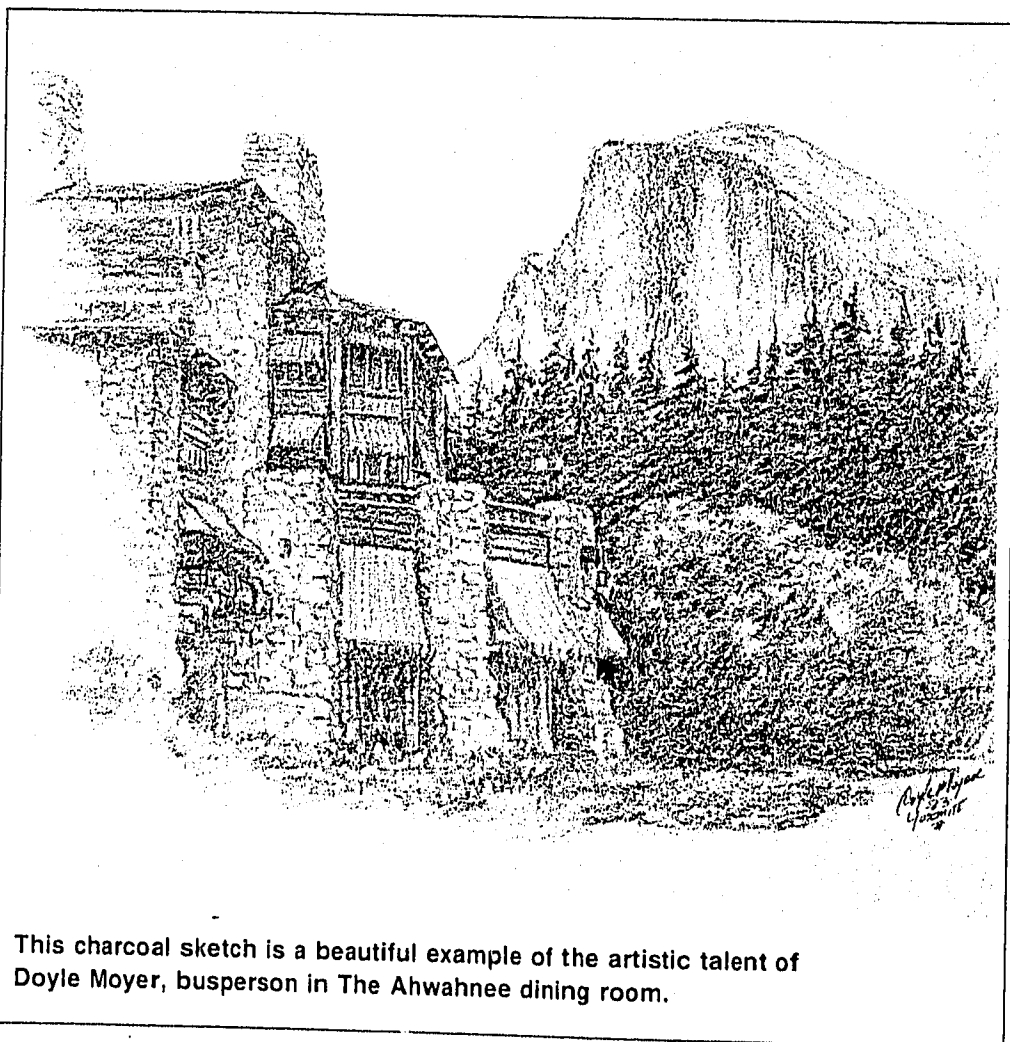
Specifically, the Gallo Chablis Blanc and the Blue Nun Liebfraumlich were both fruity and slightly sweet, with the Gallo being simpler and less fresh. The Charles Krug Chablis would be my preference among the reds, I found the Sebastiani Burgundy was balanced but meager. My favorite, the Robert Mondavi Table Red, 1980, exhibited an aroma reminiscent of unripe cherries, and while it lacked body, it was pleasant to drink. While not medal winners, these wines were fair values for their under \$5.00 price range.

This month, we will concentrate on the different characteristics of white wines of specific varieties. This month's selections are: Inglenook Gewurztraminer, 1981; Bargetto Johannisberg Riesling, 1981; McDowell Valley Vineyards Chenin Blanc, 1980; Beringer Fume Blanc, 1981; and Fetzer 1980 Barrel Aged Mendocino Chardonnay. These wines range from \$6.00 - \$8.00, and include the most popular varieties, as well as the most common.

For the sake of convenience, all these wines are from the stock of Degnan's Deli.

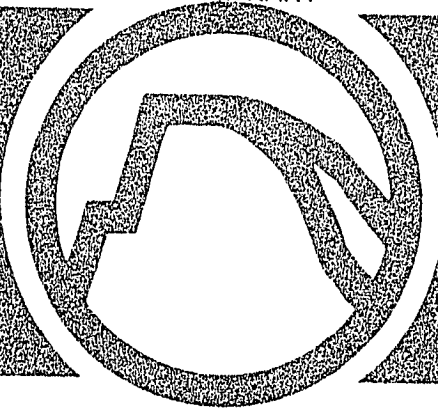
Thank you for joining me for some Vintage Moments, I hope we can do the same next month, and may good fortune and health come your way.

Bon Jour.



This charcoal sketch is a beautiful example of the artistic talent of Doyle Moyer, busperson in The Ahwahnee dining room.





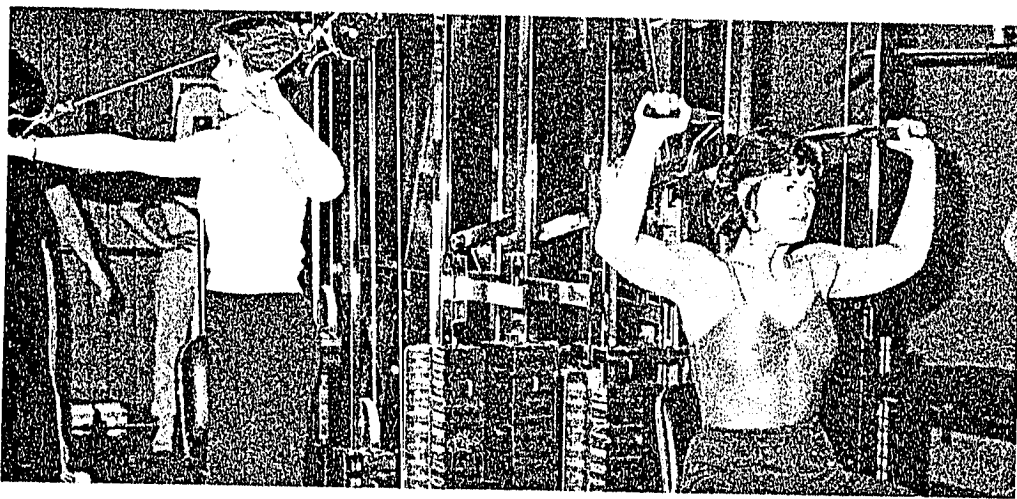
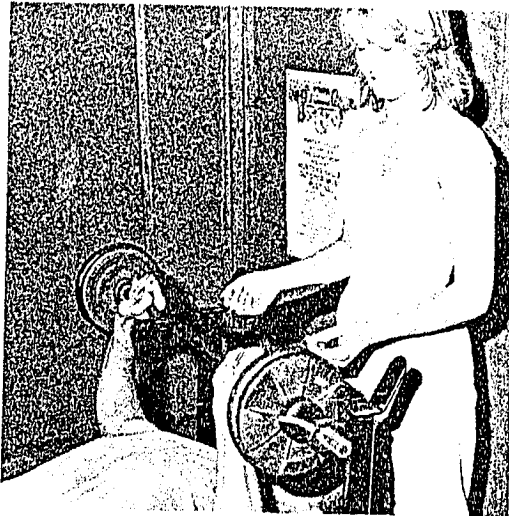
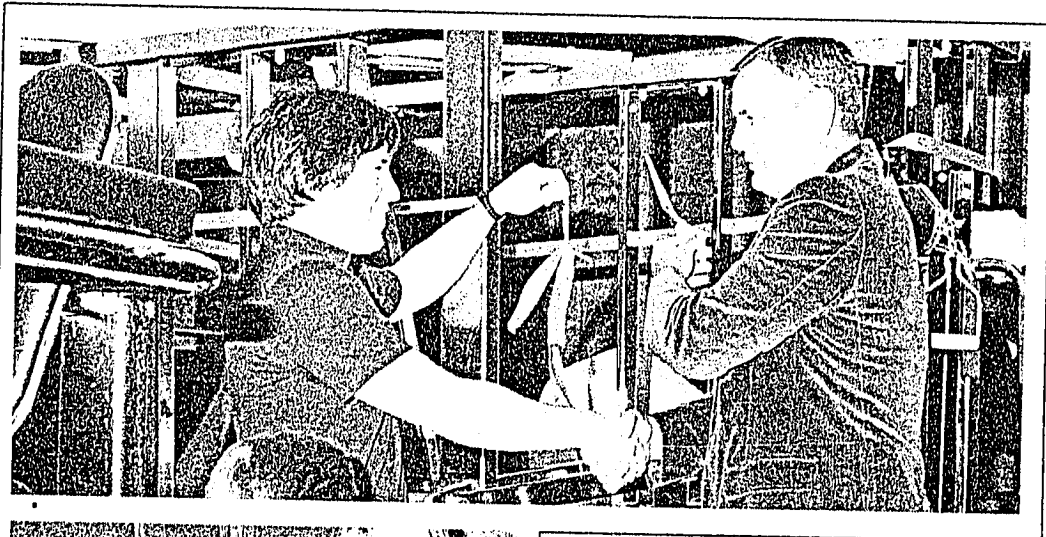
## New Weight Center Makes Pumping Iron Fun

by Sara Bowers

A red ribbon proudly encircled the new Marcy Circuit trainer as the new weight room anxiously awaited its "official opening". Accompanied by Ray Martinez, Mr. Hardy cut the ribbon and congratulated Ray and his staff for their successful completion of the weight room.

Equipped with nine stations, the Marcy Circuit has already proven to be a great investment. Many employees have been coming to the weight room regularly. Ray Martinez, Employee Recreation Manager and weight room instructor is already busy preparing programs for eager employees. "It's an expensive machine" said Ray. "It shows the company is willing to do something for their employees. With wall to wall carpeting, an incline board, free weights, and a great stereo system, we sincerely hope everyone will benefit from our efforts".

Vic Venuta, a volunteer instructor for the weight center, has been involved with weight training for ten years. "I got tired of exclusively running, so I took up lifting, too" he



From top to bottom: Ed Hardy cuts the ribbon during the Weight Center Grand Opening Ceremony, Jane Thomas spots for a friend on the free weights, Charlene Allen and Marie Klettinger demonstrate uses of the Marcy Circuit Trainer.

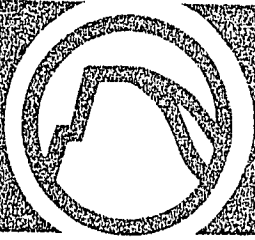
said. Vic feels weight lifting is the perfect compliment to running because you get different benefits from both exercise forms. "You can't beat running for an aerobic workout, and lifting allows you to sculpt your body while working on more specific areas" explained Vic.

One thing everyone certainly agrees upon is that weight lifting has something for every body. It's great for those interested in toning up for the summer ahead and for more serious trainers, there is body building and power lifting.

The new weight center is located in the former Lodge Housekeeping Office and is open Monday through Saturday. The hours are 9:30 - 12:00, 1:00 - 3:30, and 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. There are new things happening all the time in recreation, so come on out and join the crowd!!

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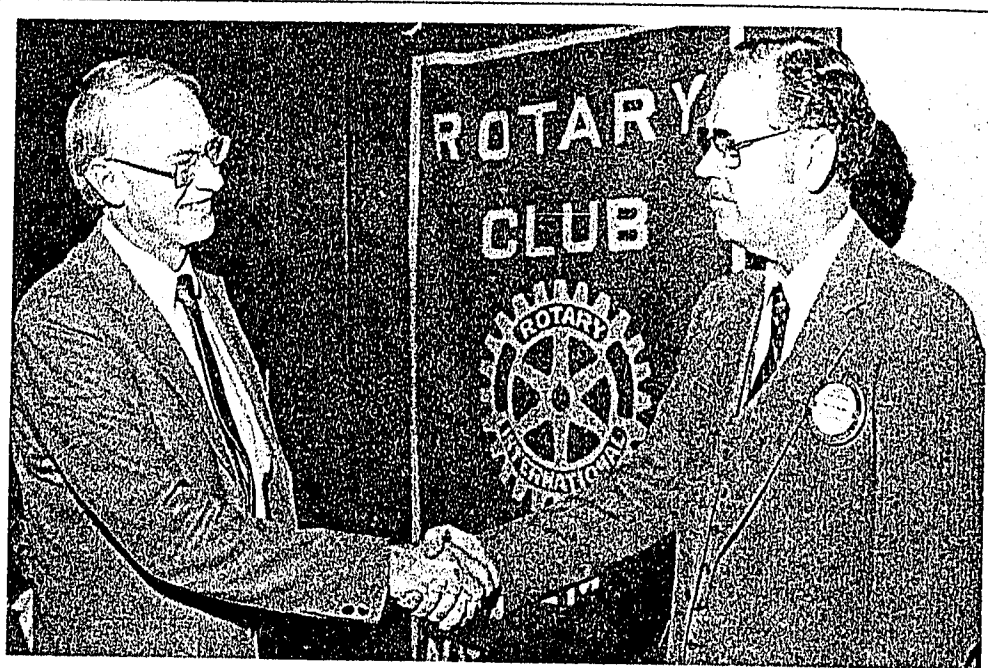


## Wurgler - 1983 "Citizen of the Year"

Dr. James Wurgler has been honored as the 1983 "Citizen of the Year" by the Yosemite Rotary Club. Recognized as one of the most prestigious awards in the Yosemite community, Wurgler was chosen unanimously for his outstanding service as a community leader, doctor, husband and father.

Dr. Wurgler, Senior Physician/Owner of the Yosemite Medical Clinic, became a permanent member of the medical staff in 1967. Since then he has gained widespread respect and admiration for his compassionate good nature and dedication to professional excellence. In the words of Mr. Leroy "Rusty" Rust (last year's award recipient) "The whole community is most fortunate to have a doctor the caliber of Jim Wurgler".

Several longtime friends of Dr. Wurgler, including Reverend John Davis, Hank Johnston, "Rusty" Rust, William Bergen, Dr. Avery Sturm and Ed Hardy were on hand to say a few words in Wurgler's honor. "Jim Wurgler is kind, gentle and a super person to hike with," quoted Ed Hardy as the final speaker.

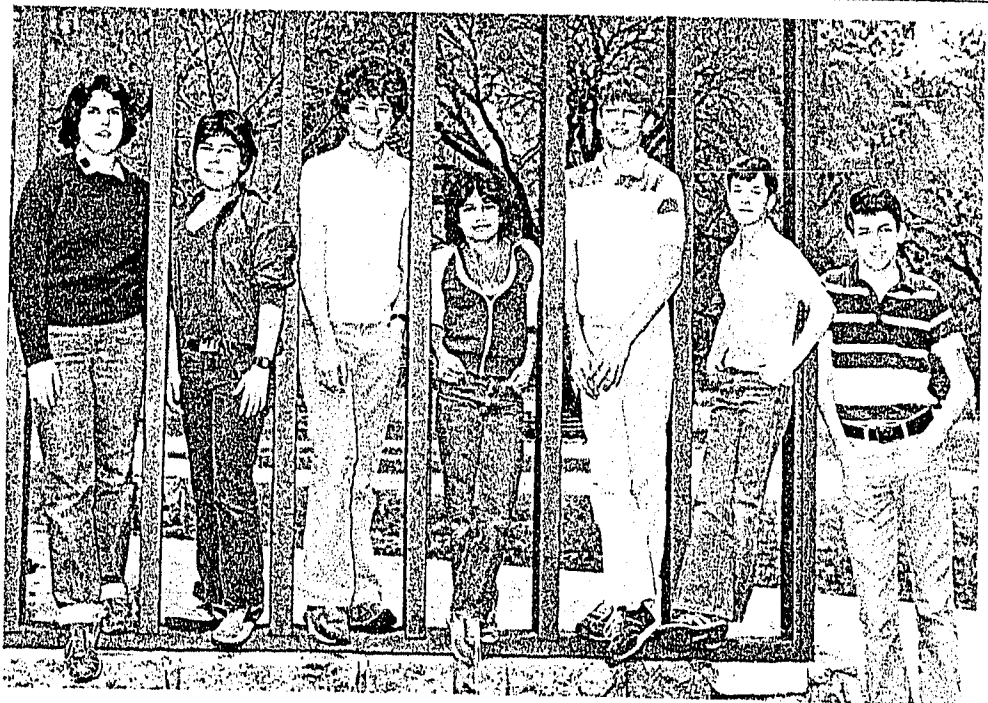


Rotary Club President Chet Skinner congratulates Jim Wurgler on being named 1983 "Citizen of the Year"

Amid a standing ovation, Dr. Wurgler accepted the plaque from Rotary Club President, Chet Skinner. "This is quite an unexpected surprise," conceded Wurgler, "and even though you may not believe it . . . I'm speechless!" He further

explained the special significance of the award as his father, aged 83, is being honored with the same award in his community of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Sincere congratulations are extended to Dr. Wurgler.



Pictured from left to right are the 1983 Yosemite Elementary School Graduates; Michelle Edeal, Gary Ingram, John Daley, Natalie Godfrey, Donald Shultz Jr., Philip Wilson, and Lance Davis. Not pictured are Dinorah Martin and Larisa Durr.

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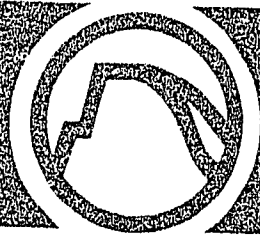
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## The Day Before Yesterday; How Sweet It Was

by Shirley Sargent



This photo of the original Ahwahnee Sweet Shop, was taken by Ansel Adams on July 20, 1927, (barely 6 days after the Hotel opened).

For over 54 years (almost the lifetime of The Ahwahnee Hotel), the Sweet Shop catered to the sweet tooth and the appetite of millions of guests and residents.

In this picture, photographer Ansel Adams shows the shop as it was in 1927.

The site was at the west end of the entrance lobby. Obviously the furniture was much the same, as the chairs, counter and chandeliers are still with us. The wainscoating, walls and uniforms have changed a bit.

Louise Hooley, the attendant in the photo, was an employee of the Company as was her husband Gordon, who is posed as a hungry guest.

The Hooleys came from Canada and were pioneers of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Gordon proved himself to be a whiz on ice skates and Louise was a whiz with delectable dishes.

The Sweet Shop has come a long way since 1927, and has now expanded its menu and table service to the Ahwahnee Dining Room terrace.

Rich in tradition, the craving for sweets carries on and on.

## Flood Alert!!

With the extreme snow depths and high water content in the snow, the Park is expecting a very high spring runoff this year.

All residences are to prepare for the protection of your personal property by following these suggestions.

Keep all stereos, TV's, and perishable type goods protected by elevating to the highest point within your quarters or, if adequate time allows, completely remove these items to prevent water damage and loss.

Also, know where your kids are, your animals, etc. Flooding often occurs late at night. Camp 6 high water usually occurs between 10 p.m. and midnight and at El Portal between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Preplan for your personal household and be ready to respond to directions given by Park officials.

Stay alert for new bulletins and call the Housing Office for the latest information. Call 372-4782, ext. 269, if no answer call 372-4461, ext. 224.

## Heard It Through The Grapevine

I've heard from a very reliable source that by the time you read this, the sun will be shining! So . . . look up . . . well?

Do you want to learn the correct way to fall off your bike? You're in luck! **Debi Glovin** of Public Affairs has the most graceful approach. But don't call her; she'll get in touch with you.

I hope you had a chance to place your bet in the "**Potts Baby Pool**". You didn't? Too bad; it's closed now. We got to guess the date of birth, sex and time of birth. I'll let you know who the rich winner is next month.

Speaking of babies—**Christopher Lawrence**, son of **Primo** and **Ellison Custodio**, was born on April 7, 1983, weighing in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. **Paul Taylor** (Ahwahnee Dining Room) is successfully surrounding himself with women! His wife Janice just presented him with a new little girl, **Alanna Catherine**. I'm sure Elizabeth is excited to have a baby sister. **Gus**

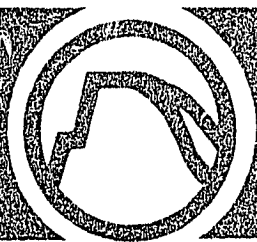
**Braun** of Security is pretty proud of his new granddaughter, **Sharon**. Sharon was born to **Mrs. Kim Flora**, formerly of Curry Village office.

**Joe Costa** (Meat Department) and wife **Sheila** have a new baby boy, **Dane Michael**. Good job, Moms and Dads.

Congratulations to **Phylisa Underwood** (Reservations) and **David Hickman** (Four Seasons Restaurant). They're tying the nuptial knot on June 25. Congratulations also go to **Julie Skinner** and **John Hovey**, **Kent Summers** (Curry Village) and **Barbara Carlson** (Ahwahnee Kitchen), **Dave Giles** (Cashier's Office) and **Heidi Haglund** (Village Store). I guess the marriage bug is biting!

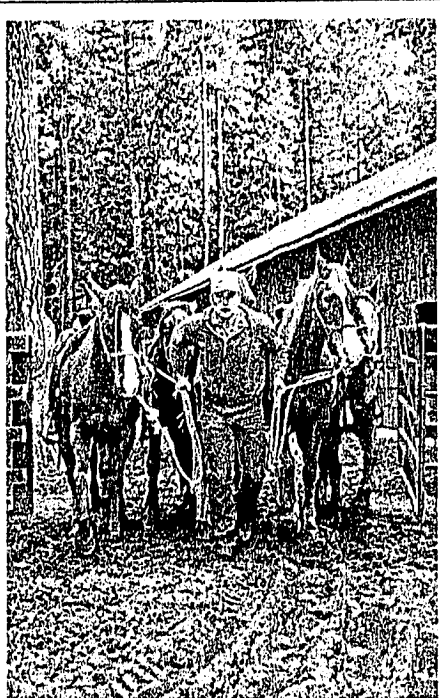
Hey, if you hear tidbits around your dorm, job, or on the trail, drop me a line at the Sentinel office. If you don't tell me, I'll find out anyway. I hear shuttle bus riding is a good way to hear the latest gossip! So until next month . . .





## From Dawn to Dusk

by Leena Conway



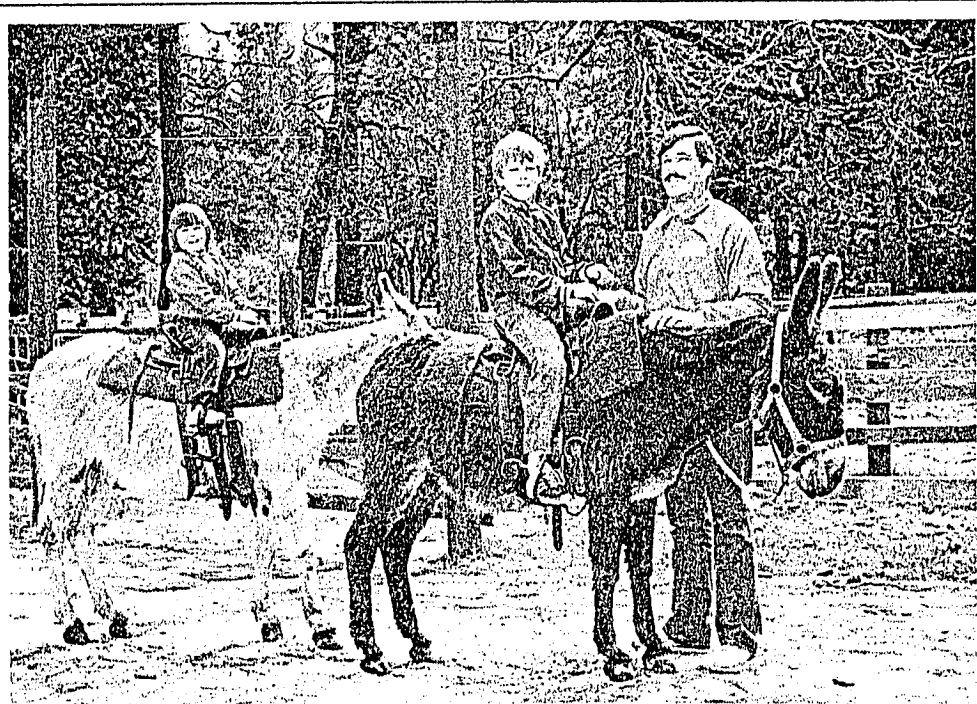
Preparing the horses for the 2 hour tour is one of Bobby Westmorelands' functions as stable hand.

Did you know that the Yosemite Park & Curry Company Stables operation is the largest single rental stables in the United States?

The 56 year old stables has over 380 horses, mules, ponies and burros that take some 50,000 guests out on the various rides. Each summer, to handle this volume of guests and livestock takes about 60 guide and packers, stablepersons, office clerks, corral bosses, assistant managers and a manager.

Dean Conway, Manager of the Stables has some other interesting statistics. "The livestock consumes approximately 400 tons of hay each summer and about 75 tons of grain".

This means a lot of work for the stablepersons whose job it is to shovel the "re-cycled" hay daily into the dump truck. Their other duties around the stables include general care of the livestock, saddling, unsaddling, bridling, un-bridling, helping the rides get out on time and unloading the hay and grain trucks.



Walk and lead burro rides are great fun for parents and kids alike.

The guide and packers have what most consider the glamorous job. They are the ones who get to take the guests out on the 2 hour, half day, and all day rides as well as doing the 4-day and 6-day saddle trips to the High Sierra Camps. There is also mule packing to do. All of the High Camps are supplied by mule train. Each packer has a string of five mules loaded down with about 150 pounds of supplies. It takes a lot of skill to safely pack the supplies up rocky, narrow trails without mishap to mule or merchandise.

Louie Schot, a guide and packer in his second season says, "I knew about horses before I came to Yosemite but learning about mules is all new to me. I am fascinated by them and hope to learn all I can".

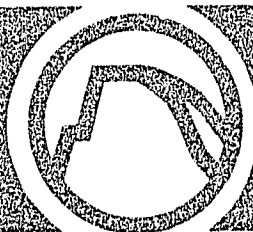
Dean feels that Louie is a real asset in the public relations department at the stables so he keeps him in the saddle as much as possible. By the time Louie has finished this Fall he will have pounded his assets over 3,000 miles of trail.

All of the wranglers at the stables take Dean's special training course. The course is a blend of guest safety, basic—advanced horsemanship, and public relations.

First-aid and C.P.R. are required at the stables. Bob Bandy, Assistant Manager, is in charge of this course. He teaches first-aid to the wranglers in a manner that can be used in trail ride situations.

Kevin Skeen, a guide and packer in his fourth season says he returns year after year "because of the variety of things to be learned at the stables", (When I first asked Kevin this question he said he returned year after year for the food).

Previous riding experience is not a requirement for taking one of the horseback rides. You don't have to speak English either. Just ask affable Ade Harders who has been the

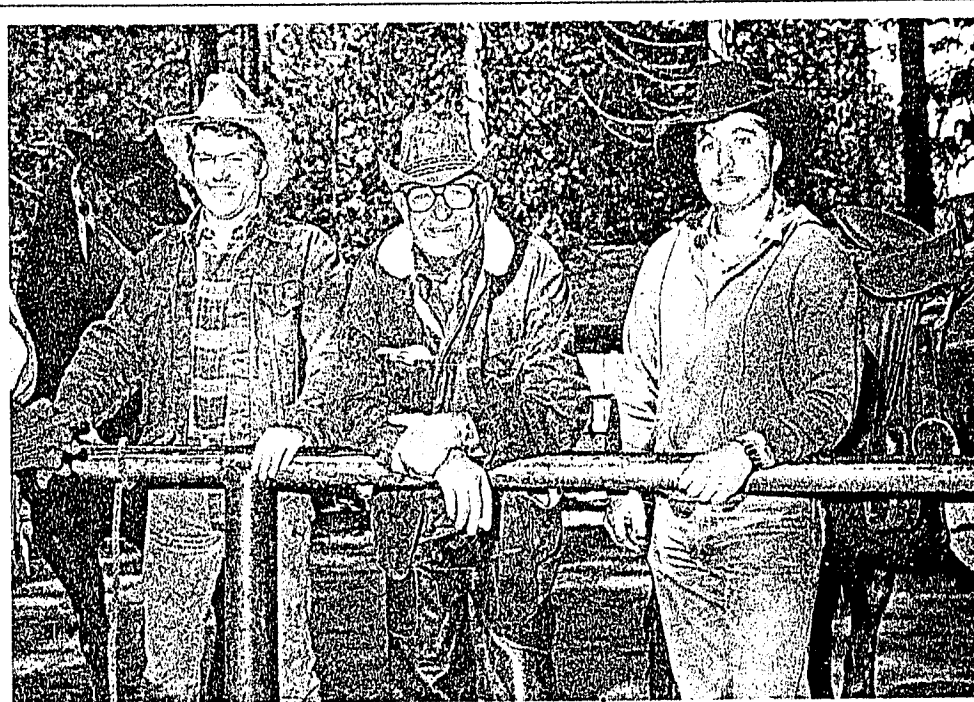


## Wranglin' Around The Stables

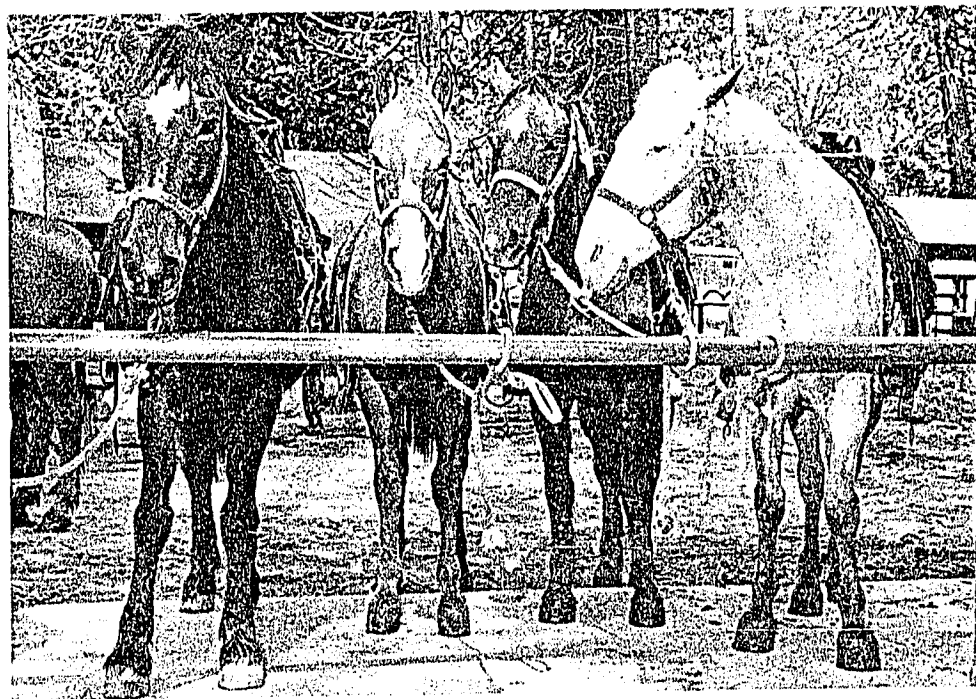
Assistant Manager "since Half Dome was a pebble" and he'll probably respond in Japanese, Spanish or Yiddish. Ade says, "All of the horses and mules are carefully selected to match the ability of the riders. Before the guests leave the yard on their mounts they have received instructions on riding at least three times".

There is a definite sense of camaraderie amongst the wranglers of the Yosemite Stables. This close-knit group even holds a reunion each year for all past and present wranglers. Some of the wranglers that attend were employees of the stables in its infancy. Next year will be the 25th year they all will be getting together. The celebration will be held in Yosemite Valley, hosted by Dean Conway.

Though the days begin early and the work is hard the wranglers all seem to enjoy a common feeling of love for the mountains and the livestock. They all agree, however, that most enjoyable is being able to share some of Yosemite with the guests.



Three friendly and familiar faces around the stables, from left to right; James Robinson, Bill Godfrey, and Bobby Westmoreland.

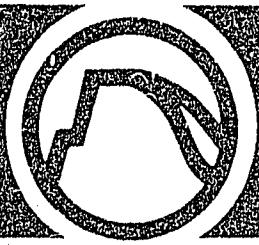


"C'mon guys, give us a smile!" From left to right; Tuck, Slim, Sunny, and Salty



Bobby Westmoreland gives a rider a few last minute pointers before starting out on the trail.





Carter Williams

## The Man With All The Angles

After an interview with Carter Williams, I have come to recognize two things I never knew about the man. First of all, he is extremely busy and almost impossible to track down for a 30 minute chat! Secondly, a graduate of Stanford University — his name is widely recognized in the creative circles of hydraulic equipment. Carter has 13 patents out on products of his own invention and on four of them he is the sole inventor!!

Aside from being a genuinely nice guy ("Mr. Calm, Cool & Collected"), Carter has quite an impressive background both in and out of Yosemite. Although this is truly his busiest time of year — as he prepares to assist in opening many seasonal units — Carter took time out from the rush to talk to me about his position as Manager of Engineering and Construction for Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

**Question:** "I hear that you are a fairly recent newcomer to Yosemite. How do you feel about moving to the Park?"

**Answer:** "Well, we've been here almost four years now, coming from the LA area. I love the Park and enjoy working here very much."

**Question:** "Have you held any jobs other than your present one in the Park?"

**Answer:** "Yes, all during my first winter up here, I was the lift and maintenance supervisor for Badger Pass. Then I worked as the assistant to the Maintenance Department Manager, in charge of special projects. I worked in that capacity for one year until the need for my present position arose."

**Question:** "Would you say you still work very closely with the Maintenance Department?"

**Answer:** "No, I'm really not involved with the Maintenance Department except in an advisory capacity on special projects. My responsibility is contracting and supervising outside (contractors) work. I analyze the heating, plumbing and construction projects in the Park. Once an outside contractor is called in, I review their progress, answer questions, make decisions as needed and give the final approval upon job completion. I also do some design work."

**Question:** "Design work? Can you give me an example of a recent project?"

**Answer:** "Sure. I did the floor plan for the rebuilding of the executive housing residence at the Stables. I also designed the Tuolumne Meadows store shower house . . . designwise, I handle the jobs that don't require the skill of an architect but does require some engineering calculations."

**Question:** "Which project do you recall as being the most complex or difficult?"

**Answer:** "Establishing the fire and safety program at The Ahwahnee was by far the most extensive project since I've been here. I believe it was one of the single largest projects in many years. Although I didn't directly oversee it . . . I know that the installation of the laundry facilities was the second largest project in quite a while."

**Question:** "Can you recall any particular problem that has made a project difficult for you?"

**Answer:** "Well, I think our main frustration is that many buildings were built twenty to thirty years ago. Therefore so much equipment needs to be replaced, requiring constant decision-making about when and what to replace."

**Question:** "What are your next major projects?"

**Answer:** "Replacing the main hot water lines in the Yosemite Lodge 3200 - 3600 buildings, new restrooms at the Lodge Broiler Room and the remodeling of the Lodge lounge."

**Question:** "What role did you play in the Queen's visit?"

**Answer:** "I worked closely with the Secret Service bomb squad in case of bomb threats to the Hotel."

**Question:** "Before you came to Yosemite . . . what was your business field?"

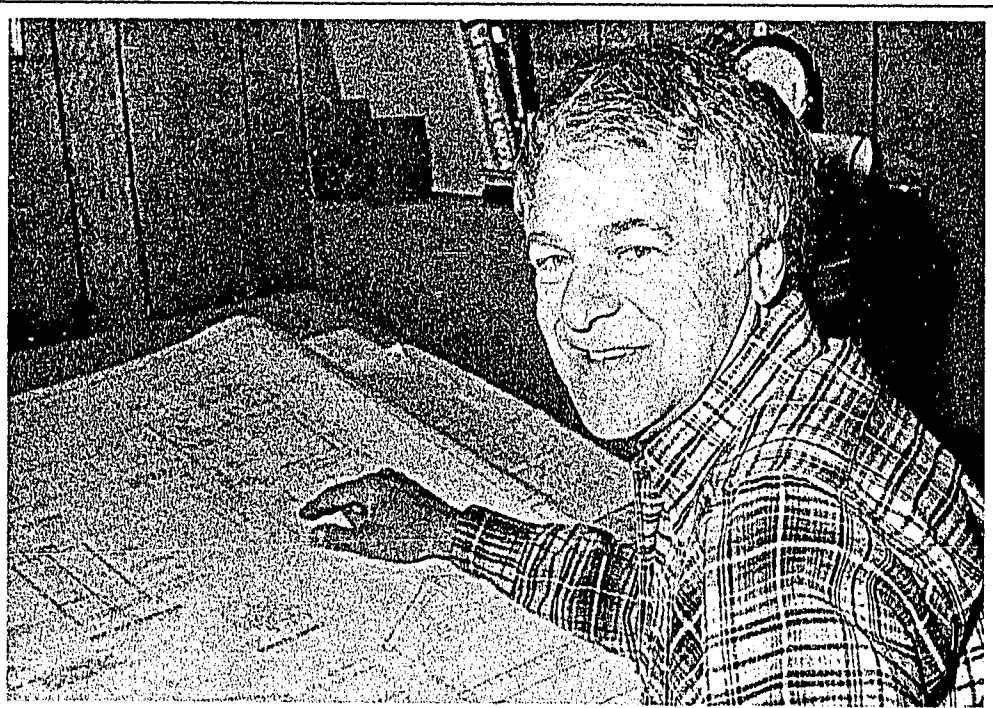
**Answer:** "My field was research and development in hydraulic equipment. I worked 28 years for Kobe Inc. as the Director of Product Engineering."

**Question:** "Do you miss that line of work?"

**Answer:** "I really miss the original/creative design work."

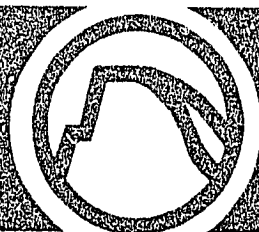
**Question:** "When you find time away from your work — how do you like to spend it?"

**Answer:** "I love to ski, fish, play golf . . . basically enjoy the out-of-doors. We have some property in Oregon that we enjoy going to each summer."



Carter Williams





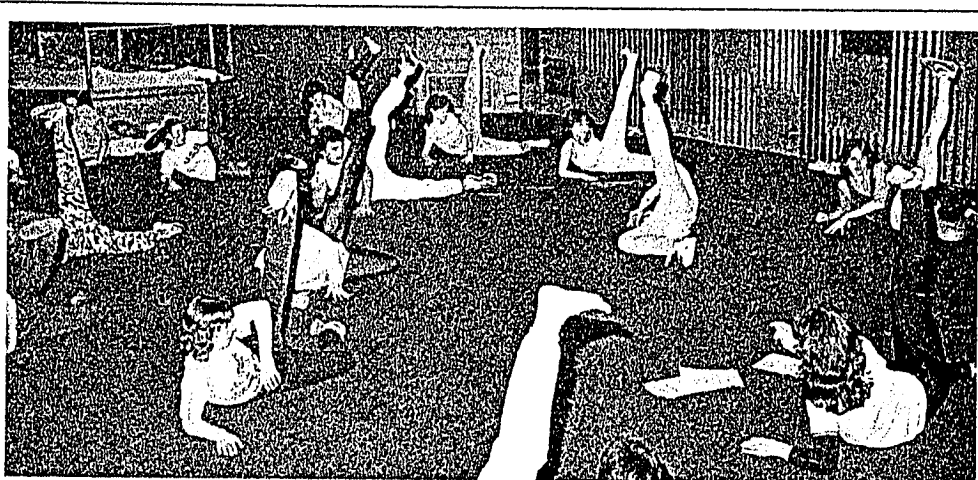
## Get Physical With Holly & Nani

Yes, it is Spring! Time to get all those shorts and tank tops out. The only problem is that all Winter you seemed to have had a mild case of the munchies. And the only exercise you got was that long walk from the couch to the fridge. You may have gained a few pounds or you may just not have the energy to get-up-and-go for Spring.

Well, Employee Recreation has done it again! To shake off those winter blues and winter pounds, a new aerobics class was formed. The Aerobic Exercise and Dance Class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00, in the West Auditorium.

The first fifty minutes of the class is fashioned after the ever popular Jane Fonda Workout. The objective is to tone the muscles individually, by isolating and working on one area at a time. "The Jane Fonda Workout was chosen as a base for our classes because it is so complete" says Nani Manning, who teaches the class on Mondays and Fridays.

The second half of the class is aerobic dance. A rigorous half-hour of dancing, jogging, jumping jacks — all designed to get your heart pump-



Anyone who attends instructor Holly Barth's Wednesday night Aerobic Exercise classes can tell you — she shows no mercy!!

ing. It's a fun way to burn those calories.

Both men and women are getting a great workout from the class. Some admit that it is real tough, but they say the more you do it the easier it becomes.

There is no excuse now. We all should get in shape, and here is a great place to start. The instructors are Nani Manning (on Monday and Friday) and Holly Barth (on Wednesday) and they would be happy to help you work-out. Get moving!!!

## Let's "Play Ball"

by Gary Preble

The 1983 YP&C Co. softball season gets underway this month!! The mens and womens defending champions, The Over The Belt Gang and the Sweet Cleats, will be challenged by a strong field of teams eager to claim the title.

In the mens division - Seasonal Powerhouse, Cedar Lodge, The Annex, Firehouse 5+5, and the Alley Cats will be right in the thick of it come playoff time. The YTS team, Homeward Bound, Boystown and the new Accounting team, 10-Keys, will be in for an upset or two. The Rangers and the Lodge team will be chasing the pack.

In the Womens division, it's finally a three team race. The traditional strongholds Sweet Cleats and Klamiity Klutzes are in for a tough season with the up and coming Mighty Miits making such strong strides. Who knows who will be the darlings of the diamond at the end of the season?

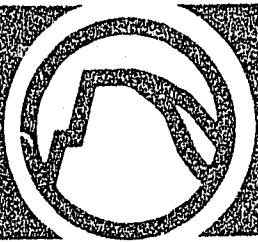


Richard Turner proudly displays the best catch of the day, a 3 lb. German Brown trout. Richard, busperson at the Loft, reeled this one in with a Super Duper lure on his first cast of the day. Although he admits the trout was caught in the Valley — exactly where is his secret.



Get into the swing . . . as softball season gets underway.

So once again it's time to "play ball"! Come on out and support your favorite team or player in the upcoming months as softball in the Park reaches a fevered pitch!



## Muir Returns To Yosemite

by J. Corwin Johnson

April 21, 1983, John Muir returned to his beloved Yosemite Valley to rekindle old memories and National Park ideals.

This sounds like a headline from 1883 rather than 1983. But Muir did return, not in body, but in spirit, recreated on stage in this premiere performance by resident Lee Stetson.

It was only fitting that Muir should return on his birthdate, to confront a potentially critical audience: in this case, local Valley residents, members of the Sierra Club, the Natural History Association and other buffs steeped in the legacy of the man. I can't think of a more difficult job than to confront an audience having such a preconceived image of this hero.

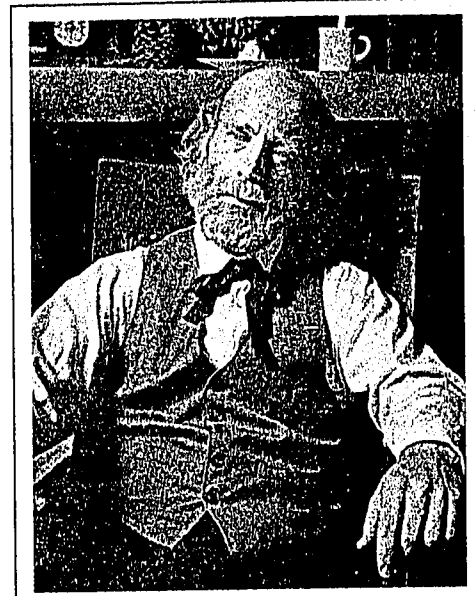
Finally the moment arrived as

Stetson walked out on stage and began to build the character with remarkable sensitivity—from his strong yet gentle voice to the boyish gleam in his eye—reaching out with sincerity.

This dramatization of Yosemite's most eloquent spokesman is a must for residents and guests alike, not only as entertainment but as an educational tool that will spark interest and excitement in our Valley home.

The script, made up of excerpts from Muir's journals, was written, compiled and acted out by Stetson. His stimulating performance provides a rare opportunity for a personal glimpse of this legendary man.

This is an inspiring program you won't want to miss!!



Lee Stetson's portrayal of John Muir provides a personal glimpse of a legendary man.

## New Developments From Photo Express

Since 1859, Yosemite has been a favorite sight to capture the photographic image. The magnificent landscape of the Valley that drew early photographers here still has the pull of a magnet on today's shutterbug.

In July, 1982 Yosemite Park and Curry Co. embarked on a film processing venture, a new concept in the National Park system.

During the eleven months since the Photo Express has been in operation there have been many changes and accomplishments. In the past, services such as holiday portraits, Santa Claus pictures and Christmas cards, have been offered.

Nani Manning, the Photo Services Coordinator, feels that there is more in store for this summer. "There is so much potential in the Photo Express," she says. Some of the new programs in the works are offering pictures of the raft tours and trail rides to guests, a film processing package for photography classes

coming to the Park, and portrait packages for tour groups.

The Photo Express is also investing in new equipment. A disc film developer has been ordered for the upcoming summer, and should be in production by the end of May. The new Disc cameras are very popular and Photo Express feels a need to be up with today's photographic trends. There are also plans to order an enlarger for the lab. This will enable Photo Express to offer enlargements which could open a whole new line of services.

To start off the new season, Photo Express is giving away a free photo album to employees bringing in three rolls of film for developing. This promotion will take place from June 1st to June 15, 1983. "We would like to run promotions like this throughout the year", Nani said.

So, keep your shutters open for more developments from Yosemite Photo Express.

## Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis Yaminitski

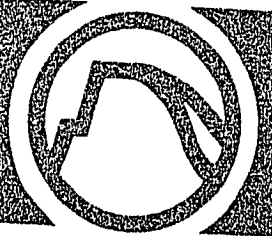
Curry Co.'s runners made an excellent showing at the Hornitos to Indian Gulch 5 and 10 mile runs. John Carter blazed through the new 5-mile course in 26:49, good for second place in his division and fourth overall. Pete Brundauer, still getting in shape, finished the 10-miler in a respectable 1:07:28 and 10th place overall. Also, Hank Beck cruised through the 5-miler in 34:25, a fine early season effort! Way to fly guys!

Also congratulations to Connie Archer for turning in a personal record of 51:15 for the Bonnie Bell 10K in San Francisco, in the pouring rain!

Upcoming races: San Luis Dam 10K and 2 mile on June 12; 4th of July 5-miler in Atwater and the Merced Cancer Run 5-miler on July 12.

Go For It!

Remember, life is what you make it and if you eliminate the words "can't" and "never" from your vocabulary, you're on your way. "Cause you can do it if you really try, but you must try, try and try until you succeed at last.



## Vintage Moments

by F.J. Johnson

Welcome. Last month in W.E.S.T we discussed the basic differences between white and red wines, and proposed to examine different varieties within a given color group. Five white wines were suggested, each of a different variety to emphasize the range of tastes and styles. These wines were chosen because of the value they offered, not necessarily because they were perfect examples of their type.

Chenin Blanc is the most popular grape in California, judged by acreage. While much of this ends up in jug wines, there are some excellent examples available. The McDowell Valley Vineyards Chenin Blanc 1980 is not one of those examples: Very pale, with vague aromas and taste, all overshadowed by a bite in the mouth. Definitely not recommended.

I though the Beringer Fume Blanc 1981 would cheer me up, and first sniffs were promising: Full, fruity aromas after the previous wine, but again, the taste was found wanting. Fume implies a "smoky" quality, but I failed to notice it. Labels are tough enough without misleading style statements.

From the Burgundy region of France to California, Chardonnay is the king of white wine grapes. It is usually full of ripe apple and oak, higher alcohol and more body; this is an excellent wine for cheeses, fowl, even veal or ham. Fetzer's 1980 Chardonnay is one of those values I spoke of earlier. This wine won't reach out and grab you by the ears, but it has good structure balance, noticeable fruit and oak overtones.

Johannisberg Reisling comes to America from the Rhine River region of Europe; styled anywhere from dry to very sweet. It is most often produced in a medium sweet fashion. Our example, courtesy of Bargetto, was sweet enough to be a dessert or a nice compliment to mild cheese and rye crackers. It had full, melony

flavors with lots of body and balanced acid.

My number one pick was Inglenook's Gewurztraminer 1981. It exhibited intense varietal characteristics: floral nose, "spicy" flavor, slightly sweet. A very pleasant afternoon sipping wine.

The agenda for next month is the same, except that we'll be sampling some red wines. Zellerbach Cabernet Sauvignon 1978, Concannon Petite Sirah 1978, Inglenook Charbono 1977, and Robert Mondavi Napa Gamay 1981 will render a representative, but by no means complete selection. Feel free to do any outside homework if you so desire, just be sure to keep records. Until next time . . . Go W.E.S.T.

## Spring River

*The willows, they are dancing,  
dancing in the water,  
And the leaves, they keep on laughing,  
laughing o'er the water,  
And the current it keeps rushing,  
rushing, rushing, rushing,  
Rushing past the willows  
on its way down to the sea.*

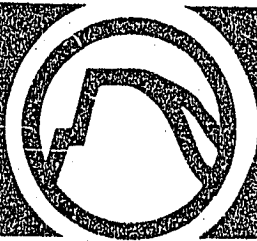
*Oh, the willows, are they straining  
in the wildly tearing water?  
Are they fearful, are they frantic,  
as it madly rushes by?  
No, the willows, they are dancing,  
and the leaves, they keep on laughing,  
Waiting till the summer when  
at last they shall be free.*

Liz Appling



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# BETWEEN THESE WALLS 10

## What's Happening

### Movies

- June 7 Tron (PG)  
June 14 Breaking Away (PG)  
June 21 An Unmarried Woman (R)  
June 28 Resurrection (PG)

Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

### Classified

**1976 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royale** — 4 door, automatic, power steering and brakes, air conditioning, cruise control. Tan color. Good condition. Have had no major problems. 15 mpg. (mtn) — 18 mpg. (hwy) \$1,400 — Call 966-3619

**Northface down sleeping bag** — like new, only used 6 times. Blue shamois model, fits up to 6'6". \$200 firm. Call Marvene at 1416 or 372-4580 after 6 pm.

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**1976 Datsun B210** — 4 door, 4 speed, air conditioning. Good condition. Excellent gas mileage; 30 mpg. (mtn) — 35 mpg. (hwy) \$1,800 or best offer. Call Karen at 372-4250.

**Mated pair of Citron crested cockatoos** for sale. \$1,300 or best offer. Call 372-4826 after 6 p.m.

**1966 Chevy Pickup** with camper shell — \$900. Call 379-2379

### Special June Events

- June 9 Dance!! (8:00 to 12:00) East Auditorium  
June 10 Free Employee BBQ: Yosemite Elementary School  
June 11 Bicycle Clinic - look for details  
June 17 Frisbee Fiesta - look for details

### FREE GIFT FROM PHOTO EXPRESS

Get 3 rolls of film developed by **Photo Express** and receive a beautiful photo album. **Absolutely free!!!**

Offer ends June 15, 1983

### Announcements

The **Wawona Tunnel** will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 10, 1983. The tunnel, completed in 1933, took 2 years to build at a total of \$800,000.

In cooperation with the Missing Children's Act, the **Rotary Club of Yosemite** is providing a new fingerprinting service. The completed fingerprinting card will be given to the child's parents or legal guardian for identification purposes. For additional information contact: Scott Connelly, Don Fox, Carl Vandekarr, or any Rotary Club member.

Yosemite's favorite historian, **Shirley Sargent**, has written a new book entitled "Yosemite's Rustic Outpost". Featuring the history of Big Meadow and Foresta, this limited edition will be available beginning July 3, 1983. Be sure not to miss it!!

The Visalia County Rotary Club is sponsoring a **Benefit Triathlon June 11**. The event consists of a 1/2 mile swim, 25 mile bike ride and 6 mile run. For entry information send large SASE to: Visalia County Center Rotary, P.O. Box 1366, Visalia, CA 93277.

**Congratulations to Marti Van Maren**, the winner of the Yosemite Sentinel Photo Caption Contest. Marti's winning caption was "I want ski bunnies!!" Marti received two free movie passes from Employee Recreation for her efforts. Good going Marti!!

**Women's Group Luncheon June 10** — 12:00 noon at the Four Seasons. Color Consultant Carol Stone will speak. Call Anne Graham for reservations at 372-1365.

**Exhibit at the Visitors Center**. During the month of June, Herb Parsons, graduate of Brooks Institute, will be displaying his photo murals of Yosemite. Everyone Welcome.

**Village Store Apparel** now carries children's apparel. Mostly Wrangler brand. Boys and girls sizes from toddler on up.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

Weight Center — Open Mon thru Sat 9:30-12:00 — 1:00-3:30 — 5:00-8:00

Softball — Tues, Wed, Fri, Sun — 5:15 (Elementary School)

Basketball — Mon, Wed, Thurs — 4:00-7:30 (Elementary School)

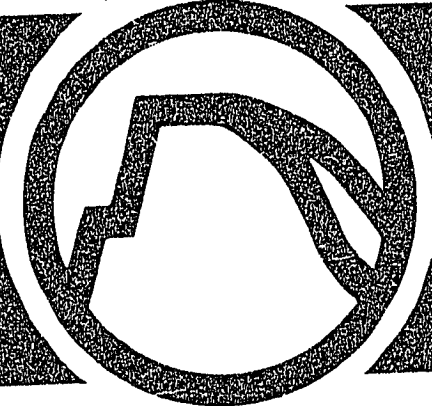
Aerobics — Mon, Wed, Fri — 5:30-7:00 (West Auditorium)

Kung Fu — Tues, Thurs — 6:00-8:00 (East Auditorium)

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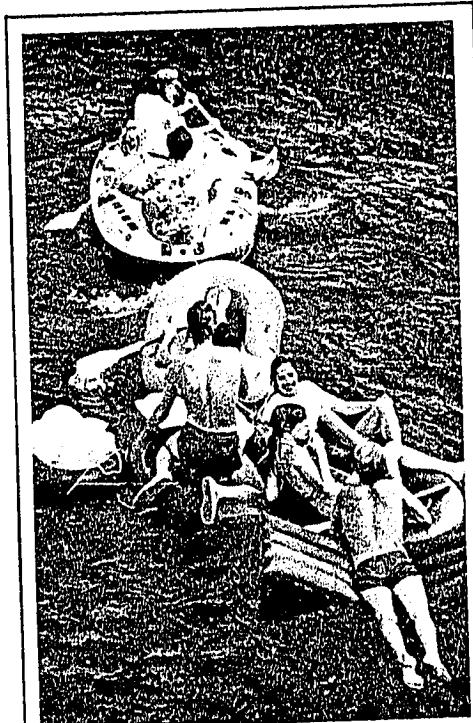


# SENTINEL

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## The Return of the Regatta!!



Anything goes in the raft regatta! How about this for craft ingenuity??

Hooray!! You've waited all year for another chance at that first place trophy and it's finally here! You'd better get your team and craft together now because this is one Employee Recreation event you won't want to miss!

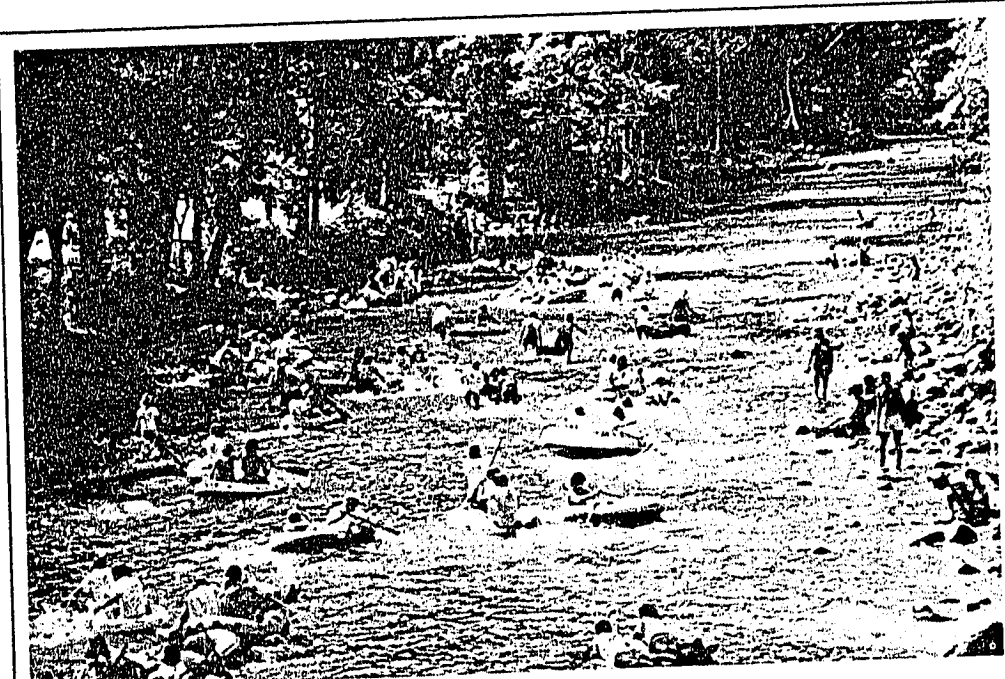
This years 9th Annual Yosemite Yacht Club Raft Regatta will be held Saturday, July 30. Sign up quickly because the race is limited to the first 80 people who sign-up. (Only the race sign-ups are limited — everyone is welcome to join the fun as a "floater"). The race, open to Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees only, will begin at the Stables bridge and end at Sentinel Beach. The official race starting time is 4:00 — so be prompt! After the race, join the awards presentation and BBQ dinner (whether you raced or not) at Sentinel Beach. For only \$6.00 the BBQ menu features a delicious dinner of steak or chicken,



corn-on-the-cob, potato salad, cole slaw, cheese bread, and watermelon.

All you have to do to register is contact Mark or Frank Matranga in Boys Town tent #157. The entrance fee is \$7.00. For this \$7.00 you are entered in the race and receive the official raft regatta t-shirt, silk-screened with the original 1983 design. (One person in each craft must be wearing this official t-shirt to qualify).

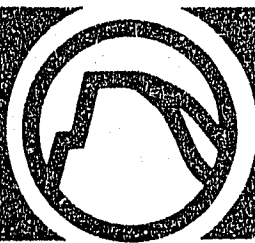
So grab an inner-tube, air mattress, or raft (anything except a kayak) and get ready!! This event is always a blast — even if you're not a serious rafter . . . just come and join the fun!!



This year's Regatta promises to be a great time for all!! The question is . . . can anyone beat the Matranga brothers?

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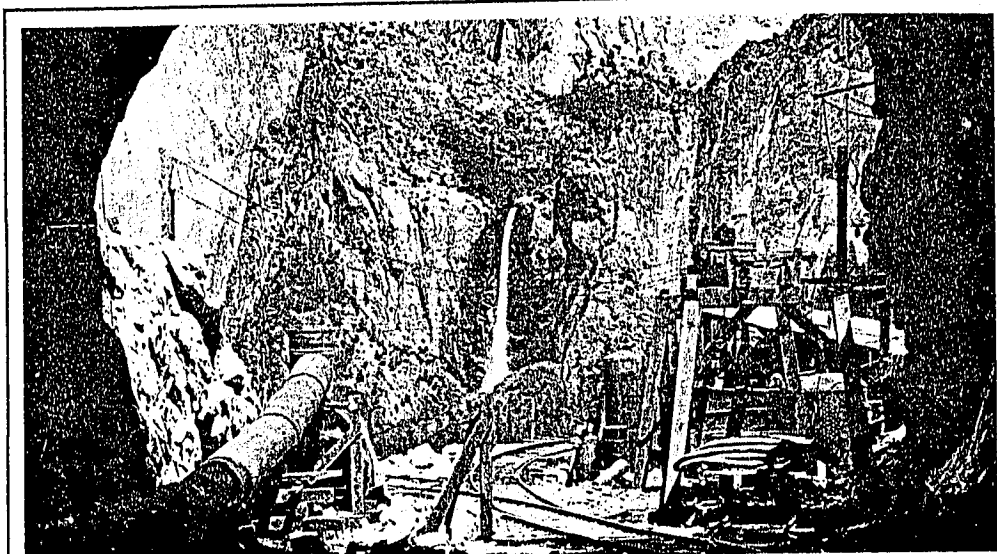
## Wawona Tunnel

# A Half Century of Faithful Service

by Shirley Sargent

Tunnels don't have birthdays with cake, candles and parties, but, surely, the Wawona Tunnel deserved its celebration this year. When it opened on June 10, 1933, after a year of construction, the tunnel and the parking area at its east end were the scene of a terrific debut. During the "Pageant of Progress," vehicles, from stages to Detroit's newest model, horses, mules and people, dressed in pioneer outfits, paraded through the granite bore and onto the esplanade where hundreds of spectators applauded and cheered.

There was reason for cheers, for the grand opening put an end to travel on the historic, steep, narrow and frightening descent of the Wawona Road from the south rim on the canyon to the floor of Yosemite Valley. No longer would passengers grit their teeth and car radiators boil as autos proceeded slowly across the talus slopes. No longer would a one-way traffic control have to be maintained by the rangers.



This photo (from the Yosemite Archives) captures the Wawona Tunnel while still under construction. The tunnel was completed in 698 days at a cost of \$847,000.

No fatality or serious accident had taken place during the tunnel's boring, when 275 tons of dynamite triggered by 740,000 electric exploders had blasted over 81,000 cubic yards of solid granite. The gala opening, a feast and dance, provided by the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., was

followed by increased safety, speed and travel. Within a month, traffic had jumped 400%. In June of 1932, 9,328 cars had negotiated the pioneer grade vs. 38,566 using the tunnel in 1933. Now, 50 years later, almost that many vehicles traverse the tunnel during a holiday weekend.

## 'Heard It Through The Grapevine

No, it's not another earthquake — it's the "Jane Fonda Work-out Gang" in E-Dorm! Jumping Jacks, Toe Touching, Bun Burners, etc., are the happenings between 6 and 7 p.m. almost daily. Keep it up **PAM, DIANA, SARAH**, and all the rest of you that are getting ready for bikini season.

Kristin Carina Potts wailed a cheery "good morning!" to her proud Mom **LISA** (formerly Accounting Secretary) and Papa **DON** (Lodge F & B Mgr.) on Sunday, May 29 at 6:30 a.m. She weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. 8 oz. Mom, Papa and Kristin are all doing fine. The "Potts Baby Pool" was won by **DON QUIGLEY** (Exec. Office).

It's going' to be a terrific softball season — every team is striving for first place. But . . . there's no doubt about who has the "first place" cutest team mascot: **MINDY ETTENHOFER**, dog-daughter of **MARK** (Accts.

Receivable) and **BECKY** (Paymaster Office), was seen at the opening Ten Keys game in her new green T-shirt with yellow lettering, racing around the in-field. That's the team spirit!

Junior **CARTER WILLIAMS** (Sentinel Distributor), has been taking "falling off the bicycle correctly" lessons from **DEBI GLOVIN!** With nine stitches and several bruises, he still delivered the June Sentinel without complaint. It was an unfortunate accident, when swing hit bike, bike flew, Carter fell...

**JANE BRADFORD** (YTS) has a lot to be thankful for. She's here again for this summer; during the winter, she's a school teacher in Coalinga. After being *shook up* and taking toll of the damage, she's just happy to be alive! Good to have you back, Jane.

As you can see, my spies have been doing their jobs well. If you have a juicy tidbit, please let the Sentinel

know about it. If you don't tell me — I'll find out anyway! Til next time . . .

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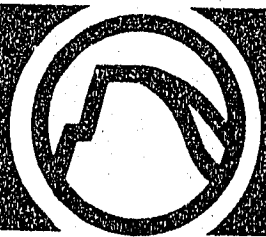
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Reverend Davis, Pastor of the Yosemite Community Church, feels "The Community Church is a medium to enhance our right relationship with God".

There are only three National Parks with a year-round church and pastor. Yosemite is fortunate to be one of these three.

Though we have but one chapel, there are many different religious denominations. During the summer, services are held in many locations including the chapel, the Visitor Center West Auditorium, campgrounds, the Church Bowl, and Wawona Old School House and El Portal.

Two important personalities to the Yosemite church community are Reverend John Davis and Father Rod Craig. Reverend Davis has been in the Park for 14 years and is pastor for the Yosemite Community Church. Father Craig has been with Our Lady of the Snows Parish a little more than one year, having assumed the responsibilities from Father Murphy.

Father Craig feels the most important aspect of his position is to serve all of the people, "I want to show the employees that there are choices available."

Reverend Davis agrees and sees our local church as a medium to enhance our right relationship with God. "For us to notify people of the activities and events is not the most important reason we are here. In the same sense the Curry Co. is here to

## The Yosemite Chapel

equip the visitor to better enjoy the Park, our Community Church wants you to know your God."

Father Craig points out, "People are coming together. The religions are mingling. During Thanksgiving and Good Friday we had a joint service, a combination of religions."

Summer brings added depth to the Yosemite Community Church with the participation of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks program (ACMNP). This program places 17 college students in Yosemite to combine both ministry work and a regular secular job with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The program has been in operation for 31 years. This year they have placed 300 students in 60 National Parks. Pastor Davis, "We are deeply

to do their formal ministry work as outlined by the ACMNP. They must be free on Saturday nights to go campground calling (inviting the guests to the services of the next day), and they attend a weekly staff meeting. Lee Davis, currently employed by the National Park Service, is the coordinator for this summer's ACMNP program. Previously he was with ACMNP at Mt. Rainer for three summers.

In a separate program Father Craig will have three seminarians working with him.

Everyone is encouraged to attend services and take part in church sponsored activities. Father Craig, "I've had people come to me with all types and varieties of religious backgrounds, some with none at all. That doesn't matter. I encourage all to come share and learn."

"Enjoy the chapel. Be grateful for its (over) 100 years of existence and for its focusing the Yosemite experience for so many people."(1)

Footnote (1) *The Yosemite Chapel* by Shirley Sargent, postscript by Reverend John C. Davis, pages 19 and 20.

### YOSEMITE CHAPEL

*A Little Chapel  
On the Edge of A Meadow  
Of Miraculous Beauty,  
Surrounded by Granite Peaks,  
For whom Oh Lord,  
Thou has Carved  
Cathedral Spires.  
A House within A House,  
Where Souls seek Solace,  
And gather to Worship  
With our Voices Echoing,  
Praises and Thanks to Thee.  
Lord Bless the Faith  
Of our Forefathers,  
For Erecting our Little Chapel  
In Yosemite.*

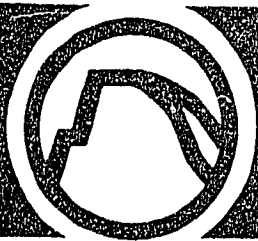
*Joseph R. Paquette*

grateful for the National Park system-wide support from the concessioners for hiring the students. These concessioners are the base and the foundation of the program. Without jobs, the students wouldn't be able to come here."

The director of the ACMNP, Dr. Warren Ost, visits many colleges and seminary campuses inviting students to join the program. They are interviewed and then selected very carefully. In addition to holding down a full-time job, these students are expected



As Catholic Priest of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Father Craig tries to address the nature and beauty of the surroundings in his services.



## SURGEONS WITH



Top: Rod Freitas (Working Foreman) is the "trouble shooter" of the Garage. Middle: "Running this Garage is kinda like my sex life . . . fast and furious" laughs Roy Seal, Garage Manager. Bottom: Joanne Brown whips the Garage into shape in her role as San Jan.

What keeps the garage going? A great sense of humor and vehicles in need of repair. Since the 1920's cars, carriages and buses have been limping into the Yosemite Garage for critical repairs and minor adjustments.

The employees who meet you at the counter do more than smile when they say, "It's going to take a while." Ron Bastien, Henry Bassett Jr., and Tom Pasquali not only sell parts to the public and supply parts to the mechanics; they prepare cost estimates, order parts, take truck calls, operate the cash register, act as a rental car agency, and a AAA service point.

YTS vehicles are the garage's main priority. Henry Bassett Jr. states, "We gotta keep the Valley running." The night crew of 10 plays a major role in keeping the YTS buses moving. Every night the buses are cleaned inside and out in addition to the periodic maintenance, oiling and lubing. "Norm Lambert, head of the night crew, is very well versed on all types of diesel buses," says Garage Manager Roy Seal.

Since buses are big, what are the

biggest problems with buses? "Isolating vibrations and repairing air conditioning," said Seal.

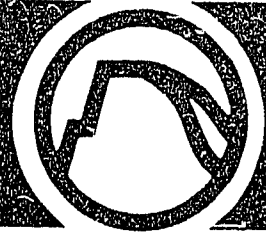
From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. the garage is open for customer services. Says Ron Bastien, lead parts person, "We deal mostly with problems of mountain driving; lack of power on hills, no air conditioning, and overheated engines." They may service as many as 30 small jobs in one day. "Sometimes people have to leave their cars here and go home," adds Ron, "then it's nice to have Standard Rent a Car."

When Governor Pat Brown was here, Roger Freitas tuned the Brown's car. He got to like being in the limelight, so guess who worked on Tom Laughlin's, "Billy Jack", Surburban? Yap, Roger. Roger has quite a reputation for being hard to find, but we've discovered sure fire bait — celebrities!

Ben Franklin, better known as Benny, has been with Curry Co. since 1966. He is the night crew's lead service person, specializing in tires and lubrication and substitutes as tow truck driver. "Benny does an



"We have to be PR men instead of just parts men", admits Ron Bastien, here pictured with co-worker Henry Bassett Jr.



## NUTS & BOLTS

excellent job," complimented Roy Seal. "He always notes things which may become problems."

There are two tow truck drivers on the day shift. AAA services keep them really busy. The Park entrance stations are the boundaries for AAA service from the Yosemite Garage. Beyond the entrance stations, towing services in El Portal, Groveland and Fish Camp take over.

"All the mechanics have to be real sharp," says the infamous Roy. "The Garage here sees more types of cars than any other. From Rolls Royces to Volkswagens, we have to be able to work on all types of vehicles."

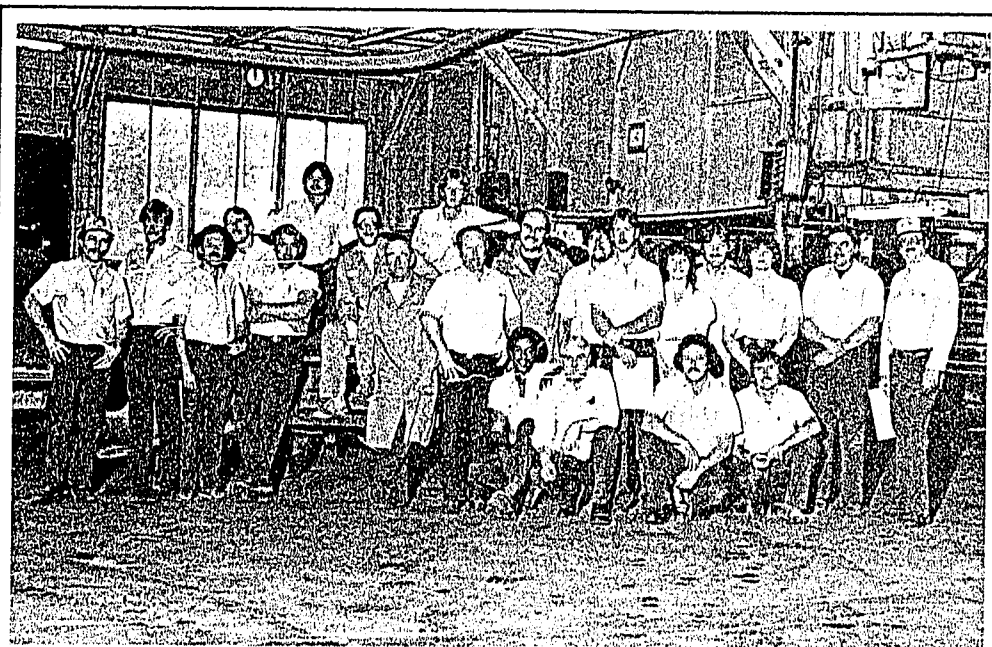
Mechanics need to have automotive/electrical know-how and good trouble shooting ability. A big part of their day is spent with problem solving.

One of the best problem solving teams is found in the body shop. Here John Webb and Dave Waters repair minor fender benders to allow the guests a safe trip home. John, a seven-year veteran of the Garage, is claimed by boss Roy to be "the best

in the business". His co-worker, Dave is in agreement and thankful to be able to learn from him. "John has taught me everything I know — including how to drink!!" jokes Dave. In the winter, when the body shop receives less visitor traffic, Dave and John spend the majority of their time painting and repairing company vehicles.

Behind the scenes, Karen Balles, secretary to Roy Seal, keeps the Garage records organized. Her daily work consists of entering and revising computer data, keeping a tight reign over the budget, and responding to guest inquiries.

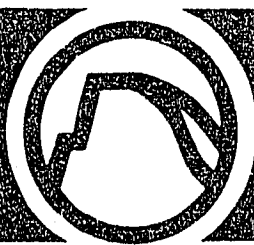
The YTS Garage crew certainly has their work cut out for them. Daily business includes car rentals, towing services, car washing, parts sales, bus maintenance, body work, and of course, vehicle repair. "Occasionally, tempers can flair due to the frustrations of guests having cars break down while on vacation . . . but, the Garage includes a great group of people, and they do an excellent job," concluded Roy.



L to R, bottom Row: Henry Bassett, Ron Bastlen, John Webb, Dave Waters. Middle Row: Larry Gregory, Pete Murray, Tom Pasquali, Dave Eddy, Rod Freitas, Larry Bensen, Roy Seal, Ron Silva, Darrell Yoyetewa, Gordon Crisp, Karen Balles, Dale Bashan, Joanne Brown, Leroy Williams, Norm Lambert. Top Row: Jay Paonessa, Ben Franklin, Dan Lyle.

Top: "You bend 'em, John can mend 'em" says Roy Seal of John Webb. Middle: Have you ever known Ben Franklin to be such a ham? Bottom: "Razz" Silva is sorely missed after his transfer to the Big Trees for the Summer.





Carl Stephens

## Behind The Greens

During Queen Elizabeth's stay at The Ahwahnee Hotel last March, Her Majesty expressed delight with the floral arrangements which adorned her suite. She wanted to pass along her compliments to the "little Oriental woman" whom she presumed had done the arranging. That remark is a common one around The Ahwahnee — yet nothing is further than reality. Carl Stephens is the creative mastermind behind the Hotel's floral arrangements — which is just one of his many responsibilities as Company Head Gardener. He also does the wedding arrangements, hotel landscaping, fills special requests for both guests and employees, supervises five gardening assistants and dabbles in Maintenance work (only that which directly concerns his work). Truly an expert on The Ahwahnee Hotel, (he's worked there under 12 General Managers), Carl's unflappable modesty and good nature has made him a well-known and respected figure in Yosemite.

Following is a chat I had with Carl reflecting on his soon-to-be 30 years of service for the Company.



The floral displays Carl creates for the Hotel draw daily compliments from the guests. He designs as many as 16 different arrangements weekly.

**Question:** "You've worn several different hats within the Company — can you name some of your former positions?"

**Answer:** "My Ahwahnee Hotel experience includes working in the House-keeping Department, in the Dining Room (briefly), and as a Front Desk clerk. At Curry Village I've been a maid, san-jan, room clerk and gardener."

**Question:** "How would you describe the floral arrangements you do?"

**Answer:** "They incorporate a number of schools of design although the design is basically Japanese."

**Question:** "How did you become involved with floral design?"

**Answer:** "I've always had a knack for it although I really got started here in 1956 when the previous arranger left and I took over."

**Question:** "I know you own a nursery in Midpines — is that where the flowers come from?"

**Answer:** "No, most of the flowers come from a flower market. Some materials (like branches and cattails) come from outside the Park, but basically they're all commercial."

**Question:** "What is your involvement



Carl, alongside the reflection pond; which he claims as one of his favorite sites on The Ahwahnee grounds.

with the Bracebridge Pageant?"

**Answer:** "I do all the sets and decorations for the Pageant. I also make the Wassail Pudding presentation to the Squire."

**Question:** "Has the Pageant changed?"

**Answer:** "No, it's changed very little . . . there's been a few added songs and lines but the overall picture hasn't changed."

**Question:** "Can you recall any particularly exciting memory of Yosemite during your years here?"

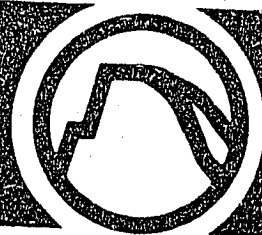
**Answer:** (Laughing) "I think my greatest thrill was when they decided to close the Ahwahnee golf course!!"

**Question:** "How about all the VIP'S and celebrity visits you've witnessed?"

**Answer:** "Well, I was very excited to do the flowers for Queen Elizabeth. I was thrilled when I met and visited with the photographer Karsh. I enjoyed the visits of Emperor Haile Selassie, the Premier of Turkey, the Shah of Iran, and President John Kennedy. Of all the celebrity visits — I most enjoyed meeting and talking with Joan Sutherland."

**Question:** "You must know the Park so well — do you have a favorite scenic spot?"

**Answer:** "I like Budd Lake or the Dana Plateau. They're beautiful — high in elevation with many wildflowers."



## VINTAGE MOMENTS

by F.J. Johnson

Happy Birthday America, Happy Birthday to you!

The Fourth of July is a decidedly Vintage Moment, one well deserving of celebration. As a promoter of wines, I feel this holiday is a perfect opportunity to urge my readers to enjoy themselves, but to please use some responsibility during their libations, especially if driving will be involved.

I would also like to offer for reflection a thought from the author of the American Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson.

"No nation is drunken where wine is cheap, and none sober where the dearness of wine substitutes ardent spirits as the national beverage."

Last month four red wines were proposed in the W.E.S.T. program, to help establish a better feel for how some of the varieties within that color group differ. One of the wines offered, the Zellerbach Cabernet Sauvignon 1978, is not currently available in the Valley, and likewise was not on hand for my own comparison tasting. It should suffice to say that it was a popular seller, and should any become available, we can try it then.

Of the remaining three wines, the Robert Mondavi Napa Gamay 1981 found a friend in me, charming both nose and palate with its clean, fresh aroma and cherry fruit flavors. This is a wine that can help make that transition from white to red easy, exhibiting red wine characteristics but in a restrained fashion, not extremely big and heavy nor excessively tannic, as many reds can be.

The Concannon Estate Bottled Petite Sirah 1978 and the Inglenook Charbono 1977 are both examples of traditionally styled red wines.

The Petite Sirah was typical of its variety — very dark, almost purple, dry, evidence of oak aging. Perhaps somewhat lighter in flavor than other Petite Sirahs, this is a well balanced wine and moderately priced at \$10.

The Charbono was lighter in color

and heavier in tannins than the Concannon, vinous and tart. Not as flavorful as the Petite Sirah or Napa Gamay, but for \$7 it would make an acceptable wine to accompany barbecues.

These wines are both meant to be consumed with food, especially spicy pastas and flavorful meats.

New to the Village Store are the wines of Mirrasou, from Monterey County. I was able to preview their 1979 Pinot Noir and 1981 Pinot Blanc, and came up with a winner and a loser.

The Pinot Blanc (\$8) was a definite winner — not big flavors but not heavy oak either, a good pineapple aroma peculiar to the Monterey area, and pleasant aftertaste.

The Pinot Noir was less than impressive, as I have found reds from Monterey are generally. Also priced around \$8, it is an average wine unrecognizable from many others.

Our next installment of WEST comes in August, so continue your independent tastings until then. See you next month.

## COLLEGE BY TELEVISION

California State College, Stanislaus is setting up campuses all over California via cable television. Recently Mariposa County has been contacted to receive this extended classroom service.

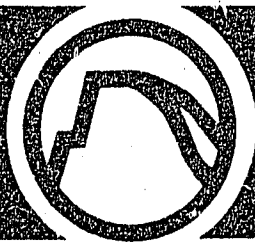
Two classrooms will be set up in Mariposa, complete with video monitor and audio connections. Students will be able to see and hear the professor via a television monitor mounted in the classroom. A microphone placed in the classroom allows the professor to hear the students.

Classes from chemistry to English will be offered. Adaptation of enough classes to the audio video format will enable students to obtain a bachelor's degree without having to drive to the CSCS campus in Turlock.

"The program is currently in the planning stage", says Joan Lynk of Mariposa. "We hope to implement the televised classroom by February, 1984, but it may be as late as June", she added.

Enrollment fees will be commensurate with regular fees charged on the campus at Stanislaus.





## FEAR OF FALLING

by Barbara Mason

Many non-climbers have a misconception about the sport. Some think you just grab a rope and pull your way up the face of the cliff. Not so! In actuality, climbing entails a number of different techniques like jamming ones hands into cracks, standing on ledges and frictioning with the soles of ones feet. In this way, the climber progresses naturally up the rock as if they are climbing a ladder.

A first-time climber almost always has a tendency to hug the rock — trying to keep as much of his body in contact with the rock as possible. It's easy to spot a novice climber by the tell-tale signs of scraped knees and elbows.

Most novice climbers also have an extreme phobia of hurtling to the ground from hundreds of feet in the air. This is a natural fear since climbers do betray the laws of gravity, but when properly practiced, climbing is an amazingly safe sport.

The best way to learn to climb is to first attend a class at the Yosemite Mountaineering School. For \$25 (discount for employees), an instructor will teach you all the things a beginner needs to know, like how to tie a knot, how to belay, etc. Once

a person learns these basics, there are always other climbers who are willing to help the novice. Climbing is a great way to meet new people and to make new friends.

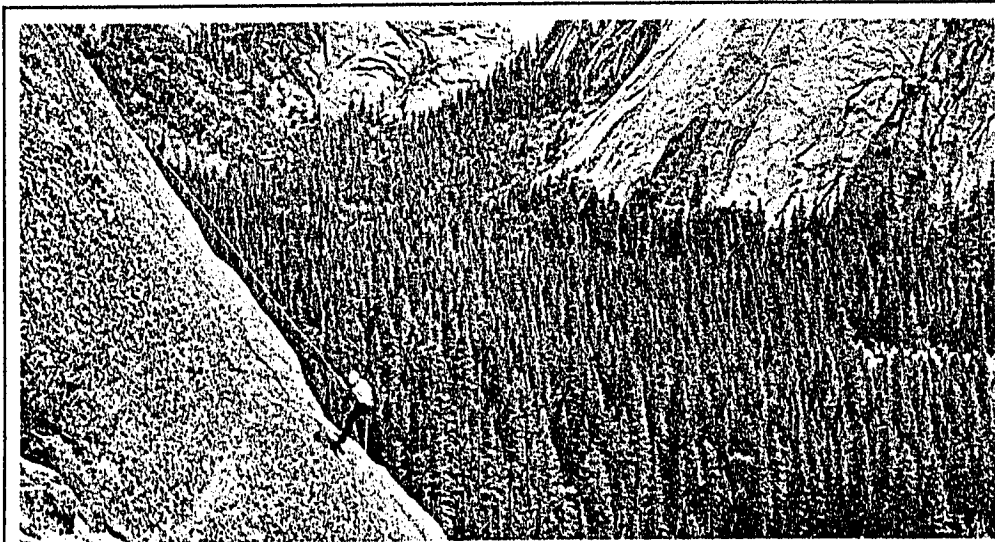
Choosing a climbing partner is the most important step. The novice should pick a partner who is more experienced than themselves, as well as one who is safety conscious.

The first climbing experience can be one of mixed emotions. The route that you always thought looked easy, and supposedly looked like a staircase, now looks like a polished wall with no place to put your hands or feet.

Invariably the novice thinks, "What am I doing? I must be crazy!" After the first step, your leg starts to shake and turns into a sewing machine — pumping uncontrollably. With sweaty palms you wonder, "Will I die? Will the rope hold me if I fall?" Then you realize you are only two feet off the ground and a fall wouldn't be too tragic. At first, the thought of looking down overwhelms you, but curiosity is killing you, so you sneak a peek. Three quarters of the way up the climb starts to get a little easier, but now you're sweating so much, you resemble Yosemite Falls in the



When beginning to climb, it is very important to learn the basics first . . . and to learn them well!!



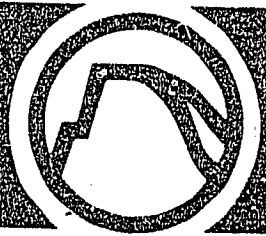
Yosemite offers some of the worlds most spectacular granite walls — what better place could there be to learn the sport of climbing?

spring. At last the summit is in sight. Your partner is giving you the incentive to make the last move. When you reach the summit, your adrenaline is pumping so hard, you are afraid to move. After taking some deep breaths and calming down, you realize it wasn't that bad after all.

All in all, my first day was a day of learning and a day of accomplishment — realizing I could do something I never thought I could. Physically speaking, you don't need to be a Charles Atlas to excel at climbing — you just need to be interested and willing to try.

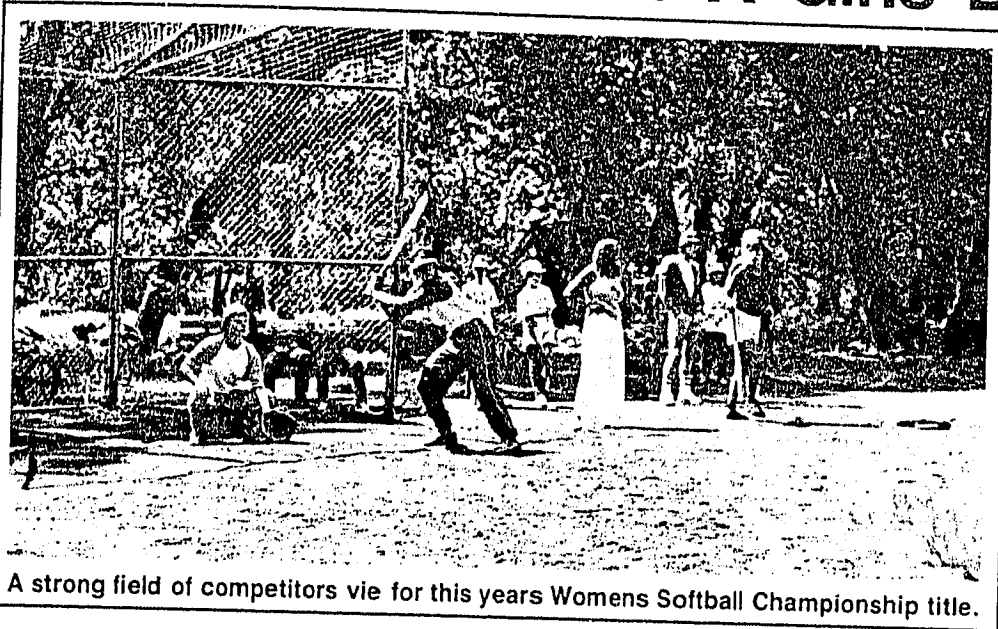
Climbing, like hang-gliding or parachuting, is the type of sport that everyone "has always wanted to try." While in Yosemite, you should take advantage of the great resources and give it a go. You might get drawn into the sport, or you might decide it's not for you. Either way, you have met the challenge, realized your capabilities and had a good time in the process.





## Womens Softball

## Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend



A strong field of competitors vie for this years Womens Softball Championship title.

by Stacey Carniglia

This season's Women's Softball Championship will certainly not be an easy victory!! There are 4 teams out there promising plenty of competition and exciting games in the bid for 1st place.

Three of last years teams are back again to play another season. Defending 1st place are the Sweet Cleats. They took the 1982 Championship by defeating the Kalamity Klutzes with a score of 20-6. But rumor has it the Klutzes won't be taken again!

As I recall, the Mighty Mitts, who are also back this year, got off to a slow start last year but came a long way throughout the season - so they also pose a threat to the Cleats.

Our fourth team is new this year. They call themselves the Stray Cats. They have supposedly practiced more than any of the returning three and if "practice makes perfect" . . . we might be in for a real exciting season.

But come see for yourself! We need your support at these upcoming games:

- 7-1 Cleats vs. Klutzes
- 7-6 Cleats vs. Mitts
- 7-8 Klutzes vs. Cats
- 7-13 Mitts vs. Klutzes
- 7-15 Cleats vs. Cats
- 7-20, 22, 27 Tournament games

## Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis Yaminitsky

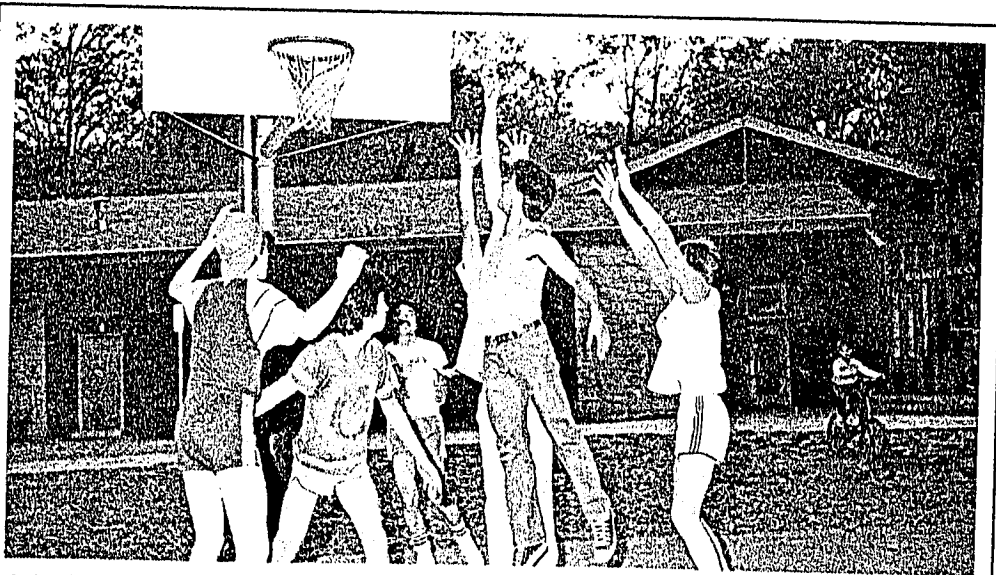
I'm back again this month with a few highlights from recent races!

**BAY TO BREAKERS** May 14 was a beautiful day for a race as 80,000 runners got together to stampede from San Francisco Bay to the Ocean beach. Four of Curry Co.'s finest not only survived the race, but enjoyed its highly festive atmosphere! Here are a few one-word descriptions from some of the runners:  
 Connie Archer: "Crowded"  
 Scott Van Camp: "Fun!"  
 Gail Miller: "Fantastic!"

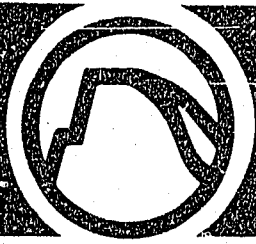
Duncan Van Arsdale: "Highly Social"  
**LUSH MEADOWS** By 9:00 a.m. April 30, the temperature was 70 degrees and rising as the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. sponsored Engine 29 Run got off to a hot start and even hotter finish! Race Director John Carter once again put on a fine show as 60 runners competed in 2 mile and 5 mile races. Curry Co. was well represented by 7 runners, led by the "Canadian Stallion" Nic Fiore, who as the oldest competitor put in a fine effort for the 2 mile in his first running race ever. Also in the 2 mile, I was lucky enough to finish second — just ahead of third place holder Jim Rodriguez. In the 5 miler — Reva Collier and Pete Brandauer led the

Curry runners followed by Gail Miller, Connie Archer and the always tough Bill Germany! Congratulations to all and many thanks to John Carter and staff for a fine effort and a fun race!!  
**NEXT RACES**

July 4 - Atwater 5 miler  
 July 10 - Merced 5 mile Cancer Run  
 July 24 - San Francisco Marathon  
 July 28 - 1st Annual Mirror Lake Run  
 There are many races scheduled for the upcoming months — so get the running edge and go for it!!



Join the action on the basketball court every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (at the elementary school). Women are welcome too!



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS 10

## What's Happening

### Movies

July 5 An Officer and a Gentleman (R)  
 July 12 My Bodyguard (PG)  
 July 19 Up in Smoke (R)  
 July 26 OLDIES FESTIVAL! Room Service (Marx Bros.),  
 If a Body Meets a Body (Three Stooges), The Great Chase  
 (W.C. Fields), Laughing Gas (Charlie Chaplin)  
 Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 and  
 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 kids.

### Classified

1976 Dodge Colt - Standard Transmission, AM/FM radio, mud  
 and snow tires. One owner. \$1,400 or best offer. Call 379-2223  
 after 6 p.m.

Olympus OMI Camera — 35-70 mm and 82 mm zoom lenses,  
 swivel head strobe flash. \$500. Call Steve 372-1427.

Marantz AM/FM Receiver — with Sony speakers and Garrard  
 turntable. \$225. plus many assorted albums. Steve 372-1427.

Complete black and white darkroom set-up — Bessler 23C  
 enlarger, auto-timer, plus all hardware and chemicals. \$350.  
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### Special July Events

Mon, July 4 July 4th picnic BBQ 10:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
 (Camp 6 Beach)  
 Mon, July 11 Dancel! "Two Point Two" 8:00 to 12:00  
 (East Auditorium)  
 Thur, July 14 Juggling Jamboree! 4:00 - 7:00 (Camp 6  
 Beach)  
 Sat, July 23 Renaissance Faire 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 (Elementary School)  
 Thur, July 28 1st Annual Mirror Lake Run\* Watch for  
 Details

### ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS!!

We are looking for high quality Yosemite scenic  
 photos. Interested in all seasons, landmarks & activities.  
 Will pay up to \$50 for each photo used.  
 Turn entries into Public Affairs Office.  
 \*YP&C Co. will hold rights to used photos and negatives.

### Announcements

The 1983 graduates of the Mariposa County High School from  
 Yosemite and El Portal are James Arnold, Heidi Binnewies,  
 Heidi Domingues, Patricia Garza, Donald Hickman, Steven  
 Olson, Karl Reichhold, Richard Rhoad, Timothy Taggart, and  
 Janet Wendt. Our sincere congratulations to all these  
 graduates and we wish them success in their future endeavors!

Good news for wine drinkers!! Degnan's Deli has recently  
 revamped their wine stock to include an even wider selection  
 of wines. Boasting over 40 different labels, Manager Paul  
 Clarke has assembled an impressive assortment of California  
 and imported wines. A wide variety of styles and price ranges  
 available to choose from. Check it out today!

Dusty Cloward's retirement is the perfect excuse for a party!!  
 Everyone is invited to join the farewell festivities for "the  
 last of the old pro's" July 23 at the El Portal Community Hall.  
 Enjoy the music of the Misfits Band, plenty of booze and din-  
 ner put on by Hap Lambert. Starts at 5:00 p.m. - price is \$10.00  
 per person/pay at the door. For reservations call 379-2352 (El  
 Portal); 966-2046 (Midpines); 966-2707 (Mariposa); 372-1241  
 (Yosemite); or NPS 372-4461 ext 251 ask for Rosalie. All reser-  
 vations must be in by July 15, 1983.

Employee Training offers cash handling classes Tuesdays  
 and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. Successful completion of this one-  
 hour course is a pre-requisite for any Company cash handling  
 position. Think ahead - complete this course before you bid  
 on that new job! See Ron Jennings for further information.

Looking for a great new local eatery? The Happy Medium,  
 located in downtown Mariposa (behind Play it Again Sam)  
 serves great foods made entirely from scratch. Enjoy fine din-  
 ing with a Continental flavor and casual atmosphere daily.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

Weight Center — Open Mon thru Sat 9:30-12:00 — 1:00-3:30  
 — 5:00-8:00. (Next to Lodge Housekeeping)

Softball — Tues, Wed, Fri, 5:15, Sun 2:00 (Elementary School)

Volleyball — Sun, Mon — 8:00-11:00 (East Auditorium)

Aerobics — Mon, Wed, Fri — 5:30-7:00 (West Auditorium)

Kung Fu — Tues, Thurs — 6:00-8:00 (East Auditorium)

Swimnastics — Tues, Thurs, Sat — 5:30-7:30 (Lodge Pool)

Morning Lap Swim — Mon, Thurs, Sat — 6:30-8:30 a.m. (Lodge  
 Pool)

Jazz Dance — Tues, Thurs, Sat — 6:00-8:00 (West Auditorium)

## Let Your Fingers Do The Talking

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Last year, Carolyn Dunne, a student from Gallaudet College in Washington D.C., was the only deaf person working for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Because of the communication gap between Carolyn and the speaking community, she was "frustrated at first" in her attempts to communicate with others, but said the experience was a "good challenge."

Carolyn is back again this summer, but because the Counseling and Placement office at Gallaudet took her suggestion of contacting YP&C Co. about summer jobs, Carolyn has been joined this year by 14 other Gallaudet students.

Beth Chalmers and Carolyn Evans are partly responsible for the placement of the deaf and speech impaired employees in our company. According to Curry Village Manager, Patrick Harley, he was approached and asked if he would be interested in accepting these employees in his unit.

The acceptance was the easy part . . . but soon there were minor problems to resolve. For instance, as



Jennifer Jacob, the NPS Sign Language Interpreter, teaches basic Sign Language classes every Thursday from Noon to 1pm behind the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center.

roomskeepers, the employees needed to know if the guest was inside the room before they entered. The simple task of knocking and listening for a response was impossible. What to do? Patrick Harley solved this dilemma by assigning these employees to the tent cabins. Since the tent cabins lock from either side, it was

fairly easy to tell whether a tent was occupied by which side the door was latched on.

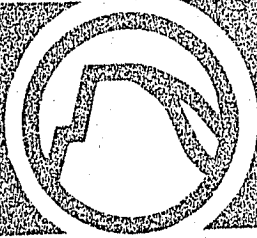
Harley's willingness to overcome minor problems such as this is the main reason the program has been so successful. "I don't look at it as a disability — just a problem that (See page 2 column 1)



A tremendous aid to the communication with hearing impaired employees is Joyce Gaver, (right) who acts as a sign language interpreter in addition to her duties as san-jan at Curry Village.

Krae Stieffenhofer (left) and Gaye Denton (right) admit that working in Yosemite has been a great summer experience and returning to college in Washington D.C. will be difficult.



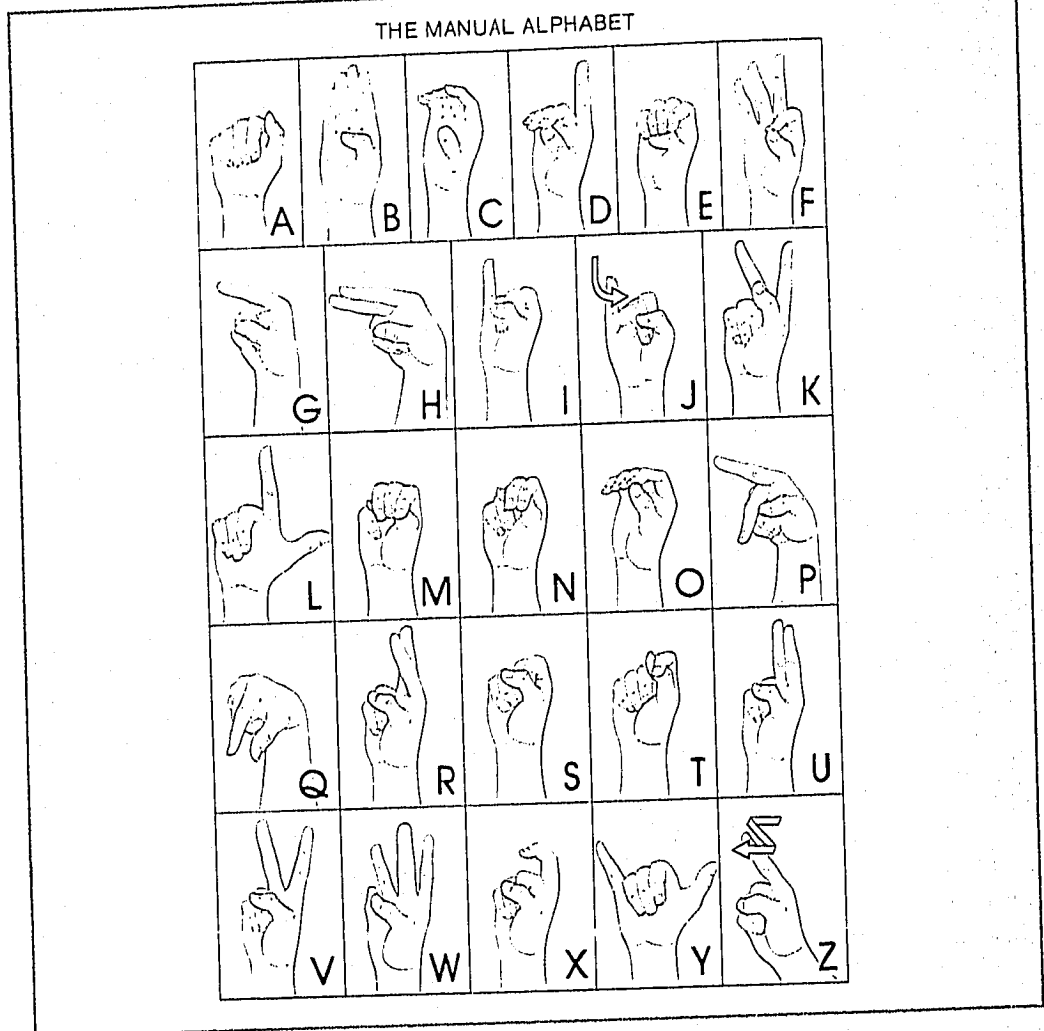


SIGN LANGUAGE (From page 1) needs to be worked with," he says.

A tremendous aid to communication for these employees, is Joyce Gaver, who acts as a sign language interpreter in addition to her duties as san jan at Curry Village. Her sign language expertise is a result of having lost her hearing when she was 16 years old. Five years later she has miraculously regained her hearing and now devotes herself to helping those less fortunate. "I have a great job offer elsewhere . . . but I choose to stay in Yosemite. I enjoy working with the deaf and I've made many very special friends here."

The program is enthusiastically praised by the participants. "Being here in this Park has been a great experience," smiles Dana Martin, Roomskeeper. "I will definitely be back next year." Krae Stieffenhofer agrees and admits, "I like it here a lot, although there are some frustrations." What kinds of frustrations? Krae, suddenly serious, explains, "Sometimes guests come to me with questions — simple questions like 'Where is the restroom?' I try to write it down for them but they get bored because it takes so long. They give up on me."

What can we do as individuals to make it easier for these students? "Learn the sign language," pleads Joyce. "Learning the alphabet is the best," suggests Dana Martin. "That way you can always get by."



An increasing number of employees here are accepting the challenge of bridging this communication gap by taking advantage of the American Sign Language

Training Course, coordinated by the Employee Training Department, as well as NPS sign language classes.

For more information call Employee Training at ext. 1448.



Tim Taggart

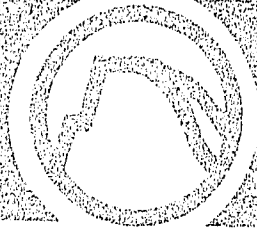
Congratulations are extended to Tim Taggart who has recently been awarded the Yosemite Community Scholarship for the coming academic year. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1000 and is supported entirely by funds raised by the Yosemite-EI Portal Community Council. It has been awarded annually since 1934.

Tim is the son of Jim and Carolyn Taggart of El Portal. He graduated from Mariposa County High School on June 17, 1983. Tim will be going to Fresno State University this Fall and will be majoring in Economics with a minor in Physical Education. The congratulations and best wishes of the Yosemite-EI Portal area go with him!

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## East Meets West: A Yosemite Adventure

by Tom Hogan

During a recent weekend in Fresno my roommate Steve Kirby and I caught the end of an interesting newscast. The feature was about a Japanese cyclist who was in Fresno touring the U.S. by way of Yosemite. I jokingly mentioned to Steve that we should look for him on our way back into the Park.

The next morning, headed for home, we spotted a person walking a well-packed bicycle. Pulling alongside we met Hisayuki—the Japanese cyclist! After chatting a while, we invited him to stay with us while in Yosemite. Hoping wildly that he'd show up (we even cleaned our tent!), we were thrilled to hear someone call, "herrow" on Sunday afternoon . . . Hisayuki Hayashi had arrived!!

Although Steve and I had to work the next day, Hisayuki had a great time exploring Yosemite and seemed awestruck by the spray of Yosemite Falls. He also really enjoyed the hike to Glacier Point he shared with Terhi Vires (CV Maid) and Keith Brown (Village Store).

My boss, Jason Krause provided a



Pictured left to right: Tom Hogan, Hisayuki Hayashi and Steve Kirby enroute to an evening of epicurian delights in The Ahwahnee Main Dining Room.

pleasant surprise when he donated a bottle of Saki. When Hisayuki saw the bottle his eyes lit up! According to him the saki, called SHO-CHIKU-BAI is "number one saki," and was the perfect cure for his "very painful" feet!

The highlight of his stay was our dinner together at The Ahwahnee Hotel. It was quite a task meeting

the Ahwahnee Dining Room dress code but we finally arrived in borrowed jackets, shirts, ties and shoes (compliments of Bill Krebs). Dinner was delicious!! We had a great time in our first Ahwahnee dining experience, and enjoyed the service of Charlie, Kathleen, and David.

In all, Hisayuki's trip will cover 12,500 miles. He started in Los Angeles and will travel North to Seattle, East to Boston, South to the Florida Keyes, and West to Los Angeles again where he expects to arrive next April.

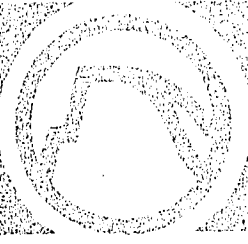
Steve and I have great memories of our "East-meets-West" adventure and we look forward to seeing Hisayuki again when he arrives in LA next Spring.



Former Lions Club President Bill Thomas (middle) displays his award of recognition for his outstanding achievements while in office. Joining him here are the Lions Club officers for the 1983-84 year. (Left to right): Phil Marshall (Sec-Treas); Jim Ford (Pres); Terry Gess (1st VP); and Michael Quick (2nd VP).

"Wander here  
a whole summer,  
if you can.  
Thousands of God's  
wild blessings  
will search you  
and soak you  
as if you were  
a sponge,  
and the big days  
will go by  
uncounted."

John Muir



## THE BIG TREES: A FAMILY AFFAIR

If you ask part-time driver Mary Saunders, it's "... only natural that the new supervisor of the Big Trees is one of our relatives; this place is a 'family affair' in the truest sense of the word." In this case the new supervisor of the Big Trees Tram operation is Mary's older sister, Kimberly, and her addition brings to seven the number of "family pairs" employed at the Big Trees!

Among the seven pairs are two father and son driving teams from Oakhurst, Don (father) and Craig (son) Cyriacks, and the Ocheltrees,

George (dad) and Scott (son).

The chance to learn all the jobs is one of the real advantages of working in a small outlying unit. Transportation Agent Dorothy Belcher splits her time now between dispatching buses and selling tickets. On her nights to close the ticket sales report she frequently has help counting tickets in the form of husband and driver, James, the hands down winner of "the sweetest" award!

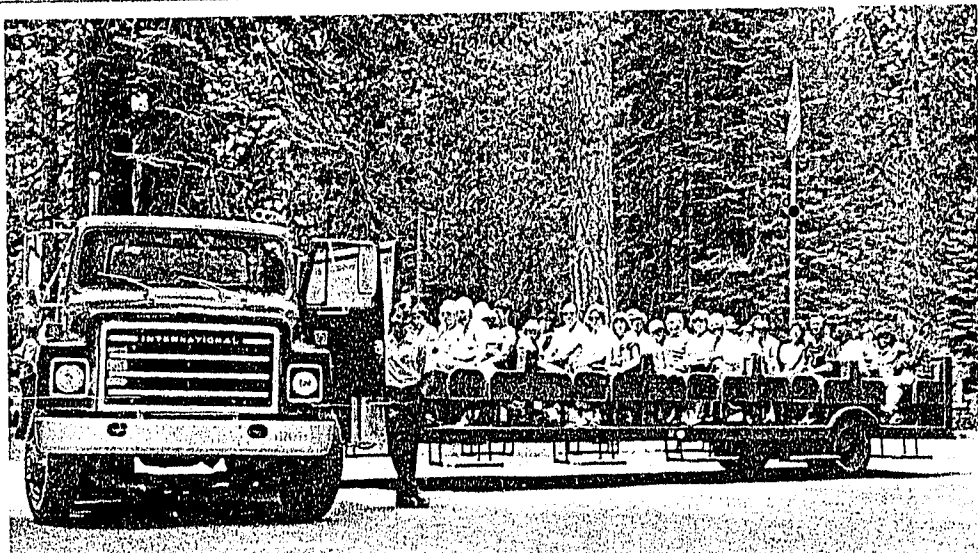
Essential to daily operations is another real special person, mechanic Ron "Ras" Silva. "If it's mechanical

you'd better know I've got Ras in charge of it. When he's here I just worry less," says Kim.

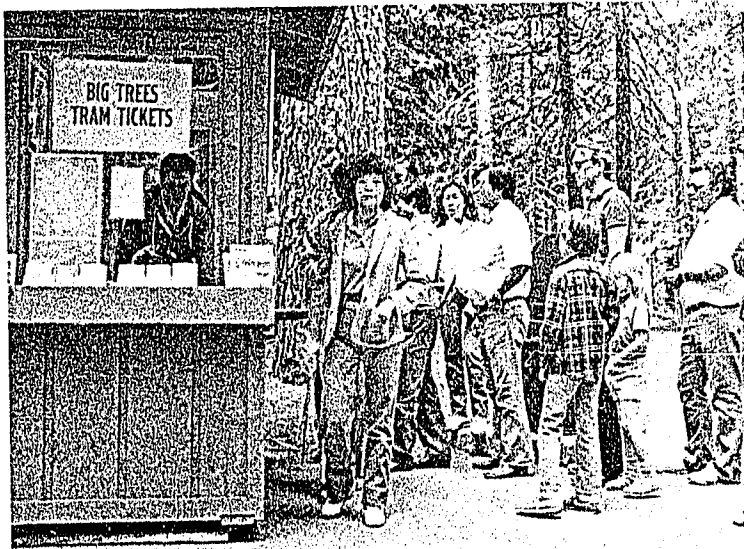
Funnyman Chuck Davidson is one of the few non-related members of the Big Trees family, but is in good company with two new employees, Transportation Agents Bonnie James, whose older sister Kathy Naumcheff is Lead Clerk at the Gift Shop, and Donna Hineman, a recent transplant from Pennsylvania. "The feeling of pride comes early to new employees here at the Grove," says Donna. "You get a real appreciation for the amount of love that goes into doing a job well when you watch people like Orville at work."

Known for his keen eye for the ladies, senior driver Orville Gerloff finds his only serious competition for their attention comes from National Park Service Technician Paul Tidwell, who does interpretive work in the Grove. Billed by his co-workers as "the only single male ranger in the Wawona District," Paul is the center of much attention. But as Grove Ranger Kris Fister puts it, "Orville is like the trees; he improves with age!"

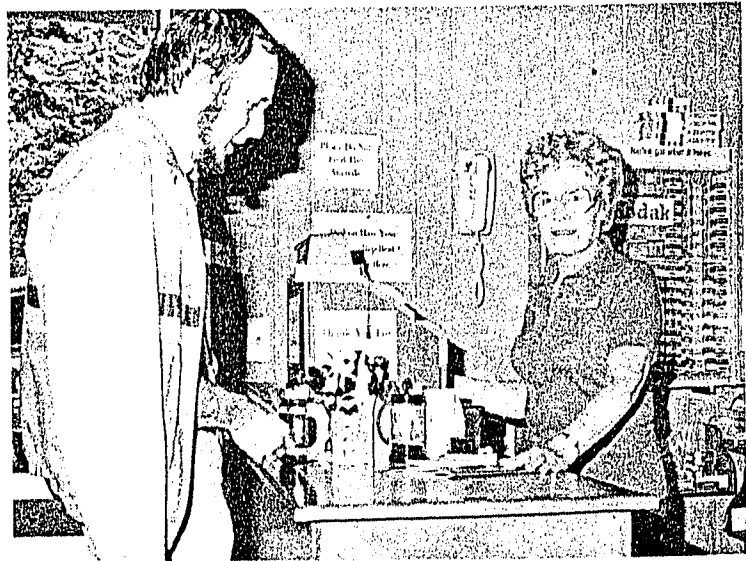
Probably the most complete of the family relationships at the Grove is that of Rosella Armstrong, long time supervisor of the Big Trees operation, her husband, Homer, part-time



Drivers, like Scott Ochetree, (pictured here) normally take six 1-hour tours through the Grove a day, carrying up to 50 people per tram.

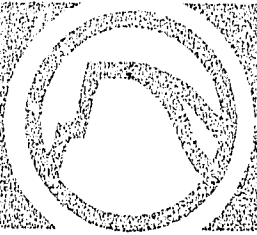


The tour kiosk is new this year — an acquisition from NPS turned into a ticket sales and information booth by the maintenance crew.



Ruby Miller, Gift Shop Manager, is a familiar and friendly face to returning guests.





dispatcher, and their grandson-in-law, driver Terry Harr, who off season drives for Mariposa Schools. The circle was recently completed with the hire of part-time Transportation Agent Cindy Haar, Terry's wife and Homer and Rosella's granddaughter, who fills in on Rosella's days off.

The Grove operation has seen some real changes this year other than in staffing. For the first time since the early 1970's when the charge was \$1.00 per person, the operation is no longer funded by NPS and there is a charge of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children and seniors, for the tour and tram ride.

The implementation of public law 89-249 which calls for comparable support to rates, supported a higher fee structure than was implemented by YP&C Co. Ed Hardy stated that, "In order to assure the continued success of the tram operation we felt it was desirable to start with a lower rate."

Another change this year is the new Gift Shop, a real source of pride. The old one stood for many years but was crushed by a tree this past winter. Run by Ruby Miller, a six year employee of Curry Co., with the able assistance of Kathy Naumcheff and part-timer Del Knox, the Gift Shop does a busy day providing quick snacks, Yosemite books, gifts and camera rentals.

"On a typical day the Big Trees

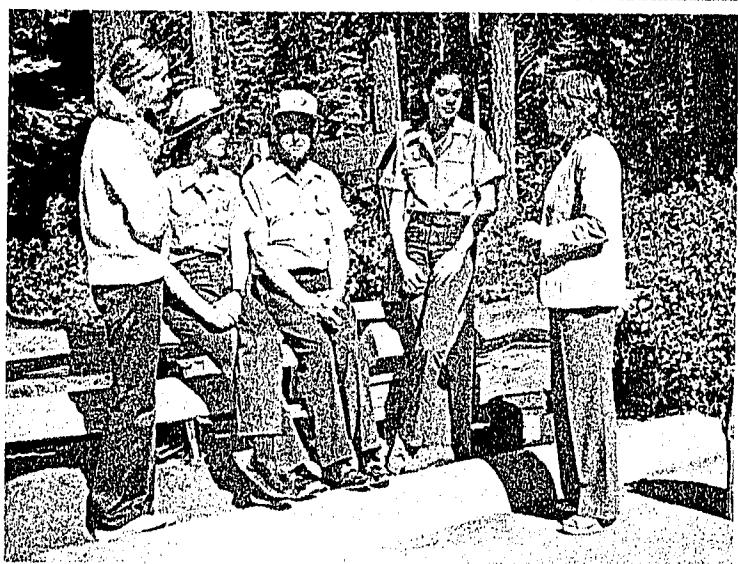


The Mariposa Grove of Big Trees is the second most visited attraction in the Park, and a favorite of foreign visitors.

hosts up to 2,000 people who ride the trams, a high percentage of whom, are foreign visitors anxious to share in the awe of some of the oldest and largest of all living things on earth, relics of the dinosaur age," says nine year employee, Trans Agent Ruth Hanley. "They give you a real feeling of magnitude and serenity." All employees of the Grove are interpreters, full time, in addition to their regular jobs, and the bond between NPS and Curry here is strong: one big family dedicated to sharing these giants with Park guests. "Located so near the South Entrance we often have the chance to create the first or last impression

of Yosemite a guest will keep forever," says Rosella, and it's a philosophy the Big Trees folks take to heart.

"I feel fortunate to be here. It was hectic to get the new part of the operation in full swing," reflects Kim, "and credit for much of our success belongs to Tom Villoni and the maintenance crews. Additionally, I enjoy a close working relationship with my NPS counterpart, Ranger Dan Card, and his staff, and the support of the two most terrific bosses, Dan Jensen and Joe Wheeler. And, of course, major credit goes to Rosella, without whom none of this would work! She'll be a tough act to follow."



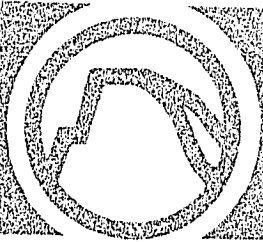
L to R are: YNHA volunteer Merry Beyler, Grove interpreter Kris Feister, Tour driver James Belcher, YNHA Intern Mary Schoonover and Tour Supervisor Kim Saunders.

## IN RECOGNITION

With reverence and deep appreciation, the Big Trees staff and friends said goodbye to Rosella Armstrong, who has for the past fourteen years been the supervisor and backbone of the operation.

Transportation Agent Ruth Hanley, a co-worker of Rosella's for many years, expresses it best — "Working with Rosella has always been a pleasure. Whenever anyone compliments her on the operation, she always says, 'It isn't me, it's the whole bunch; we work as a team.' We could never replace her; they only made one and threw the mold away."

For your thirty-one years of outstanding service, Rosella, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. salutes you! Thank you and Good Luck!



## SPECIAL DELIVERY FROM THE CURRY COURIERS



Dorothy Daniels, a Park employee since 1974, has held the position of lead mail clerk for the past 4 years.

The title of Company Mail Clerk is certainly not a role to be taken lightly. Dorothy Daniels and Sherrie Thatcher comprise the mailroom staff and are responsible for some 500 pieces of mail daily. That boils down to approximately 30-50 pounds of assorted parcels and \$250.00 in postage fees.

No one can deny that those are staggering figures — and yet most people are unaware of the responsibilities that these two women share. Sherrie remarks, "I am always hearing, 'I wish I had your job . . . all you do is ride around in the mail truck'. If they only knew how much work was really involved — we do a lot more than drive around to different Company units all day."

So what is involved in a mail clerk's daily routine? Although they claim that their duties are interchangeable and with no specific assignments, Dorothy and Sherrie have found a comfortable pattern which results from working together for two seasons.

Sherrie's day usually begins with a trip to all company units to pick up Post Office bound mail, while Dorothy stays in the mail room to sort interdepartmental communication and stamp the U.S. mail. Dorothy is often asked to run special

errands and sometimes "head Sherrie off at the pass" to make a delivery transfer. Two separate pick-ups at each company unit are made daily in addition to two official Post Office stops per day. "It's hectic at times — but fun," says Dorothy. "There's always something new going on."

Sherrie, who works only seasonally through the summer months, misses out on all the frustrations that adverse weather conditions provide. Dorothy expands, "In the winter time the mail delivery all depends on Mother Nature!! If the roads aren't plowed then it takes a great deal of extra time." Both women agree that the most vital part of the job is decent transportation. "If the mail truck is down — so are we!" they joke.

When asked which department keeps them the busiest, both women are in agreement. Retail consistently receives the most mail while Reservations sends the majority out. The

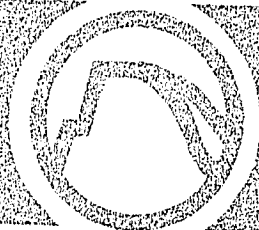
exception is during the first of the year when 2,800 W-2 forms and 2,500 rent receipts are sent from the Payroll Office.

Both Dorothy and Sherrie reside outside the Park. Sherrie lives in Mariposa where she enjoys cooking, drawing, swimming and spending time with Boots, her cat. Gardening is Dorothy's favorite pastime and a source of pride at her El Portal trailer home. When not working or gardening, Dorothy enjoys spending time in the high country; "I have a special spot I love up there . . . but I'm keeping it to myself!!"

Both Dorothy and Sherrie are quick to agree there are many good things to be said for their jobs as mail clerks; "Especially the freedom," says Sherrie. "I like not having to be behind a desk all day." Dorothy adds with a smile, "Yeah, I'm content. I plan to stay for quite awhile."



"What I like best about being a mail clerk is the chance to constantly meet new people", says Sherrie Thatcher.



## Wawona Artisans Craft Faire

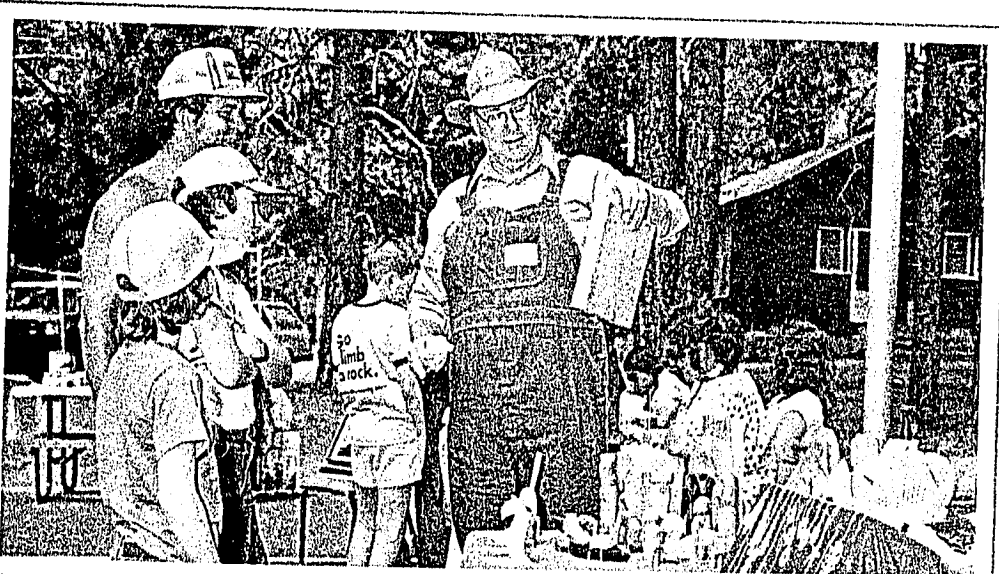
by Judy Stephan

Following a long, hard winter with much severe weather, a cohesive happening was needed to rally forth the local Yosemite community residents. So . . . with great expectations and anticipation, the Wawona Guild of Artists & Craftspeople, in cooperation with the Wawona Community Association, decided to jointly sponsor a series of four summer art & craft sales, shows and demonstrations on the first Saturday of the months of June, July, August and September from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Artists and craftspeople from the local communities of Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West, Yosemite Valley, and El Portal are invited to participate. All art must be of original composition and crafts must be either homemade or handmade — nothing mass produced.

If your interest has been kindled, come on out to Wawona and spend the day. Experience homemade ice cream, mountain coffee, and the pioneer hospitality that helped make our home famous.

Artists and craftspeople interested in participating should call Judy Stephan at 375-6249 or Jean Smith at 375-6507.



Local artisans from the Yosemite community gather to display their handiwork monthly at the Wawona Community Center.

## Vintage Moments

by F.J. Johnson

You have probably heard the story of the little old lady picking the winner in a horse race because she liked the name of the horse or the color of the jockey's pants. People often pick wines in this same fashion, but rarely do they pick the best wines. Since there is a great amount of satisfaction to be derived from knowledgeably selecting a fine wine, this month's article will focus on reading labels and understanding the information on them.

The most basic labels generally include the vintner's name, the type of wine, vintage date (if any), alcohol content, bottling information, and area of grape origin or appellation.

In California, most premium winemakers designate their wines as varietals, taking the name of the predominant grape used. Currently, 75% of the wine must be from the variety names, whereas pre-1983 wines had to have 51% only.

Most jug, or generic wines use geographical appellations from the old world (Chablis, Rhine, etc.) although they are not necessarily made with grapes traditional to those regions, and their quality generally shows it.

To be vintage dated wine, 95% of the total must be from that year.

Many fine European wines, especially champagnes, are non-vintage dated.

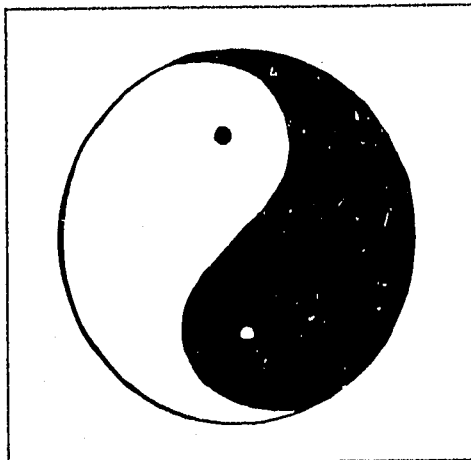
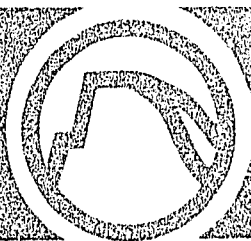
Bottling information is a common source of misunderstanding when reading wine labels. "Vinted by" is a meaningless phrase, while "bottled by" and "cellared by" are self-explanatory and imply no added function. "Made and bottled by" means the stated producer fermented a mere 10% of the wine, whereas "produced and bottled by" requires that 75% of the wine was crushed, fermented, and bottled by the stated maker. "Estate bottled" traditionally implies that the wine was made from grapes owned by the makers and located within sight of the winery. "Estate bottled" has no legal definition, though that may change this year. "Grown, produced, and bottled by" is the most exact designation used today, specifying that all functions were performed by the maker.

Winemakers also use designations such as Lot #, Cask #, Private Reserve, etc., While useful for identifying a maker's various wines, there are no legal definitions pertaining to quality or quantity with any of these phrases.

Appellations can be very important, as some areas, counties, or even specific vineyards can be identified from year to year. Thus, we might compare a wine labeled California Chablis with one labeled Napa Valley Chardonnay 1980, Saunders Vineyard. The former could be made from grapes from different parts of California, from different years, from different grape varieties, and probably a combination of all three. The latter is from a specific viticultural area (Napa Valley) in a certain year. Even the vineyard is listed, so you can go see which vines grew your wine.

I hope this column proves to be of assistance to all. Thanks, and see you next month for more Vintage Moments.





Most of you are aware that a Kung Fu class is being offered through the Employee Recreation Department; perhaps fewer of you know that the instructor, Ray Santos, taught Kung Fu in Hayward, California, for 3½ years before teaching here. Ray has studied various forms of Kung Fu and Tai Chi Ch'uan for over seven years and credits his knowledge and skill to such masters as Terry Stewart and Mr. Au. For Ray, the practice of these martial arts is not only a physical endeavor that promotes health, agility and strength,

## Kung Fu

# A Source of Inner Strength

by Terri Kern

but a way of life that permeates his every thought and action, just as it does for every serious student of Kung Fu.

Ray's class takes place in the Visitor's Center East Auditorium every Sunday and Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no music or blithe enthusiasm; there aren't that many people taking the class, but that's quite all right with Ray. People drift in and out of the student body, but those that stick with it are in for the real experience of Kung Fu. The class begins with about an hour of yoga, during which there seems to be no concept of time. Each posture flows slowly and smoothly into the next as he takes the class through the warm up stretching and breathing that is a vital part of Kung Fu. Breathing deeply and fully is the key to awakening the "Chi" or vital force that flows within every human being; yoga is an effec-

tive way to clear the blocked passages and enable the Chi to flow uninhibited, energizing and revitalizing as it goes. At the end of the yoga postures there is a brief period of meditation, the purpose of which is to quiet the mind and enjoy the moment of simply "being", with no thoughts or anxieties-no past or future. Just as you begin to fall into a black hole of calm, the workout begins. Kicks, punches, stances and lots of sweat are the best way I can describe the hour that follows. Ray is uncompromising when it comes to form, allowing no "easy way out". To the novice the workout is grueling, and Ray's dead-seriousness adds an intensity to the experience that is more than a little intimidating. On the other hand, the student can find a wealth of instruction in the class and can feel sure that they are getting "the real thing".

## Yosemite Little League Raps Exciting Season

by Ron Mackie

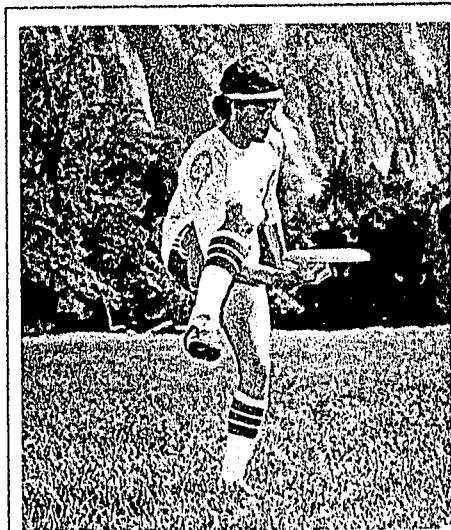
For the 5th consecutive year the Yosemite Park Community has completed a highly successful Little League baseball season. This year, the combined children of El Portal and Yosemite Valley turned out in record numbers. This enabled the community to register four Little League baseball teams. They were the **Eagles** (ages 6 to 8), the **Lions** (ages 9 and 10), the **Dodgers** (ages 11 and 12), and for the first time a senior division team the **Rangers** (ages 13 to 15). All teams proved to be the best yet, playing competitively with all the other teams in Mariposa County in their respective divisions.

For the 3rd straight year some of our Major Little Leagues have been selected for the Mariposa County All-Star Team. This team played in the Central Valley Little League Tour in Madera July 13 & 14. This year's players were Jeff Hinson and Mike

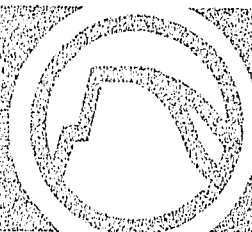
Mackie. Their selection was based on the voting of all the Major's players in the County. Honorable mention this year go to these other excellent 12 year olds; Carter Williams, Hans Lein, Dana Mackie, Eileen Gallagher, Midge McKenzie, Paul Smith, Jay Edeal and Kelly Singer. A special honorable mention needs to be given to Don Schultz, a Senior Division ballplayer who is moving to Montana this summer.

Equally important to the program and saved for last, but not least, are the team's sponsors. The following sponsors have been totally supportive for a number of years and their financial assistance is deeply appreciated; The Yosemite Park & Curry Company, The Yosemite Lions Club, The Yosemite Rotary Club, and The Yosemite Rangers Association. A special thanks also to the Yosemite Park & Curry Company's Employee Recreation Department for

all their help in maintaining the ball fields and volunteering their time in umpiring games. We are all looking forward to next year.



The Annual Frisbee Fiesta again provided employees with a great day of competition, games, prizes and BBQ lunch.



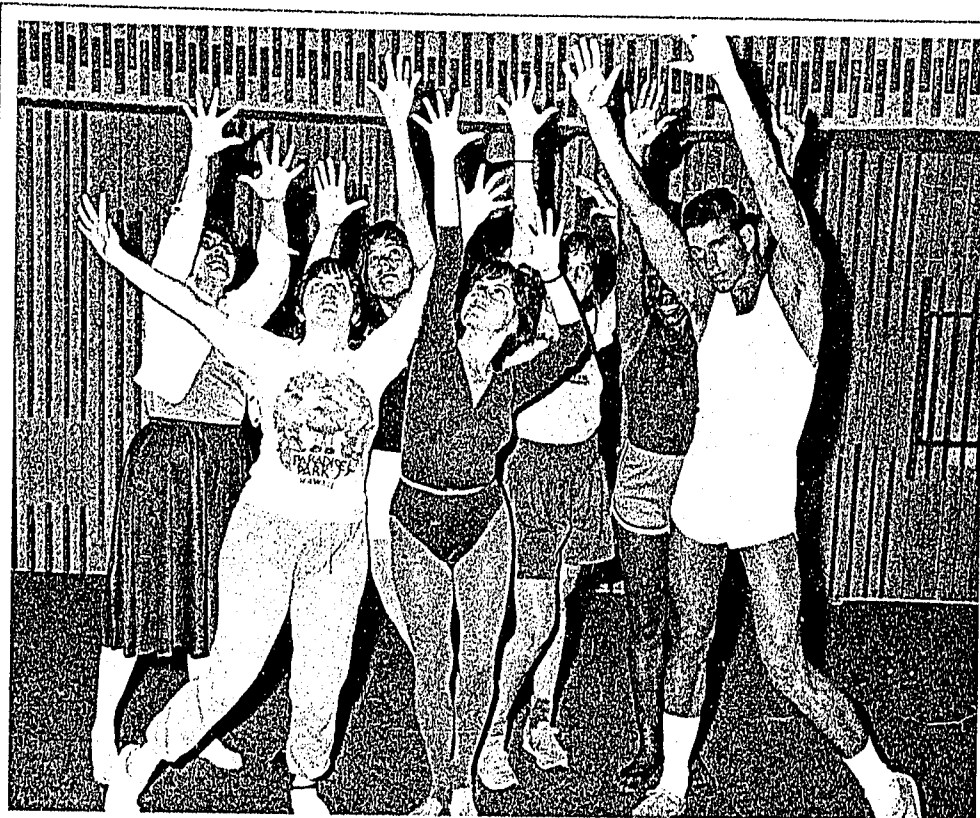
## ALL THAT JAZZ!!

by Anne Thistleton

The stage is set, the lights are on, the floor is cleared, and the music has just begun, so let's dance, dance, dance!! Yes, new dance classes have recently been added to the agenda of Employee Recreation's activities.

Marie Klettlinger, of the Village Sports Shop, is leading the show. Her high level of enthusiasm is enough to interest anyone in this art form. A talented dancer herself, Marie is eagerly giving her time to others who want to learn. Fortunately, capability is not a criterion for attending this class (you should see the way I dance and I go!!) the only criterion is your interest.

Throughout the class Marie stresses three main points: warm up, technique, and choreography, with an overall goal of learning how to perform. The class is a combination of many types of dance, jazz being the most emphasized. This is a fun way to achieve the goal of aerobic fitness. "I love to dance and this class is the perfect way to combine



Marie Klettlinger's Jazz Dance classes provide basic instruction of many types of dance, jazz being the most emphasized.

dance and exercise," says a happy participant.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in

the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and exercise — bring your enthusiasm!

## Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis Yaminitzky

Congratulations to Reva Colliver and Gail Miller (YP&C Co.'s running sisters) for a great effort at the San Luis Dam Jam. Reva flew over the 10K course in 42:41 to place first overall in the womens division. Gail also won with a well-paced time of 52:29. Great going, ladies!!

Now is the time to start training for the October 2nd "Long Live Mono Lake 10K" (6.2 miles). This is a RUN, not a race!! As run director, I guarantee a fun, as well as beautiful, run for runners of all levels. Most important is the support of a very worthy cause — to help save Mono Lake!

If you're into spectator sports, mark September 24 on your calen-

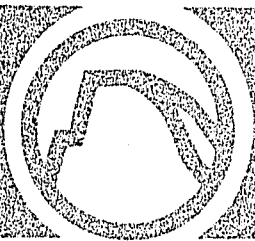
dar! The top triathletes in the U.S. will gather at Bass Lake for the U.S. Triathlon Championship. It will be great to watch the competitors swim 2K, bike 40K and run 15K to determine the best in the U.S. Imagine this triathlon taking place right in our back yard!

My recommended run this month is a loop around the Wawona Meadow. Starting just across from the Pro Shop (on the West side of the golf course), the old wagon trail loops 3½ miles back to the Hotel. Any run in beautiful Wawona is a great way to start or finish the day, but this happens to be one of my favorite runs. So get out and go for it and we'll see you on the road!!!

### UPCOMING RACES

August  
6th  
Sierra Pines Relays at Bass Lake  
13th  
Lite Beer/Oakland A's 8K Fun Run  
14th  
Red Cross Watermelon Run 10K  
(Merced)  
15th — 19th  
Youth & Family-Yosemite Track &  
Cross Country Camp  
(Fish Camp)  
20th  
Bass Lake Half Marathon

September  
4th  
Amigo Del Oro 5 & 10 Mile Run  
(Mariposa)



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS

## What's Happening

### Movies

- August 2 Close Encounters, 2nd Edition (PG)
- August 9 Barbarella (PG)
- August 16 Paper Moon (PG)
- August 23 Missing (PG)
- August 30 Being There (PG)

Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 kids.

### Classified

**Franklin Stove** with pipe, \$100. Call Scott after 5 p.m. at 379-2805.

**Kelvinator Refrigerator** — top freezer — self defrosting; in mint condition. Call K-13 or 372-9955.

**Elegant custom 2-story home** on 2.2 acres in Midpines. 12 rooms, 2 fireplaces, service porch, swimming pool. Beautifully landscaped. 9% assumable loan. Must see to appreciate. For appointment - 742-6639.

**5.1 acres with mobile home** — 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room and kitchen with bar. Includes large redwood deck in back and in front; both covered. Five miles from Mariposa. Price \$54,500. Call 742-7166 or 966-2378 or 372-4802.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

**Weight Center** — Open Mon thru Sat 9:00-12:00 — 1:00-4:00 — 5:00-8:00. — Sun 2:00-7:00 Located Next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

**Softball** — Tues, Wed, Fri, 5:15, Sun 2:00 (Elementary School)

**Basketball** — Tues, Wed, Fri, 5:00-7:00 pm (Elem. School)

**Aerobics** — Mon, Fri — 6:30-8:00 (West Auditorium)

**Volleyball** — Sun, Mon — 8:00-11:00 (East Auditorium)

**Kung Fu** — Sun, Tue — 6:00-8:00 (East Auditorium)

**Swimnastics** — Tues, Thurs, Sat — 6:00-8:00 (Lodge Pool)

**Morning Lap Swim** — Mon, Thurs, Sat — 6:30-7:30 a.m. (Lodge Pool)

**Modern Jazz Dance** — Tues, Sat — 6:30-8:00 (West Auditorium)

### Announcements

The **Vacation Bible School** will be held August 1-5 at the Yosemite Chapel. Open to grades Kindergarten through 8th. Sessions are scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The **Art Activity Center** darkroom is available for black and white developing and printing. Call 1442 for an orientation class.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday in the Four Seasons Restaurant, Yosemite Lodge at 12:15 p.m.

The 1983-84 **Womens Club** officers are: Taffy Elchep, Chairperson; Sue Lockwich, Secretary; Jody Wurgler, Treasurer; and Kay Pitts, Publicity. Any women who are interested in helping plan future activities are encouraged to contact one of the above officers.

### Special August Events

Mon, Aug 1 Monday Night Baseball on big screen TV 7:30 pm (Training Center)

Thurs, Aug 4 Free Movie!! "Apocalypse Now" 8:00 pm (Training Center)

Sun, Aug 14 Great Valley Review Talent Show 8:00 pm (East Auditorium)

Fri, Aug 19 Badger Pass Dance 4:00 -11:00 p.m. (Badger Pass)

Wed, Aug 24 Friendship Day

Wed, Aug 31 Softball Championship 5:30 pm (Elementary School)

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475

### Art Activity Center

The Art Activity Center offers free classes on selected topics from 10-2 pm daily. Contact Marcia at ext. 1442 for more information.

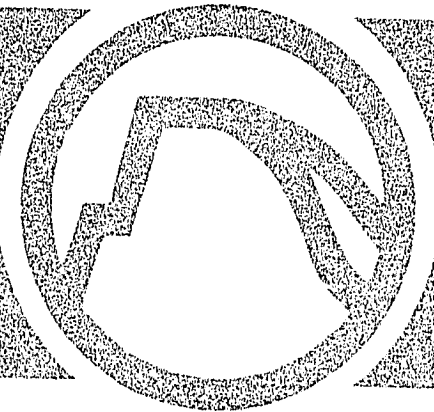
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| August 8-14           | Photography       |
| August 15-21          | Multiple Media    |
| August 22-28          | Watercolor        |
| August 29-September 4 | Pen & Ink/Pastels |



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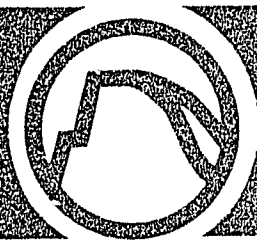
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## Johnny's Garden

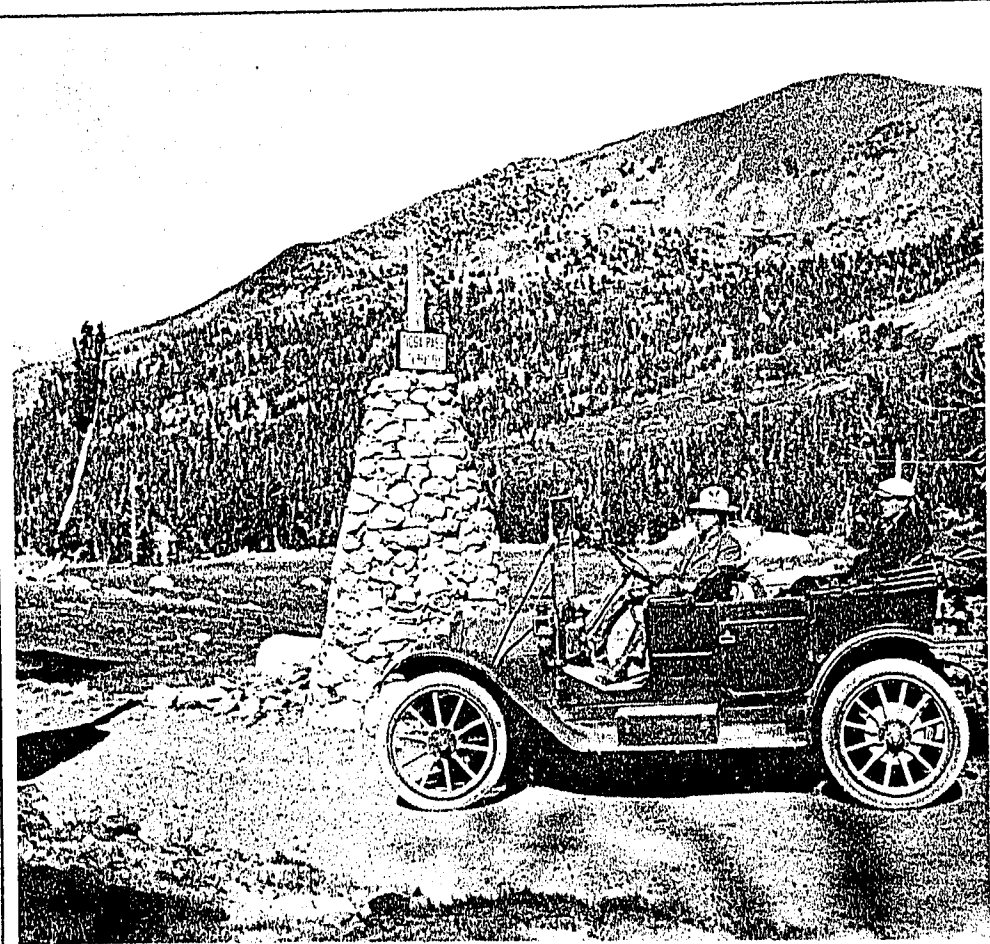
by Larry Pannell

According to Joe Lala, a long time friend of Stephen Stills and one of the musicians that recorded the song on the **Mannassas** album, the song was written about a place Stephen once owned in England.

The gardner's name was Johnny and his father before him was the gardner and his father before him was the gardner both of them also being named Johnny, thus the song "Johnny's Garden." The house that stood there was a beautiful old house built from the timbers of the Spanish Armada. It was a peaceful and quiet place for Stephen to relax.

Do the thoughts seem familiar? I often think of Yosemite as John Muir's Garden and all of us who enjoy visiting and living here as its caretakers.

Could it be that Stephen Stills also visited our home and felt the same warmth and peacefulness that many of us do who live here in "Johnny's Garden"?



September 4, 1983 marks the 100th anniversary of the Tioga Pass Road. An estimated 160 laborers, many of whom were Chinese immigrants, began working on the 46 mile road on April 27, 1883. On September 4, 1883, the road opened for travel with a speed limit of 20 mph on straight stretches, reducing to 8 mph when ascending and 12 mph descending hills. An estimated 190 cars entered at Tioga Pass in the first year of public use - a far cry from the annual 150,000 vehicles that now travel the road.

The above photo, dated in the early 1920's is taken from the Walter L. Huber collection.

*"There's a place a can go to  
Where I'm safe from the city blues  
And it's safe and it's quiet  
Only trouble was I had to buy it  
And I'll do anything I got to do  
Cut my hair and shine my shoes  
And keep on singing the blues  
If I can stay here in Johnny's  
Garden*

*As the swift bird flies over the  
grasses  
Dipping now and then to take his  
breakfast*

*As I come and go and I travel  
But I can watch that bird unravel*

*And I'll do anything I got to do  
Cut my hair shine my shoes  
And keep on singing the blues  
If I can stay here in Johnny's  
Garden*

*With his warmth and his caring  
He puts his life into beauties sharing  
And children are his flowers  
And they give me peace in the  
quiet hours*

*And I'll do anything I got to do  
Cut my hair and shine my shoes  
And keep on singing the blues  
If I can stay here in Johnny's  
Garden"*

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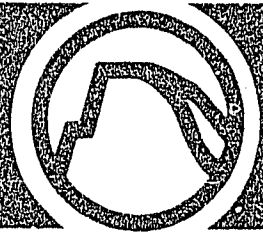
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## 1983 WAWONA GAMES FESTIVAL

## FUN IN THE SUN

Many of the finest athletes in Yosemite National Park gathered in Wawona on August 6th for the 1983 Wawona Games Festival. The afternoon featured competition in eleven events, with prizes going to the top four finishers.

Kerry Judd, from Wawona, scored three first places in individual events to run away with first place overall and a dinner for two at the Hotel Wawona. Kerry ran the 3.5 mile cross country event in 27:10 to place first in the women's division. Her other firsts, were in the women's softball throw, (146'), and in team volleyball.



Mike Venzke, also from Wawona, scored 12.5 out of a possible 15 to clinch second place overall; and a dinner for 1 at the Hotel Wawona. Mike's big scores were in frisbee accuracy, where he tossed his way to first place, and ping pong, where he took second.

Tom Hardman saved face for the valley by clinching third place overall and a one ounce silver ingot. Tom putted his way to a first place in the putting competition, and took second in the "21" game.

Tim Corday, from Wawona, took fourth place overall, and a bucket full of champagne, riding on the strength of a first place finish in men's cross country with a time of 22:05.

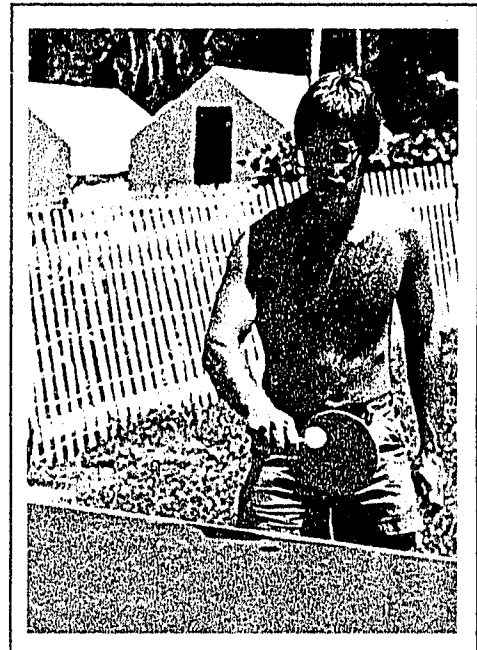
Other first place winners in individual events included Sean Skeen, Tom Kelton, Dan Benitag, and Charlene Allen in team volleyball; Keith Cloutier in the broad jump (112.5"); Sean Skeen in chess; Mark Merkousko in horseshoes; Robert Strange in ping pong; Jeff Olson in the softball throw (262'); Mike Robarge in darts; and Steve Baca in "21".

The real champions of the day were the cross country runners, who at 12 noon took off on a 3.5 mile meadow course in the hot August sun. At the finish line the scene was tense as the first two runners, Tim Corday and Vince Jansen, drained by the heat,

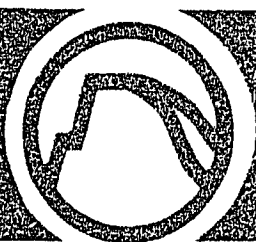
pulled in only 14 seconds apart.

Spectators and participants alike shared in the fun on the green grass of the Hotel Wawona grounds. Barbecued burgers, chicken, hot dogs and beans were the meal fare to be quenched with an endless supply of beer on tap. Live music from the "Wawona Boys Choir" was featured on the shady lawn.

Overall, the afternoon was a huge success under the coordination of Wawona Housing Manager Dave Anzalone. The records have been set. They remain to be challenged at future Wawona Games Festivals.







"Richard Chick is a key person to the kitchen operation. Without his hard work, the kitchen would come to a grinding halt," says Ahwahnee Head Chef, Jon Heaton.

Think about it. The breakfast and lunch shift in The Ahwahnee dining room serves roughly 950 people a day. Multiply this number by a 10-piece place setting and you have 9,500 pieces of tableware to wash daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Robin Hamer, kitchen helper at The Ahwahnee, is the man behind the scenes that washes this tremendous volume of dishes daily.

Ahwahnee Chef Jon Heaton explained that the busiest time in The Ahwahnee dining room is during the lunch shift from noon to 1:00 p.m. "During this hour, Robin will have as many as 5,000 dishes coming at him," says Jon. "Robin is obviously the best and most dependable dishwasher we have here. He's been here the longest and is the one guy I count on to train all my new dishwashing help."

Robin has worked for Curry Co. more than 11 years. His local career encompassed Yosemite Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows before settling at The Ahwahnee over 5 years ago. Although Robin liked his Tuolumne Meadows job the best, he doesn't think he'll return there because "I'm settled and happy with my housing here."

Two years ago, Robin was surprised to be called into the Manager's office. "I thought I might be in trouble. Then they announced I was Employee of the Month," he said

## Richard Chick & Robin Hamer: Making Yosemite Their Home

proudly. This honor included two complimentary dinner passes in the Ahwahnee dining room, where Robin had never had dinner before (outside employee banquets). "It was a real nice evening," he remembered, "and nice to be given the recognition."

Another essential member of the Ahwahnee kitchen team is Richard Chick, Ahwahnee potwasher. It's amazing to think that this one man, a Yosemite employee for over 30 years, is responsible for all the kitchen utensils used daily. As the kitchen prepares all their own soups, desserts, sauces and baked goods, the entire stock of kitchen utensils totals an estimated 10,000 pieces. Some of these utensils can be used repeatedly up to 10-15 times a day. Richard carries the responsibility for keeping all these utensils ready for the kitchen crew. Richard feels the best part of his job is the people he works with. "I've worked under a number of different chefs. They've all treated me pretty well," said Richard.

Before coming to Yosemite, Richard worked for the Forest Service in Mariposa, as an airplane mechanic in the Air Force. After working a short time in Merced, he went to the unemployment office where he found the job in Yosemite.

Working in Yosemite is nothing

new to the Chick family - you might say it's becoming a tradition. Richard is the third member of his family to work here. His father worked for the National Park Service and his brother worked in the Housekeeping Department at Yosemite Lodge.

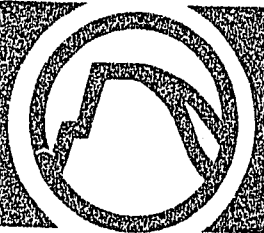
Richard comes from quite an interesting family background. He is remotely related to Ulysses S. Grant. In fact, his great-great-great grandmother was Ulysses' sister. "I remember as a kid, my grandmother used to have a picture of Ulysses. It used to sit on her dresser. It's kind of nice being related to someone famous," he smiles!

Both men carry a tremendous workload daily and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding performance. Through their related work roles, they have become good friends and often spend time together outside of The Ahwahnee kitchen. Each Sunday, they attend church services at the Assembly of God in Mariposa. "It's a drive that's well worth it," they both agree.

How long do they expect to be in Yosemite? "I like the scenery in Yosemite. A person never knows how long they'll be here, but I'm happy," answered Richard Chick. Robin added. "I would like to stay here for the rest of my life."



Robin Hamer remembers first visiting Yosemite as a child on a family vacation. "I never expected to back here as an employee," he says.



## Cashiers Office

# The Buck Stops Here

Have you ever wondered where that deposit goes once it's disappeared in the drop safe? Is it on a direct route to the IRS or does it just vanish? Either way, you never see it again. After painstakingly counting and balancing all those pennies, it isn't much of a reward to have it drop into oblivion.

Never fear, you're not the last one to count those credit card vouchers. Once the deposit is securely in the drop safe, it becomes the concern of the Cashiers Office and Security.

The main function of the Cashiers Office is to gather the monies from all units and prepare them for deposit. Each day begins bright and early in the Cashiers Office by calling each unit for their change request. ("Aha, so that's where all those quarters come from!") From then on, it's nonstop. Security picks up a cashier and they're off and running -- delivering change requests and picking up deposits from each unit.

Back at the Cashiers Office and it's time to rip into those envelopes and verify each deposit. All the money, credit card vouchers, travel vouchers and coupons are counted again and checked against the unit cashier's deposit slip. This is when the Cashiers Office can really make your day. Says Maggie Wehring, Head Cashier, "It's great when we



Close cooperation is the key to the Cashiers Office operation. Pictured left to right: Dave Giles, Leena Conway, Christy Swift and Robin Sperry.

find that extra \$100 in a deposit that brings a Cashier into balance. We feel good knowing that we've relieved someones worry."

After verifying each deposit, all deposits are consolidated and prepared for the bank deposit. "About 50% of the deposits are credit cards," notes Leena Conway, Assistant Cashier. Approximately 800 to 1,000 VISA charges are deposited each day, that doesn't include American Express or Diner's Club. Coin and small bills are retained to fill change requests within the company.

After all this, guess what? Yep, they have to balance, everyday.

"Things really get hectic at the end of the day if we don't balance," says Robin Stefanik, cashier. "We're all re-calculating and double checking until it's right," she added.

In addition to their main function, the cashiers also issue and receive unit cashiers' banks, process and issue travel advances, accept rent payments, take cash payments for accounts receivable and handle emergency payroll advances.

The backgrounds and previous work experience of the people working the Cashiers Office are varied. Most have held some kind of cashiering position before. When asked what the most important requirement if for working in the Cashiers Office Maggie replied, "Honesty and being able to work well in close quarters with several other people." In addition, previous cash handling experience and attendance are also important.

What's it like to work with so much money? "You become used to it - after awhile it's just counting numbers," answered Robin Sperry.

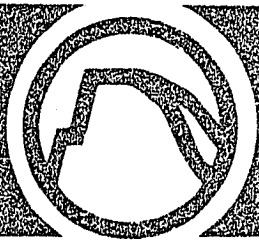
There's a real camaraderie in the Cashiers Office and the reason is clear. Everyone agreed with Candy Crisp when asked why they wanted to work in that office, "A great boss."



Maggie Wehring feels her job as Head Cashier is made easier due to the great team working with her.



Leena Conway, Assistant Cashier says, "The group has such a great sense of humor that it offsets challenging situations that arise."



## Undefeated Klutzes Capture Season Title

by Stacey Carniglia

It was short, but that didn't ease the grueling intensity of the women's softball season. Three teams fought it out to the end. The Cleats and Mitts had two very competitive games this season and it seemed to be a matter of who had a good or bad day to decide which one of them would be playing the two year defending champs - the Klutzes.

By Wednesday, July 27, the Mitts had earned their spot on the championship diamond with the Klutzes. Enthusiastic fans gathered at the elementary school field to watch this long awaited duel.

After a bad second inning, things looked grim for the Mitts. The Mitt's pitching temporarily hit a slump as the Klutzes kept rounding the bases. Then a rally in the third inning, in addition to J.Q. McSorley's grand slam, brought the Mitts back into the game. But the Klutzes, determined to retain their title, racked up continuous base hits to end the game in an 18-11 victory over the Mitts. The Kalamity Klutzes well deserved the trophy as they once again displayed the consistency and team spirit that contributed to their 7-0 season.

The women's softball season proved to be an exciting and challenging one for all the women involved. All players should be congratulated for their fine efforts, as well as their coaches for their time, encouragement and support.



The Kalamity Klutzes proudly display their championship trophy. From left to right: (back row) Jim Lee, Marsha Lee, Joan Mayer, Cathy Casalegno, Janet Wilts, Gail Johnson, Terri Cummings, Chris Bachmeyer, Taffy Elchlepp, "Little Freddie", Fred Elchlepp. (front row) Donna Habecker, Marcie Cooper, Tomy Scott, Karen Ball, Buffi Wells, Cindy Waldron and Judy Durr.

## Running: It's Life Training

by Dennis J. Yamnitsky

As John Muir once said, "when you look at one thing in Nature, you realize that all things are connected in this universe." Just as when you take your first steps running, you realize there is a whole way of life involved. I call it Life Training.

Running is not only a great sport itself, but also an excellent base for any sport or activity. It builds the mind and body coordination, rhythm, strength and (most importantly) your cardiovascular system. To get started, you need a positive attitude and the desire to improve yourself; and

believe me, once you start running it's hard not to be positive and improve. You'll find this attitude will carry over into all aspects of your life.

Start with a simple exercise program: jumping jacks, sit-ups, push-ups, leg-lifts, stretches and running in place. There are many books, tapes and video tapes (such as Jane Fonda's Workout) on the market to help guide you. I also recommend the Employee Weight Training Center for a universal workout. Remember you can't be too strong!

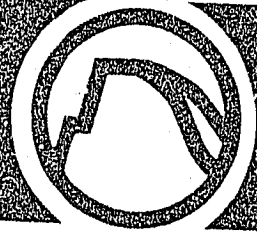
Begin running slowly; at first do a jog-walk -- jog a bit, then walk a bit, making sure to enjoy yourself by taking in the scenery. Be aware of your breathing, nice and easy; and listen to your body - it will tell you when to jog and when to walk.

Slowly build up to running a mile or two at a time, be sure to relax and enjoy, until you are finally ready to run your first short loop (about 5 miles). Once you reach this point, you can take it as far as you want, competing in marathons and triathalons or just running for fun and fitness.



Dennis Yamnitsky, shown here with Ahwahnee Hotel guests, is responsible for the Hotel's Fun Run program. He coordinates the 4 mile daily run to Mirror Lake - a popular activity with the Hotel guests.





## Vintage Moments

by F.J. Johnson

Last month we discussed the in and outs of the various terms found on a typical wine label. Many winemakers offer additional information or descriptions as well, so this month's article will attempt to clarify some of those terms.

Sweetness is technically the measure of the residual sugar in a finished wine. When the grape juice is fermented, the sugar is transformed into CO<sub>2</sub> and alcohol. Dependant upon the wishes of the winemaker, the fermentation can proceed until all the natural sugars have been consumed (dry), or he can halt the process to retain a degree of sweetness. The "standard" table for matching residual sugar levels with the appropriate term is as follows:

Less than 0.5 residual sugar - dry  
 0.6 to 1.4 - slight sweet  
 1.5 to 3.0 - medium sweet  
 3.1 to 5.8 - sweet  
 5.9 and up - very sweet

The actual sweetness as perceived by the taster, however, can differ radically from this arbitrary scale. Some components in the wine can

detract the taster from the sweetness, including alcohol, acids, tannins, and even varietal characteristics. For example Gewurztraminer can have a bitter quality that detracts from sweetness, though not necessarily from quality.

We have already seen that dry technically means the absence of sugar, though most tasters have a threshold of around 0.5% residual sugar. Thus, a wine with some sugar but with heavy tannin content and a high alcohol may appear to be dry.

I should also like to note that "fruit" is an unmeasurable quality of the grape, and describing a wine as fruity is not implying that a wine is sweet, or vice versa.

While this column was intended to aid in understanding wine terminology, I may have only shown how large a part tasting thresholds and personal opinion play in judging wines. Perhaps this is a major factor in the mystique of wine.

Thank you once again, and see you next month, same place, same page.

## Need To Get Away??

by Mary Saunders

The many activities and attractions that Yosemite has to offer its residents are almost overwhelming. I hope that from this column you'll find and enjoy a new experience during your off-work hours.

### YOSEMITE'S HIGH COUNTRY

☆ An easy overnight trip out of Tuolumne Meadows is the Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp. This 10-mile round-trip hike from Tuolumne gives you a chance to see Water Wheel and California Falls. There's nothing like a trip to the back country to renew your feelings for Yosemite (don't forget your wilderness permit!!)

☆ Something new this year at the White Wolf Lodge is a Champagne Brunch, served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday. The 1½ hour drive out Highway 140 East is more than worth it once you sample their home cooked meals. Try the Chef's specialty omelette, quiche or crepes that varies weekly. A great change of pace!

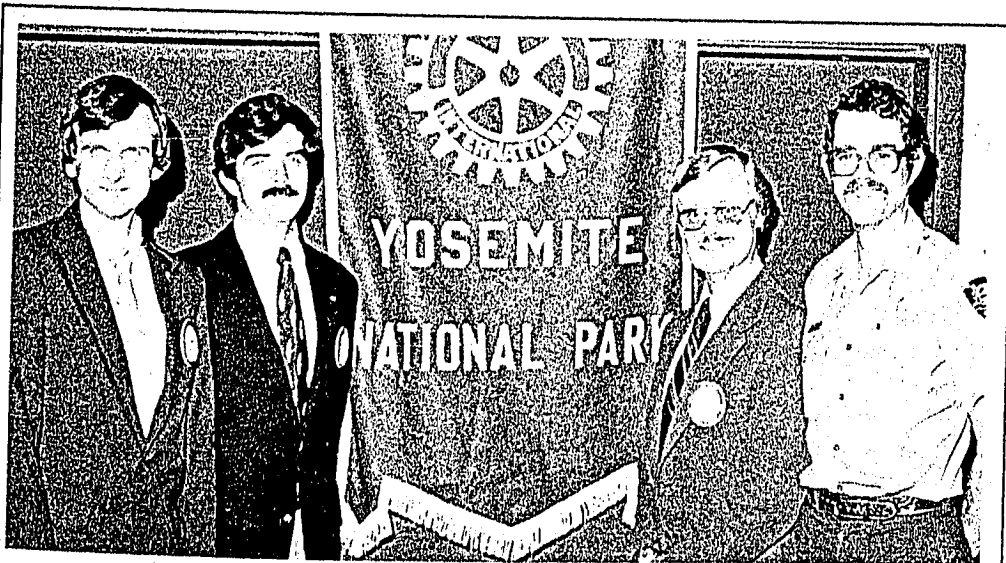
### ROMANTIC EVENING FOR TWO

☆ Pack a picnic basket and head for Sentinel Dome. Take the Glacier Point road and park in Taft Point parking area on the left. From there, it's a fairly steep one-hour walk to the dome. Sunset is at 6:45 p.m. The alpenglow on the Clark Range is a view not to be missed. Be sure to pack a flashlight for the return trip!

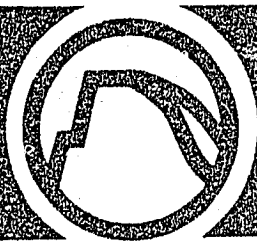
☆ Another view of the sunset can be seen from the Crane Flat fire lookout. You'll find a beautiful 360° panoramic view and lots of privacy. Continue on Highway 120 past Tioga Road turn-off (towards San Francisco). Park in the fire lookout on the right-hand side of the road.

These are just a few ideas of fun things that you can do in the Park.

Look for next month's column for a couple of Autumn activities.



The 17 members of the Yosemite Rotary Club serve the community through local service projects and one annual international project. Pictured here are the officers for the 1983-84 year. From left to right: Scott Connelly (Treas.); Vince Kehoe (Sec.); Lee Shackelton (Pres.); and Dick Martin (Vice Pres.).



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS

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## What's Happening

### Movies

- September 6 Peter Pan (G)  
September 13 Absence of Malice (PG)  
September 20 Zachariah (PG)  
September 27 Casino Royale & Color Cartoon Festival (G)  
Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

Weight Center — Open Mon thru Sat 9:00-12:00 — 1:00-4:00 5:00-8:00 — Sun 2:00-7:00. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Basketball — Tues, Wed, Fri — 5:00-7:00 (Elementary School)

Aerobics — Mon, Fri — 6:30-8:00 (West Auditorium)

Volleyball — Sun, Mon — 8:00-11:00 (East Auditorium)

Kung Fu — Sun, Tue — 6:00-8:00 (East Auditorium)

### Special September Events

Horseshoe Tournament (Tecoya) sign up starting Sept. 1

Basketball League - starting soon! Managers meeting Sept. 7

50's Dance (East Auditorium) Sept. 26, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night Football (Training Center) every Monday night 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wawona Golf Tournament - sign up now with Employee Recreation!

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

### Announcements

The recently formed Yosemite/El Portal Chapter of the **Mariposa County Arts Council** meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Art Activity Center. The organization serves a coordinating group for all those people with an interest or background in drama, visual art, music, crafts, literature, film or photography. See Marcia Reeves at the Art Activity Center for more details.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of each month at The Ahwahnee at 12:15 p.m.

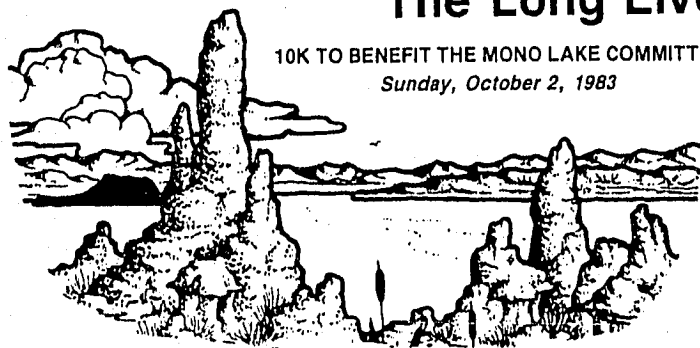
**Sharon Harris** will be a guest speaker at the **Yosemite Chapel**, sharing ministry and song at the 9:30 Sunday morning service, September 18. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

The **Art Activity Center** offers free classes from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. daily. This month's topics are: Sept 5-11, watercolor; Sept 12-18, photography; Sept 19-25, photography; Sept 26-Oct 2, watercolor. Call Marcia at ext 1442 for more information.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday in the Four Seasons Restaurant, Yosemite Lodge at 12:15 p.m.

Congratulations to **Barbara Baillie of Village Store Apparel**. She is a recipient of \$50 from Bank of America for catching a credit card which was listed in the credit card warning bulletin. It pays to check your warning bulletin!!

The **Yosemite Artists Guild**, an organization for visual arts, meets on a regular basis to draw, share techniques and critique. Participants need to have advanced background in drawing techniques and the ability to work independently as there is no instruction given. Meetings will be held at the Girls Club on Monday, August 22, and Wednesday, September 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m. For further information, call Kay Pitts, 372-4775 or Steve Hickman, 379-2368.



### The Long Live Mono Lake Run

10K TO BENEFIT THE MONO LAKE COMMITTEE  
Sunday, October 2, 1983

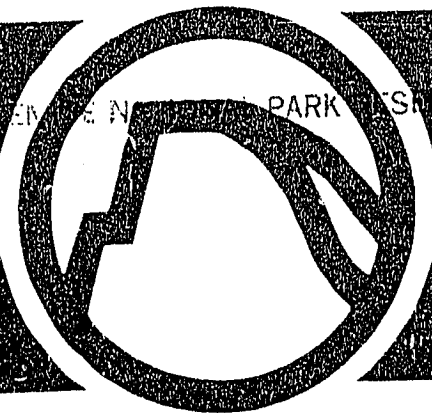
**Start:** 12:00 p.m. HIGH NOON, sharp!

**Course:** 10K, 6.2 miles on mixed terrain around the north shore of Mono Lake, start and finish at Mono County Park, elevation 6400 feet.

**Entry Donation:** \$7.00 pre-registered, \$9.00 day of race (deadline for pre-registration: September 23)

**Awards:** Top 3 runners in each division, random door prizes, T-shirts with bumperstickers and Mono Lake Newsletter to all runners, door prize drawing after race!

For entry blanks and more information contact: Dennis Yaminitzky, P.O. Box 699, Yosemite, CA 95389 (209) 379-2786



## The 1983 Great Valley Review

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## And The Winner Is...

Cheers, laughter and standing ovations from the full-house crowd highlighted the 1983 Annual Great Valley Review.

The competition was stiff as the



Nani Manning, 2nd place winner, performing "Where I Live," a Hawaiian interpretation of her home on the mainland.

ten different employees acts vied for the judges votes in the competition. The judges had no easy task before them as all acts were creative, commendatory and well-received.

Receiving a standing ovation from the crowd and the third place prize were Steve Small and Dave Trexler, performing "Teach Your Children," accompanied by guitar, and a second number of Dave's own composition.

For her graceful interpretation of two Hawaiian hula dance numbers, Nani Manning was awarded 2nd place.

Capturing the grand prize of \$125 was "Bath Cabin Billy and His Maid Brigade." Their hilarious rendition of "Yosemite Housekeeping Blues," written by Bill Krebs, was performed by Lauren Scott, Eileen Rozweig, Cathy Stulick, Lisa Belero and Billy Krebs.

Special thanks go to the panel of judges, Masters of Ceremonies,

Marcia Reeves and Griff Allan, and especially to Employee Recreation for making this year's Employee Talent Show another entertaining and memorable event.



Marcia Reeves, left, and Griff Allan, right, share a laugh while presiding as Masters of Ceremonies.



The act that brought the house down!! Bath Cabin Billy and His Maid Brigade were voted Grand Prize Winners.



Original compositions and great harmonizing gained Dave Trexler, left, and Steve Small, right, the third place award.





## Frances and Willard Long: A Yosemite Romance 1933-1983

By Kim Saunders

For Frances and Willard Long, this fall in Yosemite will be a special time and place. Through the efforts of their daughters, Diane and Margaret, and Frances' only sister, Margaret, the family will gather in Yosemite to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Longs who met in the Valley and married in 1933.

Willard worked for Curry Co. during the early 30's, many of those as manager of the soda fountain at Camp Curry. Frances and her sister came to Yosemite to spend their vacation during the summer of 1932 and met Willard at one of the dances held nightly at Camp Curry in those days. Willard and Frances saw each other as often as possible during that first brief week and continued to correspond for an entire year without seeing each other until the following summer when Willard traveled to Los Angeles to visit Frances and her family. It was during this visit that Willard proposed and Frances accepted!

On October 11, 1933, in the living room of her parents' home, Frances became Willard's bride. The new Mr.

and Mrs. Long returned to Yosemite and set up home in employee housing; a housekeeping tent.

By late July 1934, their first daughter, Frances Diane, joined them... her birth being a unique event in Yosemite's history. She was the first non-Indian child born in the Yosemite Valley Hospital; "My father helped with my birth because a terrible accident had occurred that night... a car full of local Indians had driven off one of the windy roads and all available medical personnel and rangers were assisting with the injured."

The Longs continued to work and live in the Valley for another year before moving their growing family elsewhere. Willard always promised to take the family to Yosemite, but with four children and no car during the war years, the promise was impossible to keep. Yet Diane remembers, "Dad always talked about Yosemite and its beauty, and we all felt a strong family tie to the Park."

Now, fifty years later the family



The blushing newlyweds, Willard and Frances Long, as captured by Ansel Adams in this photo taken November, 1933.

plans to surprise the Longs with the trip of their dreams. In October the entire family will gather at The Ahwahnee hotel to honor them and help celebrate their fifty years together.

On this happy occasion, we add our congratulations, and best wishes for many more years of happiness!

### IN MEMORIAM

*On the morning of August 29, Curry Company lost one of its finest employees. Patrick McKnight (waiter at The Ahwahnee) was killed in an auto accident on his way to work.*

*Patrick was not only a great friend and co-worker to those who knew him, he was an exceptional human being!*

*His family would like to extend their thanks to those who attended his memorial service and to everyone for their gifts and prayers.*

### Yosemite Sentinel

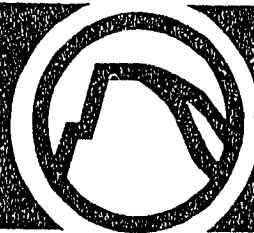
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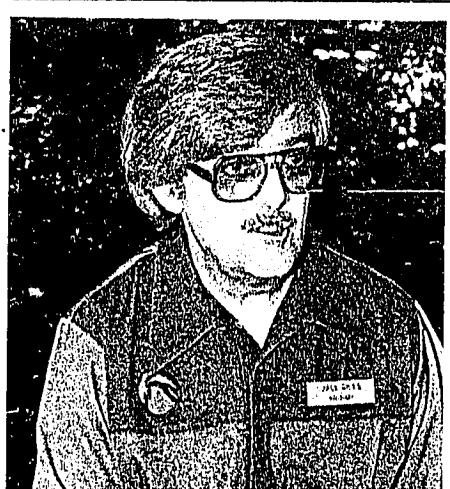


## Teamwork at its Best

Robert, Marc, Doug, Jack, Annie and Emmanuel. You might say that these six individuals are the key public relations people to the Yosemite Lodge. As members of the Lodge Bellstaff, they are often the first and last person a guest will come into contact with during their stay (especially if they're a tour group member).

That's quite a responsibility — and one that the staff takes to heart. "We really take pride in our operation here," says Lead Bellman Doug Hammond. "I don't think that there is a single bus company that doesn't appreciate our service as being one of the most efficient and dependable."

Loading and unloading baggage is certainly not the only responsibility of the bellstaff. They also deliver any cards, messages or fruit baskets to the guest rooms, assist with guests' questions, give directions, retrieve keys from locked cars, treat minor injuries and are always on the alert for emergency situations that may arise. In addition, the bellstaff often assists the front desk staff. "We've all had front desk experience and



Jack Giles, Assistant Lead Bellman, claims he settled in Yosemite to escape the influence of big cities.



The Yosemite Lodge Bellstaff in a rare moment of leisure. Pictured left to right: Doug Hammond, Marc Lemessurier, Annie Naylor, Robert Yates.

can interchange jobs in an emergency or operation necessity," notes Doug.

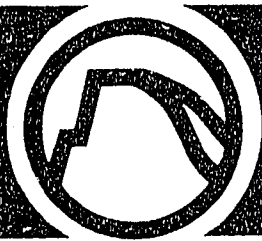
A YP&C Co. employee since 1966, Doug is quick to share the credit with the rest of his crew; Jack Giles, Assistant Lead Bellman, who first came to Yosemite in June of 1961 on a job referral from the Fresno Unemployment Bureau; Annie Naylor, the only woman on the bellstaff, who is entering her 4th year on the West coast, hailing from Massachusetts; Robert Yates, who applied for a job here after paying a visit to a close friend and former employee, 6½ years ago; Marc Lemessurier, the only seasonal member of the bellstaff, who spends his summers working at the Lodge and his winters at Badger Pass; last, but not least, Emmanuel Tarvinga, referred to as the "backbone" of the bellstaff, and also noted for his uncanny ability to predict the arrival times of the bus tours — almost to the minute!

The crew claims to operate "much like that of a firestation." "Our work routine has become almost automatic!" says Robert. "We know

exactly what each person does and that way we can keep it moving quickly while giving the best service possible," adds Doug.

When asked what they like best about their job — everyone has a different answer. Robert thinks Yosemite is an "absolutely beautiful" place to work in, Jack likes the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, and Marc enjoys "helping people with their problems." "I like to see guests leave with a smile," he says. However, when it comes to frustrations, they all share the same thought; the work pace of a bellman is never predictable. "Often it seems that there is too much to do and not enough time to do it in," reflects Jack. "But we all get used to it... it goes with the job."

In a hotel that features nearly 500 rooms and accommodates far more tour groups than any other Yosemite hotel unit, the bellstaff certainly plays a key role in its smooth operation. The Yosemite Lodge Bellstaff is a fine example of job dedication and teamwork at its best.



## The Valley Visitor Center

# Your Guide To Yosemite

Need current road, weather, trail or camping information? Seeking an explanation to how the Valley was formed? Interested in the Yosemite Indian culture or just looking for a pleasant and educational way to while away a few hours? The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center provides all these and a variety of other services.

The National Park Service facility greets and assists as many as 5,000 Park visitors daily over busy summer months. Most of those people are Americans, many Californians, but approximately 30% are foreign visitors whose one English word may be "map"!

The Information Receptionists who staff this desk are prepared to answer any questions or provide the map or publication needed to enhance the Yosemite experience.

Giving directions and providing basic Park information is a large part of the contact for the clerks, interns and volunteers, but according to Julie Rose, one of six UC Davis summer interns, the most frequently

asked questions are "What is there to do/see?" and "What's the 'prettiest' or 'best' thing here?" Julie tries to get a feel for the interests of the persons asking and then emphasizes the things she feels they will most enjoy. "It's pretty difficult to answer the 'best' questions in a place like Yosemite; there's so much to do here and so many different types of people — the possibilities are endless!" Perhaps most frustrating is a questions like, "Well, I've seen the falls, is that all?" Julie exclaims, "I've been here three months and I haven't begun to see it all!"

Located next to the Info Desk is a small but complete museum-type book store, operated by the Yosemite Natural History Association. A collection of maps, posters, and books, primarily focusing on Yosemite, is available for purchase here.

One full corner of the opposite wall is devoted to reader boards updated throughout the day with current weather, road, trail, and camping information. These boards

are popular with hikers and backpackers especially, and are the first thing Charlie Robinson, NPS Backcountry Information Clerk, suggests when he's approached at the Backcountry Information Window. He's most frequently asked, "Where can I go backpacking?" and feels the boards offer the best general information on a self-help basis.

Once armed with the basics, he's ready to provide more in-depth info on trails, bears, water, fires and minimum-impact camping procedures.

Like Julie, Charlie thoroughly enjoys the heavy public contact. "If you're into backpacking at all, it's very rewarding. In general, people are becoming more aware of minimum-impact camping and I like to know that I am a part of that."

Much of the rest of the Visitor Center is devoted to telling the Yosemite story — human, animal and geographical — and features excellent displays, slide shows, photos, paintings, and "hands on" types of exhibits. Particular emphasis

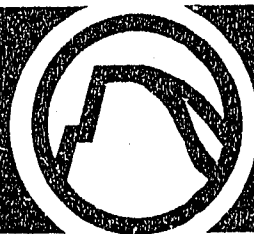


Janine Rago, Information Receptionist, assists Park guests with the use of stereoptic viewers in one of many special displays.



Volunteers Mark Turner, left, of Chico State, and Keith Bohn, right, of UC Davis, find providing backcountry use information to hikers a rewarding job.





is given to a thorough presentation of the geological formation of the famous Yosemite landmarks, El Capitan and Half Dome.

A section near the back of the building is given to a display of Yosemite-highlighted art work that changes frequently throughout the year. Currently on exhibit are watercolors spanning twenty-five years work of local artist, Jane Gyer.

Outside the Visitor Center, in the back, is a unique self-guided walk through a reconstructed Indian Village, which during the summer season is the scene of a "living history" exhibit. Indians daily live the life of the Indians native to the Valley in the 1870's. Elizabeth Bahe, a winter seasonal for Curry Co., enjoys her summer seasonal job as an interpreter of Indian culture. She spends much of her time sewing and beading and finds guests are fascinated with the authenticity of her work.

Darcy Perreira-Serafino, a descendant of Miwok in the Valley, explains that "The activities we participate in here today show the effects of the first non-Indian settlers the Valley on the existing Indian culture. The use of mason jars, coffee grinders, and sifters actually

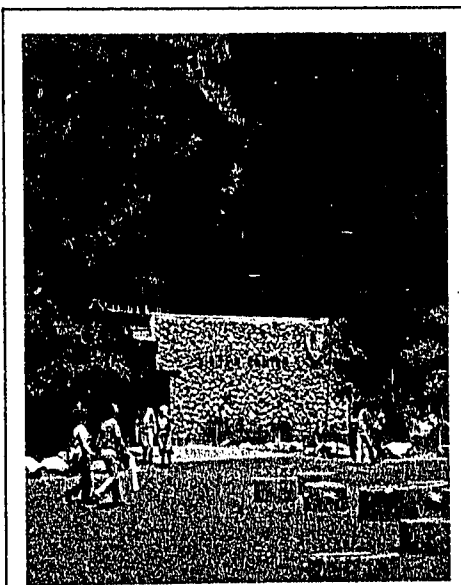
provided many more options, therefore creating work rather than relieving it!"

Darcy, too, enjoys working with people and feels it is the most important aspect of her job. "Visitors are really interested and that makes this job fun."

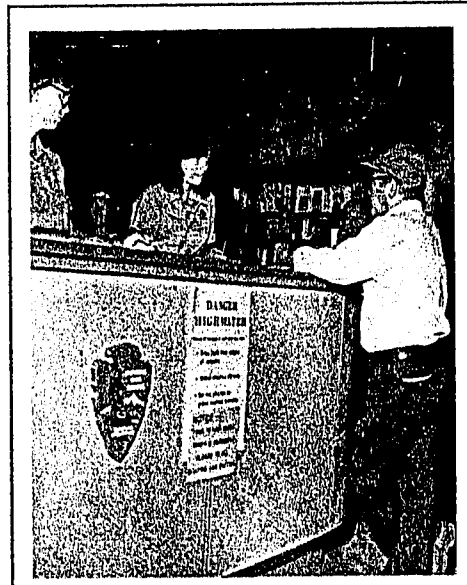
After touring the Indian Village, the next logical stop is at the Indian Cultural Museum for displays of Indian artwork and exhibits of historical interest.

Beyond the walls and fences of the Visitor Center itself, the NPS offers Ranger-led walks, talks, and presentations, a complete listing of which is available in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Open daily throughout the year, and from 9 AM to 5 PM through the end of this year, the Visitor Center is a "must see" for first-time visitors, and a continuing source of enjoyment and education for residents and returning guests alike.



The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center provides information and a variety of services for park guests and residents.



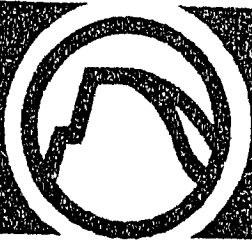
Sue Beatty, right, and Janine Rago, left, enjoy the heavy public contact the Information Desk provides — greeting up to 5,000 visitors daily.



Fermin Salas introduces himself before leading Park visitors on an interpretive walk, one of several conducted daily.



Darcy Perreira-Serafino prepares to make "cowboy" bread — so named for the white flour introduced by the first non-Indian settlers of Yosemite Valley.



## Fishnetters Hook Season Title

by Phylisa Hickman

What did certain roomskeepers, gift shop clerks, managers, maintenance men, nurses, waiters and office clerks have in common this summer besides working in Yosemite? An affinity for Sunday/Monday night VOLLEYBALL!

A league was formed by Employee Recreation and 7 teams initially joined — each with its own creative and descriptive label. The "Big Shots," for instance were mainly from the Medical Clinic; Andre's Court Jesters turned out to be

nobody's fools; and the Mighty Maids, well, they might have been maids! The Curry Village Gift Shop team was more of a family affair, with Patricia and Ellen Smith and their brother-in-law, Primo.

The big contest was between the "Ball Hogs," whose name is inscribed on the trophy for 1980, and the "Fishnetters," who won the championship in '81 and '82. Both teams had winning combinations — power hitters, consistent setters and back row players, and even a player on each team notorious for placing dirty "dinks"!

But in the finals, it was the Court Jesters with Obid Gentry (from last year's "Bandits") urging them to "calm down" and "shake 'em up!" who did, indeed, shake up the undefeated "Fishnetters." But after winning one game and losing the second against the spirited and scrappy team, the "Fishnetters" regained their composure and won the match.

The match with the "Ball Hogs," immediately after, followed the same pattern," with the "Fishnetters" victorious, and once again, the league champions.

All the teams should be congratulated for their great work, especially Lorie Woodruff, the newest member of the "Fishnetters" whose extra hours of practice paid off in the championship.



The undefeated "Fishnetters" share a moment of triumph following their final victory. Pictured left to right, (top): Randy Bown, Joey Chavez, Chris Valian, Lorie Woodruff. (Bottom) Phylisa Hickman, David Hickman. Not pictured: Mary Beth Kilewer, Greg Davis, Bruce Cormack.

## The Winning Spirit

Congratulations to the many Yosemite runners who made a terrific showing in the recent 1983 Red Cross Watermelon Run!

"We had the highest spirit of any team out there," remembers Susie Bragg, Assistant Sales Manager for YPCC. "The support and cheering for one another really made the difference in our performance."

It was a great day for the women runners with Reva Colliver taking 1st in her division in the 10K race as well as placing 2nd overall.

The YPCC women swept their division of the 5K with Susie Bragg taking 1st place, Andy Sheehan placing 2nd, and Nancy Hunt finishing 3rd. Michelle Good also placed 3rd in her division of the 3-miler.

In the men's 5K division, Jimmy Rodriques took 3rd place with excellent performances also put in by

Tom Anderson and Mark Matranga.

Following the race, the YPCC crew celebrated their victories over a champagne brunch at Avanti's.

Special thanks are extended to the City of Merced who hosted one of the most professional and well organized races of the year.

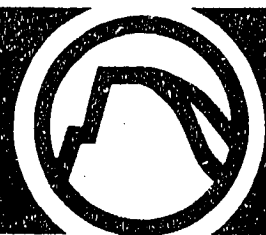


THE 1983 MENS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS!!

Boasting a season record of 13-0, the Cedar Lodge Softball Team was declared the 1983 Champs following a 24-8 victory over the Firehouse 5+5 in the finals. Team members from left to right: Paul Pyle, Mark Butler, Doug Martin, Allen Palisca, George Harders, Bill Hunter, Harvey Hollond, Tommy Clark, Wyly Wood, Ken Manly, Johnny Wallblom, Tracy DeSandres, Ken Fipps, Steve Rosa, Tom Griffin. Kneeling: Ari Brovilette (bat boy). Not pictured: Willie Livingston.

### EDITORS NOTE:

The Sweet Cleats won the women's softball championship in 1982 and not the Kalamity Klutzes as was incorrectly printed in the September issue of the Sentinel.



## Vintage Moments

by F.J. Johnson

### Champagne

Just to mention the word evokes visions of launching ships, celebrations and festivities, love and happiness.

### Champagne

Nearly everyone has heard of Champagne, yet few know of its origins or the methods of its production. This month's article begins my attempt to unravel the mysteries of this magical potion.

### What is Champagne?

Champagne is a wine produced only in the French region of the same name. While sparkling wines are produced in other parts of the world, they are not Champagnes. Moët et Chandon, France's largest Champagne house, has established vineyards and a winery in Napa Valley to produce wine by the methode champenoise, yet their label reads sparkling wine.

A popular theory exists as to the

discovery and initial production of Champagne. Originally, winemaking was practiced largely by monks and other religious followers. In the years around 1700, a Benedictine monk by the name of Dom Perignon was cellarmaster of his abbey. He and other growers noticed that their wines sometimes underwent a second fermentation in spring. As we learned in a previous article, a by-product of fermentation is CO<sub>2</sub>. This gas would occasionally collect in a tightly sealed bottle, producing a slightly sparkling wine, or blowing up. It was Dom Perignon who conceived the idea of deliberately attempting to induce

Marne Valley, Cotes de Blancs, and the mountain of Reims. The two noble grapes of Burgundy, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, are the main grapes in Champagnes.

Once the houses have purchased their grapes from individual growers, they are taken to shared press houses scattered throughout the district. This avoids long journey times for the grapes, and eliminates the risk of premature fermentation.

Although the grapes are pressed up to four times, only the first one or two go to the best houses, the rest making wine for the workers and small quantities of local wines called Bouzy Rouge and Champagne Nature. Domaine Chandon produces a similar product, Blanc Nature, under its Fred's Friends label.

The juice is then taken to the cellars to begin fermentation. We'll pick up next month on how this grape juice becomes fine Champagne. Don't miss it.

## Versatel Center to Service Valley

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has agreed in principle with Bank of America to operate a Versatel convenience banking center in Yosemite National Park. The agreement should be finalized by press time. The Versatel Center will be located in the former Wells Fargo building and hopefully will be operational in early October.

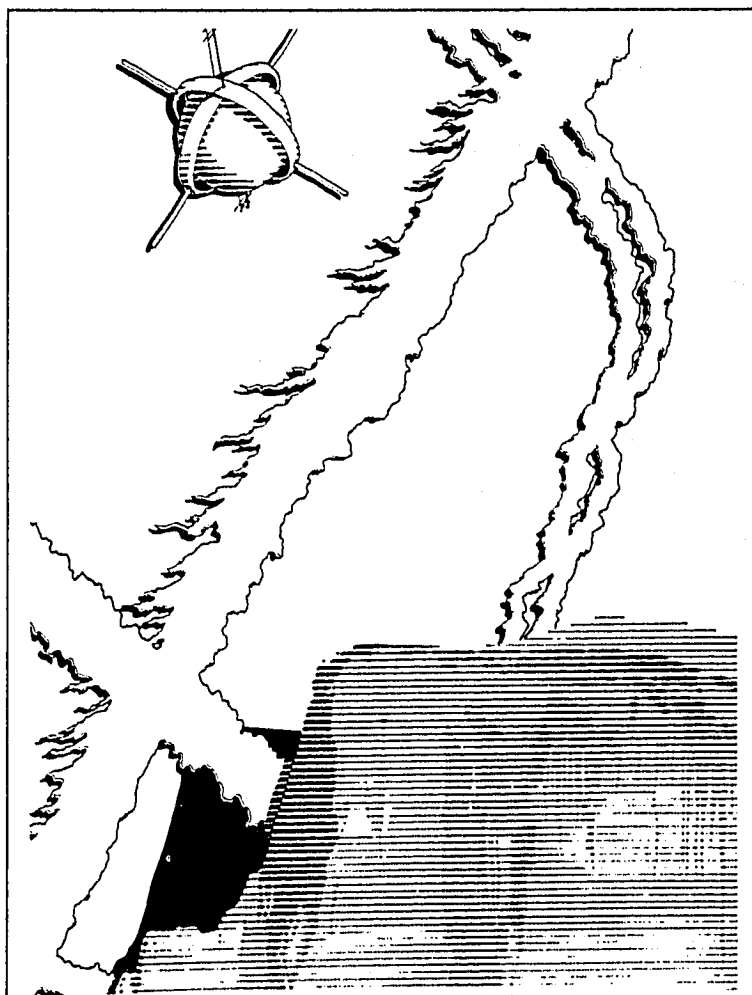
The Versatel Center will consist of two Versateller ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines) which will be available for customer use from 6 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week (including holidays) through the use of a Versatel card.

YPCC has also established a system whereby an employee can have his/her weekly payroll check automatically deposited with the bank and then make withdrawals and other banking transactions as necessary by use of their Versatel card. Employees are encouraged to participate in the automatic payroll deposit/Versatel card withdrawal system. It is also possible to open your Bank of America account today rather than waiting until October 1, by signing up at the Mariposa Branch.

Any questions regarding direct payroll deposits should be directed to Pat Bryant, Payroll Supervisor, at extension 1270.

*"Few are altogether blind and deaf to the sweet looks and voices of nature...  
The sun shines not on us but in us.  
The rivers flow not past, but through us...  
The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as in our souls,  
And every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the mountains is our song...  
The Song of God, sounding on forever..."*

John Muir



"Yosemite by Reconnaissance," a pen and ink drawing by Brian Wolf, demonstrates another way to interpret the Yosemite landscape. Brian, a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, has worked for YNHA, YPCC, and the Art Activity Center for the past three seasons. He resides in El Portal.





# BETWEEN THESE WALLS

## What's Happening

### Movies

- October 4 Heaven Can Wait (PG)  
October 11 Foul Play (PG)  
October 18 The Competition (PG)  
October 25 Young Frankenstein (PG)

Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showings at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids.

### Special October Events

- October 1 Swap Meet (Tecoya Courtyard)  
11:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- October 9 1983 Employee Open Golf Tournament  
(Hotel Wawona Golf Course).  
Sign up by October 7.
- October 14 Big Screen TV Movie: "Victor, Victoria"  
(Training Center) 8:00 p.m.
- October 27 Halloween Costume Dance (East Auditorium)  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec at ext. 1475.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

Weight Center — Open Mon. thru Sat. 9:00 - 12:00 — 1:00 - 4:00 — 5:00 - 8:00 — Sun. 2:00 - 7:00. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics — Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu — Sun., Tues. (West Auditorium) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball — Sun., Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Basketball League — Tues., Wed., Fri. (Elementary School) 5:15 p.m.

YOSEMITE PHOTO WORKS



Photographic Service

### New Poster Offer!!

Yosemite Photo Works announces a new service! Now your favorite slide, photo or artwork can be blown up to poster size.

Choose from two sizes and enjoy our same day service! Special discounts on photos processed through Photo Express. Further information available from all YPCC photo outlets.

### Announcements

The Yosemite Medical Clinic may offer an EMT class this winter. Current CPR card and first aid experience will be required. If you are interested, please send a card with your name, phone number and level of experience to the Yosemite Medical Clinic, P.O. Box 547, Yosemite, CA 95389.

This year's Mosquito Festival, sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club, celebrated the largest attendance in the 35-year history of the club. The Lions Club would like to give special thanks to the following for their prize donations: Coors Valley Distributors, Sierra Beverage Co., Carl Stephens, Basque Bread Co., Jalco Wine Distributors, YP&CCo., YNHA, Ansel Adams, Yosemite Ranger Association, Wells Fargo Bank, Yosemite Community Church, Yosemite Rotary Club, and the U.S. Post Office.

Our Lady of the Snows Parish will hold its first annual dinner and drawing on October 30 at 4:30 p.m., at the Curry Village Pavilion. Dinner is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Drawing tickets are \$2 each and are available from any church member. For more information, call 372-4729 or 372-4847.

The Rim Riders of Stanislaus will present the Fourth Annual Fall Color Bicycle Ride, October 8 and 9. The ride starts in Coulterville, follows Highway 49 to its end in Oakhurst, and comes north on Highway 41 to the Yosemite Valley with a detour for Glacier Point. It then climbs up Highway 120 for the return to Coulterville over J120. Cost is \$20 for all food and camping. Necessary gear: bicycle, sleeping bag, clothing changes, tent, warm clothes for the evening and mornings, personal articles. All else is furnished by the Rim Riders. For more information and registration call Jim Palmer at (209) 577-3042.

An exhibit of watercolor paintings by Jane Gyer, Yosemite artist, is currently on display in the Valley Visitor Center. Mrs. Gyer's show marks twenty-five years of work in and around Yosemite. Her paintings and prints are represented in the Park's collections and in illustrations for publications produced to interpret Yosemite. The showing will be on view through November. An Indian Cultural exhibit will follow during December and January.

The Art Activity Center offers free classes in watercoloring through October 16. Classes are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Contact Marcia at ext. 1442 for more details.

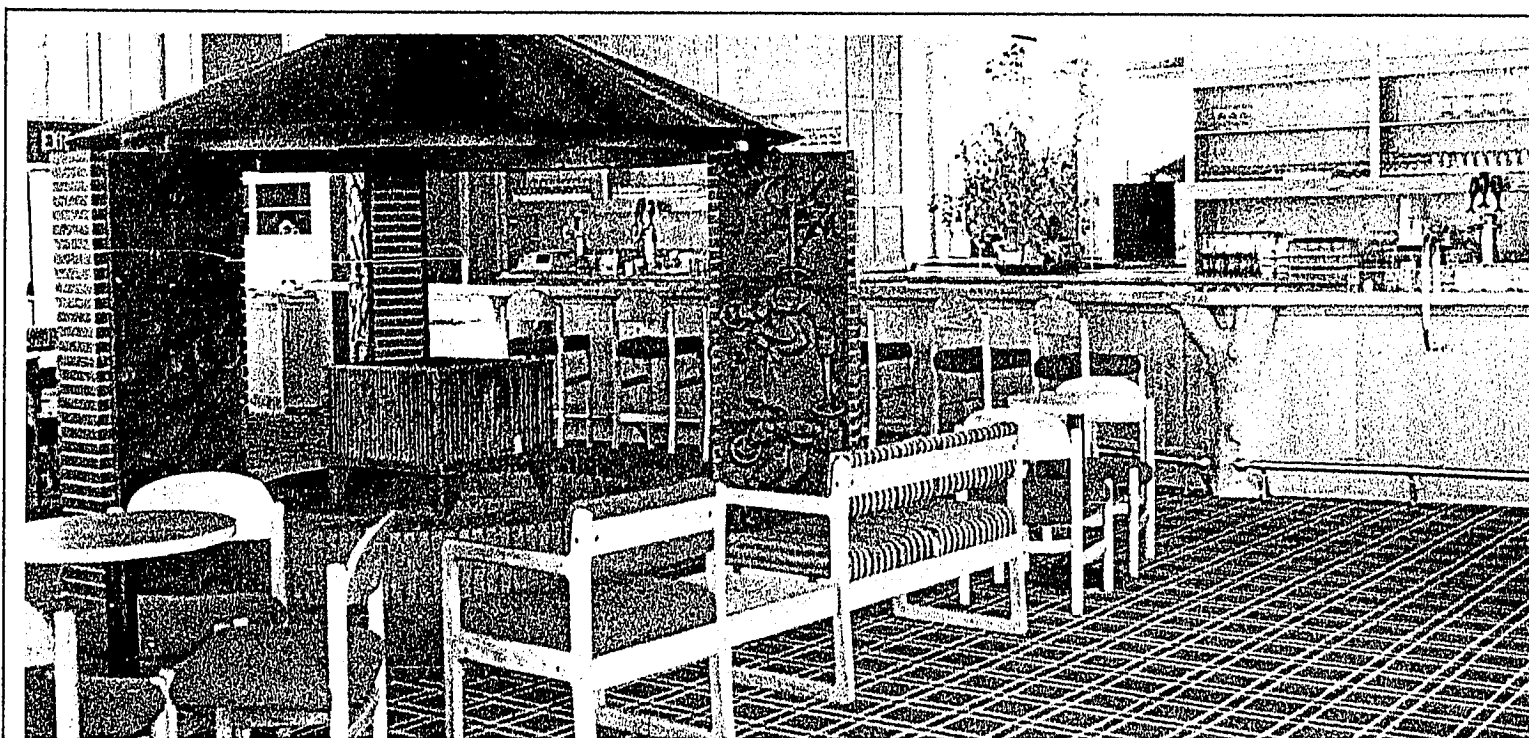
The Annual Lions Club Bargain Sale will be held October 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and October 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the East and West Auditoriums of the Visitor Center. Anyone is welcome to contribute sale items. \$20 of all funds to go the Lions Club and will be used to support children's activities. Call Rusty Rust at 372-4475 for more information.

### Yosemite Ride Boards

The Employee Training and Employee Recreation Departments have established a unique ride assistance program to aid Yosemite employees in their travels to and from the Park. "Ride Boards" will offer information regarding rides offered and needed to major areas throughout California and will be located in the following places:

- Employee Training Center
- Employee Recreation Office
- Tecoya B Dorm
- Ahwahnee Dorm
- Terrace Rec Room (Curry Sidehall in Winter)

The boards will be maintained and updated daily. To take advantage of this service, just stop by and complete a ride card. Share rides and save expenses!



Pictured above is the recently renovated lounge and bar area, which completed yet another project of the phased capital investments at Yosemite Lodge.

### *The Mountain Room Bar*

## “A Guest Improvement We Can Be Proud Of”

Friday evening, October 7, 1983, marked the official opening of the new Yosemite Lodge Mountain Room Bar. A project that took over four months to complete at a total cost of \$282,000 is in the words of Yosemite Lodge General Manager, Debbie Price, “a guest improvement we can be proud of.”

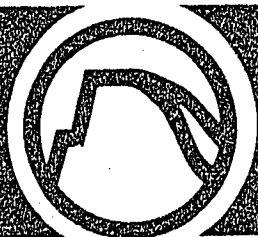
The new lounge’s decor includes oak paneling, floor to ceiling windows, and open pit fireplace, providing a much more natural, comfortable environment. “We tried to create an atmosphere where you can come in, relax, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings while enjoying your favorite beverage,” explained Debbie Price, and the new lounge certainly accomplished those objectives.

Project Interior Designer, Marian Vantress, has utilized deep tones of green, rust and beige (in keeping

with the overall Lodge color scheme). The highlight of the room is the central open pit fireplace, bordered by antique cast iron Nordic ski scenes. Around the fireplace several groupings of furniture, (moved from the previous bar) provide a warm and inviting area for guests to mingle and relax in. The sliding glass doors, which provide excellent views of Yosemite Falls and the surrounding greenery, will open up during the summer months and expand table service to the terrace. Don Potts, Yosemite Lodge Food and Beverage Manager, feels the latest bar equipment, widescreen TV, and the new sound system (to be installed in 1984) are a few of the most exciting features of the new lounge. Open daily from 4:30 p.m. to midnight, the new Mountain Room Bar will be managed by Vince Goetz.

Now under way is the conversion of the old Mountain Room bar area into additional dining space for the Broiler Room. This area will now be called the Redwood Room and will provide not only more seating for the Broiler Room, but also a conference and banquet facility. Also in progress is the Cliff Room, where the Yosemite Park and Curry Company and National Park Service interpretive programs will be conducted. The enlargement of the gift and apparel shops at the Lodge will be completed in mid November.

The new lounge facility is certainly an exciting improvement to guest service at the Yosemite Lodge. Summarized by Don Potts, “It is a real pleasure to be able to serve our guests in such a first rate quality bar facility.”



## A Thanksgiving Prayer

My Lord,  
 Thou has Blessed us  
 With a Harvest,  
 That Nurtures our Needs.  
 My Lord,  
 Thou has Blessed us  
 With Thy Love  
 That Nurtures our Soul.  
 My Lord,  
 Thou has Blessed us  
 With Having each Other.  
 Blessings without End,  
 To be Shared with each Other.  
 Oh My Lord,  
 We Unite our Voices Together  
 Singing Praises  
 Of Endless Thanks to Thee.

Joseph R. Paquette

## Winter Club Dinner-Dance Kicks Off 55th Season

Why join the Yosemite Winter Club?? or openers, the cost is only \$9.00 for singles and \$17.00 per family, and the benefits to you are valued at over \$60!! A free steak dinner at Winter Club Night at Curry Village, a free skating session, free lift ticket, snow-cat tour, a day of free rental equipment at Badger and discounts on other items are all other benefits included in a membership.

The Yosemite Winter Club is the oldest such club in the West, and was founded by Dr. Don Tresidder, then President of Curry Company, with the blessing of Horace C. Albright, then Superintendent and later Director of the National Park Service.

Skiing in Yosemite first began on the lateral terrain across from the stables, then moved to Chinquapin, and eventually to old Badger Pass (1 mile east of today's lodge). Then in

1935, the Badger Pass of today (Monroe Meadow) opened with the original lodge structure, rope tows and "up-ski". All this history is preserved in pictures in the Winter Club Room at The Ahwahnee Hotel.

For the past thirty seven years, the Winter Club has had a very active junior race team which travels all over the West competing, and which hosts sanctioned Far West races at Badger Pass.

All Winter Club memberships go to support this junior race team, the junior cross-country team, trans-sierra trips in winter from Lee Vining to Yosemite, and social gatherings throughout the winter, climaxing with the Ancient Jocks weekend.

This year's annual kick-off dinner has been set for December 2, 1983, at the Curry Village Pavilion. The evening agenda includes a fun-filled evening of dinner, dancing, movies and a fashion show. All this is FREE when you join the Yosemite Winter Club. This year's Winter Club President is Ron Mackie, and Donna Mackie presides as Secretary. Inquiries may be addressed to Box 717 or phone Rusty at 372-4475.

## NPS Expresses Appreciation and Support

Mr. Edward C. Hardy, President  
 Yosemite Park and Curry Company  
 Yosemite National Park, CA 95389

October 6, 1983

Dear Ed:

Most of our correspondence is "strictly business," as it should be. But I want to pause for a moment and, with this letter, take the time to express my personal and professional appreciation to you for the excellent improvements in service by the Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees to park visitors over the past few months.

I am certain that I cannot pinpoint all of the positive management steps you have taken, but to highlight just a few:

- Remodeling of the Wawona Hotel
- New store facilities at the Mariposa Grove
- Improvement and modernization of lifts at Badger Pass
- Remodeling of Yosemite Lodge
- Great landscaping at Curry Village
- Continual improvements in service and maintenance at The Ahwahnee Hotel
- Greatly improved service at the Village Store Hamburger Stand
- Improvement of guest facilities at White Wolf
- Improvement of guest facilities at Tuolumne Meadows
- Major contributions to park preservation and the bicycle trail project

Under your leadership, the company continues to reinvest in Yosemite. Most importantly, it does so with a spirit of understanding and support for the Yosemite General Management Plan.

It is my pleasure to share in the future of Yosemite with you.

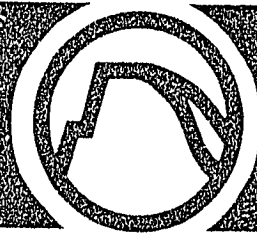
Sincerely,  
 Robert O. Binnewies  
 Superintendent

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## Alumni Picnic Honors Bill Kirk

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the lawn of the Hotel Wawona was the site for a gathering of Yosemite friends, for the Third Annual Yosemite Alumni Picnic. Throughout the day, former and current Yosemite employees arrived to take part in the festivities. Many spent the day golfing or hiking, but most simply spent the time renewing acquaintances and sharing stories with old friends.

Coordinated through the Office of the Superintendent and the efforts of Helen Doty, former Secretary to the Superintendent, the reunion drew 200 special friends from far and wide, including Mary and Larry Hadley who traveled from Bar Harbour, New Hampshire, to participate, and Frances and Art Freeman who were enjoying a celebration of their own, the birthday of Frances, who was born 50 years ago in the Yosemite Valley! Ninety-year-old Art first came to the Park in 1929 and enjoyed this year's picnic tremendously as a "great chance to be with friends."

A barbeque picnic prepared by the Hotel Wawona staff brought everyone together late in the afternoon to hear guest speakers that included YPCC President Edward Hardy and NPS Superintendent Robert Binnewies. Official events got underway at 4 p.m. when Superintendent Binnewies introduced previous winners of the prestigious Yosemite Award, given yearly to a person honored for his/



Superintendent Binnewies and honoree Bill Kirk display signs presented to Mr. Kirk as his wife, Christine, looks on.

her accomplishments and service to Yosemite National Park. Persons honored in the past include Ferdinand Castillo, who mans the Tioga Pass Entrance Station, Yosemite historian Shirley Sargent, and Dr. Avery Stern.

Joining these illustrious recipients this year was William Kirk, of Merced, who was honored for his many contributions, "a veritable list of ideas that," according to Superintendent Binnewies, "became products and a part of the maintenance of Yosemite National Park." Most notable of these ideas are the metal signs which designate trails throughout Yosemite's back country. "Bill Kirk retired seventeen years ago but his signs are still here and people comment about them all

the time!"

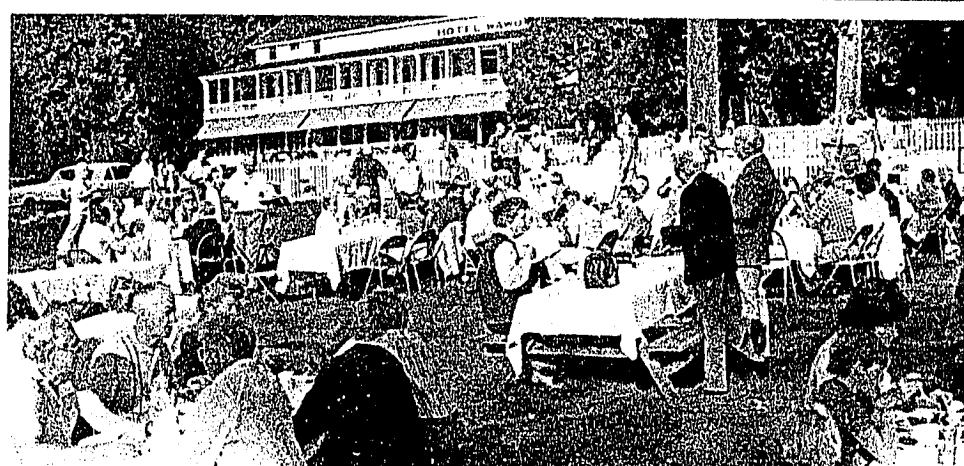
Among his many accomplishments during his years here were the development of the cement logs used for parking control, help in the creation of the bear-proof trash containers, and the inception of chain safety guards.

In honoring Mr. Kirk, Superintendent Binnewies presented him with a specially made plaque from the NPS sign shop as an extra surprise — one of his own metal signs! In addition, his name will join those engraved on a plaque that hangs permanently in the office of the Superintendent.

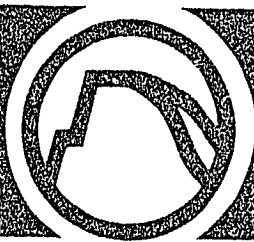
From the warm reception of the crowd, Mr. Kirk and other alumni can be assured of continued friendships and their place in Yosemite's history.



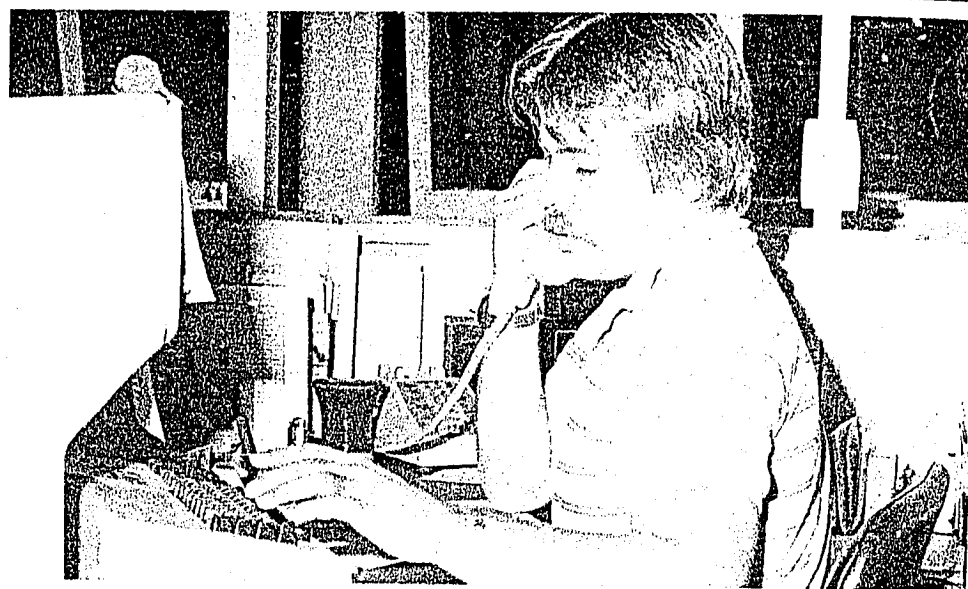
Bob Binnewies presents Helen Doty with flowers in thanks for her efforts in organizing the reunion.



Over 200 Yosemite alumni gathered on the Hotel Wawona lawn to enjoy the festivities and BBQ lunch at the 3rd Annual Alumni Picnic.



The Reservations Department transfer will open up new career opportunities for Terri Fitzpatrick.



As Reservations Manager, Jason Krause has spent many hours coordinating the different aspects involved in the Fresno relocation.

## RESERVATIONS: Department on the Move

"I think it's going to be a real exciting change. You can already see it reflected in the staff. The staff members that have decided to move to Fresno with the office are bringing to the others a sense of enthusiasm, and it's simply contagious!" These remarks were made by Terri Fitzpatrick, Assistant Manager of Reservations, regarding the relocation of the Reservations Department to Fresno.

"The early part of 1984" is the tentative date our Reservations office

is expected to move to Fresno, joining our purchasing and warehouse operations. This move was made possible by the Company purchase of a new IBM Hotel System which operates on an IBM 38 computer. The new system has been customized especially for our needs and will "greatly improve the efficiency and operation of our Reservations Department," according to Reservations Manager, Jason Krause. Jason will be moving to Fresno with the department as Manager of the new operations. Debbie McGlauffin will rejoin the company and assume the duties of Assistant Manager. "I think it's going to be a wonderful opportunity, for me as well as the company, to expand our horizons and realize our potential," Jason says.

In preparation for the move, Jason and Terri have been conducting interviews with current YPCC employees. Approximately 28 employees will share the Fresno facility, which is described by Jason to be a "spacious, comfortable working environment." The office decor, designed by Marian Vantress, features light oak furniture, shades of gray with dark green accents, wall murals and efficient cubicle stations for the Reservation clerks. "The office is one which really promotes professionalism," quotes Jason.

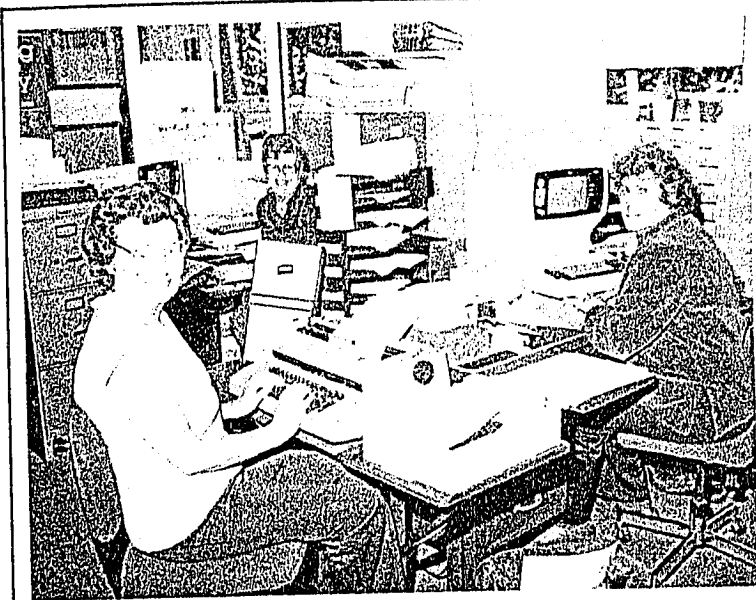
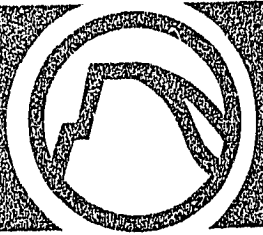
The entire Reservations operation is one comprised of many different departments. The Group Tour Department, headed by Mary Frederick-Moir, is responsible for the travel arrangements and Park services for group tours, conferences, travel agents and special functions. "There is no way you can consolidate a description of the Group Tour Department," explains Mary. "My staff is extremely self-disciplined and self-motivated. They handle an incredible work load and work extremely well together."

Tammy Lytle, Reservations Auditor, and Charlene Olsen, Reservations Deposits Specialist, handle the monetary end of the Reservations Department, including the verification and application of all payments on advance bookings. This department definitely depends on team effort and they contribute their success largely to "a great working relationship."

Dee Dee Smith is the Specialist in charge of cancellations. Working closely with the Accounting Department, she handles a tremendous volume of paperwork daily. "I've seen the most unique refund letters come through this office," she laughs. "Believe me...after two years on this desk, I've heard them all."



Barbara Garcia is a "wealth of information to the department," compliments Manager Jason Krause.



Left to right; Ruth Vanderwater, Dee Dee Smith and Shirley Duffield all say they enjoy the constant variety that their jobs offer.



A team effort is the key to the success of the Group Tour Dept. Left to right; Lorie Woodruff, Mary Frederick-Moir, Ellen Smith, Jennifer Unruh, Ellen Squires (seated).

After 14 years of service to the Reservations Department, Ruth Vanderwater claims she's "just about worked in every department possible." Presently the Secretary to the Reservations Manager, Ruth likes her job because "the work is constantly varied. . . I get involved in a lot of different projects."

Another long-term employee to the Reservations Department is Tammy White. Joining the office in 1979, she has held her present position of Mail Specialist for approximately 3 years. Her routine consists of responding to hundreds of letters daily.

Folio Desk Specialist Tom Hogan will be the last person to ever work in that capacity. "Once the new computer system is installed, the folios will be printed differently, and consequently, end the need for my job," he explains. Tom is considered to be the "King of Paperwork" in the Reservations Department. He is the man responsible for the printing accuracy of all guests' deposit requests, confirmations, and front desk folios. His desk is literally covered with papers; and chuckling, he admits "this is typical."

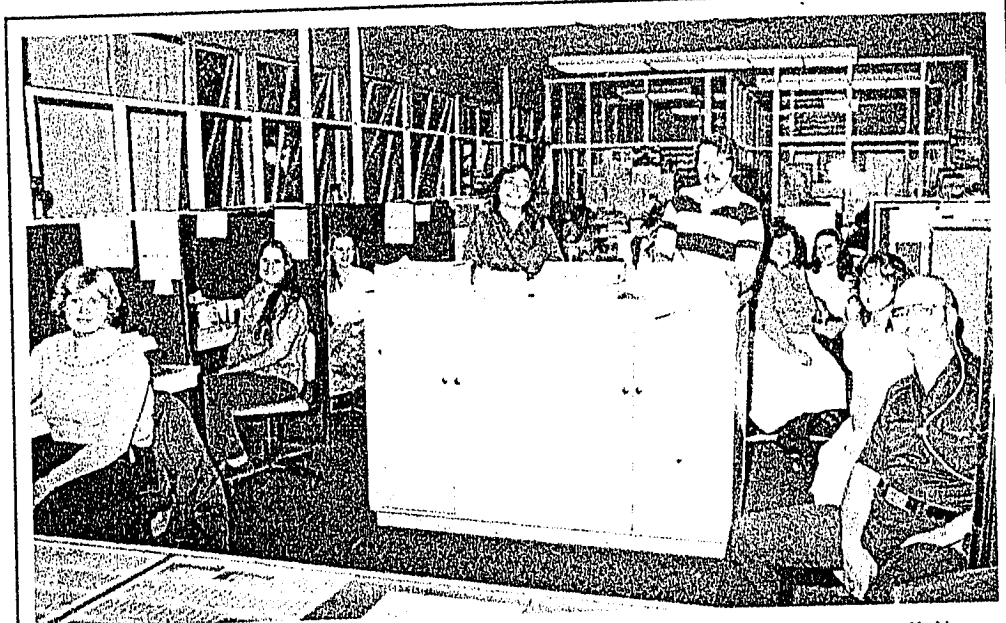
Shirley Duffield enjoys her position as a Floating Specialist because she has "an opportunity to learn all the jobs." As Floating Specialist, Shirley assumes the duties of other Specialists' positions during their absence.

Without a doubt, an integral person

to the Reservations operations is Barbara Garcia. For three years now, Barbara has held the position of Reservations Specialist for The Ahwahnee and Hotel Wawona. Her position entails much more than only handling the letter requests and special flag requests for the two hotels. She also makes all reservations for special functions (i.e. Bracebridge, New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, Thanksgiving and Vintner's Dinners), keeps track of wedding blocks and "basically anything else that Jason hands me," she laughs.

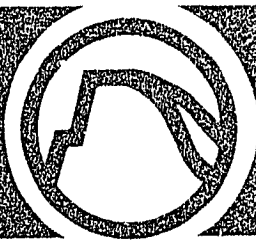
Considered to be the backbone of the Reservations office, the Reservations Clerks process the vast amount of telephone reservations requests. These requests can total an average of 3-5,000 calls daily. In addition to their immense knowledge of the Park and its accommodations, our clerks present a friendly, professional image for the company.

With a staff of individuals this competent and enthusiastic, the Reservations Department relocation to Fresno is assured to be a smooth and successful venture.



The "backbone" of the Reservations Department. From left to right; Sheryl Musolf, Nancy Neubert, Marianne Bridge, Jackie Tronieri, Tom Hogan, Kathleen Pribyl, Mary Frank, Wendy Tunison, Dick Warden.





## Alfono, Thomas and Johnson Take Golf Tourney



The 1st Annual Employee Wawona Golf Tourney was many things; fun, competitive and at times quite amusing! Several displays of unique golfing techniques provided the entertainment for the 25 employee participants.

The three award winning golfers were: Rodney Johnson for the longest drive; Phil Alfono capturing both the "Closest to the Pin" and "Callaway Champ" awards; and Don Thomas

winning the "Scratch Champ" and "Fewest Putts" awards.

Unfortunately, there was no "highest score" award, but special recognition must be given to Bennett Martin (Employee Housing) for his whopping score of 80. (Not too shabby for only 9 holes, Bennett!) Not to be outshined, honorable mention for the "Shortest Shot" should definitely be awarded to Gary Preble (Village Sport Shop). Gary amused onlookers with his "trick-shot" — driving the ball 3' underground!

After the tourney, the golfers relaxed in the sunshine and enjoyed the BBQ lunch prepared by the Recreation staff culinary artists.

For a first annual event, the tournament went smoothly. Especially wise was the use of the Callaway Scoring system which gave all participants an equal chance in the competition.

Thanks are extended to the Recreation staff, congrats to the winners, and sympathies are shared for Bennett and Gary. Don't worry guys, softball season is just around the corner!



## Race Raises Hopes for Mono Lake

by Jimmy Rodriguez

Although the Tioga Pass closed 3 times the week before the race, October 2 dawned bright and beautiful for the 221 runners participating in the 1st Annual Mono Lake Run.

Runners from all over the state made the event a success, raising almost \$1,400 to ensure the long life of Mono Lake.

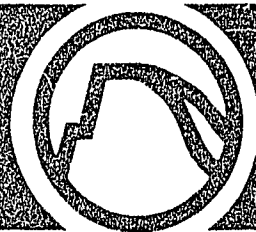
The course, measuring slightly longer than a 10K, provided a challenging yet enjoyable workout for all runners.

Dennis Yamnitsky and Jimmy Rodriguez (race coordinators) would like to thank all the sponsors for their contributions and support, especially

the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Special thanks to the people who helped during the race, and most of all, to the runners themselves.

Plans are already in the making for the 2nd Annual Mono Lake Benefit 10K. We look forward to seeing you next year!





## VINTAGE MOMENTS

by F.J. Johnson

As you may recall, last month's article stated a discussion on that wonderfully effervescent beverage from France known as champagne. We left off with the freshly pressed must arriving at the champagne cellars from the "vendangeoirs," or local pressing houses.

While the wine is being transferred to large barrels for fermentation, the winemaker determines the sugar content of the juice. If not enough is present to produce the required 10% alcohol (19°-20° brix) a mixture of wine and cane or beet sugar is added. This is known as chaptalization, and its practice is strictly regulated by a governing group known as the "Comite de Interprofessionel du Vin de Champagne."

Next, special yeasts are added to the barrels, and fermentation soon starts. This lasts up to three weeks, after which the wine is siphoned off the remaining yeasts and grape residue. This is called racking and is repeated several times.

The wine is transferred to oak barrels, where it is aged until judged ready for blending. Wines from different years are usually blended in the attempt at creating a consistent style and taste.

The champagne maker now has a distinctive wine, but no bubbles. What sets champagne apart from other wine lies in the induced secondary fermentation, the "method champenoise."

The wine — a very dry white or "blanc de noirs" — is combined with a mixture of wine, sugar and yeast, and immediately bottled and temporarily capped. The wine undergoes fermentation, alcohol is produced (1%), the CO<sub>2</sub> formed is trapped inside the bottle, and sediment sinks. We now have, the wine, the bubbles, but, that sediment has to go! First, however, the bottle must age for at

least a year according to French law, some going up to ten years.

To remove the sediment, we must first work it to the neck of the bottle. This is accomplished via "reumage", where bottles placed horizontally in wooden racks are gradually turned and angled until they're upside down, and ready for "degorgement."

The still upside down bottles have their necks placed in a freezing brine solution which solidifies the sediment. The bottle is placed upright, the cork removed, and Voila — those bubbles push the frozen sediment out of the bottle. A bit of sugary brandy wine (dosage) is added, and the bottle corked and wired. All champagnes receive a dosage, even the driest Brut, with Extra Sec, Demi-Sec, and Doux receiving increasingly more.

Next month we'll discuss champagne Do's-and-Don'ts, champagne with food, and related areas. Hope to see you again for more Vintage moments.

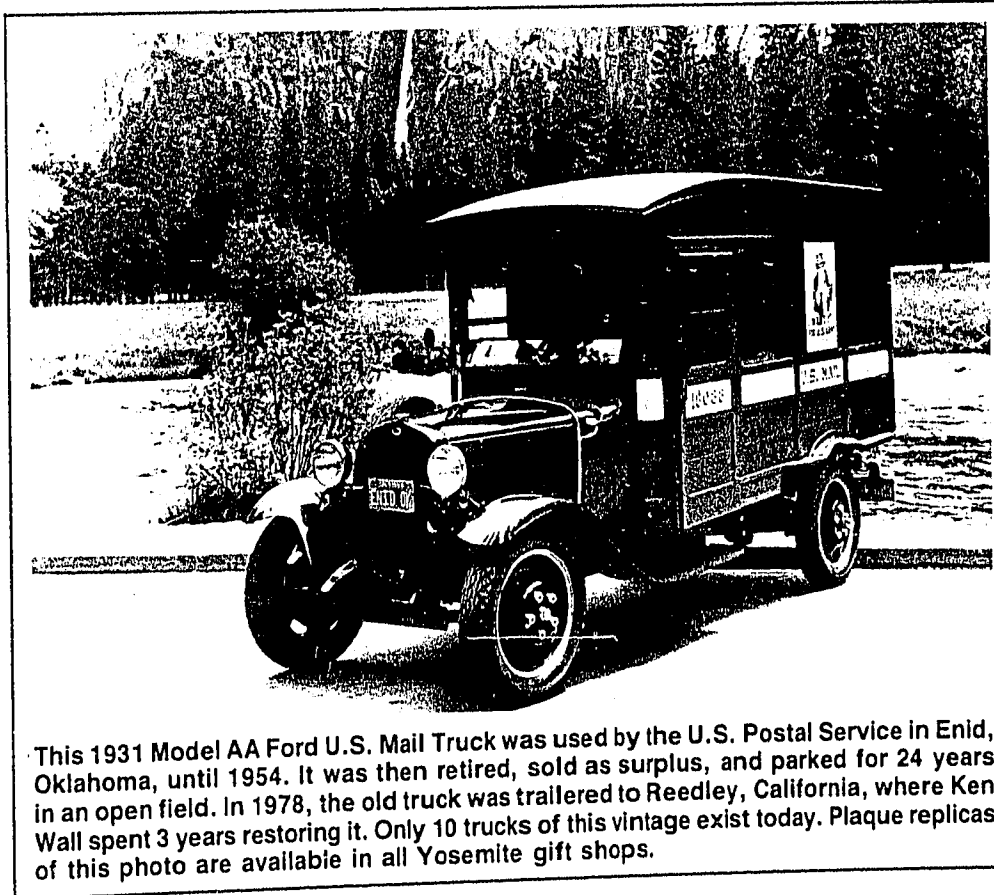
## USMC Celebrates 208th Anniversary

November 10, 1983, will mark the 208th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. Founded in 1775 at Tun Tavern, the USMC now totals 185,000.

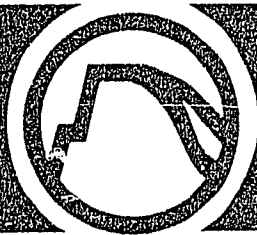
Across the United States, Marines and veterans will join together in remembrance of all comrades who have fallen in battle through such events as parades, speeches and the traditional Marine Corps Ball.

On this date, our own contingency of Marine Corps veterans will also be celebrating in the Park with a reunion and dinner at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion. John Wayne movies will be shown.

For additional information and reservations, please call Bill Germany at 372-1256.



This 1931 Model AA Ford U.S. Mail Truck was used by the U.S. Postal Service in Enid, Oklahoma, until 1954. It was then retired, sold as surplus, and parked for 24 years in an open field. In 1978, the old truck was trailered to Reedley, California, where Ken Wall spent 3 years restoring it. Only 10 trucks of this vintage exist today. Plaque replicas of this photo are available in all Yosemite gift shops.



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS

## What's Happening

### Movies

November 22 *Tootsie* (PG)  
Showings at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  
Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids.

### Special November Events

- November 5 Big Screen TV Movie: *Ragtime*  
(Training Center) 8:00 p.m.
- November 10 Rec. Center opens in Village Sport Shop
- November 12 Big Screen TV Movie: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (Training Center) 8:00 p.m.
- November 17 Dance
- November 19 Big Screen TV Movie: *Mash*  
(Training Center) 8:00 p.m.
- November 24 Free Employee Thanksgiving Dinner —  
Curry Village Pavilion
- November 26 Big Screen TV Movie: *Time Bandits*  
(Training Center) 8:00 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec. at ext. 1475.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

- Weight Center.** Open Mon. thru Sat. 9:00-12:00 — 1:00-4:00 — 5:00-8:00 — Sun. 2:00-7:00. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.
- Aerobics.** Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Kung Fu.** Sun., Tues. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Open Volleyball.** Tues. (except Nov. 22), Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- Open Field** (Elementary School). Sat. 2:00-5:00 p.m. — free for activities.

### Classified

- Husband lost job.** Must sell 16-yr-old, 15.2 hand Quarter horse gelding. Sorrel bay with white star, snip and stripe. Good disposition, willing worker. Used for roping. \$500 firm. Must sell 2-horse horse trailer. Needs minor work. Registration good through Sept. '84. \$300 firm. Contact Ted Halliday, 372-4461, ext. 534, or 379-2644.
- Custom Honda motorcycle,** includes 2 helmets, spare parts and manuals. Contact Don Evans, 372-4771.
- Piano lessons.** Experienced piano teacher will teach in your home. Beginning to intermediate. Arrangements can be made for lessons in El Portal. Call Chrissie at 372-4728.
- Camera Equipment for sale:** Velbon moni tripod, \$9; Vivitar Teleconverter for Minolta SRT, \$12; Vivitar 300mm f5.6 Telephoto lens, \$50; Radio Shack FM Tuner, \$25. Leave name and phone number at 372-4441.

### Announcements

**Congratulations to Mike Seatter** (Manager of the Crane Flat Grocery Store) for his recent award of \$50 from Bank of America. Mike was rewarded for finding a credit card that was listed in the warning bulletin.

**The Yosemite Women's Group** will host the annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar on Friday, December 2, at the Curry Pavilion. Contact Judy Durr at 372-4530 for information and table space. On the evening of December 2 the Women's Group will sponsor a ski fashion show in conjunction with the Winter Club Kick-off Dinner.

1500 surveys on "Care about the Arts" were mailed to area residents by the **Mariposa Arts Council Yosemite/El Portal Chapter** and the answers are being tabulated. The many people interested in the arts are invited to a meeting Monday, November 7, at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Art Activity Center to discuss and plan an all-arts festival/performance in February. You'll meet people with similar interests and needs and get involved with the arts community. Whether you have special art skills or just an interest, we need your suggestions. If you haven't returned your survey it's still not too late. Copies are available at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

**The Yosemite Artists Guild** meets twice a month to sketch, criticize and share ideas. Drawing from a model is done once a month, while members select the theme for alternate meetings. A small fee covers the costs of the model or special supplies. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Girls' Club. Wed., November 2 — Designing from nature: Kay Pitts. Tues., November 15 — Drawing from the model. \$3 fee. Wed., December 7 — members choice. For further information or if you would like to model, call Kay Pitts at 372-4775 or Steve Hickman at 379-2368.

Get creative at **Community Craft Day** every Wednesday, October through April, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wawona Community Center. Bring your current art or craft project and a bag lunch. Children are welcome. Open to all Yosemite residents. Jointly sponsored by the Wawona Guild of Artists and Craftspeople and the Wawona Community Association.

**Yosemite Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday at noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant.

YOSEMITE  
WINTER CLUB

### ANNUAL KICK-OFF DINNER DANCE

Friday	December 2, 1983	Curry Village Pavilion
6:00 p.m.	Happy Hour	
7:00 p.m.	Ski Fashion Show (sponsored by Women's Club)	
7:30 p.m.	Dinner	
	Top Sirloin Steak	
	Corn on the Cob	
	Baked Beans	
	French Bread	
	Salad	
	Dessert	
	Coffee or Milk	
	Beer, Wine, Mixed drinks	\$1.00
	Soft Drinks	.50
9:00 p.m.	Dance (live music)	

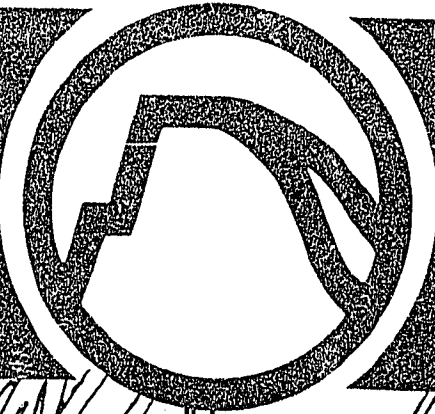
Come enjoy the festivities and enjoy a FREE 1983-84 membership in the Yosemite Winter Club!!



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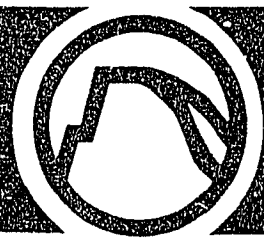
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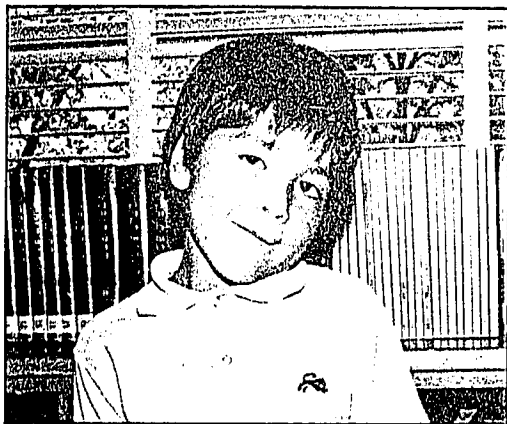




## The Yosemite Kindergarten Class

# “What does Christmas mean

Y-u-od-de Parker (age 5)  
“I like Christmas 'cause  
it's fun. I like it when  
Santa comes down the  
chimney and then I fall  
asleep and then I wake up  
and there are presents.  
Last year I got a new  
bike and that's all.”



Tamara Freeburg (age 5)  
“I like to eat Christmas candy. I get to eat candy on  
Christmas and Halloween. We always go to Grandma's  
house — we go there for my birthday, too — it's April 25,  
1978.”

Rebecca Welch (age 5)  
“I like it because you can get presents. I  
like to go to Hannibal to see my grandparents  
'cause I get to go on the plane and in the car.”



# to you?”

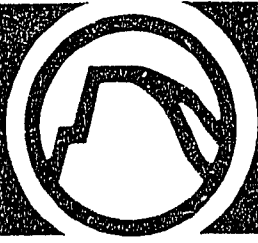


Brooke Ernest (age 5½)  
“I get to play in the snow. I got a sled last year  
and I get to sled down all the hills. I like it when  
my friend Lundy Otwell comes to see me on  
Christmas day.”



Ben Castro (age 5)  
“I get a whole bunch of neat toys.  
Last year I got some Hot Wheels  
and some Play-doh. My brother ate  
some Play-doh and my mom got mad.”





## The Volunteer Fire Department

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## ALL FIRED UP!

It's 3 a.m., you're sleeping peacefully, oblivious to everything but the warmth of your electric blanket. Suddenly, the fire alarm triggers and you're jolted with a start into reality. My reaction to these rude awakenings is to curl deeper under the covers, pulling the pillow over my head to muffle the piercing alarm. However, for the 10 members of the Volunteer Fire Department this alarm serves as a wake-up call, signaling 4 minutes until the truck departs from the station.

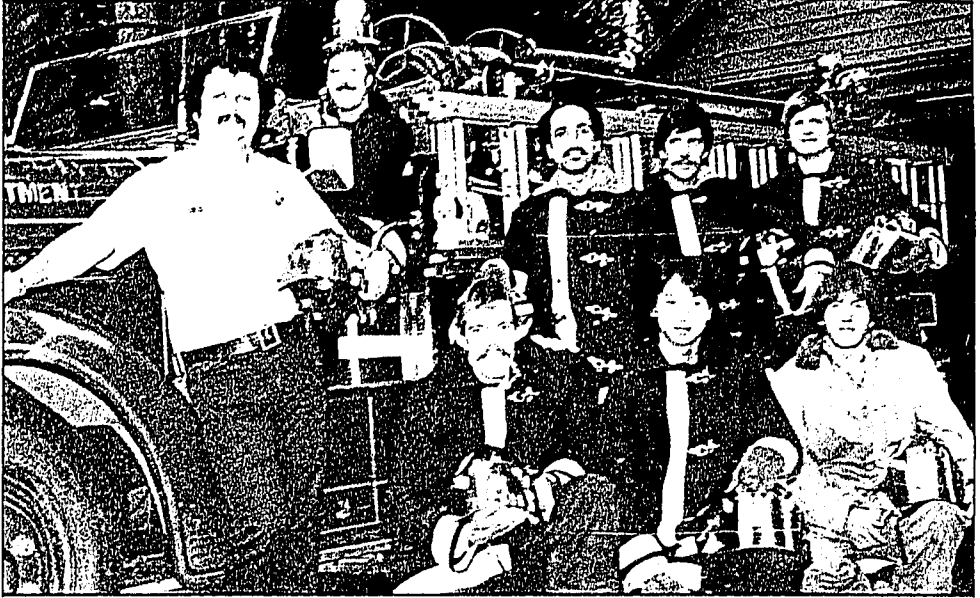
Headed by Fire/Safety Officer Bucky Stephan, the Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of 10 persons who work and live in Yosemite Valley. Each volunteer, in addition to working a full-time job in Yosemite, must donate their time for weekly fire drills, standard first aid and CPR training, attend an annual class on structural fire suppression as well as remain on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their responsibilities to the Fire Department

entail approximately 25 hours of volunteer time a week. Is all this extra time worth it to the crew? "Definitely," says Ray Martinez, Assistant Fire Captain. "We're all asked to put in a lot of extra time on our own... but that time really pays off during an actual fire situation." He cites the example of the recent fire in a Curry Village cabin. "Our fire engine was the first one there," he remembers. "We laid over 1,000 feet of hose, charged the lines with water, and used our engine to combat the fire. Teamwork was the key in that situation. We knew exactly what to do from many similar practice sessions."

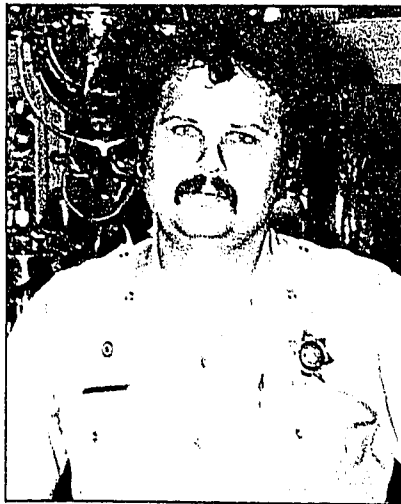
The volunteer staff is comprised of 10 persons employed in all different YP&C Co. units. "The crew does an excellent job — without their hard work and dedication, we just couldn't do it," says Mark of his crew members.

Ray Martinez, who is a supervisor in the Security Fire and Safety Department, has been on the Fire Department for 5 years now. He acts as the Assistant Captain, in charge in Mark Ruggiero and Bucky Stephan's absence. "Ray does a fine job," notes Mark. "I feel more at ease when I know he's covering in my absence."

"In an actual fire situation everyone must work together as a



The 10 members of the Volunteer Fire Department are constantly on call for emergency situations. Left to right: Mark Ruggiero, Gary Mountain, Tom Mazzaglia, Doug Buel, Dave Giles. Kneeling: Mike Rector, Michael Yu, Ray Martinez. Not Pictured: Dave Schlinder.



Mark Ruggiero, Fire Captain, plans to stay active in fire service, eventually making it his career.



Bucky Stephan has held the position of Company Fire Officer since its inception in 1974.

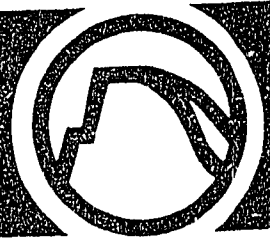
Tom Mazzaglia, Manager of the Village Store, appreciates the experience the fire department has given him because "it gives me more knowledge of the Park and other units." He feels "it's an exciting responsibility, and certainly a very important one to the Park and our community."

A fairly new member to the fire department is Michael Yu, who

team," says Doug Buel, who has been a Fire Department member for the past 2 years. "You really rely on the other person that you enter the building with. It's crucial that you know you can depend on all the other members of the fire crew."

Gary Mountain, of Accounting, says he appreciates his role in protecting the community. "Although I wish there was a way to ensure that the alarm doesn't go off between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. My wife doesn't like me getting up in the middle of the night," he jokes!

One-year veteran of the Fire Department, Dave Giles of Accounting thinks the volunteer program is "great!" Especially under the supervision of Mark Ruggiero. "Mark's interest in the program, his knowledge and the thorough training he offers, really increases the value of the program," he compliments.



claims his "curiosity of what the fire program was about" led him to join the team. "I really enjoy being a part of the program," he says. "It's extremely interesting... especially when the alarm goes off at 3 a.m.!"

"Being a part of the fire team is a great benefit to me because I'm a Housing Supervisor," says Mike Rector. "Fire is the single most destructive force in housing areas, and it helps a lot to know something about its prevention. Mike feels fire fighting is mostly "common sense," but his previous experience in fighting wildland fires is also helpful.

Dave Schindler comes to the fire fighting team with previous fire fighting experience on Fire District 5 in Vancouver, Washington. "I really want to keep active in fire service," he says. "I think it's a real good program."

The person responsible for the training and supervision of the Volunteer Fire Department is Fire Captain Mark Ruggiero. When responding to an alarm, Mark supervises our fire team until the NPS Battalion Chief arrives. "Life/safety and rescue is our first

in Yosemite is Bucky Stephan. As Fire Chief and Safety Officer, he conducts all YP&C Co. safety inspections, oversees the Volunteer Fire Department, does the maintenance work on the TV translator systems at Glacier Point and Wawona and is the technical advisor on all fire/safety matters for YP&C Co. operations.

It was Bucky's idea, when he became the fire officer in 1974, to have the volunteer fire crew participate in weekly fire drills.



Gary Mountain and Tom Mazzaglia share a laugh at the end of a weekly practice drill.

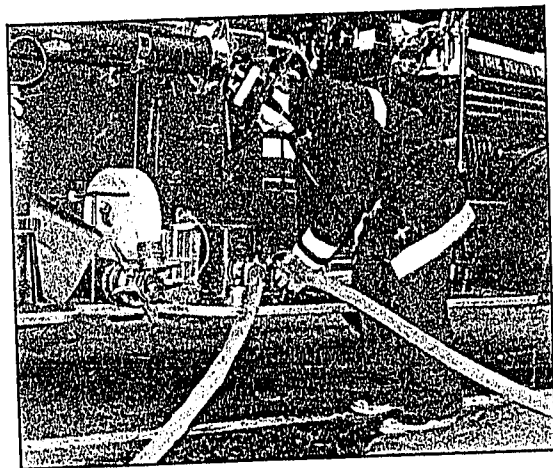


Becoming familiar with the fire hydrant locations and the hook-up process is a main purpose behind the fire drill sessions.

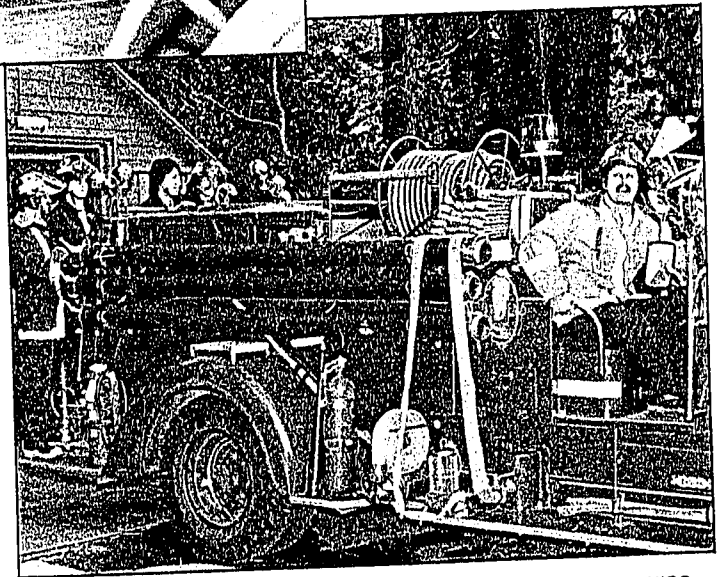


The crew prepares to roll out to the drill sight, a weekly training session that offers continual practical experience in responding to simulated fire situations.

Photos by Robin Johnson



Gary Mountain hooks the fire hose up to the truck, which has the power to pump 500 gallons per minute.



The fire truck, a Seagrave triple combination pumper, was bought new by YP&C Co. in 1973. It is equipped with all the latest fire fighting equipment.

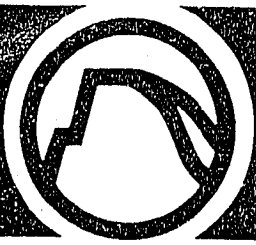
priority," he explains. "Then we concentrate on attacking the fire and protecting the other nearby buildings."

In addition to his work with the fire crew, Mark's job as Alarm Technician with the Security Fire and Safety Department entails maintaining and servicing all fire and burglar alarms, checking fire extinguishers and related equipment regularly, upkeep on all fire sprinkler systems, responding to all structure fires in Yosemite Valley, training new employees on the fire alarm systems and fire evacuation programs, as well as conducting fire drills at Hotel Wawona and The Ahwahnee.

The other person who is responsible for fire/safety related areas

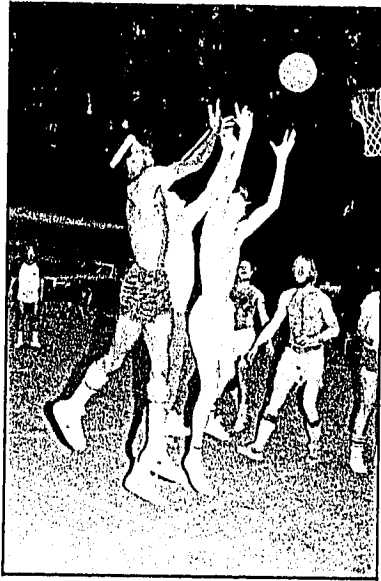
Keeping in constant practice and preparation for actual fire situations is of utmost concern to Bucky, as he states "if our men aren't properly trained and regularly drilled, they could end up getting hurt on the job."

Both Bucky and Mark deserve to be proud of the efficient and well-trained department they've developed over the last few years. Mark states, "The Company has put a lot of time and effort into the fire and safety program. It's their dedication as well as the help we receive from the National Park Service, and especially our volunteers, that together contribute to the competence of our Park-wide fire/safety program."



## Goals and Objectives: The Winning Formula

It wasn't an easy victory, but the Goals and Objectives captured the season title with a 64-48 win over the YTS team.



With a solid mix of fast break speed, pinpoint shooting, and staunch defense, the Goals and Objectives took the 1983 Men's Basketball Championship, defeating a tough YTS team, 64-48.

YTS missed their starting center and leading scorer, John Reynolds, who sat out the game, and had to rely on the outside shooting of Tracy DeSanders and Jody Gaul.

It was a fast paced first half with neither team taking advantage of the other. Goals and Objectives were led by the hot shooting



The 1983 Basketball Champions!! From left to right: (top row) Dan Jensen, Mike Welch, Dan Benetag. (Bottom row) Tom Hardman, Ray Martinez, Joey Chavez. (Not Pictured) Scott Hiebert.

hand of Mike Welch, who ended the game with 18 points.

YTS, led by point guard Tracy DeSanders, kept the game close with brilliant ball control. At half-time the score was tied 24-24.

At the start of the second half YTS took a 6 point lead, but with aggressive defense by Tom Hardman and Ray Martinez (12 points), Goals and Objectives were able to come back. Dan Benitag (14 points) and Joey Chavez (10 points) led some picture perfect fast breaks to give Goals and Objectives a commanding 10 point lead with 11 minutes left in the game. The YTS team was not able to keep up with the great rebounding power of Dan Jensen (10 points) whose accurate outlet passes were the key to the fast break offense.

The YTS team played hard but were not able to catch up. When the game ended Goals and Objectives were the CHAMPIONS!

### 1983 TENNIS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

WOMENS SINGLES — Jane Taylor, Employee Recreation

MENS SINGLES — Mike Lee, Yosemite Institute

MENS "B" SINGLES — Nam Nguyen, Laundry Warehouse

MENS DOUBLES — David Beckman, Broiler Room, Ron Skelton, Self-employed

## Running Into Cross-Country Skiing

By Dennis Yamnitsky

As the first winter snow arrives here in the High Sierra, it's time to get ready for that great winter alternative to running — cross-country skiing!

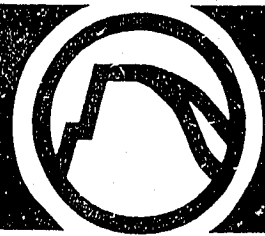
Personally, I can't wait to exchange my running shoes for cross-country skis. Not only is Nordic skiing one of the best exercises there is, but it is an excellent way to experience Yosemite in Winter.

Nordic skiing is also less demanding on you than running. Rather than the pounding of your legs on pavement or trails, cross-country skiing is a flowing, fluid motion as you glide across the snow. Almost anyone can enjoy cross-country skiing; it's as instinctive as walking. First you glide one ski, then the other; it's simple, easy and fun. Plus it really enhances your flexibility, coordination, timing and cardiovascular aerobic fitness. It also gives the upper body much more of a workout than running; especially the triceps, back and stomach.

Lessons and equipment rentals (with employee I.D. card and Driver's licence or credit card) are available through the Mountaineering school at half price to employees. If you are interested in investing in cross-country ski equipment, the Mountain Shop has a fine selection of gear for you to choose from; it's a great deal with your employee discount! See you on the tracks or on the slopes!!!







## VINTAGE MOMENTS

by FJ Johnson

As we embark upon this final Vintage Moment of 1983, I would like to offer a toast to the New Year: "May we all strive toward becoming better planetary citizens and more honest, forgiving human beings." Thank you.

This article will conclude our discussion on champagne. Now that we know how it is made, we still may be unsure of what to buy.

Any imported sparkling wine labeled as champagne from France is a superior product. Some of the better known firms include Moet et Chandon, Bollinger, Laurent Perrier, Piper Heidsieck, and G.H. Mumm. Be prepared to spend \$20 and up for these special occasion bottles.

Domestic sparkling wines can also be quite good. Premium producers include Korbel, Kornell, Domaine Chandon, Windsor, Chateau St. Jean, and Schramsberg. To be positive of avoiding inferior bulk process, or "charmat" wines, one must closely inspect the label on domestic wines. "Bottle fermented" and "fermented in the bottle" usually indicate a bulk wine, while "fermented in this bottle" insures a methode champenoise wine.

Once you've purchased some champagne, it should be stored horizontally in a dry, cool (55°F) area. While best within a few years of release, champagne can be kept for approximately twice its time on the yeast, which amounts to 5-8 years for domestic wines, 10-20 for French versions.

Champagne should be served well chilled, preferably cooled in a bucket of ice and water. When opening champagne, its best to hold the bottle at a 45° angle, and, after loosening the wire hood, grip the cork and turn the bottle. Slowly removing the cork allows excess pressure to escape, and avoids loss of wine. Tall flute or tulip glasses are superior for sparkling wine, and are easier to handle than flat or "breast" glasses.

Champagne is legendary, but its not a miracle wine with food. In fact, champagne is at its best as an aperitif, and with some appetizers (caviar) and desserts. Serving champagne with a main course is not recommended, due to its delicacy and high acidity.

As a final note, I will be conducting a wine tasting December 13. Contact Employee Rec for more details.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

### HAVE A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

1. Do not throw gift wrapping in the fireplace.
2. Do not use open flames (candles, etc.) near decorations or trees.
3. Check lights and wiring before decorating for bare or frayed wires.
4. Never put lights on a metal tree.
5. After a party and before retiring for the night, check for smoldering cigarettes in the furniture and on the rug.
6. A great gift for everyone is a smoke detector. It can give years of lifesaving protection.

## Farewell to '83

By Larry Pannell

Another year has come to an end and we at Employee Recreation have a special month lined up for you! In addition to Chef DeBruin's Wednesday night cooking classes, here's what you have to look forward to in December:

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3** To round out the swing dance lessons we have been given every Tuesday in November we have having a SWING DANCE at the Curry Pavilion. The group we have booked is the Frank James Band from San Francisco who frequently play the Hyatt Regency. The 7-piece band includes stand-up bass, keyboards and horn section. Dress is semi-formal and the cost is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6** Movie — *48 Hours*. "Slam bang entertainment. A comic fantasy. It's constant excitement." (Kevin Thomas — *LA Times*)

They couldn't have like each other less. . . they couldn't have needed each other more. And the last place they ever expected to be is on the same side. Starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9** It's that time again! Break out your rabbit's foot. . . the house has the odds, but for \$2 you can buy \$200 in chips as Employee Recreation presents CASINO NIGHT!!! Cash in for some great prizes.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** Do you ever walk through the wine section of the store and just keep on walking because you had no idea what type of wine you might like? Here is your chance to learn and get a basic knowledge of all those strange names you thought you could never pronounce. Fred Johnson, author of *Vintage Moments*, has been asked by our staff to give a wine seminar. Cost will be \$3 per person and seats will be limited, so sign up early. YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16** Just in time for X-mas. Buy that special gift at the 3rd Annual Art and Slide Exhibit. Works of art, including paintings, ceramics, photography and pen and ink, will be on display along with a slide show for your visual pleasure. If you would like to be in the show, there is still time to sign up.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20** Movie — *The World According to Garp*, starring Robin Williams. A hilarious romp from the beginning to end on what will prove to be an adventure with one of your favorite characters on screen.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** The Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER will again prove to be another event not to be missed this year. As always, it will be free to employees.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31** The last night of the year we at Employee Recreation have a special night in store for you. We booked the group AURORA to keep you moving. AURORA has opened for such recording artists as Ambrosia, Greg Kihn, Elvin Bishop, and the Joe Perry Project. When the clock strikes midnight raise your glass of champagne in toast, kiss your partner and keep on partying for another hour.

Tom, Joey, Jane, Kim and Larry from Employee Recreation wish you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR and will promise to make 1984 a year full of special memories spent with friends.



# BETWEEN THESE WALLS

## What's Happening

### Movies

December 6 *48 HRS* (R)  
 December 20 *The World According to Garp* (R)  
 Showings at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.  
 Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids.

### Special December Events

December 3 Swing Dance to the Frank James Band (Curry Village Pavilion) 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.  
 December 9 Casino Night (Employee Recreation Center) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
 December 13 Wine Tasting Seminar; Conducted by Fred Johnson (sign up with Employee Recreation)  
 December 21 Christmas Flower Day — \$1 per flower (sign up at Emp Rec by December 15)  
 December 25 Free Employee Christmas Dinner (Curry Village Pavilion) Starts at 5:00 p.m.  
 December 31 New Year's Eve Dance — Featuring the band Aurora; 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### Employee Recreation — Continuing Events

**Weight Center.** Open Mon. thru Sat. 10:00-12:00 - 1:00-4:00 - 5:00-8:00 - Sunday 2:00-7:00. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

**Aerobics.** Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Kung Fu.** Sun., Tues. (West Auditorium) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Open Volleyball.** Tues. (except Dec. 6 & 20), Thurs., (East Auditorium) 8:00-11:00 p.m.

**Rec. Center.** (Village Sport Shop) 4:00-11:00 p.m. Closed Wednesdays. Also open for special sporting and TV events. Watch for details.

### Classified Ads

**For Sale: Magnavox Color TV, 13", 1 year old in great condition. \$300.00. Pentax, ME Super Camera with case, 50 mm lens. used very little over 2 years. \$300.00. Call Mary Ryan at 372-4215 after 5 p.m.**

**For Sale: Franklin Fireplace \$50.00 379-2665. Ask for Rosemary.**

**For Sale: Snow tires 65-15 for Volkswagon. Plenty of tread. \$45 for set of 2. Marti, 372-1320.**

### Announcements

**Santa Claus is coming to the Village Store!!** Have your child's photo taken with Santa on Friday, December 9, from 5-7 p.m. Beautifully imprinted and bound in a brown folder. \$3 for first photo, \$1 each thereafter. Sponsored by Photo Express.

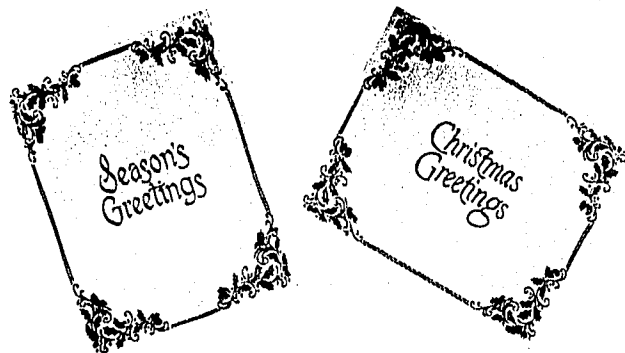
A 10-week **EMT Certification course** will be offered by Dr. Wurgler for Merced College credits. The classes will run every Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning January 10 from 6-10 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the Elementary School. Registration and more information is available from the Employee Training Center, ext. 1448.

The next meeting of the **Yosemite Artists Guild** is Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Girls Club. Open to all artists interested in improving drawing skills. Contact Kay Pitts for further information at 372-4775.

The **Yosemite Natural History Association** is sponsoring some nifty field classes this winter. Such as Winter Ecology of Yosemite, Ski Treks to the Ostrander Ski Hut and to the Mariposa Grove. Also Spring Botany with Dr. Carl Sharsmith, premier Yosemite Botanist. Call us for details at 372-4532 (ask for Penny) or drop into the office Monday - Friday, 8-5 p.m.

It's not too late to join **Chef de Bruin's community cooking classes!** Open to everyone with an interest in the culinary arts (regardless of experience). Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Yosemite Village Employee Recreation Center. Employee Training (ext. 1448) has more details.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Four Seasons Restaurant, Yosemite Lodge.



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