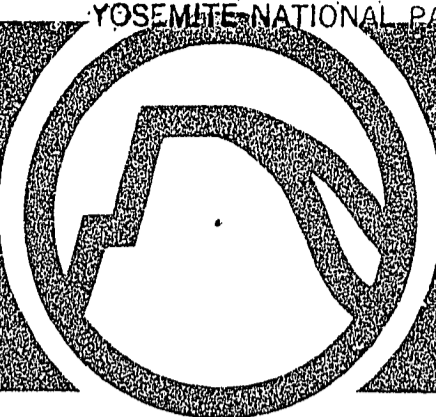


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Honors Bestowed at Service Awards Banquet



Jay Stein congratulates the entire Yosemite Park & Curry Co. staff for their continued efforts and achievements at the 15th Annual Service Awards Banquet.

The Fifteenth Annual Service Awards Banquet was held at the Curry Village Pavilion on November 15, 1983. It was a night the honored employees will not soon forget.

Three hundred and eighty six past and present employees and honored guests attended this year's prestigious event. Ninety awards representing six hundred and forty years of service were presented. As summed up by Mr. Ed Hardy, President of Yosemite Park & Curry Co., "This has once again surpassed the number of awards presented for any previous year, signifying the continuity and stabilization of our work force."

Among those honored were Richard Chick, Ahwahnee Pot-washer, for thirty (30) years of service; Charles Friman, Ahwahnee Kitchen Lead Storeroom person, twenty-five (25) years of service; Carl Stephens, Ahwahnee Head Gardener, for twenty (20) years of service (Carl was also responsible for the beautiful floral arrangements).

Three retirees were also recognized. They were Isabelle Taverner for twenty-five (25) years of service; Rosella Armstrong for thirty-one (31) years of service; and Ivol "Dusty" Cloward for thirty-seven (37) years of service.

This year's Service Awards Banquet also marked the tenth anniversary of MCA's ownership of Yosemite Park & Curry Co. In recognition of this, Jay Stein, Vice-President of MCA Inc., and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Yosemite Park & Curry Co., congratulated Ed Hardy on his 10-year service award and commended the entire Yosemite Park & Curry Co. staff for their continued efforts and achievements. Mr. Stein highlighted his speech by reading to the group two telegrams received from the Sierra Club and the Friends of the Earth. These telegrams, which

are printed in full below, complimented the Company and Ed Hardy for environmental leadership and are a tribute to all employees and managers who have helped make Yosemite Park & Curry Co. an environmentally sound company.

Dear Ed Hardy:

Congratulations on your tenth year in Yosemite. Yosemite Park & Curry Co. has shown that environmental leadership and good business can make great partners. Your innovative environmental programs should be duplicated throughout the National Park System. We look forward to another decade of this affirmative action.

Becky Evans, Chairperson
Yosemite Task Force
Sierra Club

Dear Mr. Hardy,

Congratulations on 10 years in Yosemite. Your environmental programs provide a great example to other Park Concessionaires. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Connie Parrish, California Representative
Friends of the Earth

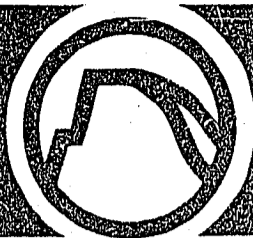
Overall, the Banquet was an evening of Company fellowship and appreciation. Congratulations to all employees, especially to those who received awards.

Winter Club Kickoff A Huge Success

The 55th season of the Yosemite Winter Club is off to a great start!! Boasting a record attendance of 650, the dinner dance held on December 2 was considered to be the biggest success in its history. The fun-filled evening, including dinner, dancing, movies and a fashion show, was enjoyed by ski enthusiasts from throughout the community.

All 1983-84 Winter Club membership proceeds will go to support the Junior Race Team, as well as trans-Sierra trips in winter from Lee Vining to Yosemite, and social gatherings throughout the winter, climaxing with the Ancient Jocks weekend.

Thanks are extended to all members and to the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. for its donation of the food and dining facility that helped make this year's Winter Club Kickoff Dinner Dance the biggest and best ever!



Surviving Winter Driving

by Garrett DeBell

The following safe driving tips, which were put together with assistance from NPS Rangers, could help save you from an unpleasant and perhaps tragic driving experience this winter.

1. Maintain slower speeds, usually well under the speed limit.
2. Don't do anything abruptly; don't brake, accelerate, or turn quickly.
3. Be sure to have tires with good tread on them. If your tires require replacement, invest in new radials, or better yet, snow tires.
4. It's important to carry flares in your car in winter so that you may use them to alert approaching traffic should your vehicle become stalled or stuck in the roadway.
5. Speeds on slick roads should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. When moving forward from a complete stop, starts should be slow with a steady but smooth acceleration.
6. Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be done gradually. A gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction.
7. Passing another car in winter is extremely dangerous. It should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available.
8. Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost continual ice cover during winter months. In winter, be especially careful around Fern Springs, at Bridalveil Falls junction,

on and near Sentinel Bridge, on the curve by Le Conte Memorial, and anywhere near a stream, waterfall or source of water where moisture creates black ice.

9. Be sure to follow directions on chain control signs. The National Park Service determines the chain requirements based on road conditions. These requirements are strictly enforced.

New Year's Greeting From Ed Hardy

1983 once again tested our skills and professionalism. The year's challenges began with the heaviest snowfall ever recorded in the history of Yosemite, leading to the flooding of the Merced River, which was responsible for the closure of numerous campgrounds, guest accommodations, employee housing units, road washouts — resulting in reduced visitation. Through it all it were Yosemite's dedicated employees who made the best of a tough winter and spring.

The visit to Yosemite of Queen Elizabeth II of England in March set the tone for the continuing escalation of quality of services. Her Majesty's visit demonstrated the excellent working relationship between the Company and the National Park Service and helped to further strengthen the cooperation at all levels.

At Wawona's Alumni Picnic Day, many oldtimers, both of Curry Company and the National Park Service, shared memories and experiences with an enthusiastic praise for the quality of services and facilities existing now compared to the "old days."

1984 brings a new opportunity to continue to improve our performance. We will continue to emphasize that the two C's stand not only for the Curry Company, but also for courtesy and cleanliness.

For all of you, we wish a healthy year of peace.

Love, Jackie and Ed Hardy

A Salute to Bracebridge

The Yosemite Park & Curry Co. is proud to announce the first printing of a very special new book, which pays tribute to this legendary event, entitled *The Bracebridge Dinner*. Published by Yosemite Park & Curry Co. and written by Bracebridge Director Andrea Fulton, the book captures the history, pageantry, excitement, and legend that is the Bracebridge experience. Historic photographs by Ansel Adams take you back to the earliest days of the Bracebridge festivities, while the photography of Robert Primes shows the drama behind the scenes and during the actual presentation. Quotes throughout the book by Washington Irving capture the spirit of the Bracebridge event.

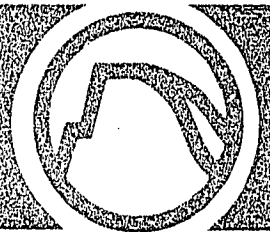
This book is dedicated to the memory of Eugene Fulton. Mr. Fulton served as Director and Musical Director of the Bracebridge Dinner from 1946 to 1978. Mr. Fulton's many years of direction, development, and influence were instrumental in making this the exceptional event it is today.

The book is now available in all Yosemite Park & Curry Co. gift shops.

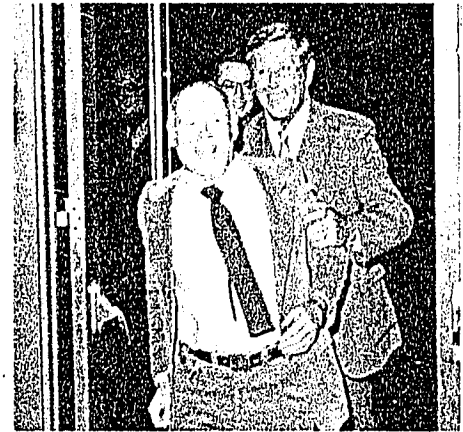
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Leroy "Rusty" Rust and wife, Jane.



A moment of surprise for Rusty as he enters the Curry Village Pavilion.

A Tribute to Leroy "Rusty" Rust

With deep admiration and appreciation, friends, co-workers and family gathered at the Curry Village Pavilion on November 9 to honor Leroy "Rusty" Rust for his more than 60 years of dedication and service to Yosemite.

Rusty, who has lived his entire life in Yosemite with the exception of college and military service, currently presides as Postmaster. He began working summers for the Post Office in 1938 and has also worked for YP&C Co. as a Badger Pass ski instructor and as a warehouse attendant. His appointment to Postmaster became official by President Kennedy in 1962.

Known for his tremendous skiing prowess, Rusty holds the record for being the longest continuous Junior Ski Race Coach in America. He is a past president of the Yosemite Lion's Club, a long-time member of the Yosemite Conversation Club, and a member of the Far West Ski Instructors Association.

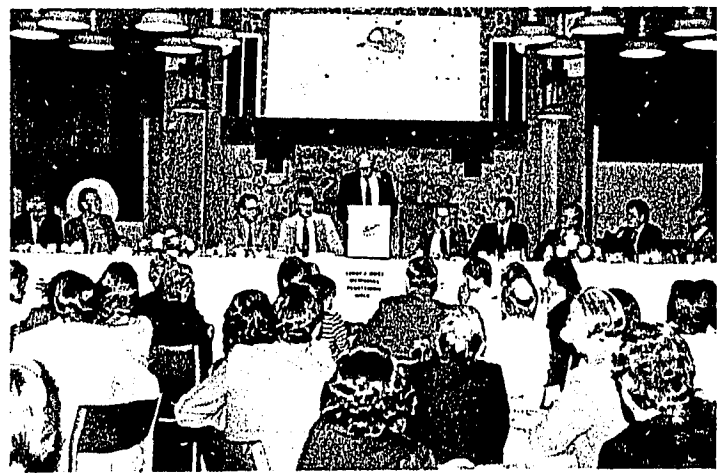
Ed Hardy expressed, "Rusty's dedication to Yosemite, his understanding of Mother Nature's power and appreciation of her beauty, his contribution to Junior Ski racing, along with being Yosemite's middleclass millionaire Postmaster who thoroughly enjoys life, makes him the friend, companion, coach and mentor of many."



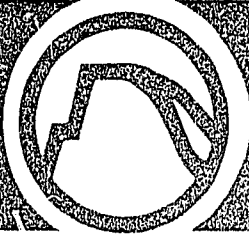
Hank Johnston presents Rusty with a memorial plaque in recognition of outstanding service and contribution to the Yosemite Community.



YNP Superintendent Bob Binnewies pays tribute to Rusty as Ed Hardy looks on.



A capacity crowd listens as several of Rusty's longtime friends join the "roasting" festivities.



Employee Recreation

More In Store For '84

Imagine going to a job every day that involves the challenge of creating new and different entertainment daily, and then planning and executing those activities with a staff so close they seem like family!

The success of any Employee Recreation team is largely dependant on how well they work together. And it certainly shows in this latest group. As Recreation staff member Jane Taylor explains, "This department is so small that you have to get along well with each other. We're very lucky. We work together like a family. . . we're very open, very honest, and everyone is willing to help everyone else out."

Despite how easy this seems, working for the Employee Recreation Department is not all fun and games. "People see me at a dance or at a sporting event and they think. . . 'what an easy job'. They have no idea how many hours go into the preparation for these activities," says Recreation Manager, Tom Hardman.

The nature of their work is so varied that it also helps to have a little experience in many areas. "What I look for in a Recreation Attendant is someone who can handle the role of Bartender, San Jan, Cook, Referee, P.E. Instructor, and at times, Accountant. We're fortunate because we all have different strengths; no two of us are alike. As a staff, we work together like pieces of a puzzle. Instead of feeling like a Manager, I am just another piece of the puzzle. Without the rest of the staff — it's not complete."

Kim Homewood is the newest member of the Recreation staff, joining the team in September. Previously an employee for the NPS, Kim first got involved with the YP&C Co. Recreation Department by volunteering to teach Aerobics. Now she coordinates the programs for all non-competitive regular activities. Aerobic and Kung Fu classes, movies and big screen TV specials are a few of her responsibilities. Kim's strong background in sports makes her a natural for Recreation. "I'm real interested in fitness and have always wanted to get involved. Especially, I like working in the weight center because I love to see people get interested and educated in fitness."

Another newcomer to the department is Larry Pannell, who is in charge of Entertainment and Special Events. "I really like my new position," he remarks. "I enjoy the freedom of working independently, but most of all I like working in the field of music and promotion."

"Larry's always got some new and exciting idea," compliments Tom Hardman, ". . . especially with music." Eager to share the credit, Larry explains, "Actually, we all pitch in and dream up ideas that would be fun. We also get a lot of new ideas from the employees. Much of the credit should go to the



The Employee Recreation Staff from left to right. (Top row) Kim Homewood, Joey Chavez, Jane Taylor, Larry Pannell. (Bottom row) Sage Homewood, Tom Hardman.

volunteers who help us out with various functions. Sometimes we would never make it without them."

As Publicity Coordinator, Jane Taylor's job often interrelates with Larry's. "Larry and I really share the responsibility of making and posting the flyers for upcoming events," she says. In addition to submitting the promotional material for the *Sentinel* and for Employee checkstubs, Jane also works three nights a week in the Employee Recreation Center and teaches the Aerobics classes every Monday night. "I really love Aerobic instruction," she admits. "I wish I could teach it seven days a week!"

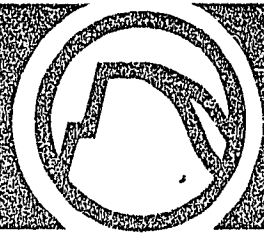
When asked what part of the year is actually her favorite, Jane responds, "Well, I really love to ski. . . but I would have to say the summer season is my favorite. I love all the people and the go go go atmosphere that comes with it!"

Jane is often teased by the other Rec staff members about her great working relationship with lead Recreation Attendant, Joey Chavez. "When Jane and Joey get together, they are like two little kids!" laughs Tom. "Sometimes I even have to separate them." "He is like my brother," adds Jane. "We get along just great — it's really fun to work with him."

Joey's position as Lead Attendant involves being in charge of the Recreation Department when Tom is gone. Perhaps best known in the Park for his cartoon characters that appear on most



"In our department, it's important to be really open and receptive to other ideas," says Tom Hardman, Manager.



Recreation flyers, Joey says, "I've been drawing for as long as I can remember. I've always enjoyed reading cartoons, and now designing my own has become a hobby."

Tom shows great respect for his assistant's ability as he comments, "Joey is the most creative person on the staff. He is constantly coming up with new ideas — we all sort of depend on him."

"Attending to administrative duties and coordinating the staff to supply recreational opportunities for employees" are the chief duties of Manager Tom Hardman. Tom comes to the Department with a degree in recreation from the University of Illinois and four summers experience as Camp Counselor. He remembers those summers as being a terrific experience. "I have always really enjoyed working with kids," he smiles.



As the newest member of the Rec staff, Kim Homewood is "learning more every week," compliments Tom Hardman.



"Our job is to make the employees happy, and that's what we try to do," says Larry Pannell.



"Promotion is a new area for Jane," says Tom of Jane Taylor, "and she does a really good job."

What is Tom like to work for? "We're real lucky to have Tom as a boss," confides Jane. "He is such a hard worker... he takes on an incredible amount of responsibility. Best of all though is the way Tom relates to us. He has a way of talking with us, never down to us, that is really appreciated — I guess you could say he has really got us spoiled!"

"I think the Recreation program is important because it gives the employees opportunities to do things they wouldn't ordinarily be able to do," Tom explains. For instance, even though we live in a National Park, our Rec Center offers video games, Billiards,



"Meeting people and working with the other Recreation Attendants" is what Joey Chavez likes best about his job.

movies on wide screen TV, etc. I think it's great that the Company recognizes the importance of having such an extensive recreational program available for the employees."

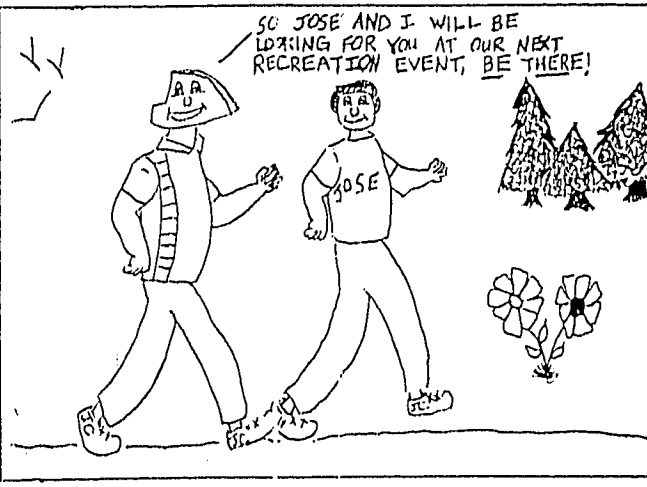
While certainly this is true, much of the credit deserves to go to these five individuals. It's evident that they work well together, enjoy their jobs, and bring the Department a seemingly inexhaustible supply of new ideas. Although as a team they are fairly new, they are quickly establishing themselves as an innovative, enthusiastic crew. Their creative contributions promise a great new year full of activities.

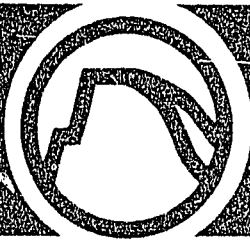
DOWN IN THE VALLEY

by Joey Chavez

MANY LOOK AT HIM EVERYDAY NOT KNOWING THAT HE'S CONSTANTLY LOOKING UPON THE VALLEY, HE'S YOUR FRIEND AND MINE, HANK HALF-DOME!

HANK HAS JUST JOINED THE EMPLOYEE RECREATION STAFF TO BRING YOU ALL THE LEISURE ACTIVITY YOU CAN HANDLE NOW HERE'S HANK!





Exciting Season Ahead for Nordic Skiers



Top Athletes Receive Football Honors

by Ron Mackie

It's the end of the football season for the Mariposa High School and Pop Warner football teams and several El Portal and Yosemite athletes were honored at the award banquets in Mariposa. For the High School Grizzly Varsity team, Jeff Hickman was honored for his All-League selection as a defensive end. For the High School Junior Varsity team, four young men played the entire season. They were John Abell, John Daley, Lance Davis, and Glen Dye. John Daley received the Junior Varsity award as the Most Improved Player.

At the Junior High level, Mariposa County fielded two Pop Warner teams. The Varsity team (weights 115 to 140 lbs.) had two Yosemite ballplayers, both of whom received awards. Jeff Hinson, a running back, received the Mariposa Bears Sportsmanship award. Jimmy Little was selected as the best defensive back. The Bears Junior Varsity team (weights 75 to 115

The 1983/84 Yosemite Nordic ski season promises to be the most exciting yet! Not only do we offer groomed track skiing for the first time ever, but the Yosemite Mountaineering School has totally upgraded their rental equipment.

The addition of groomed ski trails will supplement Yosemite's 90 miles of marked trails. The ski tracks will begin at Badger Pass, follow the Glacier Point Road past Summit Meadows to the Horizon Ridge Trail, returning to Badger Pass with a side loop around Bridalveil Creek Campground. Skiers will be able to enjoy the tracks free of charge.

YMS Director Bruce Grossman recently announced the upgrade of rental equipment to the Solomon Nordic System. "This is a top grade system that offers more support control for the skier," he said.

400 new pairs of Solomon SR45 boots and 350 pairs of skis, mounted with Solomon bindings were purchased this year. Trak Nova adult skis and Trak Spirit for smaller sizes were chosen for their superiority as a mid-weight touring ski, offering an excellent grip-to-glide ratio. Exceptionally versatile, these skis perform beautifully both on and off tracks.

Whether you are a novice or an avid cross-country skiing fan, these new improvements will provide for a great Nordic ski season. See you on the trails!!

lbs.) also had two Yosemite ballplayers. Mike Mackie received the Best Running Back award while Shawn Quick received the team's Sportsmanship award.

Congratulations to the above young men for an excellent job. The coaches will be waiting for these young men for next year's teams. For some of the other young athletes, the High School and Pop Warner football officials would like to have you try out. For the 10 to 14 year olds who are interested in Pop Warner football, we will see you next fall.

1984, Make It Your Best Ever!

by Dennis Yamnitsky

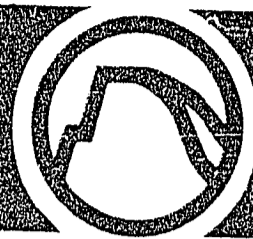
As we enter into the ominous year of 1984, it is time to evaluate our running programs and lifestyles. Now is the time to look ahead and map out our plans and set our goals for the coming year. Whether they are to ski in the Nordic Holiday Race, run a marathon, or just to start jogging, now is the time to get the New Year off to a fresh start. By making those resolutions, you affirm your commitments to keeping your body and mind health, active and fit.

Listed here are 10 ways not only to improve your running, but they will also help you in all sports and in life in general. Keep them in mind, and put them to good use!

10 Ways to Improve Your Running!

- 1) Be Positive
 - 2) Set Realistic Goals
 - 3) Believe in Yourself and Your Training
 - 4) Train for Your Strengths
 - 5) Moderation and Variation in All Aspects of Life
 - 6) Rest and Recovery
 - 7) Planning
 - 8) Consistency
 - 9) Perspective
- and most important
- 10) Enjoy!!

7 PERSPECTIVE



Bank of America Arrives!

On December 1, Bank of America opened the first convenience banking center (CBC) in Yosemite National Park. The branch is located in the building formerly occupied by Wells Fargo Bank through September 30, 1983. It has recently been remodeled to



Left to right: B of A Yosemite Branch Manager Janie Bradley, YP&C Co. Head Cashier Maggie Wehring and YP&C Co. Controller Mike Welch gather in front of the new Bank of America Convenience Center, located in Yosemite Village.

include the new CBC and Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s central cashiering department.

The CBC includes two automated teller machines (ATMs) which will accept customer deposits and disburse cash through use of a Versatel card. In addition, new account services and banking services for local merchants are also offered.

Demonstrations of the ATMs were conducted throughout the week of December 19th and will continue with personalized training as necessary. A payroll direct deposit program will be in effect no later than February 1st. This program, combined with the great convenience that the ATMs provide, will allow extended flexible service to address your banking needs.

The local Bank of America employees include Janie Bradley (Manager), Diane Wilkins, Maureen Daily, and Sandy McRae. Janie states that "Our staff and the Bank of America are thrilled to be in Yosemite! We are anxious to meet the community and become involved in various Park activities. Please come by between 2-4 p.m. with your banking questions or call us at 372-1346."

VINTAGE MOMENTS

by FJ Johnson

I'd like to relate an interesting experience I had on my most recent wine buying excursion. There I was, strolling through the narrow aisles of the wine shop, pondering new Chardonnay releases when — low and behold — I found I had entered the domestic jug wine section. This is no place for a connoisseur, I thought to myself. I turned to exit the bleak area, when a robust shopper entered the aisle behind me. Realizing I had to push onward, I gathered my courage and hurried on ahead. I averted my eyes as I advanced through the section, but still a few labels stuck in my mind. In a fashion akin to a European tour brochure, famous place names reeled off. Burgundy, Chablis and Rhine were represented, as well as Chianti and Sauternes. When I finally emerged from the section, an idea for this column had formed — what, I wondered, were the differences and/or similarities between these wines and their European counterparts?

With the exclusion of sparkling wines, the name most used by standard wines is Burgundy. While several wines are made in this area, we will concentrate on the robust red wine produced along the Cote d'Or, or Golden Slope.

Winemaking in the area has existed continually for over 2000 years, preceding even the Danish immigrants from the island then known as Burgundarholm who gave the region its name. Over the centuries, trial-and-error and ducal decree have determined the grape that produces the best wine for the area. Pinot Noir is the grape of choice, and here it produces wines of finesse and intensity that are highly sought after. While they do not age as long as Bordeaux wines, good Burgundies improve for 10 to 15 years after vintage, some even longer. Expect to pay \$25 and up for Burgundy.

American burgundies are vastly different in almost every respect from the French wines. Winemaking in California is only several centuries old, and was severely damaged by Prohibition. Our traditions would seem like fads to the French.

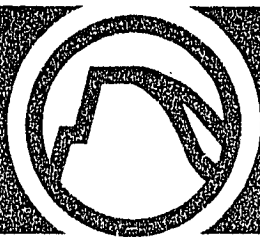
California burgundies are made from many different grapes, and you can never be sure exactly what blend is being used. Some standard burgundies are quite good (Stag's Leap) but most are bland vins ordinaires. These wines are usually ready to drink and don't age well, but what can you expect for a \$3 bottle?

I would like to see California wineries abandon this deceptive labeling, and use terms as table wine and such. Let's not tarnish the splendor of one of the world's best wines.

Next month we will discuss Chablis and Chianti.



The 2nd annual Vintner's Holidays held at The Ahwahnee Hotel was a tremendous success. Pictured above, Robert Lawrence Balzer presides over the first session. Among the wineries participating in the 4-week program of wine tasting, seminars and gourmet dinners were: Beringer, Chateau St. Jean, Domaine Chandon, Fetzer, Schramsberg and Rutherford Vintners.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

January 3: *The Man From Snowy River* (PG)
 January 17: Monty Python's, *The Meaning of Life* (R)
 Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. E. Auditorium.
 Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 children.

Special January Events

Big Screen TV in the Recreation Center
 January 1, 7 & 8: NFL Playoffs
 January 2: College Bowls
 January 6: Free Movie, *Ragtime*, 8:00 p.m.
 January 13: Free Movie, *Victor/Victoria*, 8:00 p.m.
 January 20: Free Movie, *West Side Story*, 8:00 p.m.
 January 22: Super Bowl Sunday
 Dance Nights in the Recreation Center. January 9, 16, 23 & 30 (Monday Nights) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 Special Food Nights in the Recreation Center. Ice Cream, Quiche, Spaghetti or Tacos:
 January 5, 12, 19 & 26 (Thursday Nights)
 Special Dance/Concert Presentation:
 January 27, Elvin Bishop Live, 8:00-12:00 p.m.
 East Auditorium. Admission \$9.00

Ongoing Activities

Weight Room: Open Mon.-Sat., 10:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00, 5:00-8:00, Sunday, 2:00-7:00 (closed January 1).
Recreation Center (VSS): Pool, Ping Pong, Darts, Video Games, Big Screen TV, Music and More!! Open 4:00-11:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays). Watch for special events.
Aerobics. Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Kung Fu. Sun., Thur. (West Auditorium) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Open Volleyball. Tues. (except Jan. 3 & 17) and Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00-11:00 p.m.
Open Half-Court Basketball: Check Bulletin Boards for new days and times.
 Check Bulletin Boards in your housing and work areas for the latest employee recreation information.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Single axle 2-horse trailer. Side hinge tailgate. Registration good through September '84. Excellent wood hauler — tall sides. Ted Halliday 372-4461, ext. 534 or 379-2644. \$300.
For Sale: 1938 Westwood Travel Trailer. See at Space 10, Indian Flats RV Park. \$2,000.
For Sale or Trade: 1983 Toyota Tercel SR-5, 4WD Wagon. \$2500 cash or trade for small car or pickup and take over payments. Must be member of Yos. Credit Union for minimum 6 months. Call 372-9909, ask for room E-109.
For Sale 1970 Chevy Pickup Truck. 1/2-ton, automatic transmission. Great Condition. \$1500. Call 379-2610.

Announcements

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.

YNHA is handling the reservations for the **Ostrander Ski Hut** — there are still some openings during the weekdays — call, or come in to YNHA. 372-4275. We're located behind the Valley District Building near the Visitor Center.

There are still some spaces in several of the **YNHA Winter/Spring seminars** - Ecology Ski Tour into the Mariposa Grove; Ostrander Ski Hut treks; and an excellent Winter Ecology course. Call 372-4532 or stop by YNHA for a brochure.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meet twice a week; Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at the Employee Training office. Everyone welcome.

The **NPS Dispatch office** would appreciate local residents calling the road & weather tape at 372-4605 for information instead of calling the NPS switchboard. The info. on the tape is current and updated as changes occur. Calling NPS is a duplication of effort as the road and weather tape is for local residents as well as visitors.

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB ACTIVITIES

- 1/21 & 22 X-Country Overnight Ski Trip — Crane Flat
- 1/28 & 29 Lions Club Far West Ski Association Downhill Slalom
- To Be Announced Annual Winter Club Day at Badger Pass
- To Be Announced Moonlight X-Country Ski & Fondue Party at Crane Flat
- 2/11, 12 & 13 or 2/18, 19 & 20 Winter Club Ostrander X-Country Ski Trip
- 3/3 & 4 J-3 Alpine Junior Olympics Qualifying Slalom
- 3/10 & 11 Glacier Point X-Country Ski Trip
- 3/17 Winter Club Ancient Jocks Slalom & Dinner
- 3/25 Fresno Bee Silver Ski Race
- 4/5, 6, 7 & 8 1st Winter Club Annual Trans-Sierra Ski Trip
- 4/14, 15, 16 & 17 2nd Winter Club Annual Trans-Sierra Ski Trip
- To Be Announced Winter Club Tenaya Lake Beach Party

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Y P & C Co.'s Six Service Responsibilities

by Ed Hardy

Individuals who are privileged to work in any destination resort share some of the benefits of working in Yosemite, particularly the beautiful scenery and many recreation opportunities. What makes working here unique and challenging is that Yosemite is a National Park, the most protected category of Federal Land in the U.S.

A business in a National Park has more regulations, Government Agencies, policies, and sensitivities governing it than on private or other Government land. Resorts may have a constituency that cares about the area. What makes us unique is that our constituency, as U.S. citizens and taxpayers, see Yosemite. The specific legislative mandate of the NPS is "to provide for the use and enjoyment of the Parks while protecting the Park resource for future generations."

With this understanding Yosemite Park and Curry Company places great importance upon these six responsibilities in all of our actions.

1. Our first responsibility is to **guests**. The guest is our reason for being here. Courtesy to our guest/owners is critical. The best way of showing this courtesy is to provide efficient, cheerful service while being well groomed and clean. Guest questions must be answered accurately and pleasantly whether it's a first time question or you have answered it hundreds of times.

2. The second responsibility is to **employees**. It is the employees who make it possible to serve the guests. We try to meet this responsibility in a variety of ways; by providing training programs that encourage employees to improve; employee recreation reaches the mind and body; housing, meal programs, and uniforming are continually trying to be improved.

3. Responsibility to the **community** and the National Park Service. As the largest employer and taxpayer in the area, we donate

to Community programs and organizations along with paying County, State and Federal taxes. Our responsibility to the Park Service is mandated by law and by our contract and we take it very seriously. The NPS regulates every aspect of our business from deciding which services and facilities are appropriate to setting rates and hours of operation.

4. The fourth responsibility is to maintain **quality standards**. Quality of service, facilities and environmental quality are inspected regularly by YP&C Co. management, NPS staff, other government agencies, guests, and independent evaluators hired by the Company. We recognize the importance of environmental quality in Yosemite which is protected by laws such as the Environmental Policy Act and '76 Clean Air Act.

5. The fifth responsibility is **maintenance**. Facilities must be maintained as safe and clean as possible enabling facilities and equipment to operate efficiently with a realistic life. Remoteness and inclement weather add to the challenge.

6. The sixth responsibility is **marketing**. Through our responsibilities to our guests, employees, the community and the environment, we receive the business to remain viable. The message our satisfied guests pass on to potential guests is our most effective marketing tool. Every employee participates in the guest's experience and thusly, marketing.

Finally, the end result of these responsibilities is fair profit. Our rates are set by the NPS, our efficiency is set by our staff at all levels and we are weather merchants. It is only after these responsibilities have been met that a fair profit is possible.

By incorporating these six Company Responsibilities in our day-to-day actions we will succeed in making 1984 a successful new year for all.

A Grand Opening for Yosemite Child Care Center

Dear Ed Hardy,

The Board of Directors wishes to express its sincere thanks for the support that the Yosemite Park and Curry Company has extended to the Yosemite Child Care Center. The donation of \$6000 received from Y.P.&C.C. will enable us to complete preparations for opening the Center hopefully within the next month. We believe that the concerns expressed in your letter reflect the needs of the Yosemite community, and we plan to address those needs in our operating guidelines.

A total of 27 applications for child care were received; 14 from Y.P. & C.C. families, 12 from N.P.S. families, and one from a Y.N.H.A. employee. Since some of these applications were for part-time care, it appears that we will be able to satisfy everyone's needs. Connie Rothell was selected to be Manager of the Center and will start work on January 3. She will complete the final staffing requirements and preparations within the next few weeks while the interior of the Center is being remodeled to bring it more in line with State codes.

At our monthly Board of Directors meeting in January we plan to select two new Directors from Y.P.&C.C. families. Also, our application for tax exempt status was accepted by the State of California, and the federal application is still pending. We will keep you informed of developments in the near future.

Once again, thank you for your generous support, without which this much needed community project might not have succeeded.

Sincerely Yours,
Steve Botti
Child Care Center



Connie Archer, Chairman of the Donations Committee, presents Steve Botti with a \$6,000 donation on behalf of Y P & C Co.



Rave Reviews for the Grape Outdoors

It was truly a vintage year at The Ahwahnee Hotel. The 1983 Grape Outdoors Program was successful beyond anyone's expectations.

Such notable wine experts as Robert Lawrence Balzer, Mike Golick and Gerald Boyd introduced wines from many of California's finest wineries to compliment the gourmet food being prepared in The Ahwahnee kitchen by Chef Jon Heaton.

Executive Chef, Marinus de Bruin, not only created the menus but, also acted as master of ceremonies at the six Vintner's Din-

ners. His European accent and flair added continental charm to the evening.

The Vintner's Dinners highlighted six sessions that included "Meet the Winemakers," parties, educational seminars conducted by leading enologists, and tastings enjoyed by the participants.

Longtime Ahwahnee friends, Bernard and Evelyn Skoda of Rutherford Vintners comment, "General Manager, John O'Neill, personally helped with the crush of our grapes, the finished product of which we were proud to release at this year's Grape Outdoors Program." Jim Fetzer of Fetzer Winery said "The Grape Outdoors is an excellent program for two reasons — first, it enables the winemaker to show how his art compliments fine food and, also, I really enjoy fishing and skiing in Yosemite."

The Grape Outdoors Program is based upon the premise that wine and food are inseparable. The Ahwahnee is proud to present such a prestigious event. The response of the Grape Outdoors participants proclaimed a unanimous success, but Bob Trinchero of Sutter Home probably put it most sincerely "I make my wine from grapes. I do the best I can and hope you enjoy it with foods."

DMV TIPS

Uninsured motorists — read and and take notice: If you have a motor vehicle accident, you risk a one-year suspension of your driver's license. That's what a new California law does, starting January 1, 1984.

If the driver is uninsured when the accident happens, the Department of Motor Vehicles must take away his or her driving privilege for one year.

It doesn't matter that the accident may have been the other driver's fault. Even if a driver was rear-ended at a stop sign, he/she has to file an accident report and evidence that insurance covered the driver and vehicle.

The accident must be reportable — that is, it must involve property damage over \$500 and/or bodily injury or death. The report to DMV is required in addition to any other law enforcement reports.

Once the suspension is imposed, it will remain in effect for one year from the accident date. The driver's license must be surrendered to DMV. Before the license can be reinstated, proof of insurance must be presented. The suspension will be reimposed if the person doesn't maintain the insurance for three years.

DMV estimates that up to 20 percent of California motorists drive uninsured. The law was passed to get them to buy insurance in fairness to the insured part of the population.

In Memorium

The family of Buck and Kay Evans would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful friends who took special time, effort, and money out of their lives to pay tribute to Buck and Kay at their respective memorials. All of the cards, thoughts, and contributions were greatly appreciated.

We especially want to thank these close families for their support: The Sturm's; The Ditton's; The Stewart's; The Proctor's; The Rust's; and Pat Hanson.

Although it's been almost three years since Buck's passing and one since Kays, we're still settling their estate matters, so it remains very fresh in our minds.

Thank you all for supporting and staying with the family through all of this.

We'd like to bid adieu with some good news. Jim and Jane are expecting their first child at the beginning of May.

Submitted by: James M. Evans; Paul B. Evans; Jeanne Evans Locwick.



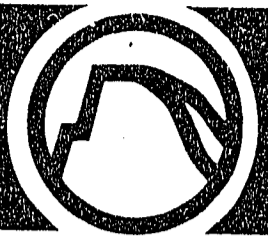
Park Dentist Chuck Woessner and Park Ranger Dick Ewart pose with their Sherpa guides during a hiking expedition to Mt. Everest in October, 1983. Dr. Woessner and Mr. Ewart were members of the support team for the American Men and Women on Everest Expedition.

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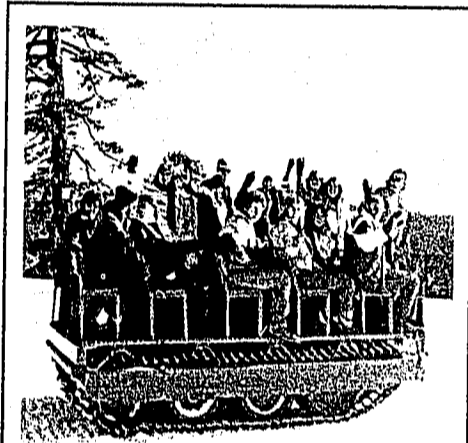
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Receiving the prestigious "I can keep up with Bruce Brossman" Nordic skiing award is Lynn Ferrin (*Motorland Magazine*), flanked by (L to R): Nic Fiore, Ed Hardy and Alan Richmond.



Doug Moore (KNTV-TV) clowns for the camera with two sons, Matthew and Grey.



An afternoon snowcat tour was one of the weekend's highlights, including a rare view of Mt. Diablo, 140 miles away.



Testing the cross country machine set tracks on the Glacier Point Road are: (L to R) Dan Jensen (YP&CCo.), Bernie Fisher (MCA), Rick Royce, Bea Fisher, Lloyd Price (YP&CCo.), and Kerry Kilgore (YMS).

Ski Media Weekend Sunshine and Good Times for All!

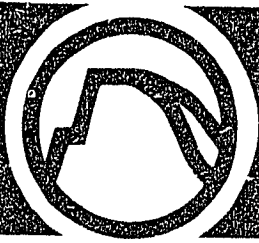
The 1984 Ski Media Weekend, held the weekend of January 6-8, was a tremendous success, bringing warm thanks and appreciation from all who participated.

Media representatives from newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations were invited to experience a fun-filled weekend of festivities and orientation to Yosemite. The guest list included such noted personalities as: Dick Moody, KSEE-TV; Harry Stockman, KXTV-TV; Kevin Keating, San Francisco Chronicle; Jerry Mathews, KABC-TV; Kristine Hanson, KCRA-TV, Doug Moore, KNTV-TV; and Larry Rice, KJEO-TV.

The weekend festivities included a cocktail reception and dinner at The Ahwahnee Friday night, breakfast at the Lodge Satur-

day and Sunday mornings and two days of nordic and alpine skiing at Badger Pass. One of the highlights of the weekend was the couples downhill race Saturday afternoon, during which 17 couple combinations vied for first place on the slalom course, complete with obstacle poles and a beer stop! First, second and third place trophies were presented by Ed Hardy later that evening as well as an "honorable mention" (last place) award and several other humorous categories.

Sincere thanks are extended to the staff members of Badger Pass, the Ahwahnee Dining Room, Yosemite Mountaineering School, Yosemite Lodge and YTS for their assistance in making this year's Ski Media Weekend one that will be difficult to surpass!



TRADITION AND TECHNIQUE The Key to the Badger Pass Ski School

Nic Fiore, nicknamed the "Skiing Maestro of Badger Pass" by one of his ski instructors, is one of the most widely known and respected ski school directors in the United States. Arriving in Yosemite in December of 1947, as one of Badger Pass's new ski instructors, Nic has made Yosemite his home ever since, serving as the Ski School Director since 1955.

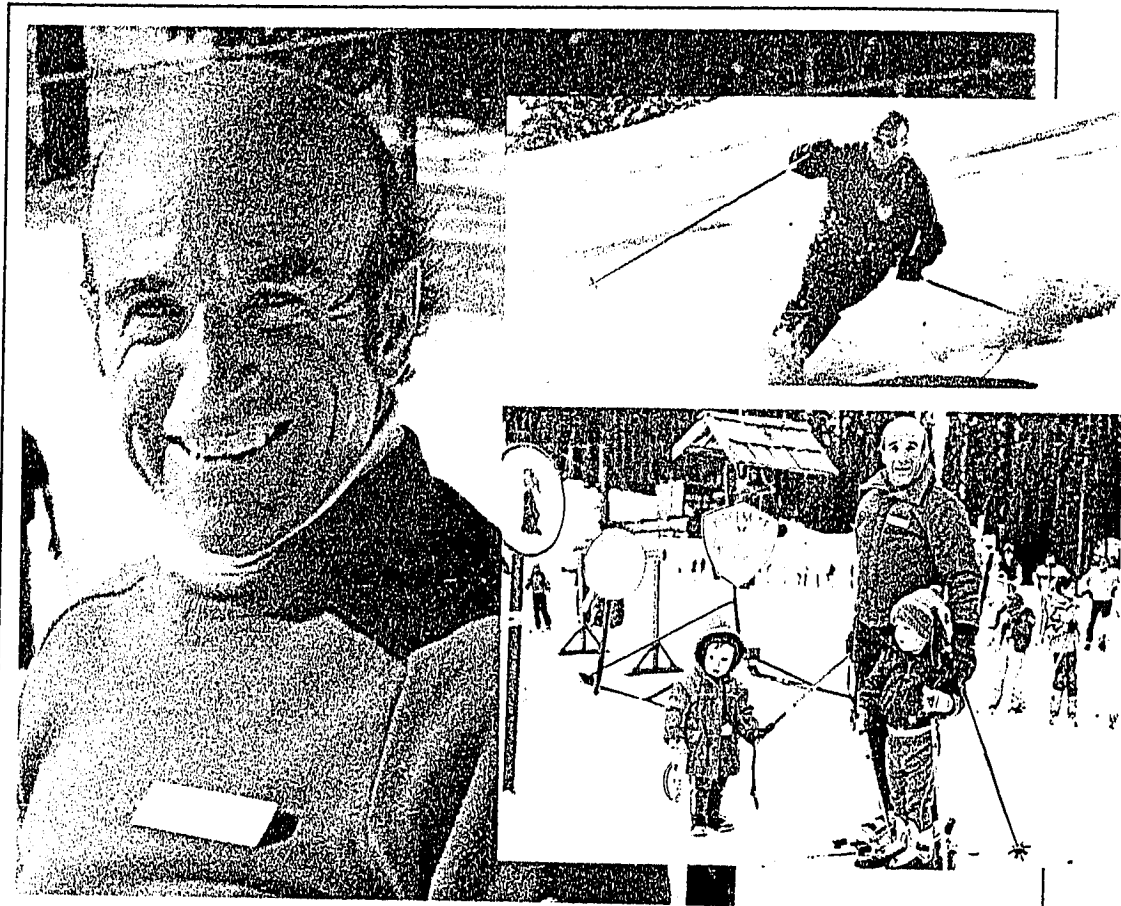
"Nic is the single reason Badger Pass is what it is today — a popular family ski area. He takes care of the people... which in turn keeps them coming back," says Dave Marino, Ski School Instructor.

Nic's Yosemite career has included working in almost every major division of Yosemite Park & Curry Co. In 1951, he was Maitre D'Hotel of The Ahwahnee. In 1952, he managed the Mariposa Big Trees Lodge, moving to the Glacier Point Hotel from 1953 to 1957. He spent 3 seasons managing The Hotel Wawona and also spent time as the co-manager at the new Yosemite Lodge. For the past 21 summers, he has served as the manager of the High Sierra Camps, a job that he thoroughly enjoys. Each winter, Nic returns to Badger Pass for another season of ringing the bell to call students to class, organizing the lessons, supervising the staff of more than 30 instructors, and frequently teaching classes himself.

Nic takes great pride in his school of instructors. He hand selects them each year, selecting those individuals best able to help Yosemite visitors with skiing skills. "A ski school is like any other business," Nic explains. "You must sell a good product to insure that the skier will gain confidence, and will come back."

Does Nic select instructors on the basis of individual strengths or abilities? "Not really," he says. "On the whole there are some differences, but basically they all have a commitment, to the school and to the guests, and regardless of what their experience is, they all must be able to fulfill the demands put on them."

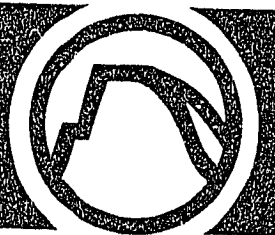
Contrary to popular belief, the life a ski instructor is much more than sunbathing, free ski runs and meeting new people all day long. Especially when you work for Nic Fiore. "Nic is very serious about his ski school," says Bob Evans, a part-time instructor. "We get a lot of people who try to be instructors at Badger... but it



Serving as the Director of Yosemite's Ski School for over 36 years, Nic Fiore has taught several generations of the same families to ski on Badger's slopes.

soon becomes obvious that their reasons for teaching aren't the appropriate ones, and Nic sights that right away. Teaching is much more than being part of a fun group and having something to talk about in the bar. You must be concerned with safety, be willing to learn the progressions and be able to take people out, whom you've never met before, and show them a good time. Nic really watches the teachers a lot — he looks for those qualities in our staff."

Five members of this year's ski school staff hail from Australia, where they teach skiing during the summer months. Mark Woodford sees many differences between Badger Pass and the ski resorts back home. "The atmosphere is a lot more casual here," he says. "Badger is really much more fun!" Fred Gunl, who spend last year teaching at Goldmine ski area agrees. "Goldmine doesn't have the midweek ski package program, like Badger does. You never see the same people twice — which isn't as much fun." "At home there is a lot of pressure put on skill and performance. Here the accent is on learning to ski — and having a good time," comments Henke Tuppe. "I really like it when you get someone on skis for the first time — and they come back 2 weeks later. You spot them from the lift and can call them by name. It's really a friendly, casual atmosphere here."



What is the best part of teaching? "Teaching the beginners," says Bob Evans. "When you can take a person who has never been on skis before, give them a lesson and by the end of the class, you can see a lot of improvement in them — it's instant gratification." "I like teaching children the best," says Janet Wendt. "It's the reward of seeing them ski for the first time." Jhone Delatorre, laughs agreeing, "Little kids aren't afraid at all. . . they just go for it!" Fred Gungl has no favorite lesson level, saying, "You can see more progress in an A or B class, but teaching a high rank class can be interesting as well."

What are the hardest conditions to teach a class under? Gary Stevenson reflects for a moment and then explains, "The toughest situation is a class of both children and adults of mixed abilities. Because they both learn by different forms. A kid will learn by imitation but an adult wants to learn the theory behind why they are being taught to do certain things." "If you're into teaching, the Badger Pass ski school is the best for you," says Bob Evans. "Badger is such a small area, it's a great place to get to know your students, like at the Thursday night ski buffets. It's really fun to be able to mingle with all the folks you've had in class during the week."

Nic is one of the first to admit his instructors have a great time while working although he is quick to point out, "The bottom line for ski instructors is their educational program. It is very important that they take, and pass, very stringent exams. In turn, we have a very qualified group who can serve the skiing public better,

more safely and more efficiently."

Mark O'Connor, Nic's technical advisor is partly responsible for the educational program Nic speaks about. In addition to serving with Chuck Carter as a NASTAR pacesetter, he conducts the clinics for ski instructors 3 to 4 days a week. A good instructor, in Mark's opinion, is one who has the high level of teaching skills, is flexible enough to adapt to all kinds of teaching situations and most importantly, has a good rapport with the students.

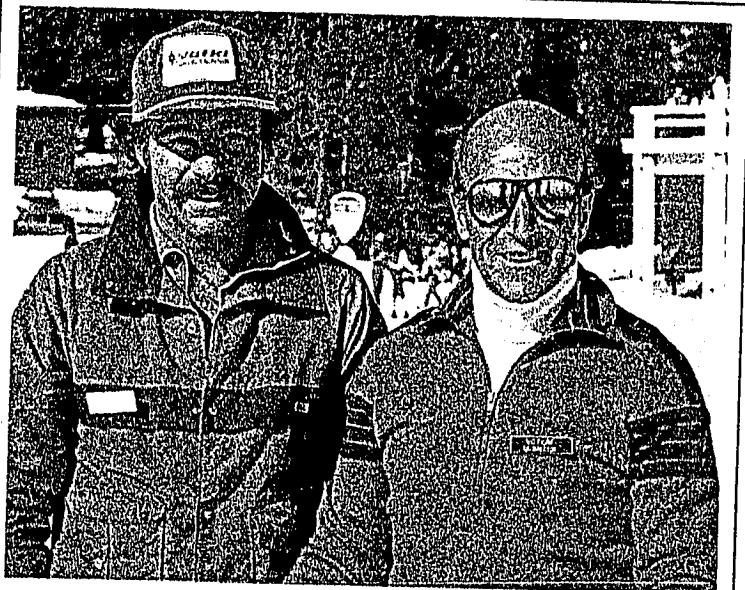
It is easy to see that not only do the Badger Pass ski school instructors possess all these qualities but they have a terrific role model to learn from. "Nic's the best," is a common agreement. Mark elaborates, "Everyone in the ski school has a great deal of respect for him. He has made the ski school what it is. . . he knows his job really well and because of it, we can attract a really good crew, and keep them."



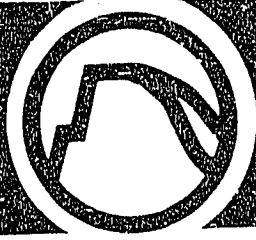
Members of the 1984 Badger Pass Ski School. From left to right; Mark O'Conner, Patrick Fredette, Janet Wendt, Bonnie Rancatore, Louis Parker, Henke Tuppe, Jhone Delatorre, Colin Baldock, Frank Domingues, Andy Garza, Nic Fiore, Gary Stevenson, Mark Woodsford, Rob Kroeckel, Clark Krause, Ridgley Reece, Dave Marino, Fred Gungl and Pam Penrose.



Nic and his Australian "buddies"! From left to right; Henke Tuppe, Colin Baldock, Nic Fiore, Mark Woodsford, Gary Stevenson and Fred Gungl.



Chuck Carter, shown here with Nic, has been the Assistant Director of the Ski School for the past 15 seasons. Says Nic of Chuck, "Chuck is a #1 person. . . he is a tremendous asset to the Ski School!"



Yosemite Ski Racing Team Announces New Members

By Ron Mackie

The Yosemite Ski Racing Team, in its 35th year, is ready for another exciting racing season. The team is under the direction of coaches Rusty and Randy Rust. The ski team will be competing in races at Badger Pass and several other ski areas including Dodge Ridge, Bear Valley, Squaw Valley and Mammoth Mountain.

Returning girls to this year's team include Patti Garza, Linda Horton, Amy Ronay, Jessica Rust, Jennie Little, Larisa Durr and Dana Mackie. Returning boys include Frank Conway, David Horton, John Walker, Bart Kreiger, Tim Little, Carter Williams, Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie, and Tom Ronay.

New ski team members this year are: girls — Kami Cutter, Ursula Durr and Lisa Reece; boys — Jeff Hickman, Doug Rigelhuth, Robbie Wurgler, Jay Edeal, Paul Smith, and Shawn Quick. Jeff Hickman and Doug Binnewies are both competitive nordic ski team members. Nordic team coaches Steve Hickman and Bruce Brossman will be looking for additional young X-C skiers interested in trying out for the park's nordic team.

The ski teams are sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club and Badger Pass. The key to the junior racing program is the Yosemite and El Portal Elementary Schools Wednesday Ski Day Program. This program is also in its 35th year and involves all of the community children interested in alpine and nordic skiing. The



The 1984 Yosemite Junior Racing Team. Back row (left to right): Mike Mackie, David Horton, Jim Little, Jeff Hinson, Tom Ronay, Jay Edeal, Lisa Reece, Ursula Durr, Paul Smith, Shawn Quick, Amy Ronay. Top row (left to right): Randy Rust (assistant coach), Carter Williams, Jeff Hickman, Robbie Wurgler, Larisa Durr, Frank Conway, Doug Riegelhuth, John Walker, Jenny Little, Linda Horton, Dana Mackie, Patti Garza, Kami Cutter, Jessica Rust, Rusty Rust (Head Coach).

Wednesday Ski Day runs January through March and is managed by volunteers with excellent support from the Badger Pass staff. This year's ski program directors are Gail Miller, Judy Ernest, Lou Carter, and Margene Van Wagtenonk. Most of our current junior racers are graduates of the Wednesday ski school program.

Congratulations Junior Racers and to the Wednesday Ski School Students.

Happy skiing at Badger Pass!!

The Yosemite Running Scene

By Dennis J. Yamnitsky

You're invited to participate in the 1st Yosemite Running Club Fun Run. The time has come for everyone who runs, or who wants to run, to join forces and share the fantastic experience of running in Yosemite.

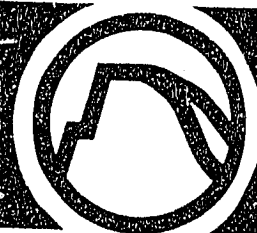
The idea behind the club is to create an atmosphere and organization that will benefit the entire Yosemite running community. Weekly fun runs, going to races together, finding new training partners and pancake breakfasts are just a few of the ideas we are tossing around. We highly encourage your input and or energies, and hope you can join us for our Inaugural Run, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the home of Barry Cole (in front of the Yosemite Elementary School, 372-4758). Refreshments will be provided after the run.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 5 The Oakland Marathon and Half Marathon
- Feb. 12 The Gold Trail Half Marathon in Hornitos
- March 3 The Yosemite Nordic Holiday Ski Race



Left to right: Jerry Smith, Ron Mackie and Rusty Rust take time out from a busy ski team practice to enjoy the sunshine at Badger.



VINTAGE MOMENTS

by FJ Johnson

Last week I compared French Burgundy to its American counterparts, and made an attempt to convey the realization that there can truly be no comparison. From the time and care practiced in the vineyards and cellars, to the choice of grape varieties and price, true Burgundy is vastly superior to domestic imposters.

Burgundy is not the only famous wine region to have its name used by other wineries to identify inferior products. Two other prime examples are France's Chablis district, and the Italian wine of Chianti.

American "chablis" is usually the lowest quality white wine the producer has to offer. These wines have been made with nearly every grape under California sun, including grapes normally intended only for table use, mainly Thompson seedless. At their best, American "chablis" wines can be clean, characterless wines, while the worst examples are dull, insipid, usually over-sweetened atrocities to their name.

Chablis comes from a very small region of Northern France, about 2,500 acres total of vineyard area. Chardonnay grapes are used exclusively, and are partly responsible for Chablis' unique character. The special limestone soil (Kimmeridgian for geologists) helps impart a dry, tart character to the wine which is traditionally described as flinty, or steely.

Food for Thought

by Marinus de Bruin

Here's my list of five key words for the food service employees, and a better way of using them!

1. **Food:** Food is what we need to nourish our body for health, growth, and energy. It's a daily requirement. Therefore, **Food Service** to our fellow man should be one of our most noble professions. We must treat it as such.

2. **Work:** Work is an activity in which you exert your talent and strength to do or perform something. Work that is done as service to another is the finest type of work we can do. This is an element of food service.

3. **Give:** Give yourself to your food service customers. Be genuinely interested in them. Never give them less than 100% of your talent and effort. Treat them as you would have them treat you.

4. **Love:** Love is a warm attachment to your fellow man and to the work you do for them. It is enthusiasm. Show brotherly concern for employees and food service customers. It's like going the second mile just to please and care.

5. **Care:** Put care to work for you. Be concerned about your own self improvement. Develop your sense of responsibility to your work. Make it a career and a noble profession.

Try this formula and remember — **Food service is work** where we can give **love** and **care** to fellow human beings. All of us will feel **great!**

Light yellow with green tints around the edges when young, a mature Chablis (approx. 5-10 years from vintage) exhibits a more burnished color. Chablis accompanies seafood, sometimes poultry, and is the classic with shellfish, especially raw oysters. In order of descending quality, Chablis wine labels will state Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis, and Petit Chablis.

Chianti is usually associated with the wicker wrapped bottles (fiascos) common in Italian restaurants. American "chianti" wines are usually the heaviest, coarsest reds produced. Again, they represent the lowest quality wines in a maker's product line.

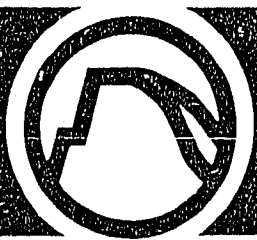
Italian Chianti comes from the province of Tuscany, in the Northwest of the country. The grape varieties in true Chianti wines are Sangiouse, Cannaiolo, Trebbiano Toscano and Maluasia di Chianti, in order of percentage used.

The best Chiantis come from the Classico district, and are bottled in straight-sided containers much like Bordeaux wines. Classico chiantis always bear a roundish neck label with a black rooster on it. Two year old Chiantis are vecchio (old) and three year old wines can be called riserva. Ten years of aging is called for in good Chiantis, and they are properly served with fine foods. In fact, one of the best reds in the world is a wine from the Chianti producing area, and is called Brunello di Montalcino.

Thanks for reading Vintage Moments, and good luck in locating these fabulous wines.



"Eternal Flight" is one of the latest pen and ink creations by talented artist Doyle Moyer. Doyle, an employee of The Ahwahnee dining room, explains that his "fascination with the golden eagle finally compelled me to do a pen and ink." Other drawings from Doyle's portfolio will be featured in upcoming issues of the Sentinel.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

February 7: *Tweety and Sylvester Cartoon and Flashdance*

February 21: *Disney Cartoon Festival and Show White & The Seven Dwarfs*

Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. E. Auditorium. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special February Events

Every Monday: Dance to Records (Recreation Center) 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Every Thursday: Special Food Nights (Recreation Center) 7:00 p.m.

Check Bulletin Boards in your housing and work areas for the latest employee recreation information.

Ongoing Activities

Weight Room: Open Mon.-Sat., 10:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00, 5:00-8:00, Sunday, 2:00-7:00.

Recreation Center (VSS): Pool, Ping Pong, Darts, Video Games, Big Screen TV, Music and More!! Open 4:00-11:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays). Watch for special events.

Aerobics. Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu. Sun., Tues., Thur. (East Auditorium) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Open Volleyball. Tues. (except Feb. 7 & 21), and Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Classified Ads

For Sale: House in El Portal. Located on Foresta and Rocky Road. Call Mrs. Beckwith at 379-2626.

For Sale: 1970 Chevy Pickup Truck. 1/2 ton, automatic transmission. Great condition. \$1,500.00 Call 379-2610.

For Sale: 1976 Honda Station Wagon. Stick shift, good condition. Call Duran at 372-1330 (day) or 397-2717 (evening).

For Sale: K-2 "710" skis; 160 cm with Nevada-Gran Prix bindings. \$135.00. Nordica "Scricco" ladies ski boots; European size 5-5 1/2; fits U.S. 6-6 1/2. 1 model below "comp" model. \$125.00. Call Shari at 372-1364.

CHILD CARE CENTER

The Yosemite Child Care Center is hoping to open its doors on February 1st. We are now accepting donations of the following items:

Toys	Magazines	Bedding
Swingsets	Children's Books	Paper Goods
Appliances	Furniture	Posters
Towels		

You may drop these items off at the Post Office window or all Connie Rothell evenings at 375-6573 to arrange for pickup. All donations are tax-deductible. Your generosity can help the Center get off to a good start... Thanks!!!

Announcements

Attention all runners!! The first **Yosemite Running Club Fun Run** will be held February 11. All runners are requested to meet at the home of Barry Cole (in front of the Yosemite Elementary School) at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided after the run.

The Yosemite Branch Library is open Tuesday - Thursday from Noon - 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Artists Guild February Schedule: February 7: Drawing from a model. February 21: Sketch night. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Girls Club and are open to anyone interested in non-instructed drawing. Discussions are held during and after sessions.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Barajas (employee of the Village Store) who has been awarded \$50.00 from Bank of America for recovering a credit card listed in the warning bulletin.

The Yosemite/El Portal Arts Council meets Monday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Activity Center. We will talk about the proposed National Art Exhibit for Yosemite. Anyone with interest in any of the arts is invited.

Get into the celebration of Leap Year!! Drag your favorite man to the **Sadie Hawkins Valentine Dance**, Friday, February 10, at the East Auditorium. Dance to music by Carla and The Country Misfits from 8:00 p.m. - 12 midnight. Cost is \$2.00 at the door. No host bar. Costume prizes for best dogpatch attire. Sponsored by the Yosemite's Women's Group.

The Yosemite Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at Noon in the Four Seasons Restaurant.

The next meeting of the **Yosemite Elementary Parent Group** is scheduled for February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

The entire Yosemite Community would like to extend its sincere best wishes to **Judy and John Degan**, who are retiring this month. After 30 years of Jim's faithful service to the NPS plumbing shop and Judy's 14 years as Elementary School Secretary, the couple will be moving to Ponderosa Basin in Mariposa to enjoy the "good life"! We'll miss you John and Judy!!

Tax services available by local C.P.A. Contact Patti Reilly at 372-4561.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meet twice a week; Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training office. Everyone welcome.

New grocery item at the Village Store!! Producers Signature Gourmet ice cream. Available now!

The Yosemite Area Audubon meeting will be held on February 13, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. in the Oakhurst Library (behind Midway Market), Highway 41, Oakhurst. Speaker Harriet Lee, will present a slide program on "Hummingbirds of California and the Southwest." The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. For membership information call Barbara Winn 966-5878.

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Full Speed Ahead For Yosemite Bikeway Project

Following the recent installation of a wooden laminated bridge donated by the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. which crosses Yosemite Creek, the second phase of Yosemite's major bikeway construction project has been completed.

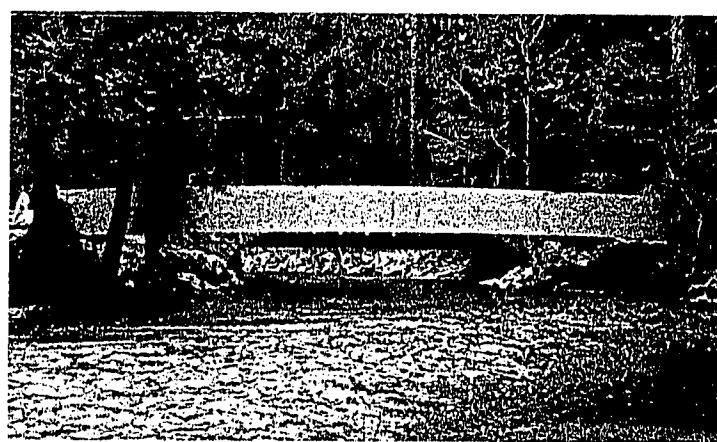
Culminating two years of hard work by the NPS maintenance crew, the bridge installation completes the efforts to link the bicycle rental stand at the Yosemite Lodge together with Curry Village. "It's a great improvement to visitor safety," said Don Fox, NPS Park Landscape Architect. "There is now a total of 8 miles of bikeway in the valley, which provide a safe access for park visitors renting bicycles to travel in the east end of the valley."

Ultimately, a total of 16 miles will be available for bicycles to travel in the valley separated from all automobile traffic.

The next segment of the project includes the construction of a 2-mile bike path which will allow visitors to make a loop through the Lodge, across the swinging bridge and proceed along a trail leading to the chapel. From the chapel, bikers will cross the south side drive and return the Superintendent's Bridge, completing the bikeway loop back to the Lodge. Construction plans for this summer also include a segment which will connect Curry Village with the shuttlebus lane which begins behind the Boystown housing area. "Our goal is to take abandoned roadways and trails and create greater access for bicycling. This will enable visitors to start exploring other areas of the park away from the road quarters used by vehicles," explained Fox.

Most of the funding required for the \$80,000, a mile bikeway project, has come from a special congressional appropriation called PRIP (Park Restoration and Improvement Program). The Yosemite Creek Bridge was made possible by a \$24,000 donation by the Yosemite Park & Curry Co.

Future plans include the installation of interpretive and directional signs along the bikeways, a center stripe down the bikeway



The Yosemite Creek Bridge, donated by YP&C Co., has completed yet another phase of a project designed to create safer travel from Curry Village to Yosemite Lodge for all bicyclists. (Photo by James Corwin Johnson)

to keep bicyclists going in the proper direction and an extension of the bikeway to the west end of the valley.

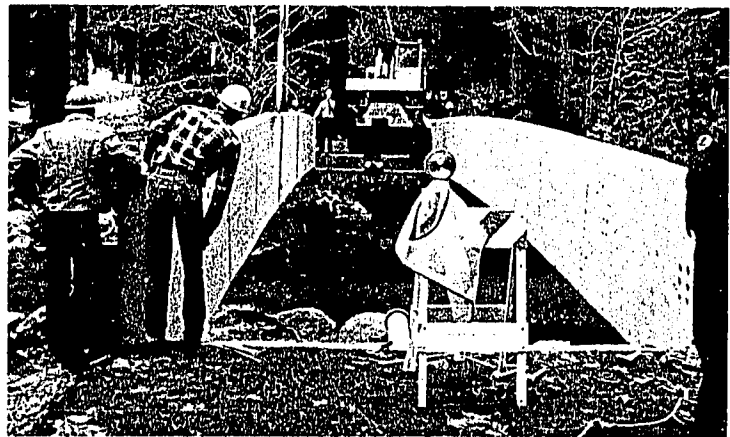
Yosemite Reservations Relocates to Fresno

The Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Central Reservations Office has officially opened in its new Fresno location. The reservations department joins the YP&C Co. purchasing and warehouse operations in the Las Palmas Business Park, near the Fresno Air Terminal.

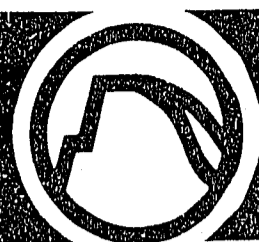
The move completed yet another stage in the company's environmentally sensitive efforts to relocate major support services and staff out of Yosemite Valley. Fresno was chosen as an ideal location for the move, based on its air, rail and bus connections, good labor force and easy access for freight items.

Thirty employees make up the work force for the reservations operations which includes: General Reservations, Group Tours, Deposits, Cancellations, High Sierra Camps, Mail Desk and Special Functions Departments.

Reservations for all Curry Co. overnight accommodations can be made in person at the new office from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekends. Yosemite visitors can make reservations for their next stay while still in the park by filling out advance reservation forms or by utilizing direct telephone lines at hotel front desks. Reservations can also be made by calling (209) 252-4848 or by writing: Yosemite Reservations, 5410 East Home Ave., Fresno, CA 93727.



Assembled by NPS maintenance crews, the Yosemite Creek Bridge cost a total of \$24,650 to build. (Photo by James Corwin Johnson)



In Remembrance of Neil P. Aldworth



Neil P. Aldworth

On January 11, 1984, Neil Aldworth, age 24, met with an untimely death caused by a car accident. Neil's tragic death is mourned by all who knew and loved him. His rare, fun-loving personality and infectious laugh brought many smiles to his friends, family and co-workers.

Neil started working for the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. in 1981, and at the time of his death had advanced to a position as cashier at the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria. During his years in the park, he quickly made many friends, as was evident at the 24 candle memorial held for him at sunset on January 16. Approximately 40 of Neil's friends gathered at the Leidig Meadow Bridge to pay their last respects and reminisce about the good times spent with Neil. In a gesture of love and sympathy, a bouquet of 6 dozen red roses, with a card signed by over 100 of Neil's friends, was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Aldworth in Illinois.

Neil was the type of person you seldom meet in life and those who were lucky enough to know him will always be proud to say he was a friend.

YP&C Co. Voices Objection To Overflight Program

In cooperation with the National Park Service, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has taken the opportunity to voice its opinion on the controversial scenic overflight issue. The following letter, written by Ed Hardy, expresses the company's interest in protecting the environment and keeping noise pollution to a minimum.

Congressman Tony Coelho
House of Representatives
403 Cannon
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Coelho:

There was recently been another disturbing attempt to operate a program of scenic flights over Yosemite Valley and Yosemite National Park. The public transportation, including commuter airlines, to Yosemite National Park in line with the philosophy of reducing the automobile's impact on the Park. However, low elevation scenic overflights seem an inappropriate intrusion on the experience of visitors to both Yosemite Valley and particularly the backcountry where solitude is a major part of a quality experience.

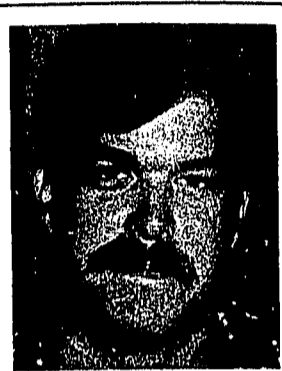
We realize that those taking the flights may enjoy them but the impact on the experience of the many visitors on the ground seems to outweigh that benefit.

I am continuing to act to reduce the chance of a successful overflight program by denying any Curry Company aid or publicity to the program. I would urge you to consider seeking Congressional action or appropriate agency action to protect Yosemite National Park and other national parks not yet offering overflights from this disruption.

I think this issue is one of many that can help ally the business community with the environmental community as we work toward practical goals and forthrightly address true differences. I would like to be in the lead with you on this cause.

Sincerely,
Edward C. Hardy, President

A Tribute To John D. Callaway



John D. Callaway

We were saddened by the tragic death of John D. Callaway on January 26, 1984 at the age of 23. John came to Yosemite in March of 1983 after serving four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He started with the Company as a security officer, and by mid July had become the housing supervisor of Camp Six. He was killed by a falling tree in Camp Six while on his way to work at Curry Village.

John will be well remembered for his outgoing manner and good natured humor. He was remarkably self-assured, and his work was characterized by his definite sense of right and wrong. His fellow supervisors will recall his willingness to lend a hand with recreation events and extra shifts even after a full day's work.

John's friends will also remember his generosity in a more personal way. He prided himself on his hospitality, and his door was always open to a friend who wished to share a laugh or a John Wayne movie. Though he was a private person, those who knew him well found him to be a sensitive, loyal and high-spirited friend. His search for his place in life led him to plan a trip to Europe this spring before starting college in the fall.

John was a strong, vibrant, fun-loving man with a remarkable wit and a true sense of commitment. He was proud to be an American and to have served his country as a Marine. We are fortunate to have known him.

*Winds blow strong and direct
out of the east
Over ridges to be compressed and accelerated
Into a narrow valley;
Sweeping through a forest of weakened ponderosa and cedar
and some, too weak, fall.
Beneath one such ponderosa lies a friend.*

*With all the suddenness in which they came
The winds blew past, out to the west
Leaving behind their memory, and those memories
of John Douglas Callaway.*

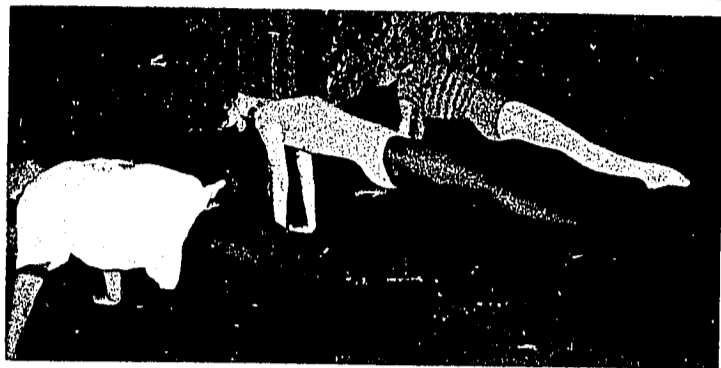
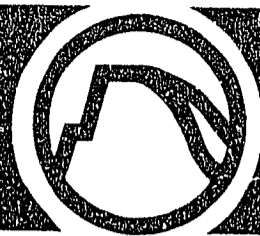
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Left to right: Brandy Richmond, Liza Daley and Camille Davis concentrate on their warm-up exercises, an important part of the class.



Such terrific form!! Left to right: Tracy Keay, Brooke Ernest and Rebecca Welch practice their arabesques.

Yosemite's Future Ballerinas "On Their Toes"

"Keep your head up!! Tuck in your tummy... don't forget to point those toes!!" reminds instructor Tamara Andrews. Tamara has taken on the commendable task of giving ballet lessons for Yosemite children ages 5 and above. "I not only try to teach them as much as I can about dance techniques but also to enjoy dancing," says Tamara.

Currently the director of the Mariposa Academy of Performing Arts, Tamara conducts additional dance classes in Yosemite Valley each Tuesday. The classes are divided into two age groups. The ballet class designed for ages 5 to 8 is made up of 6 future ballerinas. They are: Misty Laughter, Rebecca Welch, Brooke Ernest, Tracy Keay, Ann Reece, and Brandy Richmond. Rebecca, who says she has been taking ballet classes "a little while" likes ballet because "it's fun." Tracy agrees, and says she likes "everything" about the class. "I want to be a dancer when I grow up," she explains. Sighting higher aspirations is Ann who claims she is interested in teaching ballet when she matures.

A highlight of the class is the time spent learning "The Sea Princess" ballet for a performance in late June. Also learning this same ballet for performing is Tamara's other Yosemite class, designed for children ages 9 and up. Camille Davis, Liza Daley, Brandy Richmond, Lisa Reece, Dickie Quick, Joanna Mayes and Lisa Graham are the class members. "I like the class a lot because I plan to become a ballet dancer," says Camille. Liza thinks the program is fun but admits "there sure is a lot to learn!" Brandy Richmond says she is simply taking the class "for exercise, and to get my blood running."

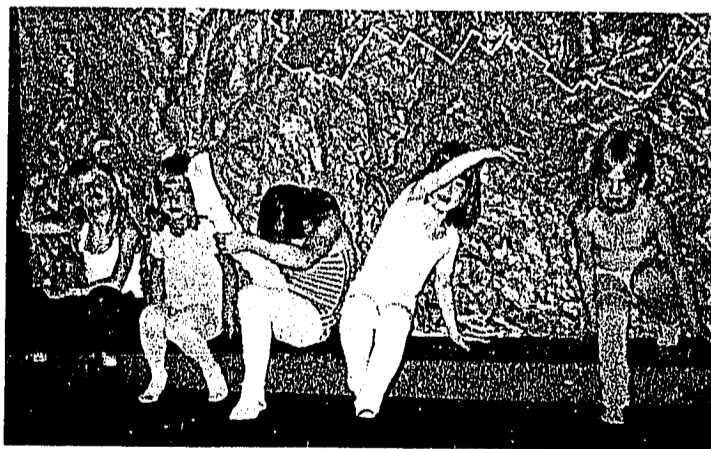
Tamara does a terrific job with the girls, and truly deserves recognition for her efforts. She explains the objective behind the classes are to help give the girls some knowledge of dance, and also give them the poise and grace to go along with it. "But most importantly, I hope it can help those who want to become dancers to obtain their goal," she says.



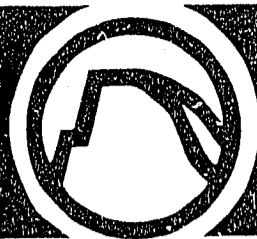
Also the director of the Mariposa Academy of Performing Arts, Tamara Andrews conducts weekly ballet classes for children of the Yosemite Community.



The warm up and stretching exercises must be completed before morning on to the "fun part" (Jazz dancing).



The ballerinas of the future take a rest during class. Left to right: Ann Reece, Tracy Keay, Brooke Ernest, Rebecca Welch and Misty Laughter.



Yosemite Mountaineering School GO NORDIC!!

by Anne Cannon

Telemark, klistar, maxiglide, christiana — these are words you will hear if you spend time at the Yosemite Mountaineering School ("YMS") at Curry Village. At this time of the year the Nordic Ski School is busy arranging and teaching classes, renting equipment, selling trail maps, answering questions, hot waxing, and repairing skis — and having a very good time doing it all!

The Yosemite Mountaineering School has been a part of Yosemite for over a decade. Upon talking with the manager of the school, Bruce Brossman, you will find he takes a great deal of pride in his staff — the backbone of the Nordic School. "YMS has a very large number of full, and associate-certified Nordic instructors, perhaps the most of any ski school around," Bruce says. "You could have top of the line rental equipment (which YMS does) and fantastic snow but if you don't have excellent instructors the guest's first cross-country experience would be lessened and they won't continue for more classes. Our return business is very good, and this is due to the great people working for the school."

Among YMS's full-certified instructors are Kerry Kilgore, Tim Messick, Dave Norris, and Bruce Brossman. Jim Rodrigues, Peter Mayfield, Sigi Johansen, Rick Stockwell, and Dave Gadd are the school's associate-certified instructors, and Pat Shryock is an apprentice instructor. "I could go on and on about how great our instructors are," says Bruce, "because they are a motivated, hard-working group. Jim Rodrigues is our instructor who is the most serious about training and racing — and it certainly paid off when he won 1st place in the 1983 Nordic Holiday Race." Kerry Kilgore is the West Coast Division Chief Examiner for PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) and he is highly respected for his achievements in Nordic skiing. Tim Messick finds the best part of Nordic skiing is that it keeps him in great shape and he enjoys

training for ski competitions (he came in 2nd at last year's Nordic Holiday Race). Joining YMS's team for his seventh season is Dave Norris, who works for the National Park Service in Tuolumne each summer. Because of his vast experience working for the National Park Service in the back country, Dave is a very knowledgeable back country guide. Peter Mayfield, 21, is the school's youngest member but he's been skiing for 15 years! Sigi Johansen's hometown is Yosemite, having been born and raised in the Valley. Sigi recently produced the new "Ski Touring" map and she also just completed the ski instructor's photo board. For back country survival information, the school's authority is Rick Stockwell, who is a favorite guide for overnight snow-camping or ski trips. Rick says "It's the atmosphere of the school that makes it a success — the people here are all good friends and we really enjoy our work." Dave Gadd agrees, "When you are enjoying what you're doing, it just isn't like work anymore — it's fun." That's probably why Dave is in his fifth season with the school and hopes to be around for many more. The apprentice instructor, Pat Shryock, works on improving his cross-country skills. Pat is especially adept at down-skiing, and he's frequently on the slopes at Badger Pass.

Bob Ashworth is the school's secretary, and the brains behind YMS. Bob has been with YMS for 9 years and he has the responsibility of managing the Nordic rental department, which is the largest rental shop on the West Coast. "Our new Trak Nova skis and Solomon boots and bindings have been a positive addition to YMS this year," Bob says. "Now we can offer the very best available rental equipment on the market." Bob is in charge of the school during Bruce's absence.

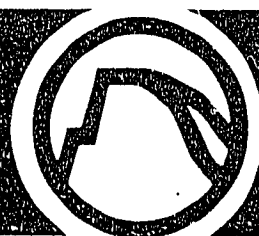
"Bob does a fantastic job of managing the school whenever I'm away," says Bruce. Bruce makes many trips to various ski



As Manager of Guest Activities, Lloyd Price has an extensive background in both rock climbing, cross country and alpine instruction.



"The Mountaineering School's success is due mostly to our terrific team of employees!" says Bruce Brossman, Director of Yosemite Mountaineering School.



shows and to be guest speaker at Sierra club meetings and such. Being the spokesman for YMS keeps Bruce busy, but he even finds time to do some winter ice climbing as well. Last year Bruce climbed Sentinel Falls — a 500' tower of ice! In the summertime, the school changes gears and it becomes a climbing school — and many of the Nordic ski instructors are accomplished climbers. An example of this expertise is Peter Mayfield, who has been climbing hard routes since age ten and is considered one of the hottest climbers around. This summer Peter accomplished two first ascents on El Capitan and they are regarded among the hardest routes ever completed on El Capitan.

A typical day for a ski instructor begins at 8:30 a.m., meeting the students and setting them up with equipment. After showing a film about cross-country skiing, they arrange a car pool up to Badger Pass where they meet for a 6-hour lesson. Rick Stockwell says "I like the length of the classes, it gives the students time to become proficient on the skis under a variety of conditions — on groomed track, hills, flat land, etc." After learning the basics, the class breaks for lunch, then it's back to skiing where the students polish their technique and go for a short tour.

"I'm really excited about the groomed tracks at Badger," says Bruce Brossman. "The snowfall earlier this year was lower than usual, and the tracks allowed us to continue good Nordic skiing during our dry spell. Our school is complete now — we have an excellent curriculum, brand-new equipment, and professionally groomed tracks. In the future, we are hoping to expand our overnight hut system, which will introduce more people to back country touring."

With your employee discount, taking a cross-country class is a bargain. The sport of Nordic skiing is becoming more popular each season, probably because one can avoid the lift lines and crowded slopes that come with Alpine skiing. One can go anywhere on cross-country skis and learn to appreciate the solitude of Yosemite's back country. If it's something you haven't tried yet, then you should. You may find that Yosemite is at its best in the wintertime.



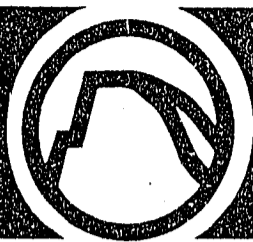
The Yosemite Mountaineering School Staff from left to right: Lloyd Price, Kerry Kilgore, Tim Messick, David Gadd, Sigi Johanson, Dimitri Barton, Bruce Brossman, Rick Stockwell, Patrick Shryock, Dave Norris, and Jimmy Rodrigues. Not pictured: Peter Mayfield.



Pictured here, with our new Track Nova and Track Spirit Skis are Bruce Brossman and Sigi Johanson.

Staffed by veteran, certified instructors, Yosemite Mountaineering School offers one of the most complete Nordic programs found anywhere.

The 1984 Nordic Holiday Race, sponsored by YMS, will be held March 3 and promises to be a great time for all!!



Take The NASTAR Challenge

NASTAR, standing for NATIONAL STandard Race, is the largest recreational ski racing program in the world, becoming increasingly popular at ski resorts across the nation, such as Badger Pass.

The objective behind NASTAR is not competition of skier against skier, rather it is a skier against the clock, with each skier having their own established handicap.

Each ski area has its own "pacesetters" who determine the optimal time for the course each day. Badger's pacesetters for 1984 are Mark O'Conner and Chuck Carter. Each skier then weighs the pacesetters time against the amount of time they take going through the course. Bronze, silver and gold medals are awarded to the skiers in an afternoon awards presentation.

NASTAR has been held 3 days a week for the past 7 years at Badger Pass. This year's NASTAR coordinator Tricia Weant comments, "We see a lot of skiers who are basically unfamiliar with NASTAR but give it a try because it looks fun. . . and then they're hooked!! After their first race, you can tell the excitement in them, they can't wait to run the course again to prove they can beat their last time!"

NASTAR at Badger Pass, is held every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Held on Rabbit Run, the course varies slightly every day but usually is composed of 25 gates. It takes



The popularity of NASTAR is largely due to the fact that it is open to all skiers, regardless of age or ability.

the skiers an average of 28 seconds to race down the 300 ft. vertical drop. Tricia adds, "Our course is always pretty fast because the slope is well groomed daily, before each race."

The popularity of NASTAR is largely due to the fact that it is open to all skiers, regardless of age or ability. Not only can NASTAR help you to improve your skiing and racing skills, but NASTAR's recreational focus encourages skiers to relax and enjoy the thrill of racing. So whether you're a serious racer, or just want to have a friendly competition between family and friends — try NASTAR!

Training For The Olympics?

By Dennis Yamnitsky

Yes! Now is the time to set your goals on going for the gold in "L.A. '84"! All you have to do is pretend, set your sights on a race sometime around August, get that Olympic theme playing in your head and go for it!

Running is an excellent way to deal with the emotional stress and rigors of daily life. Use it as a time to relax, to sort out your thoughts and clear your mind, to meditate and be at peace with yourself and the world around you.

Running and the cardiovascular strengthening that results from vigorous exercise may very well enable us to live longer and healthier lives. Running helps you to stay fit and reduces the chance of heart attacks and disease. Remember, your first steps are the toughest but they get easier as you try!

Here is a diet tip for you. Did you know that Americans consume 12 billion bananas annually? That equals out to about 20 lbs. per person. Athletes particularly value bananas because they contain an abundance of potassium and natural energy supply in the form of sucrose.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendar for the annual Yosemite Nordic Holiday Race, to be held March 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Badger Pass. It's lots of fun for everyone! Also, March 4 is the Gold Trail Half Marathon in the foothill town of Hornitos. It's a well-organized run by the Merced Track Club and a great workout. The Yosemite Running Club meets at 9:00 a.m. on March 10 at the Yosemite Elementary School. Everyone is invited, so please join us!



NASTAR coordinator Tricia Weant (left) and Wendy Diven (right) are responsible for the Badger Pass program, including: promotion, registration, timing and tabulation of results.

Ski Team Races To Victory

Our Yosemite Ski Racing Team, under the direction of Rusty and Randy Rust, recently made an excellent showing at a race held at Dodge Ridge. The results were as follows:

Dodge Ridge J-3 Series Slalom

Dana Mackie (1st place)	Carter Williams (1st place)
Larisa Durr (2nd place)	Jeff Hinson (2nd place)
	Mike Mackie (6th place)

Dodge Ridge Giant Slalom

Dana Mackie (1st place)	Carter Williams (3rd place)
Larisa Durr (6th place)	Jeff Hinson (6th place)
	Mike Mackie (8th place)



VINTAGE MOMENTS

by F.J. Johnson

As millions of visitors to the California wine country have already discovered, winetouring is a pleasurable and rewarding experience. There is new knowledge to be gained at every winery, and the area abounds with historical buildings and markers. Typical of an agri-rural setting, the residents exhibit warm hospitality and a strong pride in their land and traditions. Sunshine and natural beauty are plentiful, while the pleasures of boutique shopping, fine cuisine and unsurpassed wine await in the small towns. While these attractions appeal to everybody, there are others that chiefly concern the winelover. These would include an interest in the differing production techniques of the wineries, or perhaps the opportunity to obtain wine unavailable in the visitors home area. I would say the most important factor is the goodwill of the winemakers. Offering their time, facilities, even complimentary samples, these gracious hosts leave the visitor with the satisfying feeling of being treated as a valued client.

The best time to visit the winecountry is a matter of individual choice. The summer months offer choice weather, but the roads are choked with traffic. Harvest is very popular also, but the visitor receives little guidance, as most of the personnel are needed to process the grapes. Personally, I prefer the offseason, as the pace is much more relaxed (as well as the room rates.)

Once the decision to tour has been made and the time picked out, it's advantageous to map out a preliminary itinerary, and group the wineries to avoid redundant motoring. The basic methods of grouping include: by geography, by activity, by type, and by personal interest.

If you want to visit the largest number of wineries in the shortest time, geographical grouping is the ticket. For example, on a recent trip I made to the area, I toured Sonoma Valley one day, Northern Sonoma the next, and concluded my visit touring Napa Valley from Calistoga south.

Grouping by activity could be efficient if your desire is only to taste, only to tour, or perhaps only to picnic. Most wineries offer tasting, though some require a tour be taken first. Actual touring of the wineries is most often offered by advance reservation. A very helpful booklet, *California Wine Wonderland*, contains addresses and phone numbers to most California wineries. It is available free of charge from Wine Institute, 165 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

A visit to wineries concentrating on a specific product can illuminate the subtle differences of style. The Napa sparkling winemakers (Domaine Chandon, Hans Kornell, Schramsberg) are in close proximity, for example.

Personal interest in several different wineries may consume more time in travel, especially if they're in different regions, but it can be a small price in exchange for a memorable experience. This is also a nice way to combine winetouring with other activities spread in between.

I hope I've motivated you to consider a winetasting trip. Next month I'll reveal my favorite wineries, and perhaps review a wine or two, so stay tuned.

SAVE ON FRESNO MOTELS

Are you aware that several motels in Fresno offer special discount rates for YP&C Co. employees? Whether in Fresno for business or pleasure, you can obtain the low rates by presenting your current privilege card. All accommodations are on a space-available basis.

The Hacienda Resort & Convention Center on Highway 99 at Clinton Avenue is the best deal by far, offering a 50% discount on their regular room rates. With Curry Co. identification, the room rates are \$17.00 for a single and \$20.00 for a double.

The Fresno Hilton on Van Ness Avenue recently added a YP&C Co. special employee discount of \$25.00 for all rooms. The Hilton's regular rates run from \$45.00 to \$67.00

The Village Inn on Blackstone is only \$28.00 for YP&C Co. privilege cardholders, discounted from the regular \$34.00 to \$38.00 rates.

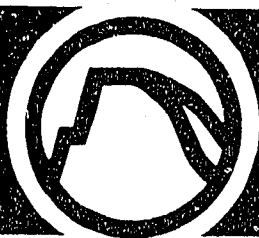
YP&C Co. rates at **Picadilly Inn's** two locations are \$38.00 for single or double occupancy. Regular rates at Picadilly Inn are \$44.00 to \$55.00 at the airport and \$48.00 to \$56.00 at the Shaw Avenue location.

Smuggler's Inn on Blackstone Avenue also offers a discount, however it is only valid Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. The rate is discounted from \$48.00 to \$56.00 regularly, to \$42.00 single or double occupancy.



This pen and ink drawing by Douglas Haywood Sr. (employee of Degan's Deli) was drawn from a photograph of a Great Horned Owl, sighted in the Ahwahnee Meadow. The fledgling, approximately 1 year old, is a member of the largest owl species found in the park.

Douglas, who draws animals exclusively, enjoys doing "mostly bird life." His current project involves drawing the illustrations for a friend's book entitled *Birds of Prey of the Sierra* to be released in the near future.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

March 6: *The Verdict*

March 20: *Twilight Zone*

Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. E. Auditorium.
Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special March Events

- March 1: Big Screen TV Movie: *Animal House*
(Rec Center) 8:00 p.m.
- March 2: Special Food Night (Rec Center) 7:00 p.m.
- March 8: Big Screen TV Movie: *Kramer vs. Kramer*
(Rec Center) 8:00 p.m.
- March 9: Special Food Night (Rec Center) 7:00 p.m.
- March 15: Big Screen TV Movie: *Superman*
(Rec Center) 8:00 p.m.
- March 16: Special Food Night (Rec Center) 7:00 p.m.
- March 22: Big Screen TV Movie: *An American Werewolf in London*
(Rec Center) 8:00 p.m.
- March 23: Casino Night (Rec Center) 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- March 24: Recreation Center Closes
- March 26: New Weight Center Hours Start Mon. thru Sat. 10:00-12:00 — 1:00-4:00 — 5:00-9:00 — Sundays 2:00-7:00.

Dates To Be Announced:

Badger Pass Employee Ski Day
Chess Tournament
Backgammon Tournament

Dart Tournament
Basketball
Dance

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec at ext. 1475 or ext. 1286.

Ongoing Activities

Weight Room: Open Mon.-Sat., 10:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00, 5:00-8:00, Sunday, 2:00-7:00.

Recreation Center (VSS): Pool, Ping Pong, Darts, Video Games, Big Screen TV, Music and More!! Open 4:00-11:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays).

Aerobics. Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu. Sun., Tues., Thur. (East Auditorium) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Folk Dance Lessons. Wed. (Elementary School Gym) 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball. Tues. (except March 6 & 20), and Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Classified Ads

"Herb teas, formulas and baths" correspondence course in beginning herbology. Follow up courses in: Nervines, alternatives and research studies in any areas. Introductory package \$5.00. For more information, write Jamie Pearl, "Herbs for Health," 4812½ Mark Lee Rd. Mariposa, CA 95338.

For Rent: Private bedroom in large rustic home on 70 acres in Midpines. Furnished, gas heater, kitchen privileges, pet okay. Please no smokers or drinkers. \$150 per month plus utilities. Easy commute to Yosemite. Call 742-6366 or 966-2091.

For Sale: Full size refrigerator. White, excellent condition, \$100. Call Karen at 372-4250 after 5:00 p.m.

Announcements

Lamaze childbirth preparation classes will be offered at the Yosemite Medical Clinic Monday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., February 27 through April 2. Phone 372-4637 for more details.

A **St. Patrick's Day dance** will be held Friday, March 16 from 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the East Auditorium. Music by "Carla and the Country Misfits." Hors d'oeuvres and wine, beer, and soda. No host bar. \$2.00 at the door. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

On Saturday, March 3, the **El Portal Pre-School** will sponsor a flea market and bake sale starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Clark Community Hall in El Portal. Seller's tables will be available for a \$5.00 donation. Come on out for some fine homemade goodies and excellent bargains, or do your spring cleaning and make some extra money for yourself. Free coffee or tea will be available to all sellers. Call Pat Perry at 379-2440 to reserve your table.

The **YNHA Summer Field Seminar Catalog** is out! Educational classes in botany, astronomy, glaciology, geology, birding, and environmental backpacking. Write or call: Yosemite National History Association, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389. (209) 372-4532.

Yosemite Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon in the 4 Seasons restaurant. Anyone interested in membership is invited to attend.

Tax Services available by local C.P.A. Contact Patti Reilly at 372-4561.

The **El Portal Parent/Teacher League** would like to thank the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. for their generous donations to the Bingo Night held Friday, February 3, at the El Portal Community Hall. It was a very fun and financially successful evening!

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meet twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training Office. Everyone welcome.

The **Yosemite Branch Library** is open Tuesday - Thursday from noon - 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon - 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at The Ahwahnee Hotel for lunch. Time 12:00 noon.

The **Yosemite Arts Council** meets Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Activity Center. Plans for the logo contest, the poster contest and the Yosemite National Art exhibit will be discussed.

The **Yosemite Womens Group** is sponsoring a cake decorating class taught by Rose Laughter on Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Girls Club. Bring a frosted cake. (If you have a cake decorating kit, bring it as well.) The class is limited to 20 people. Reservations should be made by calling Taffy Elschlepp 372-4768 or Kay Pitts 372-4775. If you would like to purchase a cake decorating kit for \$5.00 let Kay or Taffy know when you make your reservation.

The **Yosemite Artists Guild** meets Wednesday, March 14 & 28. Drawing from the model. \$3.00 fee. Open to all who would like to participate in these non-instructional classes.

The Yosemite Winter Club will sponsor its **Annual Ancient Jocks Race** on Saturday, March 17. Dinner follows at Curry Village Pavilion. Contact Ron Mackie at 372-4590 or Rusty Rust at 372-4475 for more information.

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Employee Training Offers New Program

Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Food Service employees are key personnel in providing a high quality experience for Yosemite's visitors. Almost everyone of Yosemite's more than two million visitors each year will have some contact with one or more of them. Therefore it is imperative that we maintain the finest food sanitation seminars. In keeping with this goal, the Employee Training Department is producing a video-based training program on current concepts in food sanitation which will be required training for all employees in food & beverage handling positions.

The new program is being produced with the assistance of the Fresno County Department of Health and the technical assistance of Joe Higuera, National Park Service Sanitarian. The training will be the first in a series of new Employee Training programs featuring a locally produced video program which will illustrate the points of information under discussion. Upcoming video training productions will include dining room service, beverage service, and roomskeeping. Inter-active video will become a component of training for front desk personnel as they will be filmed and critiqued on inter-personal skills in roleplaying situations designed to imitate guest service at the front desk areas. This last program will begin in late spring after the Employee Training Center has relocated to its new facility in the General Offices.

The Food Service Sanitation Training will consist of a 20-minute video tape which reviews the variety of food services offered in Yosemite and the vast numbers of people and meals served. It will then explore the dangers of food borne illnesses, their causes, and the importance of the constant application of the principles of food sanitation in the prevention of food borne illnesses. The video presentation will be followed by a brief lecture and discussion on the food sanitation booklet issued to each employee before attending the program. The training program will conclude with a brief test on food sanitation. Upon successful completion of the

exam, the employee will then be issued a Food Handler Permit which will authorize the employee to work in a food & beverage unit. The permit will be valid for a period of three years after which it must be renewed by retesting.

This program is being developed as part of our continued cooperative involvement with the National Park Service Sanitarian to ensure a top quality food service program. Our responsibility to the health of Yosemite's visitors and residents should be of paramount importance to us all.

Yosemite Scholarship Enters 50th Year

Attention High School Seniors! For the 50th year, the Yosemite Community Scholarship will be awarded in May by the Yosemite Scholarship Commission on behalf of the Yosemite-El Portal communities. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council from funds raised in the communities.

Students eligible to apply for the scholarship are any high school graduate whose parents or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park or the El Portal Administrative Site. More than just an academic scholarship, the following items are taken into account in making the selection: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership ability, community participation and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one's qualification have any special weight.

Further information and applications may be obtained from Leroy J. Rust, Yosemite Postmaster, Chairman of the Commission. Applications will be accepted until April 15. Applicants must have a copy of their current high school transcripts sent to Mr. Rust at the time of making application. The scholarship will be awarded in May for the 1984-85 academic year.

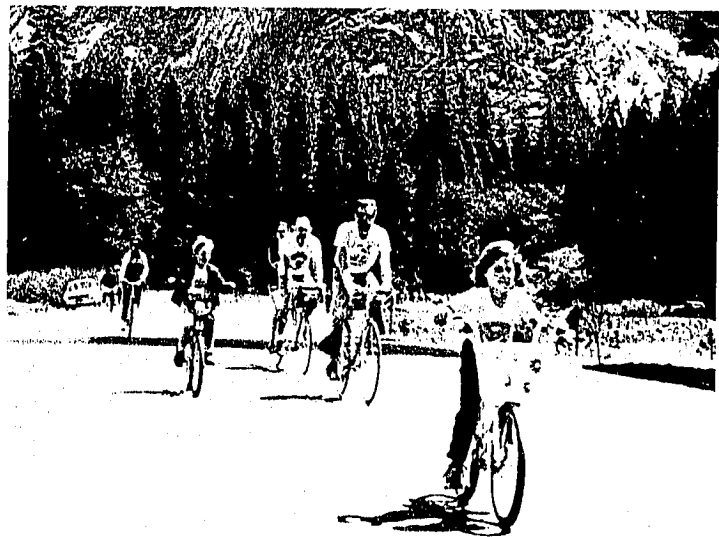
The most recent recipients of the scholarship have been Tim Domingues of Yosemite and Tim Taggart of El Portal.

1984 Spring Bike Rally

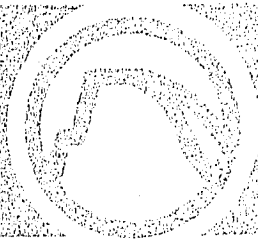
The 1984 Spring Bike Rally will be held Saturday, April 14, in the Valley.

The annual event, sponsored by YP&CCo, takes place on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event includes registration at Curry Village in the morning and is followed by an awards ceremony and picnic lunch later in the afternoon. During the awards ceremony, trophies are presented to the oldest and youngest cyclists as well as the person bicycling the farthest distance to the rally.

The rally route encompasses a 4.4-mile loop in the east end of Yosemite Valley in the Happy Isles, Mirror Lake and Indian Caves area. The event will be highlighted by the spectacular beauty of Yosemite Valley's famous landmarks, waterfalls and colorful wildflowers.



Plans are in the making for the 1984 Spring Bike Rally, to be held April 14.



Environmental Progress Continues

by Ed Hardy

Protecting the environment is a critical aspect of operating the concession in Yosemite National Park. In recent *Sentinel* issues, we have described our efforts to oppose scenic overflights of Yosemite, improve nordic skiing, assist the NPS in completing another segment of the bike path network, and exceed the goals of the Yosemite GMP by moving reservations to Fresno rather than El Portal. In this issue, I wanted to share some other environmental developments over the past year with you.

Innovative funding for Yosemite shuttle saves NPS over one million dollars

Until this year the very successful shuttle systems operated in Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove by YP&CCo. were funded out of tax revenues. This year innovative changes were made in the funding. A surcharge was added to rooms, meals, and some products sold in Yosemite. These funds were then used to pay for the shuttle operation in Yosemite Valley, saving the government approximately \$1,000,000 per year. The Mariposa Grove shuttle is on a pay-as-you-go basis with the user paying \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

Support continued to save Mono Lake

YP&CCo. continues to support Mono Lake through Congressional testimony as well as by contributing financial aid to the Mono Lake Committee. In testimony to the Public Lands and Na-

tional Parks Subcommittee of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Garrett DeBell stated on behalf of the Company and myself:

Mono Lake is a unique natural feature of geological, ecological, and historical interest. It represents critical feeding and nesting habitat for many bird populations. Mono Lake is a very important part of the Yosemite region and a visit to the lake is a high point for many Yosemite visitors each summer.

We are pleased to be able to testify today in support of HR 1341 to establish a Mono Lake National Monument. This is consistent with our prior support of this cause and our overall goal of seeing the Yosemite region managed in a very environmentally sound manner.

Yosemite National Park has been nominated to the world heritage list following support by many individuals and groups including YP&CCo.

In this statement in the Federal Register, the Department of Interior described Yosemite:

Yosemite National Park, California. Granite peaks and domes rise high above broad meadows in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, along with groves of sequoias and related tree species. Mountains, lakes, and waterfalls, including five of the world's ten highest, are found here. Yosemite is an outstanding example representing the major stages of the earth's evolutionary history and contains superlative natural phenomena, formations or features or areas of exceptional natural beauty.

Recycling and beverage container deposit programs complete seventh successful year

The nickel deposit program on beer and soft drink containers begun as an experiment in 1976, has been so successful that it is now a routine part of the operation of our company. Millions of visitors from throughout the country and around the world have directly participated in the program, paying a nickel deposit for each container of beer or soft drink and receiving a refund when the container is returned to any redemption center. The vast majority of containers are now returned for recycling compared to the token return rate under the voluntary recycling program that preceded the deposit program. Complaints have been nil and millions have seen the success of a nickel deposit in reducing litter, conserving energy and natural resources, and reducing the amount of land wasted as landfill sites.

Great Rates on Rental Cars

Standard Rent-A-Car in Fresno is now offering a special YP&CCo. employee rate that is valid for any 24-hour period. The purpose of this rate is to accommodate employees from the Park who need a rental car while their vehicle is being worked on. For added convenience, Standard will meet the person and return them to their car at the end of the day. Standard Rent-A-Car is located at 1122 N. Abby, Fresno. For more information, call (209) 266-9916.

YP&CCo. EMPLOYEE SERVICE RATES

Vehicle	Daily Rate With Free Mileage
Toyota, Escort or Similar	12.00 per day / 50 miles free
Phoenix, Aries or Similar	14.00 per day / 50 miles free
Cutlass, Bonneville or Similar	18.00 per day / 50 miles free
Full-Size Station Wagon	18.00 per day / 50 miles free
Pickups, Cargo Vans	18.00 per day / 50 miles free

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An Exceptional Year for Ski Day Program

by Marilyn Berquist

Each Wednesday, throughout the ski season, is known as "Ski Day" to each child of the Yosemite, El Portal and Wawona Elementary Schools. This program is an all volunteer effort, along with donations from YP&CCo., that has been in existence for over 35 years.

Many hours were spent by coordinators Gail Miller, Judy Ernest, Gail Lein, Margene Van Wagendonk, and Lou Carter along with 50 volunteers to fill the positions of ski instructors, bus supervisors, rental shop helpers and a porch staff to comfort young skiers with cold feet, running noses and lost mittens.

It was an exceptional year for the Ski Day Program; not once was the fund cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. As a grand finale to the 1984 program, participants enjoyed a potluck dinner and each student proudly accepted a certificate of achievement.

Here are some comments from the participants of the 1984 Ski Day Program.

What do you like best about Ski Day?

Jeff Hinson (Age 12): "I like it because we can get out of school and go skiing. I'm also on the ski team and like to ski."

Rob Van Hook (Age 14): "I like it 'cuz you get out of school."

Kelly Singer (Age 12): "The ski instructors are nice and they're pretty good skiers mostly."

Tom Ronay (Age 11): "The bus ride because you get to talk to your friends. In school you never get a chance to talk to them."

Lisa Graham (Age 11): "Ski Day is neat because it's a feeling of freedom to ski down the hill."

Liza Daley (Age 12): "I like it because I like to learn to ski better. It's fun to ski with the class."

Dana Mackie (Age 13): "It's fun and you get to meet a lot of people. I've learned a lot about skiing."

Tamara Freeburg (Age 5): "It's fun and I like to go skiing. I know how to go on Red Fox."

Mrs. Shackleton (Yosemite Elementary Teacher): "I think it's one of the best activities offered to the children."

Holly Wymore (Volunteer Ski Instructor): "It's great fun. I hope to volunteer again next year."

Gail Miller (Coordinator): "It's the dedication of the volunteers that make the program work."

Judy Ernest (Coordinator): "The rewards of this effort can be seen on every child's face."



Photos by Judy Ernest

The Retail Division

by Larry Lopez

When over 2½ million guests visit Yosemite this year, there is one division that more of them will come in contact with than any other. Whether they are asking for directions at the Tuolumne Meadows Store, buying a Coke from the machine at the Big Oak



(Back) Arvin Abbott, Manager of Grocery Stores, (left) Buffe Wells, Ass't Manager Village Grocery, (right) Tom Mazzaglia, Manager Village Store, (front) Lori McGough, Ass't Manager Village Grocery.

Flat entrance station or stocking up on groceries and souvenirs at the Village Store, the majority of the park visitors will come into contact in some way with the Retail Division.

The Retail Division is composed of 22 stores, the vending machines, Yosemite Photo Express and a growing wholesale operation. At the helm of this complex array of services is John Graham. John is the Vice President in charge of the Retail Division for Yosemite Park & Curry Co. A native of England, John has been with MCA for 16 years, the last 10 of which have been with YP&CCo. With the responsibility he has, John stays very close to the pulse of the Retail Industry. He has been the President of T.I.R.M.A. (Tourist Industry Retail Merchants Association) for two years. This is an honor which demonstrates the respect which his peers hold for him.

To keep things going in the division, John has an immediate staff of five people: Chet Skinner, Ginny Carlson, Arvin Abbott, Greg Owens and Larry Lopez. This staff, including John, has a total of nearly 45 years of service with YP&CCo.

Chet Skinner is the Manager of the Retail Division. His strong grocery background along with having run his own business is a tremendous help in his responsibility for the daily operations of the division. If someone needs an extra employee to cover a shift, Chet is the one they call. If a cash register breaks down,

it's Chet again. If a window is broken, guess who? In addition, Chet directly oversees Vending and Yosemite Photo Express. He also serves as the chief Retail Division liaison with the National Park Service. And in his spare time . . .

Ginny Carlson is the hub around which the Retail Office rotates. As the Executive Secretary for the Retail Division, Ginny is responsible to keep the tremendous amount of paperwork which this office generates flowing. From purchase orders to office supplies to any number of special projects, Ginny's contribution is invaluable to the smooth operation of this very busy office.

Having been with Yosemite Park & Curry Co. since 1973, Arvin Abbott is the "old timer" with 11 years of company service. His responsibilities include directly overseeing the six grocery stores in the Park. Arvin's grocery background coupled with his enthusiastic approach provide a good basis to operate the most basic yet most voluminous of the retail services.

Greg Owens, who has been with YP&CCo. for 4½ years, is uniquely qualified for his position as manager of the gift shops. Greg does the purchasing of most of the gift lines such as hand-craft items, fine gifts, books, specialty gifts, American Indian goods, etc. Greg has made a great contribution to the development of new gift lines in recent years.

Having been with YP&CCo. since July of 1974, Larry Lopez is currently Manager of the Sports and Apparel Shops in the Park. He buys everything from t-shirts, rubber rafts and underwear, to climbing gear and fishing tackle and everything in between.

As with any organization, the office staff serves to coordinate a wider network of people who make the whole system work. We are pleased to have a fine



(Left) Paul Rozek, Assistant Manager and (right) Jim Campbell, Sales Clerk of the Curry Village Mountain Shop.



(Left) Collette Goga, Manager Village Gift, (middle) Andre Buckhalter, Manager Village Gift and Apparel, (right) Susan Hyland, Manager Village Apparel.

Photos by Robin Johnson

group of unit managers whose dedication and abilities have made the Retail Division the success it has been.

When asked, "What do you think of the Retail Division," some of the managers responded as follows:

"If I hadn't enjoyed it, I wouldn't have been here for 18 years." — Jane Nester, Wawona Store.

"I couldn't think of another department I would rather work for!" — Dave Iacobellis, Curry Gift.

"I enjoy it because of its family atmosphere. We all enjoy working together." — Ann Garcia, Ahwahnee Gift.

"I love it! It offers excitement and challenge. The upper management has been very fair to me. They are great people to work for." — Ronaldo Andre Buckhaultner, Village Store Gift.

They also expressed gratitude for the merchandise upgrading process, the cooperation between units and for the freedom they have to run their units.

These and other capable managers provide the field leadership for the various units which are grouped into six divisions:

Grocery Stores — These six stores provide a wide variety of products to serve not only the camper who needs firewood but also the local resident who needs to do their shopping.

Gift Shops — The ten gift shops provide the guest with a vast number of items by which they can remember their visit to Yosemite. From find handcrafted giftware to a postcard for the folks back home to a book for a deeper look, the gift shops provide many things as a welcome service.

Sports and Apparel Shops — The Sports and Apparel shops are the most directly related to the various activities in the park. If you want to hike, they have the shoes, shorts and daypacks. If you want to try to catch your own fish for dinner, they have the tackle. Or, if you just want a t-shirt to remember your stay, the Sports and Apparel shops are for you.

Vending — The vending machines provide a valuable service from ice to a midnight snack. The vending machines are always on duty waiting to serve those who need them.

Yosemite Photo Express — This relatively new service uses the latest technology to allow them to process your film in as little as an hour. Continuing to grow, they provide a very welcome service not only to the general public but also the National Park Service Law enforcement office which has used their services on



From left to right: Greg Owens, Manager of Gift Shops; Ginny Carlson, Executive Secretary of Retail; Larry Lopez, Manager of Sports and Apparel; John Graham, Vice President of Retail; Chet Skinner, Manager of Retail; Arvin Abbott, Manager of Grocery Stores.

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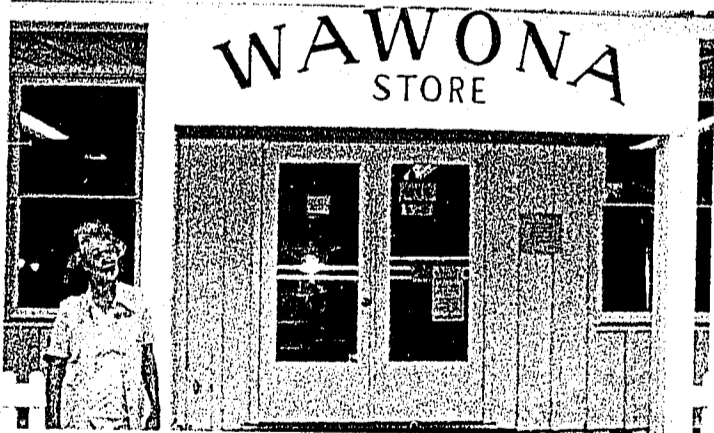
Wholesale Merchandise — Another relatively new segment of the Retail Division, they are providing merchandise to small businesses near the park who otherwise might not have the opportunity to sell Yosemite identified merchandise to their customers.

As part of a small community they try to assist with items such as ski team uniforms, elementary school shirts and other projects which help to undergird a community spirit. They have an ongoing program to continue the upgrading and expansion of services where needed. As part of this program there are a few noteworthy projects which are currently under way. At Yosemite Lodge, the recent remodeling project will undergo its second phase of expansion. Another expansion is at the Ahwahnee Hotel. The old "Sweet Shop" is being transformed into a convenience shop which will provide a wider variety of sundries, snacks, reading material and other items. A third project of note is the new Fudge Shop soon to be opening in the Village Store. Watch for this one!

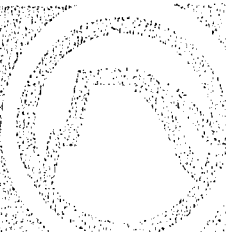
All together the Retail Division is a diverse group of people and operations who come together to provide a wide variety of goods and services to the residents and guests of Yosemite National Park.



(Left) Mary Tackman, Manager Lodge Sport Shop, (middle) Georgine Gray, Manager Lodge Retail, (right) Stan Godin, Manager Lodge Gift.



Jane Nester, currently the manager of the Wawona Grocery Store, as worked at the store for 18 years.



Competition "Hot & Heavy" in Nordic Holiday Race

by Dennis J. Yamnitsky

It was a glorious winter day in the Sierra on Saturday, March 3, as the 14th Annual Yosemite Nordic Holiday X-C Ski Race took place at Badger Pass. "The Boss is the Boss" was the saying of the day, as Bruce Brossman, the fearless leader of the Yosemite Mountaineering School not only set up the 17 kilometer race course, and was M.C. at the awards party afterwards, but also happened to finished in 1st place. Brossman claims his secret training methods, superior wax job and strong poling technique enabled him to pull off a surprising upset victory.

The competition was hot and heavy for the rest of the top 10. Racing on rental skis, Charles Shich, a new Curry employee from Alaska finished 2nd overall, and 1st in the SR.I division. Carl Klavon from Fresno took 3rd. Then the ski school boys had it out with Tim Messick, 4th, Peter Mayfield, 5th, David (The Moose) Norris, 6th. Defending champ Jim Rodrigues finished a strong 7th. Among the women finishers, our own Sigi Johanson was the

#1 woman followed by Maureen Kelly in 2nd, Elizabeth Hardie and Mary Beth Hennesey, the latter 3 representing Yosemite Institute. Nancy Hunt was looking good, and former Olympic X-C Skier Martha Miller surprised everyone, including herself, by not finishing in last place. There also was a Nordic Downhill Race held later that day which was won by Timmy Messick. Following closely in 2nd was Chris Faulkenstein. Sigi Johanson once again placed 1st in the women's division.

A special thanks to Bill Johnston and his staff at Badger Pass for their time and generous donations of 1/2-day lift tickets for all racers. A job well done to chief timer Kerry Kilgore, who also organized the start and finish. A special thanks to the Yosemite Institute for all their help and the many local volunteers, especially Ginny Carlson along with Nancy and Heidi from Personnel. Also, a big thanks to Debbie Rose and Video Dave for an excellent video of the race!

All in all this year's race was most successful and enjoyable and we hope that this trend will continue into the years ahead, making the Yosemite Nordic Holiday one of the most prominent X-C ski events in the West!



The Nordic Holiday Race, sponsored by YMS, again proved to be a very organized, enjoyable and successful event!

Other Yosemite Finishers

- #10 Bill Critchlow
- #11 Bill Patten — Nordic Ranger
- #12 Dennis J. Yamnitsky #1 on no-wax skis
- #14 Jeff Schloss — Yosemite Institute
- #15 Kevin Skeen
- #17 Bob McMichael
- #19 Kevin Ambrose
- #20 Bill Kiger — Yosemite Institute
- #21 Dave Gadd
- #25 Rick Agnew
- #48 Garrett DeBell
- #53 Duncan McDonald

The Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis J. Yamnitsky

Do you ever have a hard time deciding what running shoes to buy? We have just finished the 1st Yosemite Running Shoe survey. Although it is on a small scale, we hope it will give you some insight in your decision on the many running shoes to choose from. We asked several local runners what their favorite shoes are.

Reva Colliver: "I really like my Nike Air Pegasus, they're well balanced with lots of room and cush, and they're just comfortable to run in." (By the way, Reva just set a new age division record at the Gold Trail 1/2 Marathon. Congratulations!)

Jim Edeal: Nike Pegasus, very simply "they feel good."

Connie Archer: "New Balance, they're the only shoes that come in widths, there's plenty of cush, plus they're great for running on trails, over rocks and pine cones."

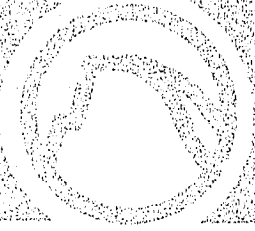
John Carter: Another runner for Nike Air, "I shop around for the best deals. Buying last year's models at a 1/3 or 1/2 off can really save you some money. I like Nike Air because they give excellent pavement protection in a high performance shoe. I especially like the Nike Mariahs for racing."

Dennis J. Yamnitsky: "Tigers are my new favorites, just like Rocky, I like to have the edge! The Tiger X-Caliber GT was rated the #1 all-around running shoe by Runners world. The superior construction and design are impressive and expensive. But always remember, you get what you pay for."

Top 10 Running Shoes

Nike	Saucony	Tiger	Etonic	Reebok
New Balance	Brooks	Adidas	Converse	Puma

All these companies make top quality shoes. Try a few different models and find out what's best for you. Remember, if the shoe fits, get out and run in it!



VINTAGE MOMENTS

by F.J. Johnson

As promised, this month's column will reveal my favorite wineries for visitation. I should add, however, that my experience is limited. There are over 300 wineries in California, and I have visited perhaps one-tenth of that number. Therefore, do not hesitate to visit other wineries not mentioned herein, as the chances of a pleasant experience is very good.

Napa Valley is the usual destination for the first time wine tourist, but I'd like to recommend Sonoma Valley as being equally informative and much more relaxing.

There are four wineries that regularly receive visitors, but I have yet to visit Sebastiani or Gundlach-Bondschu. The others, Buena Vista and Hacienda, are two of my picnic favorites. At Buena Vista, you can amble through their original wine cellars, while plaques and pictures tell of the significant role Buena Vista played in the development of the California wine industry. The tasting room is

Keeping Warm in the Cold

Cold is usually just a minor discomfort, but it can become life and limb threatening if it leads to the cold weather hazards of frostbite and hypothermia. Both can sneak up so slowly the victim doesn't notice their onset — one good reason for using a buddy system for extended time spent in outdoor activities.

Frostbite, the most common injury resulting from exposure to the cold, occurs when ice crystals form in the fluids and underlying soft tissues of the skin. The nose, cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes are the most common areas for frostbite. Frostbite is accelerated by wind and humidity.

Just before frostbite develops the skin may look slightly flushed. As it develops the skin becomes white or grayish-yellow. Pain is sometimes felt early but later disappears.

The American Red Cross suggests you take the following steps to help someone suffering from frostbite. Protect the frozen area from further injury by covering it up and if possible providing extra clothing or blankets. Bring the victim indoors as soon as possible. Give the victim something warm to drink, but not alcoholic. Obtain professional medical assistance as soon as possible.

Hypothermia is low internal temperature. The temperature of the body core rather than skin temperature is important. If not treated, hypothermia can lead to death. Even on a nice 50°F day, a person may show signs of hypothermia. And if a person gets wet, hypothermia can occur very quickly. Hypothermia's symptoms begin with shivering and numbness and eventually lead to stupor and unconsciousness.

The Red Cross suggests these first-aid steps for someone suffering from hypothermia: Provide rescue breathing if necessary. Bring the victim into a warm room as quickly as possible. Remove wet or frozen clothing and anything else that is constricting. Wrap the victim in blankets, in order to prevent further heat loss. If he or she is conscious, give the victim nonalcoholic and noncaffeinated warm liquids. And, again, get professional medical help as fast as you can.

Adapted from *Keeping Warm in the Cold*.

Written by Deborah Allen

large and virtually every wine in their extensive line is poured. A mini art gallery, featuring works by local artists on a weekly basis, is in the loft above the tasting bar. The picnic tables set amid huge eucalyptus trees are very popular, so arrive early to avoid the crowds.

Hacienda does not offer tours on such an extensive line of wines but their picnic grounds are rarely crowded, and the view of Sonoma's lush rolling hills in the late afternoon is entrancing. Hacienda is my all-time (so far) number one picnic area.

Farther up Highway 12, at the northern end of Sonoma Valley, lies the village of Kenwood. Chateau St. Jean, Kenwood, and St. Francis, wineries of excellent reputation, are all located there. St. Jean offers a self-guided tour of the immaculate winery, and a few picnic tables are located on the well manicured grounds. The small tasting room sometimes requires a wait to enter, but the wines are sooo good.

St. Francis is directly across the road from Chateau St. Jean and has a newly finished tasting room. Their estate Chardonnay is one of my favorites, and the other wines are similarly fine.

The Kenwood winery and tasting room are located in a converted barn, where again most wines are poured, with the exception of their Artist Series Cabernet Sauvignon. Some of Kenwood's grapes came from the Jack London vineyard, a property formerly owned by the famous author.

I'd like to remind prospective tourists that professional tasters usually don't swallow their samples, especially when trying a large number of wines. This keeps their palate clear and their car out of the ditch. Don't hesitate to ask for a spill bucket.

My plan usually considers Santa Rosa a fine spot for lodging and meals, so let's spend a month there, and visit other wineries in the May release of Vintage Moments.

This poem, submitted by a recent Park guest, is one interpretation of Yosemite and its beauty. Submitted by Joyce Patricia Webb of Pikesville, Maryland.

In Yosemite National Park

*Crystals rush downward;
Sun glistens on the granite —
Nature in concert.*

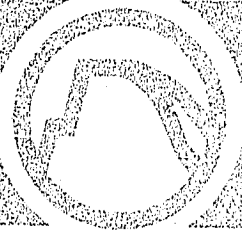
*Snowcapped mountains high,
Tower over valleys green —
Nature's own playground.*

*Sequoias stand tall,
Outstretched arms to welcome all.
Come, partake of God!*

*Swiftly flowing streams
Babble tales of years gone by —
Ancient presence felt.*

*The soul travels back,
Nullifying time and space,
Affirming oneness.*

*The heart overflows!
Heaven merges with the earth . . .
In Yosemite.*



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

April 3: *Trading Places*

April 17: *Never Say Never Again*

Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. E. Auditorium.
Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special April Events

April 12: Employee Ski Day at Badger Pass

April 14: Spring Bike Rally

April 28: Flea Market (Tecoya Court Yard) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dates to be announced: Fishing Clinic
Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details or call Employee Rec at ext. 1475.

NEW HOURS FOR THE WEIGHT CENTER!! The Weight Center is open until 9:00 p.m. — Mon. thru Sat.

Ongoing Activities

Weight Center: Open Mon.-Sat., 10:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00, 5:00-9:00, Sundays, 2:00-7:00. Located next to Lodge House-keeping Office.

Aerobics. Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu. Sun., Tues., Thurs. (East Auditorium) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Open Volleyball. Tues., Thurs. (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Folk Dancing Lessons. Wed. (Elementary School Gym) 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Classified Ads

Part Time Position: Person with lab and/or x-ray experience. Call Yosemite Medical Group, 472-4637, ask for lab person.

Will do **Babysitting** in the evening on a weekly basis. Yosemite Valley — Contact Jean at 372-4801.

For Sale: Honda 1979 Mini Trail CT-70, 1143 miles. Includes Helmet. Excellent condition. \$300.00. Contact Natalie Godfrey at 372-4517 after 6:00 p.m.

For Sale: Baby Snuggly, Johnny Jump-up and baby clothes. One year old & younger. Call 372-4771.

For Sale: North Face Pack, internal frame, rucksack type. Excellent cond. \$50.00. Downhill skis: K2, 170cm., Soloman 444 bindings, ski brakes, 43" Scott poles \$100.00. Kneissl, Red Star GT, 190 cm., Nevada Look bindings, ski brakes, good cond. \$100.00. Kneissl, Red Star RS, no bindings, old, 200cm., fair cond. \$15.00. Downhill ski boots, Lange "Ms", size 6, excellent cond. \$50.00. X-C ski boots, 3 pin, mid ankle high, Alpha brand, good cond. \$10.00. Call 372-6458, evenings.

For Sale: 1972 VW Squareback station wagon. Excellent cond. New tires. Good mountain car. Call Tom at Employee Recreation for more details. 372-1475.

Announcements

Our Lady of the Snows Holy Week Services — West Auditorium Holy Thursday, April 19, Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 20, Lord's Passion & Communion Liturgy, 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., West Auditorium, 5:00 p.m. at El Portal Community Church.

Yosemite Community Church Services - Easter Week — April 19, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Communion Service at the Chapel. April 20, Noon, Half-hour Good Friday service at the Chapel. April 22, 7:30 p.m. Outdoor Easter Service at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheatre. April 22, 9:15 a.m. - Easter Chapel service.

Yosemite Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Four Seasons.

The Yosemite Running Club will meet for a fun run at Yosemite Elementary School Saturday, April 7 at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Gail Miller, 379-2418 or Dennis J. Yamnitsky 379-2786.

Yosemite Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at the Ahwahnee Hotel for lunch.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meet twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training Office — Everyone welcome.

The 1984 Annual Winter Carnival, hosted by Badger Pass, will be held Saturday, April 7. The activities, including children's and adults' ski races, costumes, an outdoor BBQ and night time torchlight parade are planned for all ages, all skiing abilities, and non-skiing spectators.

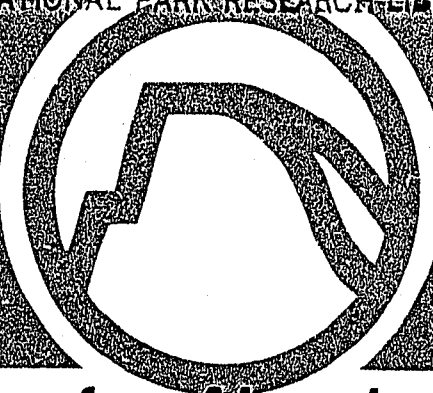
Yosemite Ride Board

The Employee Training Department and the Employee Recreation Department have established a ride assistance program to aid Yosemite employees in their travels to and from the Park. The ride boards have been established in six locations:

- 1) Employee Training Center
- 2) Employee Recreation Office
- 3) Tecoya B-dorm
- 4) Ahwahnee dorm
- 5) Terrace Rec Room (Curry Side Hall in winter)
- 6) General Offices Building

The ride boards post rides offered or rides wanted to major areas in California. The boards are maintained by the Training and Recreation staffs and updated on a daily basis. To find or offer a ride, simply stop by one of these areas and fill out a Ride Card which will state your name, destination, date of travel, housing area, and how you can be contacted. Travel can be expensive so offer a ride and share expenses.

YOSEMITE



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Top Honors for Ahwahnee Hotel

The Ahwahnee Hotel was recently honored with top awards from two very prestigious organizations in the hotel/restaurant industry.

Bill Wymore, General Manager of The Ahwahnee, was notified that the hotel had been awarded the Mobile Travel Guide Four Star Rating and a separate award had been given to the dining room by *Travel/Holiday* magazine.

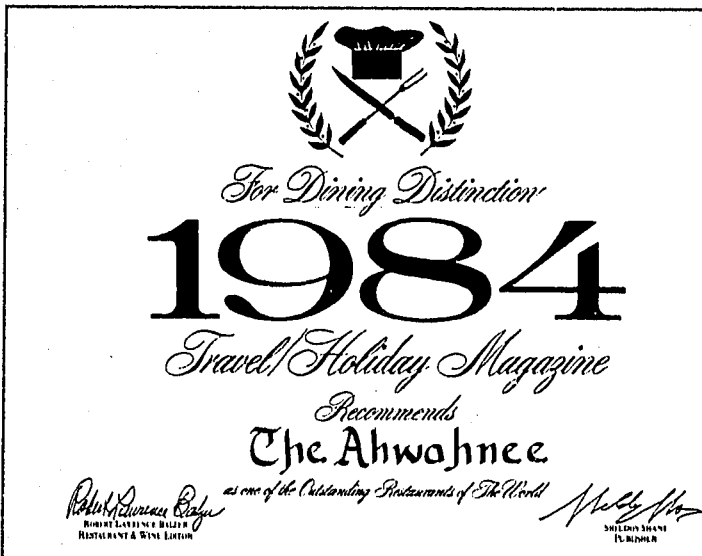
The *Travel/Holiday* magazine award named the Main Dining Room of The Ahwahnee as one of the outstanding restaurants in the world. This award is given on an annual basis and is considered quite a compliment to be selected as one of its recipients.

The award was dedicated by *Travel/Holiday* magazine publisher, Sheldon Shane, and restaurant and wine editor, Robert Lawrence Balzer. Mr. Balzer, who was instrumental in the success of our first annual Beaujolais Nouveau celebration last November commented, "The Ahwahnee dining room was selected primarily for the distinctiveness of the setting but, also, for the friendliness and cheerfulness of the service."

The Mobile Four Star Rating of The Ahwahnee is, in the words of former Manager John O'Neill, "a terrific honor," and a "realization of a very long term goal."

The award was based on the Hotel's performance in 1983 after two (unannounced) inspections by Mobile Guide officials.

According to Mr. O'Neill, the award is especially significant



1984

Ahwahnee

Presented for distinguished achievement in service, cordiality and overall quality. Four stars signifies "Outstanding—worth a special trip."

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because less than 1% of all hotels and individual restaurants in the United States are rated four star. He emphasizes that the award was the result of a "team effort."

"It's very rewarding to see The Ahwahnee Hotel receive national awards from two such prestigious organizations," claims Ahwahnee Manager Bill Wymore. "Each and every Ahwahnee employee should feel proud of their contribution toward these awards."

Management Training Seminars Initiated

Yosemite Park & Curry Co. has expanded its training program this spring with the addition of a management training seminar pilot program utilizing selected management personnel. The program, presented in three 3 hour sessions, is designed to give the managers more of a feel for overall company operations and philosophies.

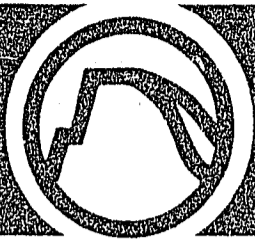
In a recent seminar, YP&C Co. President Ed Hardy began his presentations with this statement: "This program is intended to give you more of an indepth awareness of your company's philosophy and operation." He further explained the unique sensitivities of operating in Yosemite and the role as a contractor to the Department of the Interior.

Tom Williams, Vice President, spoke on hotel division policies and procedures that result in a quality guest experience as the way of achieving a fair profit. Dan Jensen, Vice President, gave a detailed explanation of the complexities of operating the main-

tenance department and discussed construction projects and liaison with the National Park Service. Don Quigley, Senior Vice President, spoke on the organization of the administrative division and outlined several qualities found in the most successful managers. Alan Richmond, Director of Marketing, gave an overview of advertising, public relations, and sales efforts including tour, travel, and social conference business. Garrett DeBell gave an overview of the company's environmental philosophy and programs as well as the necessary liaison with the environmental community.

In the upcoming session of the program, Mike Welch, Controller; John Graham, Vice President of Retail; and George Spach, Director of Purchasing will speak on their areas of responsibility.

Future programs are in the planning stage at the present time. Those interested in participating in future programs should contact Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training, at Ext. 1448.



Yosemite Community Council 1984 Campaign Begins

The Board of the Yosemite Community Council would like to invite you to join other members of the Yosemite Community in supporting the Yosemite Community Council 1984 Fund Drive which will take place April 23, 1984, through May 30, 1984.

For more than thirty years, your generosity has supported many important community projects. For example, the Yosemite scholarship program has helped many students from our community to further their educational goals. In addition, the Emergency Fund has provided on-the-spot assistance for members of this community as well as occasional stranded visitors in need of our help. This year we would also like to fund the operation of the Yosemite Community Assistance Program. The primary objective of this program is to help community members in need of special assistance with regards to substance abuse (drugs and alcohol) and its effect on our community. Under this program, community members will be helped through positive, healthful and confidential programs.

Although our emphasis has traditionally been with local groups, your contributions have also helped to further the efforts of many worthy organizations outside the Yosemite community by you earmarking your contribution to go to these National organizations.

The Community Council is entirely comprised of community members who are concerned about our community's needs. As such, we urge you to continue your support of the Council and its functions. Your contributions represent the concern of the community for many worthy causes. Make checks payable to Yosemite Community Council, P.O. Box 313, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Yosemite Community Council Members

Bill Germany	Chris Becker
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Pat Reilly	Marty Livingston
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So before planning your next vacation, stop by the Employee Recreation office for information on these cards. It may save you some time and money.

Mariposa County Arts Council

A recent art exhibit at the Visitor Center featured the works of many talented members of the Mariposa County Arts Council, including:

Willard Henderson	Steve Hickman
Peggy Landis	Penny Otwell
Nellie Terry Moe	Louelle Manzer
Muriel Neavin	Helen Neveau
Norma McKenzie	Betty Jo Poteet
Della Hern	Kay Pitts

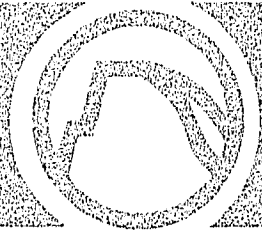
The show was extremely successful and many thanks are extended to Bea Wiess and the National Park Service for their time and help.

Plans are in the making for a 1985 art show. If you are interested in exhibiting your work (through display in public buildings or local art shows), please contact Sage Stormcreek at 379-2351.

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Just Can't Stop Those Ancient Jocks!!

Every year, one of the highlights of the Badger Pass ski season is the Annual Ancient Jocks Ski Race and this year was no exception!

Approximately 80 skiers enjoyed the festivities and great skiing conditions. This year's highlights included lunch on the sundeck, the Giant Slalom Race, an awards banquet and dinner reception held at Curry Village.

The overall winners in the Giant Slalom were Ken Melton of Mariposa and Karen Von Kempt of Yosemite. Ken was followed by Chuck Carter (2nd place) and Steve Hickman in 3rd. 2nd place went to Ridgley Reece and 3rd to Jeannine Mitchell in the women's division.

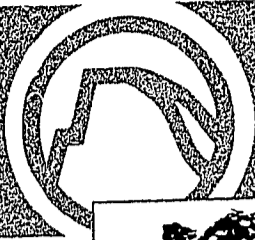
In the age 46-60 category, Sal Flores won 1st, Paul Maddox

2nd and Ledds Lacy 3rd. In the women's division, 1st place went to Anne Hendrickson, 2nd to Bobbie Wall and 3rd to Marion Woessner.

The Men Over 60 division was won by Bert Wall, Bob Clark and Ed Dahl, respectively. In the Women Over 60 division, Gail Brawer won 1st, Ellie Nishkian won 2nd and Eileen Berrey placed 3rd.

Special awards were presented to Randy Rust, Bill Germany and Don Pearson for their outstanding support of the Junior Racing Team.

The following photos capture some of the highlights of the day! Thanks to all the participants, YP&C Co. staff members and the Yosemite Winter Club for another terrific Ancient Jocks Race!



The Yosemite Institute

Yosemite is many things to many people. John Muir called Yosemite "nature's grandest creation," however the Yosemite Institute refers to the Park as "nature's grandest classroom." "What better place could you possibly find in which to teach natural history? Yosemite practically does the teaching for us," says Yosemite Institute Campus Director Vince Kehoe.

Founded in 1971, with the support of the NPS and YP&C Co., the Yosemite Institute offers educational programs to elementary, junior high and high school students. Using Yosemite as a living classroom, the Institute's various programs teach students the concept of land use, botany, zoology, history, aesthetics, philosophy, geology and winter survival.

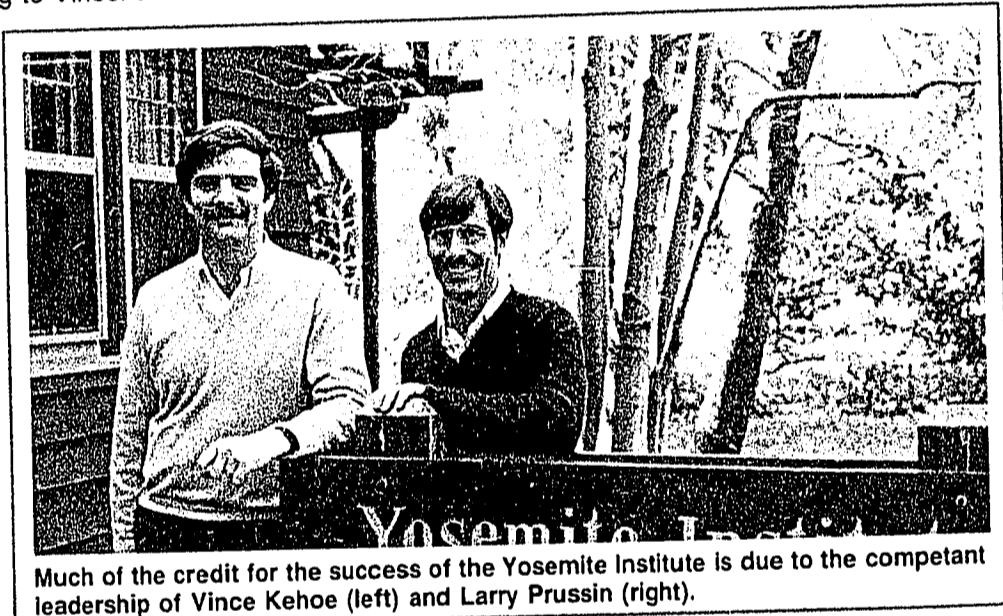
The staff of 20 full time and 6 substitute instructors are "the most important part of the program," according to Vince. Each instructor/naturalist has a four-year degree in some science related field, but equally important is their ability to relate well with the students. Vince compliments, "Our staff is a unique group who are great with people, especially kids. I give them credit for our very good reputation and for the high number of groups that return year after year."

In addition to the staff of instructors, three individuals comprise the administrative team: Vince Kehoe, who began with the Y.I. as an instructor in 1975, was instrumental in the opening of another Y.I. campus near San Francisco and became the Yosemite Campus Director in 1980. Larry Prussin, Program Coordinator, designs, organizes and handles the day to day operations of the educational programs; Pete McGee, the Field Studies Direc-

tor, is responsible for training the instructors, as well as evaluating the programs and their performance. The Y.I. support staff consists of Bill Kiger, Manager of the facilities at Crane Flat; Susan Daily, Bookkeeper; Stuart Scofield, the Maintenance Supervisor; and Sandy Weinert, who prepares the student's lunches.

Currently there are two Institute campuses in California: Yosemite and the Headlands, located in Golden Gate National Recreation Area near San Francisco. Larry Prussin explains, "The two separate campuses allow our students to learn about two of California's most specific environments: the mountains the the seashore." A third campus located in Olympic National Park is still in the planning stages.

The most popular of all the Institute programs is the School Weeks Programs: a five-day session consisting of day hikes



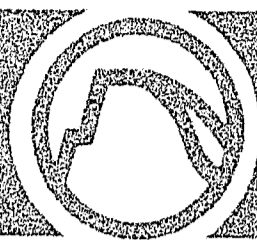
Much of the credit for the success of the Yosemite Institute is due to the competent leadership of Vince Kehoe (left) and Larry Prussin (right).



"The strength of our staff is their tremendous diversity of knowledge," says Larry Prussin of the 1984 Y.I. Instructor/Naturalist team.

throughout Yosemite, as well as informal evening programs. This course is taught at three different sites in Yosemite; during the summer at Crane Flat, in Yosemite Valley during the academic year and at the Merced Grove at various times throughout the winter season. This remarkably successful program is built around very simple objectives, "to give the students (regardless of age) a first hand learning experience in the human and natural history of Yosemite," describes Vince.

As many as 5,200 students participated in the program this year, rising from 4,900 last year. "We are experiencing a very steady and healthy growth rate each year," notes Larry. "Considering the amount of students who pass through our program, it is amazing that we are supported by such a small staff."

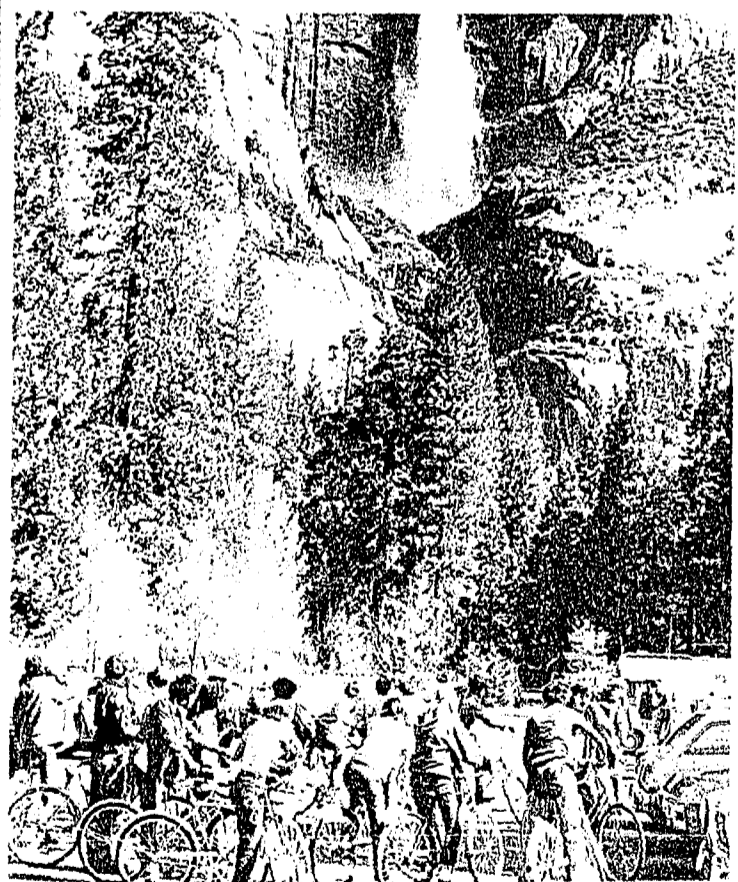


The Institute is funded almost exclusively by the student tuition revenue, however, Vince and Larry are quick to agree that Yosemite Park and Curry Co. plays a major role in the program's success. "YP&C Co. was very instrumental in the founding of the Institute in the early 1970's. In fact, it was their support and donations during our first few years that actually helped the Institute get off the ground," notes Vince.

The Institute and YP&C Co. still share this harmonious relationship. According to Vince, the Institute could be considered the Curry Company's largest single customer. Likewise, the company supports the Institute programs by discounting lodging and food for the school's students as well as providing free transportation to Badger Pass during the ski season and donating financial assistance for special programs, such as the Foundation for the Junior Blind group that visited during the week of April 15-20. Larry expressed, "We really appreciate the assistance we receive from Yosemite Park & Curry Company. All the people we work with, both at the Lodge and Curry Village, are very helpful and supportive."

The goals for the Institute are summarized aptly by Director Vince Kehoe. "Hopefully the student's trip to the Yosemite Institute is not a culminating experience. "We hope that it brings them back to the Park and kindles their desire to learn and care more about the natural world once they leave here."

After spending some time with the Institute staff and one of its student's sessions, it is easy to see that they certainly achieve this goal. Congratulations to Vince and his staff and best wishes for the continued success of the Yosemite Institute.



An afternoon excursion by bike to Yosemite Falls, is a favorite outdoor activity that combines a learning experience for student groups.



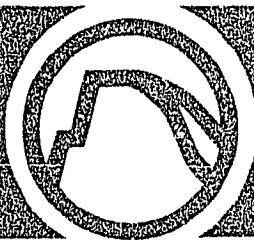
Most mornings begin with an orientation to acquaint the groups with their instructors and discuss the day's agenda.



Instructor Mike Rivers captures a student's undivided attention as he transforms an acorn cap into a whistle.



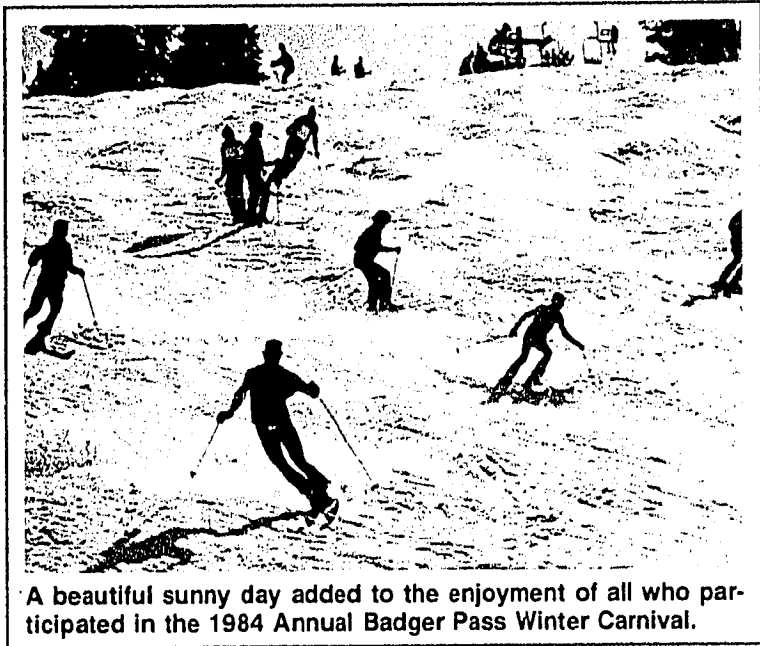
Glenn Frederick leads a group discussion on Yosemite's ecological and geological features.



Winter Carnival Ends Terrific Season

The annual Badger Pass Winter Carnival once again proved a grand finale to a terrific season! Approximately 450 attendees enjoyed the festivities including children and adult ski races, costume contest, barbecue dinner and evening torchlight parade.

Congratulations to all the race and costume contest winners and many thanks to the Badger Pass staff for a well organized and successful event!



A beautiful sunny day added to the enjoyment of all who participated in the 1984 Annual Badger Pass Winter Carnival.

WINTER CARNIVAL WINNERS

Slalom Race

Men's	1st	Mark Conway	Yosemite
	2nd	Mark O'Connor	Yosemite
	3rd	Rob Kroeckel	Yosemite
Women's	1st	Jessica Rust	Yosemite
	2nd	Jennie Little	Yosemite

Obstacle Race

Men's	1st	(tie) Dick Riegelhuth	Yosemite
	1st	(tie) Frank Domingues	Yosemite
Women's	1st	Jan Lacy	Hanford
	2nd	Leslie Monson	Fresno

Children's Slalom

Boy's	1st	Tom Ronay	El Portal
	2nd	James Weir	San Jose
Girl's	1st	Lisa Reece	Yosemite
	2nd	Brandy Richmond	Yosemite

Costume Contest

Best Men's	Dave Hansen	Reedley
Best Ladies'	Johnny Walbloom	El Portal
Best Children's	Jamie Lyster	Oakhurst
Best Overall	Doris Henry	Yosemite
Sexiest	Duran McKelvey	Yosemite
Couple	Martha Rowe	Yosemite
	Denise Knopf	Yosemite

Are You Overtraining?

If you feel chronically fatigued and listless and are unable to make further fitness gains, you may be suffering from fitness overtraining, according to Bryant Stamford, Ph.D., Director of the exercise physiology lab at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Dr. Stamford advises: "If you consistently feel pretty well recovered from previous exercise bouts and are eager to train, you are probably not overtraining. But if you are consistently tired and have little desire to train, you may be in danger of overtraining and should cut back your training program."

Though elite athletes are the ones most vulnerable to overtraining, says Dr. Stamford, recreational athletes can also overtrain by doing too much too soon, failing to rest between workouts or ignoring early signs of overuse injury.

There's a delicate balance between increasing exercise enough to make further gains in aerobic capacity, and pushing yourself too far, which causes overtraining, the physiologist says.

So what can you do about it? Dr. Stamford advises a cutback in your training regimen to two times per week at high intensity if the overtraining was not severe. At that level, you'll still maintain fitness. If you cut back to once a week, you will experience some loss in aerobic capacity, although it won't be total.

After doing this for a few weeks until your enthusiasm for training returns, ease back into a more demanding schedule. It

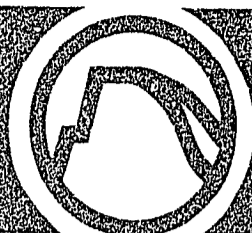


Frosty the Fiore!! Nic is the big hit with amused onlookers in his homemade snowman costume.

shouldn't be difficult if you've maintained some level of fitness, says Dr. Stamford.

If you're so burned out that you don't feel like exercising at all, then take a complete vacation. You will lose fitness and you'll have to retrain from scratch, but your gains will probably be easier and more rapid.

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VINTAGE MOMENTS

by F.J. Johnson

Greetings, wine lovers! It's time that we continue our adventures through the wine country. Northern Sonoma County supports numerous small boutique wineries, many of whom are located in obscure places. A local wine map is definitely in order, even though the three wineries I'd like to mention are more on the beaten path.

Mill Creek Vineyards is located one mile west of Healdsburg on Westside Road. Their recently completed tasting room overlooks vineyards the partners started in 1965. This building is unusual in that the owners handcut the main timbers and panels from a single redwood tree. This winery produces an excellent Merlot, and their Cabernet Sauvignon is also quite good. The attendees of last year's awards banquet might recall that wine.

A few miles further up Westside Road brings you to Hop Kiln Winery a registered historical landmark. The winery and tasting room are in a Hop Kiln, a drying facility for the hops used in beer marking, once an important industry here. The most interesting wine available here is a white with the propriety named "A Thousands Flowers."

SAFETY BELTS

Are They Worth The Hook-Up?

You can bet your sweet life they are! Yet, most of us can bet our lives that they are not worth the time to buckle-up. But they are; and we pay for them when we buy the car or truck.

According to the National Safety Council, less than 20% of the nation's drivers wear safety belts. They also conservatively estimated that of the 50,000 Americans killed on our highways each year, at least half would have been saved had they been wearing safety belts.

A state trooper of 25 years service who had assisted in thousands of serious highway accidents made these statements, "I've had the distasteful job of helping thousands of people seriously injured in automobile crashes. Many were dead on arrival at the hospital, but I have never unbuckled the safety belt of a dead person. In my opinion, 90% of all fatalities that I have seen could have been prevented if they had worn their safety belt."

These are some of the reasons why people should wear safety belts."

- In an accident you would not be thrown out of the car, hit the pavement, be run over by another car, or crushed under your own. And, during a sudden stop or accident, be thrown against the windshield or steering column.
- Properly adjusted, you will arrive at your destination less fatigued. Safety belts provide support and improve your posture while driving.

It's your decision. . . ARE YOU WORTH IT?

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Dry Creek Vineyards are located nearby on, of course, Dry Creek Road. While the winery is less than impressive, the folks are friendly, the picnic tables sunny, and the wines above average. I especially enjoy their Fume Blanc, which was another wine served to the guests of the company awards banquet.

After visiting your fill of Sonoma wineries, Napa Valley is probably the next destination. To get there, head south from Santa Rosa on Highway 12, then hang a left on Petrified Forest Road. This will take you through the Mayacamas (Howl of the Mountain Lion) Range into Calistoga. Along the way, a worthwhile stop is the Petrified Forest, supposedly the largest in the world.

Once in Napa, my first stop is usually Chateau Montelena. The highlight of their facility is an artificial pond set behind the winery, complete with islands and Chinese junk picnic tables set on the islands, the perfect spot to enjoy pate and some of the winery's Chardonnay. During the summer months, these tables are allocated on a strict reservation system. Call first, and bring some popcorn for the geese.

A couple miles down Highway 29 lies Sterling Vineyards, actually set off Dunaweal Lane on a knoll overlooking the valley. Three dollars and a five minute ride on the aerial tram gets you to the winery and tasting room. You can see the inside of the facility via a self-guided walking tour, probably better sorted to visitors who have toured other wineries. The tasting room is cordial, with tables to relax at, and servers to pour the selection of the day. If you look youthful, bring your I.D. so you don't waste your tram fee.

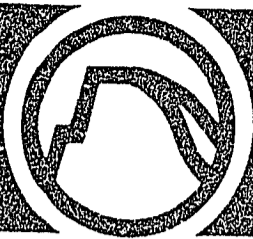
It looks like the other Napa wineries will have to wait for another day. Before departing, however, I'd like to pass on some advice I received from the assistant winemaker at Quady Winery. If you own any Essencia, their delicious orange muscat dessert wine, drink it. It peaks about two years from vintage, and does not keep well.

So until next month, let's keep in mind the motto of Dry Creeks owner, Dave Stare, "Life is too short to drink bad wine."

TRANSFORMATION

by Joseph R. Pacquette

*A Meadow laden with A new Carpet
Of young green Grass,
With an early Iris or two A-Bloom,
Aspen with young Leaves,
Among firs in their continuous State
Maintaining their Perpetual Green.
A single peach Blossom,
Contributing to the Decor,
With the Birds Nesting,
And singing to the high Heavens.
From Winters Tranquility,
To Springs Jubilation.
Blessed are we for these precious
Gifts, Thanks be to God.*



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

- May 1: *Trading Places*
May 7: *Reds* (day changed to Monday)
May 15: *Popeye*
May 21: *One On One* (day changed to Monday)
May 29: *The Omen*

Every Tuesday (except the 7th and the 21st) in the East Auditorium. Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. East Auditorium. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special May Events

- May 1: Basketball moves to the outdoor court (Elementary School) Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

May 4: Dating Game (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

May 10: Square Dance (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Watch for times and dates of New and Continuing events in May:

Volleyball/Softball League — Call Employee Recreation #1475 for more information.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details or call Employee Rec at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

Weight Center: Open Mon.-Sat., 10:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00, 5:00-9:00, Sundays, 2:00-7:00. Located next door to Lodge House-keeping Office.

Aerobics. Mon., Wed., Fri. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu. Sun., Tues., Thurs. (West Auditorium) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Folk Dancing. Wed. (Elementary School Gym) 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1980 400cc Honda, 7,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$900. If interested, please call 372-4517 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: Two 1956 4x4 International ¾ ton pickups. Running condition and solid! #1 has 4 speed transmission and #2 has 5 speed transmission \$1000 each or best offer. Call Jimmy McCall, El Portal, 379-2344.

For Sale: Land available for investment, home planning or shelter. 2 acres at Lomita Road (near Road 30) and Avenue 21½ in Valley Lakes subdivision in Madera. No money down, with only closing fees to start a \$200 each month for 7 years which includes 10% interest. Call 375-6537 if interested.

For Sale: Datsun pick-up bed trailer. Ideal for hauling firewood with small car. \$200 or best offer. Call Phil at 372-4366 days, or 372-4865 evenings.

For Sale: Vuarnet sun glasses. New, half price. Call Van at 372-4295.

Announcements

Yosemite Community Church — Beginning May 6, there will be two Sunday morning chapel services: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, May 27, the masses for **Our Lady of the Snow's Parish** will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the West Auditorium. This schedule will continue through Labor Day. Saturday masses will remain at 7:30 p.m. Wawona masses will begin on May 26, at 5:00 p.m. at the Old School House.

Yosemite Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at noon at the Four Seasons Restaurant, Yosemite Lodge. Those interested in membership are invited to attend. Please call Club Secretary, Vince Kehoe at 372-4441.

Yosemite Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at The Ahwahnee Hotel for lunch.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training Office — everyone welcome.

How would you like a chance to spend a night in the **ROYAL PENTHOUSE SUITE** of The Ahwahnee Hotel for only \$5? This amazing offer is one night in the same room that Queen Elizabeth stayed in last year, and includes a special candlelight dinner prepared for two and served in the Penthouse. The suite has been reserved for Saturday, July 14, 1984. For a chance at this incredible offer, contact a member of the Yosemite Rotary Club, P.O. Box 655, Yosemite, CA 95389. The drawing will be held June 19, 1984.

Yosemite Lions Club Annual Blood Bank and Eye Mobile will be held Wednesday, May 9, 9:00-1:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center. Donations of blood may be transferred anywhere in the U.S.A. Your supervisor will have pledge cards. Refreshments served after!! For more information phone Rusty, 372-4475.

For Sale: Trailer in El Portal. C-1 8ft. x 40 ft. \$6,500. Negotiable. Call 379-2326 days.

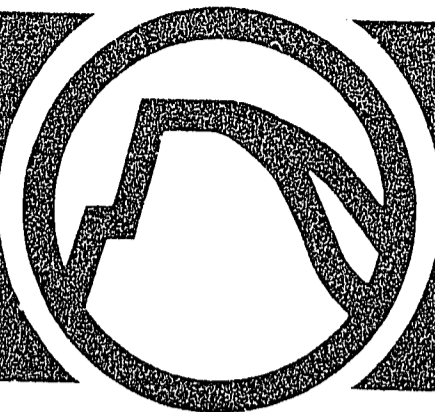
For Sale: 1982 Toyota 4x4. PS, PB, AC, Camper shell. Excellent condition, \$8,990. Call 372-1445 days or 372-4266, evenings.

Positions Opening: Part time/full time staff positions on *Canyon* newspaper. Two secretaries, two writers and one assistant editor. Position opening May 15-21. Send resume to P.O. Box 484, Yosemite, CA 95389, or contact regional distributor in your community. N.P.O.

Cleaning and babysitting services available. Call Julie Johnson at 372-9955.

For Sale: 1979 Harley Davidson 1000. Clean, low miles. Asking \$2,700 or best offer. Contact Guy at H50 Trailer Camp 6.

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Yosemite Community Organizes Assistance Program

In recent months a new community organization under the initial direction of Superintendent Binnewies has been formed. It is called the Yosemite Community Assistance Program. Their policy is to support and assist the community members in the resolution of their personal problems including substance abuse. The program, at the present time, is composed of a board of community members from the various aspects and areas of our community and it is chaired by Dr. James Wurgler.

The Board of Directors of the Community Assistance Program has sought support from all the major employers in Yosemite National Park. The Yosemite Park & Curry Co. and the National Park Service have been very active in this community based program. The Board has recruited a number of volunteers from throughout the Yosemite community and has begun the orientation and training of these volunteers.

The Yosemite Community Assistance Program exists independently as a Community organization. It is our hope that in the future it will be possible through the fund raising efforts of the Yosemite Community Council 1984 Campaign, to employ a part-time coordinator to supervise and train field peer group volunteers.

The board of the Yosemite Community Assistance Program and its coordinator will develop the following program components:

(a) a referral system with a definitive policy on confidentiality in a structured referral process with clear referral guidelines utilizing a referral directory; (b) the establishment of a peer referral counseling or volunteer field group that will be composed of volunteers from within the community and to properly train these volunteers in communication skills, the referral process, and confidentiality of all information; (c) the Community Assistance Program will also be involved in preventative programs throughout the community; (d) educational programs will be the responsibility of the coordinator and will include training of the Yosemite Community Assistance Board of Directors and will assist other Park organizations in utilizing the Community Assistance Program and its referral system; (e) it will also be the role of the board and the coordinator to establish a positive publicity campaign through the use of community newsletters, management meetings, and periodic fliers.

The Yosemite Community Assistance Program hopes that members of the community will join in helping the Board and its volunteers in any way possible. If you are interested in participating as a peer counselor, please contact Chairman, James Wurgler, M.D., Derrick Vocelka, or any of the board members listed below:



On behalf of the YP&CCo., Ed Hardy presents a gift of six 3-speed bicycles to Len McKenzie of the National Park Service Interpretive Division. The donation signifies the continued support of the NPS guest interpretive programs as well as the mutual interest in reducing automobile congestion and pollution in the Valley.

Yosemite Community Assistance Board Members

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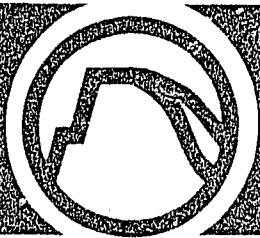
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372-1020



Van Pools — Help Yosemite, Help Yourself

The van pool concept began in Yosemite approximately 3 years ago and has now grown to the point where approximately 60 individuals participating in four/15 person van pools, are having a pleasant and inexpensive commute rather than individually driving to work. Each participant benefits by saving as much as \$1,000 or more per year over the cost of driving a private vehicle and avoiding dealing with tire chains, snow and slippery conditions in the winter, and congested parking in the developed areas of Yosemite Valley in the summer. All who come to Yosemite, whether they are employees or visitors, benefit from the reduction in automobile congestion on the roads and in the parking areas. Yosemite benefits through reduced air pollution and noise. The nation benefits in a small but very real way in the savings of a considerable amount of gasoline.

Van pools are one more addition to an array of measures that have been taken over the past few years to help reduce the impact of the automobile on Yosemite National Park. Each of these measures makes a contribution to a significant reduction in congestion in Yosemite Valley. The van pools alone get approximately 50 cars off Yosemite's roads and parking lots.

The most well-known and most participated in of the measures that help to reduce the automobile's impact in Yosemite is the shuttle system, begun by the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. in 1969. The shuttles, serving the developed areas in Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, help a large number of visitors and residents get around without having to rely on use of the



automobile. The shuttle also makes it more realistic for people to come to the Park on public transportation by plane or Amtrak connecting to buses knowing that once they get here it will be easy to get around the most visited parts of Yosemite.

Another major improvement instituted by the National Park Service a few years ago was the campground reservations system. As soon as the system was put into place, large numbers of people who previously had come to Yosemite just to wait in lines with their cars to see if they might get a space in a campground, found out by telephone whether or not there was, in fact, a place to camp in Yosemite Valley. If not, they went to some other area for their recreation rather than becoming part of the congestion problem in Yosemite and having an unpleasant experience. This has produced a dramatic improvement in the east end of Yosemite Valley.

The bike path system, recently improved by the addition of the Yosemite Creek bridge, donated in part by your company, makes it much easier and more enjoyable for all of us and for Park visitors to get around and enjoy Yosemite in a healthy and non-polluting fashion.

If you presently commute, consider initiating a van pool, or joining up with an existing one as space becomes available. For information on how to form a van pool, or to put your name on a list for vacancies that might come up, contact Dorothy Richards in personnel. A further incentive to become the organizer of a van pool is that you receive a free commute yourself in exchange for doing the majority of the driving and handling the scheduling and arranging of maintenance services.

WANTED:

El Portal Van Pool Riders

Space is available for three (3) permanent Van Pool riders from El Portal to Yosemite Valley. The Van operates from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday arriving in the Valley about 7:40 a.m. Departure is at 4:35 p.m. arriving in El Portal about 5:10 p.m.

Full-time riders pay \$41.00 to \$43.00 in advance by the first day of each month. There is also room for space-available riders who pay \$1.00 each way.

SCHEDULE

AM Departure		AM Delivery Points	
Government Housing	7:00 a.m.	YP&CCo. Personnel	
El Portal Post Office	7:05 a.m.	Yosemite Medical Clinic	
Trailer Village	7:10 a.m.	YP&CCo. Warehouse	
		N.P.S. Maint. Area	
PM Departure		PM Delivery Points	
N.P.S. Maint. Area	4:35 p.m.	Reverse of AM Departure Points.	
YP&CCo. Personnel	4:40 p.m.		

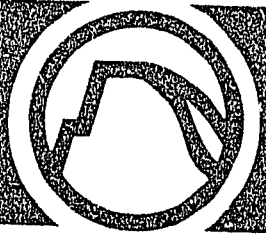
Reservations need to be made before June 1, 1984. For reservations or information please call:

Lorne West
Office: 372-4461, Ext. 319
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McKenzie & Little; 1984 Yosemite Graduates

The Yosemite Elementary School is proud to announce the two members of the 1984 graduating class: James McKenzie and James Little. Both boys, after completing the 8-year elementary school term, will receive their diploma at the graduation ceremony Wednesday, June 13.

James "Jimmy" Little, born in 1969 in the Lewis Memorial Hospital, has lived in Yosemite all of his life. A member of the Yosemite ski, soccer, baseball, football and track teams, James was also an active band member. He cites his role as narrator in the school play, *The Point*, as the highlight of his school years.

Although James is looking forward to beginning high school in Mariposa in the fall, he admits to both happy and sad feelings about leaving Yosemite Elementary School. "I have many good memories of elementary school," he says. "I have had very good teachers and have made many good friends here."

James "Jim" McKenzie currently presides as student body president and has participated in band, several school plays, on the track, softball, basketball and volleyball teams as well in county math and spelling contests. Recently, he won third place in the Cal State Junior High Spelling Bee.

James recalls Yosemite Elementary School as "a great school." He explains, "You get opportunities here that you wouldn't get anywhere else because of where we live. The National Park Service and Curry Co. employees have helped us by giving us gifts."

Jim hopes to pursue a career in professional sports or acting and offers sound advice for his fellow classmates. He advises, "Be proud of Yosemite Elementary School. You're getting the best."



Jimmy Little (left) and Jim McKenzie (right) are looking forward to beginning their high school years in the fall.

Congratulations are extended to both Jim and Jimmy and best wishes for success in their high school years. In the words of Yosemite Elementary School Principal Barry Cole, "Both boys offered something unique to our school. They will be missed."

Executive Chef Bertram Rejoins Ahwahnee Staff

Bertram Wentzak has rejoined YP&CCo. in the position of Executive Chef at The Ahwahnee Hotel.

Bertram previously worked as Chef at The Ahwahnee from August 1, 1978, to August 16, 1981, leaving here to accept a similar position at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. During the period of his absence from the Park, he also spent some time as Chef at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley.

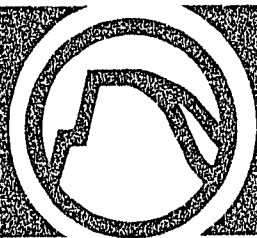
Chef Bertram says he's glad to be back in Yosemite. He is enthused about the recent Ahwahnee kitchen renovations and is looking forward to working with The Ahwahnee staff.



Chef Bertram.



To signify support of the Yosemite Community Council, Donations Committee Chairman Connie Archer presents a \$1,000 check to Ron Jennings, Council board member. On behalf of the YP&CCo., this donation aided the Council's efforts in meeting the \$10,000 goal during the 1984 fund drive.



Great Turnout, Great Fun at 1984 Wranglers Reunion

by Leena Conway

The 25th annual Yosemite Wranglers Reunion, held May 6th in Yosemite Valley, was an event long to be remembered! The approximate audience of 300 wranglers, ex-wranglers and family members comprised what was surely the largest turnout ever of the annual event.

Dean Conway, Stables Manager, said it was a great opportunity for the "old timers" to meet and mingle with the present day Yosemite Stables staff. Though the stories haven't changed much, it brought back fond memories for wranglers like Freddie Wass of Mariposa who worked at Kennyville in 1916 and Kenny Hanville who worked there in 1919. (Kennyville was the original stables in Yosemite and was located at the present site of The Ahwahnee Hotel.)

Also attending the reunion were Arch Westfall who worked in the 1920's to 30's and Marjorie "Marnie" Rice who was a burro picnic girl in charge of 17 burros in 1939 to 1940. Marjorie fondly recalled how she loved her job and loved living in Yosemite.

The day's activities included an auction of hand made items which were auctioned off by

Grant Iverson. All proceeds went to the Wrangler's Reunion Fund. Marshall Long of Mariposa and his team of horses were a big hit with their wagon rides for the children. A tradition of the reunion included a few minutes of silence set aside for fellow wranglers who have passed away. The day culminated with a terrific potluck dinner enjoyed by all!

Many thanks to the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. for their greatly appreciated donation of coffee, bread, butter, tables and chairs. Also, recognition goes to Dean Conway, Bob Bandy, and Adrian

Harders for their terrific job in organizing and setting up the reunion. Many people commented on the fact that this was one of the most well organized functions in its 25-year history!

After the reunion, many of the ex-wranglers and their families walked around the stable grounds to see how things had changed and watched the new wranglers in their former roles. It was apparent throughout the day that all of the wranglers shared memories of a life working in Yosemite stables that would gladly be repeated. To many, they were the best times of their lives.



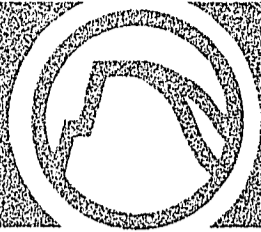
Robert "Bob" Bandy (left) and Dean Conway (right) were instrumental in the success and organization of the 25th Wranglers Reunion.



All the wranglers who worked at the Stables from 1916 to present pose for the traditional group photo.



Approximately 300 participants enjoyed the delicious potluck lunch, one of the highlights of the day.



Wrangler Reunion



❶ Kenny Hanville (left), wrangler in 1919, and Freddie Wass (right) in 1916, were the earliest stable employees present.



❷ Wranglers from the 1930's and 1940's. Left to right: Everett Phelps, Vern Morris, George Barnett, Malcolm Fulmer, Ray Preston and Archie Westfall.

❸ Camille Turpin's homemade spaghetti was a big hit with the reunion crowd!

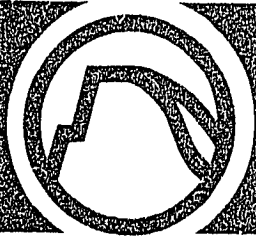


❹ Marshall Long (left), provided wagon rides to reunion guests. Pictured here: Louis Schott (middle) and Steve Ybarra (right).

❺ Newly elected Wranglers Reunion President Grant Iverson.

❻ Stables employees, wives and children are captured in the annual reunion "Wranglerettes" photo.





Early Season Backpacking

by Jon Heaton

Looking for a spring backpacking spot you don't have to drive a long way to get to? Ready to start training for the opening of Tuolumne? I've got a couple of spots for you.

Chilnualna Falls, near Wawona is a great spot right now. The falls are roaring and the flat rocks around it are great for tanning. It's still a big cool in the morning though, don't bring your summer bag yet. The falls plunge down, hit a rock cliff and veer off to the right. In the morning this black rock is encrusted with ice and makes a great picture. Continue up the trail past the falls for about 5 minutes, and you will come to an open area with many spots



The upper cascade of Chilnualna Falls. (Photo by Jon Heaton)

The Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis J. Yamnitsky

It was a beautiful spring day filled with rolling hills and wildflowers as several Yosemite runners competed in the Hornitos to Indian Gulch runs! John Carter lead the way with an easy 5th place in the 5 miler. Jim Rodrigues followed closely in 7th and Tom Anderson just edged out James Arnold in the middle of the pack. The women were solely represented in the 5 miler by Nancy Hunt. In the 10 mile race, Reva Colliver outclassed her competition to be the first overall woman in a fine time of 72.33 and right behind Reva was her sister, Gail Miller, in 3rd place.

A couple of runners from the Yosemite Institute put on a grueling 7.5 mile hill run from El Portal to Big Meadow in Foresta. It was kind of a low key local event, until former Curry employee Dave Weller showed up. Dave, now running in the Lake Tahoe area, blazed through the course in 57.00. There was a total of 17 runners who competed through the heat and up the hills. Representing Curry Company were Reva Colliver, Gail Miller and Frank Brown III. From Yosemite Institute, Ted James led the pack in 3rd place followed by Jeff Schloss, Glen Frederick, Ray Endacott, Elizabeth Hardie and Lisa Memzer. Laurel Monson from

to camp and a 60-foot cascade leading to the falls in the background. It's just over four miles and takes about 1½-2 hours. Wilderness permits are available for overnight camping at the Wawona ranger station.

To get to Chilnualna Falls, go to the Redwood Inn on North Wawona Road and turn left. After ¼-½ mile you come to an intersection (with the road on the right going downhill), take a left here, up a steep road following a sign for the horse trail. On the second switchback is a large area for parking, the trail starts here. Go down it for ¼ mile until you hit the main trail and turn left.

Hites Cove, located 5 miles behind Savages Trading Post on the south fork of the Merced, is an easy hike along the banks of the river and is probably the best spot around for viewing wildflowers.

For this hike, either as a day hike or overnight, sign in at Savages. The trail starts right there, park on the opposite side of the road.

There are excellent spots all along the river for sunning and swimming but be careful, the river is a lot faster, colder and more dangerous than it looks.

You'll know you've reached the cove when you come to a large sand bar that looks like a beach with some abandoned mining equipment near it. This is a good spot to set up camp and there are several fire rings around here. A family lives a little further down the river. They are prospectors in the area and are very friendly, but please, respect their privacy. The fishing is also very good here. You can buy fishing supplies at Savages if needed. You should need only 1 to 1½ hours to reach here.

Next month's I'll write on some early season hikes in Tuolumne.

NPS also put in a fine effort for 2nd place among the women. The organizers are planning the 2nd annual hill run next May! Love those hills!

If you think you are ready for a marathon... try the San Francisco Marathon. It is a well organized and scenic 26 miler and will be held a week after the Olympics on Sunday, August 19.

Remember to relax, enjoy every step, breathe easy and if you get too hot on your summer runs, the best way to cool down is a quick dip in the river, but please be careful! Safety first; injury free is the best way to be!

Upcoming Races

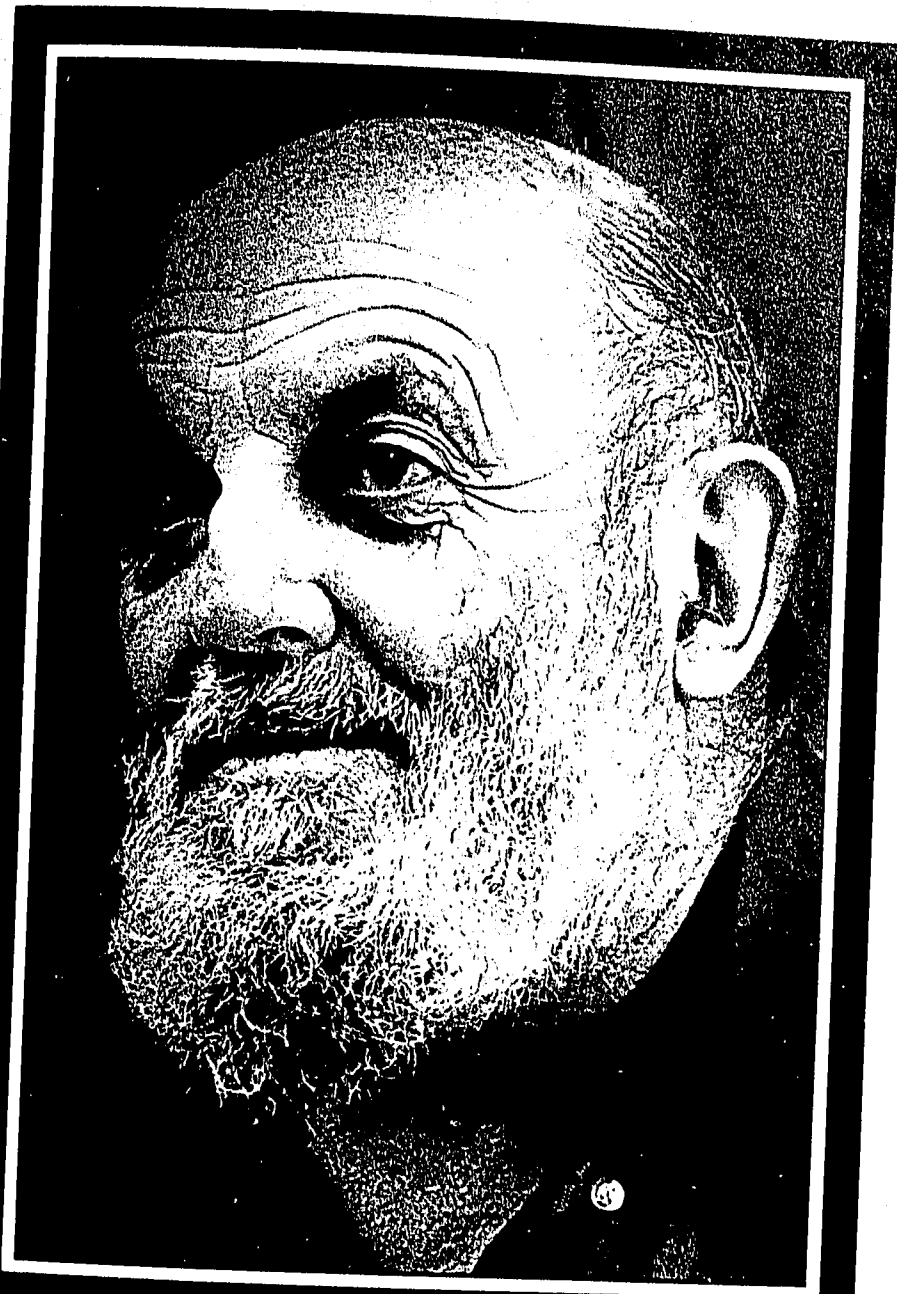
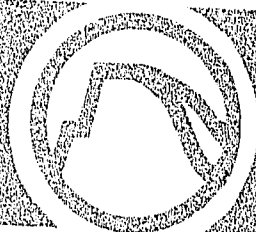
June 16: San Luis Dam Jam, 10K and 2 mile.

June 17: Father's Day 6 miler in Fresno.

June 19 through July 24: All comers track meet at Merced College. (Every Tuesday night)

July 4: Run for Independence in Atwater, 5 mile and 2 mile.

July 15: Run for cancer, 5 mile and 1.4 mile.



**In Remembrance of
Ansel Adams
1902 - 1984**

A crescent moon hangs clearly
Against the star-studded night sky.
Imposing granite walls tower above me.
Silent sentinels
To the eons of time that have passed by
And to the eons of time perhaps yet to come.

Millions have passed between these granite walls
And gazed in silent wonder.
Thousands have felt a mysterious magic touch them,
Thousands have felt a powerful sense of awe.
Hundreds have come and felt a fire kindle
Deep within their soul.
For perhaps a handful these walls and this Valley
Become a foundation of inspiration.
For a few, that inspiration becomes the work
To fill a life.
And a chosen few take all of this
And give it back a hundred-fold.

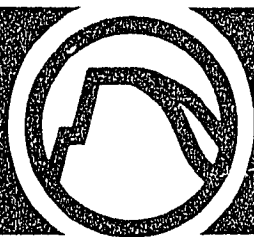
I think tonight of Muir and that perhaps
You are his only equal.
And in my selfishness I, like so many others,
Wish that you could have stayed with us awhile longer.
But I think that it will be Yosemite
That will miss you most of all.
For who now will be her champion
When we lack courage?
Who now will speak for these granite walls
And carry her voice into the other wilderness?
Who now will be there to show us
That wild places are worthy of our greatest love?

I gaze once more at the star-studded sky,
And for myself, and the many who have yet to come here,
For all that you gave us and will continue to give us
With the work of your life,
I whisper to you a silent thank-you.
And wish for your spirit to sleep in peace forever
Among these granite walls.

April 23, 1984

Poet's name withheld by request.

Photo of Ansel Adams
by Mimi Jacobs



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

June 5: *Honeysuckle Rose*

June 12: *Easy Money*

June 19: *Gandhi* (8:00 p.m. showing only)

June 26: *Risky Business*

Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special June Events

June 2: Field Day and FREE BBQ. Live music "Bonnie Phillips," (Elementary School Field) YP&CCo. employees only.

June 4: Morning Lap Swim (Lodge Pool), Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

June 5: Swimnastics (Lodge Pool), Tuesday and Thursday, 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

June 6: Women's Softball League starts.

June 18 Dance (East Auditorium), 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Watch the times and dates of these June events:

Bike Clinic
Backpacking Trip

Ongoing Activities

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Kung Fu: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday (West Auditorium) 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Basketball: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (Elementary School) 5:00 p.m.

Folk Dancing: Wednesday (Elementary School) 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Softball League: Sunday 2:00 p.m., Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 5:15 p.m. (Elementary School)

Weight Center: Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office. Ext. 1475.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1956 International pickup truck. 4-wheel drive, 5 speed, PTO winch, solid, runs good. \$1,000 or best offer. Call 379-2344, ask for Jimmy.

For Sale: Gas barbeque. \$50 or best offer. Call 379-2344.

Announcements

New class offered through Employee Recreation: Beginning Quilting, Tuesday nights 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Starts June 12 through August 28. Class size limited to 20 people. Contact Paula at ext. 1325 for more information.

Yosemite Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training Office — Everyone welcome.

The Mariposa County High School Graduation Ceremony will be held June 15 at 8:30 in the "Gold Bowl" at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds. Baccalaureate Services at 2:30 on June 10 in Craft Court at the Mariposa County High School.

Yosemite Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at noon in the 4 Seasons.

The Yosemite Natural History Association is offering 46 field classes this summer at Yosemite. Waterfalls in Yosemite Valley is a weekend course and starts June 22; two basketry courses and one Indian Material Culture course are being offered in June and July. Weekend women's backpacks start at the end of July; astronomy (evenings) seminar is the week of July 23-27. Call for catalog: (209) 372-4532.

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission recently announced Becky Wilson as the Scholarship recipient for the coming academic year. The \$1,000 scholarship is supported entirely by funds raised by the Yosemite Community Council. It has been awarded annually since 1934.

Becky is the daughter of Ray Wilson of Yosemite and Char Wilson of Mariposa. After graduating from Mariposa County High School on June 15, she will attend Cal State Stanislaus at Turlock with a major in Physical Education/Public Health. The congratulations and best wishes of the Yosemite-El Portal area go with her.

The Yosemite Grade School will present the musical *The Point* Wednesday, June 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. *The Point* is directed by Ellison Custodio with music by Barry Cole. The cast includes: Lisa Graham (Oblio), Jim McKenzie (Arrow), Jimmy Little (Narrator), Jeff Hinson (Count), Camille Davis (Count's Mean Kid), Paul Smith (King) and Darcia Quack, Dana Mackie, Liza Daley, Brian Reilly, Lisa Reece, Westley Gissell and Joanna Mayes (the Townspeople).

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New Food Service Program A Great Success!

The National Food Service for the Food-service Industry (N.F.I.) training program in applied food service sanitation was given in March of this year. This program is recognized nationwide for its certification of food service managers in the most advanced techniques of safe food handling. The classes, produced with the assistance of the Fresno County Department of Health, were instructed by Joe Higuera, Sanitarian for the National Park Service.

Twenty-five managers in the YP&C Co. food and beverage department have successfully completed the program. They have received their Food Handler Permit which authorizes them to work in a food and beverage unit. Congratulations to all personnel involved in this worthwhile program.



The 1984 graduates of the new food service training program receive their certified Food Handler permit.

1984 NIFI Graduates

Tom Anderson
Don Beidelman
David Burokas
Annette Catamoc
Irene Dahl
Gerald Ernest

Marc Frederick
Clarissa Garza
Terry Hall
Michelle Hanten
Jon Heaton
Jack Hicks

Bill Johnston
Bernard Krause
Chris Cekosh-Peggins
Tom Mazzaglia
Peter Rideout
Anton Segerstrom

Cheryl Stern
Pete Storman
Sean Sullivan
Bernadette Whipple-Howell
Ray Wilson
Bill Wymore



The cast of the Yosemite School Musical Production "The Point" from left to right: (top row) Wesley Gissell, Jeff Hinson, Lisa Reece, Jimmy Little, Paul Smith, Brian Reilly, Darcia Quick, Jim McKenzie and Dana Mackie. (Bottom row) Camille Davis, Lisa Graham, Liza Daley and Joanna Mayes.

Grade School Musical Delights Audience

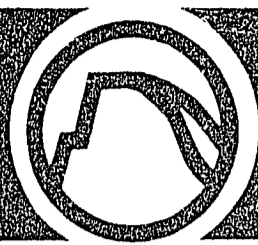
The Yosemite Elementary musical production "The Point" opened to a full capacity crowd Wednesday, June 6.

The musical, based on the book by Harry Nilsson, was well organized and performed, and warmly received by the audience.

Congratulations are extended to Program Director Ellison Custodio for her terrific job with the kids. "Ellison's confidence in the children was contagious. She really drew a terrific performance from each one of them," noted Production Engineer Judy Ernest.

Recognition must be given to several people who assisted with the production. They are: Assistant Director, Holly Wymore; Musicians Barry Cole and Carla Mayes; Set Designers Carter Williams and Kelly Singer; Light Technicians Arbon Laughter and Kelly Singer; and Costume Designers Mary Beavers, Faith Lopez, Frances Beavers, Patty Reilly, Vicky Lopez and Linda McKenzie.

Special recognition goes to the terrifically talented cast for their entertaining performances. We'll be looking forward to Ellison's next production, in the Fall.



A Return Engagement For John Muir Portrayal

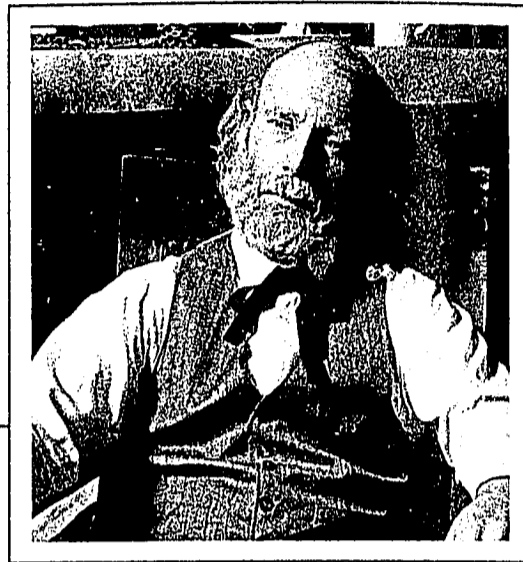
The acclaimed one-man stage production, "Conversation with a Tramp," which made its debut in Yosemite last year, has returned for the 1984 season.

This portrayal of John Muir, created and performed by professional Actor/Director Lee Stetson, is drawn from Muir's books, articles and unpublished journals. The production depicts Muir in his Martinez study in 1913 at the climax of his last great environmental battle — to prevent the damming of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite.

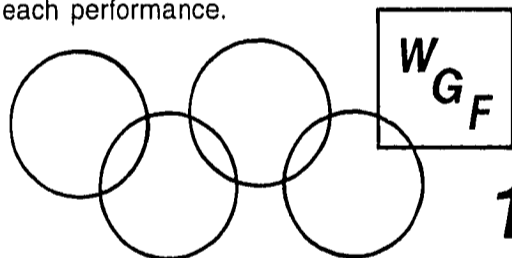
During its pioneer season last year, the show moved and delighted thousands of visitors by capturing Muir's unbridled enthusiasm and love for nature, his outrage toward exploiters of wilderness, and his warmth and sense of humor.

Mr. Stetson's inspiring performance is a "must see" for both Park residents and guests. It not only is greatly entertaining, but provides an excellent educational lesson of a beloved Yosemite historian.

"Conversation with a Tramp" is scheduled Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day. The show will continue through September and October on a reduced schedule. There is an admission fee of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or at the door before each performance.



Photos of Lee Stetson by James Corwin Johnson



1984 Wawona Games Festival

by Erika Jongejan

Once again, Yosemite Valley and Wawona will send 31 of their finest to the Wawona Games Festival. There will be 22 winners in 11 events along with live music, cold beer, good food, an open mike, and . . . the "Wawona Games Cup." Wawona players won the cup last year by winning 8 out of 11 events. Now it's time to take it back!

Employee Recreation will be signing up players until July 4th. Come into the Weight Center or call Ext. 1475 to sign up. Event playoffs will be held between July 4th and July 25th to determine the best 62 players from both Yosemite and Wawona. Playoff winners will compete at the Wawona Games Festival on August 8th. These 62 players will be competing in the 11 events, with each of the 22 winners receiving a complimentary dinner for two anywhere in the valley.

Plus, any player who succeeds in winning two events will receive a one ounce silver ingot, and the winner of three events will receive a solid gold Krugerrand.

Following the games there will be live music, Bar-B-Que, and an awards presentation. Sports commentary, interviews with players, and complete video coverage of the event will be recorded for posterity by camera crews from the Wawona Film Institute.

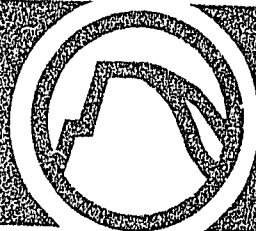
Results of the July Playoffs will be published in the August issue of the *Sentinel*. We want to see your name there! Respective job supervisors will be notified on July 26th so there will be sufficient time to cover qualifying employees for the game.

So register now for cross-country, mixed doubles tennis, 18-hole putting, volleyball, chess, singles ping-pong, mixed doubles darts, broad jump, softball throw, horseshoes, or frisbee accuracy. You may sign up for as many events as you like, and remember, if you win two or three of them, you receive a silver or gold medal. Yosemite won't boycott the 1984 Wawona Games. Sign up now!

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Recreational Activities

What To Do If You're New

For the many new employees that we have each summer, it's often hard to know what there is to do on a day off. Possibly this list can help you to know a little bit more about the Park you are living and working in.



Mountaineering School — Rock climbing is one of the most popular sports among employees and visitors. But, since the climbs in Yosemite generally start on a more advanced level than in other areas, it's a good idea to get a little training before you attempt it on your own. The Yosemite Mountaineering School is the top rated school in the country, and was founded by Wayne Merry, one of the original party to make the first ascent of El Capitan back in 1957. The instructors are selected from among the best rock climbers in the country and can teach you every aspect of safe rock climbing.

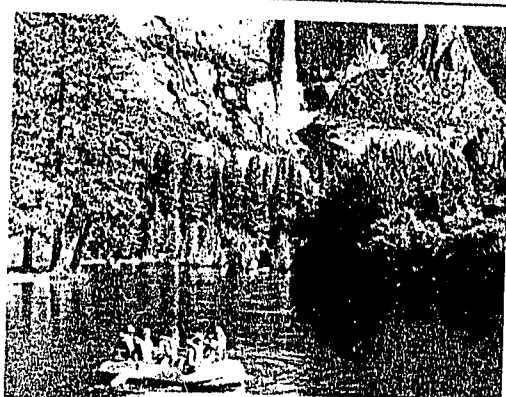
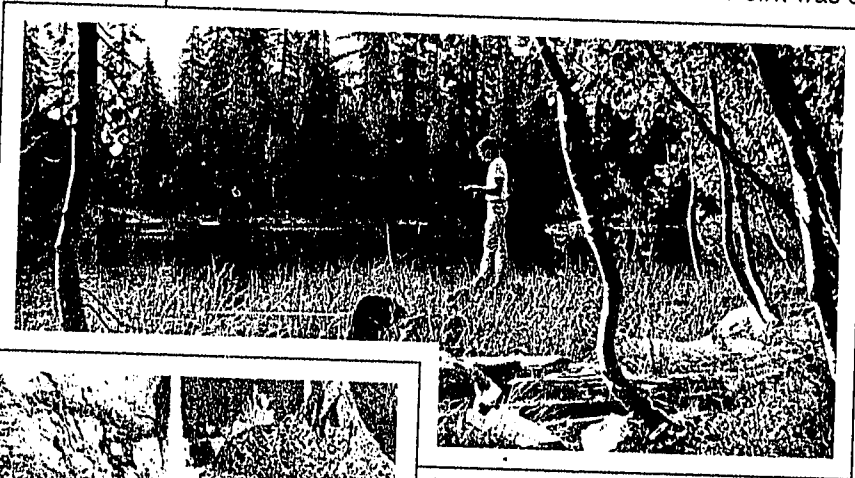
Saddle Trips — YP&C Co. operates stables in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf. All rides from the stables must be guided; horses may not be taken out on your own. The stables offer two-hour, half-day and all-day rides. The full-day rides go to the top of Yosemite Falls, Glacier Point, or Half Dome (via Vernal and Nevada Falls) from the Valley Stables. From Wawona, this same ride goes to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and at Tuolumne Meadows, an all-day ride will take you to Waterwheel Falls beyond Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp.

River Rafting — Nothing could be nicer on a hot summer afternoon than a leisurely float down the Merced River in a raft. Rafts accommodating 3 to 6 people are available for rent at Curry Village from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. The trip from Stoneman Bridge to Devil's

Elbow (at the base of El Capitan) takes approximately 2½ hours. For most of the way, the trip is a gentle, slow one, offering plenty of opportunity for suntanning. Be sure that you have a knowledge of swimming before you attempt this. A word of warning: The NPS Rangers strictly enforce the wearing of a life jacket at all times.

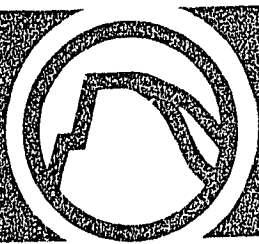
Fishing — The Merced River in the Valley and the Tuolumne River in the High Country offer fine trout fishing. German Browns and Rainbows are the most common in the Valley, while the Brook trout are most prevalent in the higher elevations. Flies are suggested for early and late in the season. During the summer, red-worms and night crawlers are sold at the Village Sport Shop. A California fishing license is required and may also be obtained at the Village Sport Shop.

Hiking — 4-Mile Trail: This trail to Glacier Point was originally



built by James McCauley, an early Yosemite innkeeper in 1871. This is an enjoyable hike that gains altitude gradually, beginning in an open area just west of Sentinel Rock and circling around and up to Glacier Point. Many dramatic views of El Capitan and Yosemite Falls are seen along the way, with the biggest reward of the hike being the view down into the Valley from Glacier Point.





Exciting Improvements for Employee Uniform Center



The friendly and competent Uniform Center Staff! Left to right: Sarah Burkdoll, Terry Ratcliffe and Tia Anderson. Not pictured: Tory Elbrader.

The uniform program of the Yosemite Park & Curry Company has grown considerably in the past few years. From essentially a single multi-purpose uniform, the program has expanded to a wide variety of outfits which distinguish the employees and the services they provide, making Yosemite employees among the best dressed in all the National Parks. The efforts of the Uniform Center staff over the past two years have culminated this spring in the introduction of many new uniforms. Already sporting new outfits are employees of the Four Seasons, Broiler Room, and Loft Restaurants, the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria, the Mountain Room and Loft Bar staffs, and the bell staff of The Ahwahnee Hotel. Also in new uniforms are employees of Degnan's Fast Food and Deli, Village Fast Foods, and YTS tour guides. Soon to be seen in new uniforms are The Ahwahnee Hotel Front Desk staff and the bell and gift staff at Yosemite Lodge.

The company's desire to improve the quality and diversity of its uniforming has naturally led to an enormous increase in the styles and quantities maintained in the Uniform Center. In 1978 the Uniform Center inventory consisted of 11 different items with a total stock of 4300 pieces. Today the center stocks over 100 different items with an inventory over 20,000 pieces, representing an investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The rapid expansion of the uniform program created many logistical problems for the department in its day-to-day operations. In conjunction with the continued growth of the program the company has designated the former Training Center for renovation as the new Uniform Center. This new facility will centralize virtually all issuance storage and maintenance of uniforms for the company. A mezzanine shelving system installed in the old Training Center has more than tripled the available storage space. All uniforming functions — issuance, alterations, returns and shoe sales — now take place in this new facility.

Outfitting the thousands of employees who come and go each year is not an easy task. An average work week during the summer months includes outfitting 200 employees, hemming 40 to 50 pants, dresses, or skirts, making 100 or more name tags, and shipping and receiving approximately 600 pieces of laundry. There are also the hundreds of garments that are tried

on which, not fitting, must be refolded and returned to the shelves. Tia Anderson, Uniform Clerk, is entrusted with issuance and check-ins of uniforms, sales of shoes and accessory items, engraving of name tags, shipping and receiving of laundry, and maintenance of the necessary records and paperwork.

Tory Elbrader joined the Uniform Center staff this spring as a seamstress to provide the skills necessary for the alterations, construction, and mending of uniforms. Tory brings with her ten years commercial sewing experience in the sports wear industry.

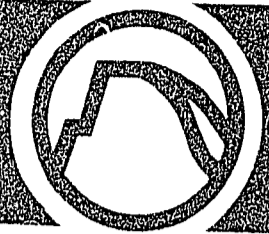
The newest member of the staff is Terry Ratcliffe who is a seasonal addition to the staff, assisting Tory in endless task of alterations and repairs to uniforms.

In the tailoring operation, a stitch in time may save thousands. Terry is a student from Texas Southern University in Houston and is majoring in textiles and garment construction.

During the months of May and June, Tory and Terry will alter as many as 800 garments to fit newly hired and transferring employees. And this is in addition to the ongoing process of maintaining uniforms in serviceable condition — a weekly average of 50 yards of torn seams repaired, 10 broken zippers replaced, 6 pockets relined, 40 buttons reattached, 15 patches and 15 hems repaired.



Tess Phillips, Peter Aiello and Karen Wolff model the new Loft Restaurant uniforms, one of the several new designs introduced this Spring.



There is also the once-a-week, too large or too small employee whose uniform requires virtual reconstruction.

Uniform Coordinator, Sarah Burkdoll, has worked in all facets of the operation since she joined the department eight months ago. As coordinator for the program, she is assistant to Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training and Uniforms, and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations. "Inventory maintenance is probably my biggest concern because of the vast quantities of materials involved. For example, to outfit one room-keeper we have to stock 300 garments in order to cover the full range of sizes in male and female clothing. We have to be prepared to outfit a lot of sizes and shapes at a moment's notice."

An article about the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Uniform Center is no way complete without mention of Alice Moreno. Senior member of the Uniform Center Staff until her retirement last month, Alice had been the company seamstress since August of 1977, shortly after the center opened. "Alice is one of the finest people I have had the good fortune to know," commented Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training and Uniforming. "She is a hard act to follow and her endless good grace and kindness will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of working with her."

The Uniform Center tries to do everything possible to help employees get into the proper outfits for their job, right down to the

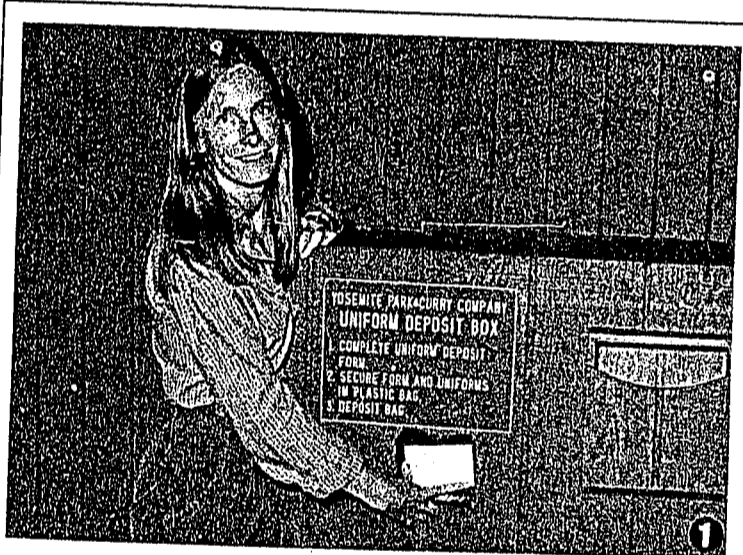
shoes and socks they wear. The Center offers an accessory sales program of quality footwear at substantially below retail prices. Please feel free to stop in and have a look.

TIPS ON UNIFORM CARE

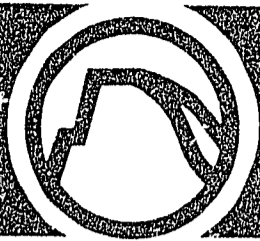
Listed below are some helpful hints for the care and cleaning of your uniform, as provided by the YP&C Co. uniform department.

- Most of our uniforms are of cotton/polyster blended fabrics, a permanent press material. The light and dark clothing should be washed separately in warm or cold water with a cold water rinse. A quarter cup of salt added periodically to your wash will help maintain the colors. The dryer should be set at medium or permanent press. Clothes should be removed immediately upon drying and hung to prevent wrinkling. Should ironing be necessary, there are boards at Tecoya and Annex housing and irons can be checked out from the housing supervisor.
- Laundry services are provided by company for uniforms requiring dry cleaning. Garments are picked up on Tuesday and Friday mornings at all front desk areas.
- Remember, as a YP&C Co. employee you are responsible for keeping your uniform clean and in good repair. Uniforms are to be worn only on the job. Should a problem develop, take the garment back to the Uniform Center immediately so they may make the necessary repairs. Remember, a stitch in time may save thousands.

The Uniform Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 12 and 1 to 5. The telephone number is 372-1449.



1. As Uniform Coordinator, Sarah Burkdoll is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations. 2. Terry Ratcliffe's background in garment construction is helpful in his present position as tailor to the Uniform Center. 3. Tia Anderson, Uniform Clerk, has the tremendous responsibility of outfitting new employees, which can total as many as 200 weekly during the summer months.



Hikers Corner

by Jon Heaton

Glen Aulin and Waterwheel Falls are nice trips if you go now, because by mid to late July the water is not high enough to power the waterwheel. Glen Aulin is just under six miles from Tuolumne Meadows and is mostly level and downhill hiking. You pass Tuolumne Falls and the White Cascade as you follow the river into the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne. If you're backpacking in summer, it could be crowded here so go another third of a mile on the Waterwheel Falls trail for nice forested campsites. The next morning you can leave your pack and dayhike the 3½ miles to Waterwheel Falls passing California and LeCarter Falls on your way. Remember though, this will be seven miles round trip and you will have to hike out six more with a pack. Glen Aulin is a nice day hike, and hikers in very good shape who get an early



Waterwheel Falls at its peak (photo by Jon Heaton).



White Cascade Falls at Glen Aulin (photo by Jon Heaton).

start can make it to Waterwheel and back. This is a beautiful hike with great views of the Cathedral Range and the meadows.

Have you always wanted to get up on the North Rim but didn't want to hike the Snow Creek switchbacks? Here's an easy day hike to the top of North Dome. 24 miles past Crane Flat on the Tioga Road you come to Porcupine Flat Campground, drive another mile to a large turnout on the right. Last year there was a sign here for Porcupine Creek but it has been knocked down or removed. This used to be a campground. It's 4.8 miles of easy, almost level hiking to the top of North Dome from here. From the top you have superb views of the whole valley and are so close to Half Dome and Clouds Rest it seems you could reach out and touch them. Camping is allowed here but there's no water. Wilderness permits are available at the Tuolumne or Valley Visitor Centers. Have fun, see you on the trails!

The Yosemite Running Scene

by Dennis J. Yamnitsky

It was another big year for Yosemite runners at the world's largest road race; the Annual Bay to Breakers run! Here are a few comments from the runners who participated:

Connie Archer, "Crowded, lots of people but well organized, not only saw the green giant's running shoes, but a woman getting a hair permanent during the run."

Duncan VanArsdale, "Exhilarating."

James Arnold, "Get there early and be ready for a good time, the sights are really something to see! Especially the running spareribs."

Gail Miller, "Just a lot of fun."

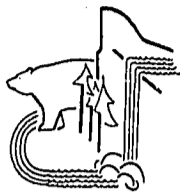
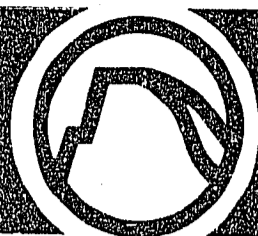
John Livingston, "Basically fun and noncompetitive, it's more like a parade. I would like to see more folks from Yosemite participate!"

Bill Germany, "It took 15 minutes just to get to the starting line and getting a t-shirt was a real rat race but it was all in a good time."

Did you know that running not only expands your body's oxygen delivery system and strengthens your heart, but studies also show that running can contribute to a person's ability and motivation to quit smoking, take charge of drinking or drug problems, deal with stress, relax and in some ways slow the aging process? So why not make that effort to be healthy. Feel young, stay fit and keep your mind and body sound and strong! Get out and go for it!

Upcoming Races

- July 4: Run For Independence (Atwater) 5 mile and 2 mile
- July 15: Run Against Cancer (Merced) 5 mile and 1.4 mile
- July 29: Wharf to Wharf Run (Santa Cruz) 5.8 miles
- August 11: Lions Club 10K (Mammoth Lake)
- August 19: San Francisco Marathon
- September 23: The Tioga Pass Run 14 miles
- September 30: Long Live Mono Lake Run 10K



1984 Yosemite Renaissance Poster Competition

A poster competition to be held in October of this year will help promote a national exhibit, "Yosemite Renaissance," which is scheduled for November, 1985, in Yosemite Valley. The winning poster will be distributed nationally to advertise the exhibit as well as being sold to raise funds for support. The purpose of the "Yosemite Renaissance Exhibit" is to encourage contemporary artists to develop new interpretations of Yosemite's varied landscapes. While there is an abundance of recent photographic interpretations, a relative dearth of contemporary painting and other fine art forms exists. A series of annual exhibits will seek to encourage new expressions as opposed to re-creating past interpretations. The first exhibit will focus on painting with other media to be represented in future exhibits. Entries in this first poster competition should therefore reflect the theme of "Yosemite Renaissance" and act as a stimulus for further exploration.

Entries for this first competition will be limited to California

residents only. The winning designer will receive \$1,500 and will be responsible for overseeing part of the production. Entries should be 18" x 24" vertical format designs with a 1" white board so that the completed piece is 20" x 26". Any medium, except photography, which can be printed in a maximum of 4 colors, is acceptable. Entries must be received by October 24, 1984. Jurors are: Dugald Stermer, designer, illustrator, author and associate editor of *Communication Arts Magazine*; Pamela Prince, Art Director of Portal Publications; and Steve Hickman, President, Yosemite Artists' Guild. An exhibit of selected works will be shown in the Yosemite Visitor Center from November 26 through December 10.

For further information or a brochure, contact Kay Tolladay Pitts at (209) 372-4775. Brochures are also available at the Art Activity Center and Visitor Center.

Safety First

by Ed Hardy

The joy and excitement of living and working in Yosemite is diminished each time a Park visitor or employee is injured or killed in an accident. The rocks, water and roads unfortunately claim several lives each year. By remembering and practicing these few safety tips, hopefully you can avoid some of these senseless tragedies.

At this time of year the danger from cold, fast water increases tremendously. Beware of the very slippery rocks near streams. Even a strong swimmer can become overpowered and swept downstream if he inadvertently falls in or even wades out into fast current. Stay away from fast moving water and be extremely careful when crossing streams in the backcountry. Also, be sure to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when rafting.

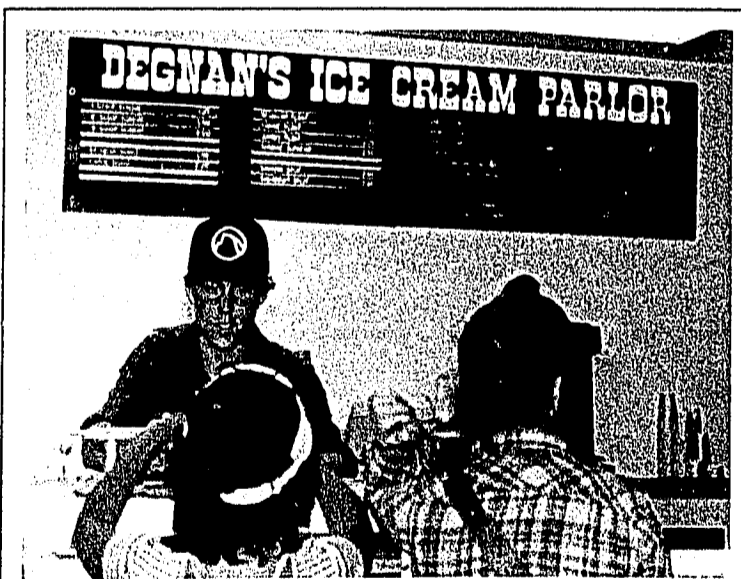
The danger of falling from rocks is more obvious, yet approximately 6 people lose their lives each year by carelessness. Most of those killed are not expert climbers on big walls, but more frequently young, inexperienced individuals out for a hike or scramble. The key to safe, enjoyable hiking is to stay on trails and don't scramble or climb without competent instruction, leadership and adequate equipment. The Yosemite Mountaineering School is an excellent place to learn safe climbing techniques.

The last major hazard is motor vehicle accidents, which claim 6 to 10 lives each year. The key rules are: don't drink and drive, always wear your seatbelt, and remember that speed kills. With the peak tourist season approaching, be alert to visitors who stop in the roadway to view scenery or wildlife. Remember that sights that are familiar to you are new to them and they may forget safety in their excitement. Avoid undertaking too long of a trip and driving when tired. Remember that most serious accidents occur within 10 miles of home, don't become over confident. Consider taking

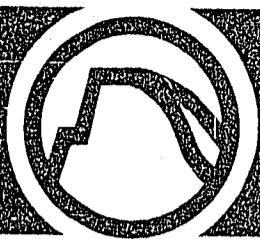
the bus or one of the van pools for traveling if you commute.

Be particularly careful if you drive a motorcycle. Most motorcycle accidents are serious. Motorcycle accidents kill as many people in Yosemite as do car accidents although there are many more cars on the road. Know your vehicle. Be particularly careful about speeding; stay within the limit. Watch for loose gravel, sand, pine cones, etc., on the roadway. This minor debris can throw a motorcycle where a car would be unaffected. It's also extremely important to wear a helmet at all times.

Most importantly, please don't drink and drive. Let's have a safe summer.



Scoop de Jour! The new ice cream stand, located at Degnan's Fast Foods, is wildly popular with both Yosemite guests and residents! The stand, open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., features 16 different flavors weekly. Manager Carol Weese says, "It's a great way to cool down on a hot afternoon. Come on out and try it! We have just about every ice cream concoction you could want!"



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

- July 3: *Popeye*
- July 10: *Dead Zone*
- July 17: *Terms of Endearment*
- July 24: *The Empire Strikes Back*
- July 31: *The Big Chill*

Every Tuesday in the East Auditorium. Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special July Events

- July 4: 4th of July Picnic and BBQ (Camp Six BBQ Area) 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- July 6: "ALL-STAR" Softball Game (School Field) 5:15 p.m.
- July 9: DANCE "Stu Blank" (East Auditorium) 8:30 - 12:00.
- July 23: "Dating Game" (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m.
- July 27 Women's Softball Championship (School Field) 5:15 p.m.

Watch for the times and dates of these upcoming events:

- Raft Regatta
- Backpacking Trip

Ongoing Activities

Weight Center: Monday thru Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball: Sundays and Mondays (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Morning Lap Swim: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Lodge Pool) 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Quilting Class: Tuesday (Training Center) 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Swimnastics: Tuesday and Thursday (Lodge Pool) 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Softball: Sundays 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays 5:15 p.m., Fridays 5:15 p.m.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 8' x 40' mobile home. 1 Bedroom. Good condition, new carpet and floors, refinished wood interior. \$5,000. Call 379-2743.

Wanted: Small refrigerator. Contact Robert Brewer at 372-1430.

For Sale: 2 bedroom mobile home. Large lot, river view. #A23 in the Government Trailer Court. Call 379-2412 (after 6) Mon-Wed and 966-2778 Thurs-Sun. Ask for B. Weiss.

For Sale: Brand new Sony SL 2400 Beta Video Recorder - \$450. Also Coleco Video Game with Zaxxon and Donkey Kong - \$120. Call Bill at 372-1335.

Announcements

Space is available for **El Portal/Yosemite Valley van pool riders**. 7 days a week. Leaves Triangle Road at 6:25 a.m.; arrives in the Park at 7:30 a.m.; departing 5:00 p.m. Serves all accessible stops between El Portal and Yosemite. \$50 or less a month. Call 966-3451 for more information.

The Golden Chain Theatre in Oakhurst will be presenting a melodrama entitled "Sweeney Todd the Barber" through July 28. Enjoy the old fashioned fun! For information and reservations call 683-7112.

The Yosemite Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the Mountain Broiler Room.

Discovery Toys Spring/Summer line of fine educational toys are on sale. Call for a catalog, toy demonstration, or more information. Lynda (916) 441-7188 (Sacramento).

Yosemite Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at the Employee Training Office — everyone welcome.

The Art Activity Center offers free art instruction classes for all interested Park guests and residents. Each week, a different artist conducts four-hour field classes at 10 a.m. daily. Also, evening classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. There is no charge for attending any of the classes. Call 372-1442 for more information.

July Schedule of Artists

July 2-8	Connie Newton	Watercolor
July 9-15	Lady Jill Mueller	Watercolor & Drawing
July 16-22	Vic Czerkas	Watercolor
July 23-29	Jay Mosky	Watercolor
July 30-August 5	Lynn McAfee	Photography

THE LONG LIVE MONO LAKE Wine and Cheese Party

Date: Monday, July 23rd and August 13th
Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Superintendent's House, Yosemite Valley
Donation: 7/23 — \$7.00
8/13 — \$10.00

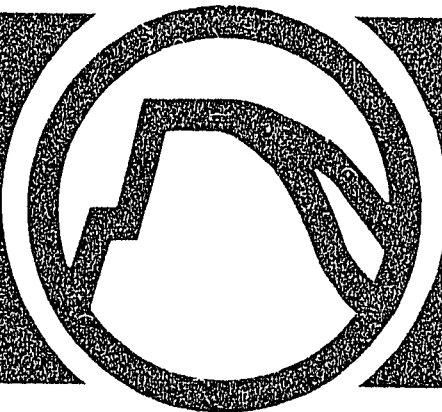
Wine: Donated by noted California Vintners
Featuring Sierra Foothill, Napa, Sonoma and Monterey Wineries

Highlights: A drawing for door prizes
A wine auction of selected bottles

Please join us for a festive evening of wine tasting and fundraising to ensure the long life of Mono Lake.

For more information contact Dennis Yamnitsky at (209) 379-2786.

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Priceless Yosemite Photos Anonymously Returned

"Put in simple terms . . . we are delighted to have the photos back and are thankful for the reformed honesty of the thief,"



Alan Richmond displays returned Ansel Adams photos.

remarked Alan Richmond, Director of Marketing. Alan was referring to the recent return of seven original, signed Ansel Adams photographs from an unknown source.

The package containing the valuable black-and-white photos was recently received by the YP&CCo. Executive Office along with the following note: "I stole these photographs from you in the 1960's and wish to return them." It was signed "a reformed thief."

Property of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the photos were taken by Ansel Adams during his reign as company photographer.

The photographs are in beautiful condition, mounted on a cardboard backing and bearing the signature of Mr. Adams in the lower right-hand corner. Some of them feature the popular views of Yosemite, Vernal and Nevada Falls. Other scenes include a dogwood tree, the Merced River, Tuolumne River and Tenaya Lake. It is interesting to note that Jeanne Adams, daughter-in-law of the late Ansel Adams and a curator of the Ansel Adams Gallery, had never before seen two of the photographs.

Although no one can speculate the exact value of the photographs, they are believed to be worth thousands of dollars. They are currently being appraised.

Johanna Wheeler Wins Top FFA Award

Johanna Wheeler, employee of the Tuolumne Meadows Stables, has recently won top honors in outdoor recreation from the California Association of the Future Farmers of America.

Competing against 7 other regional finalists, Johanna's 8-page application was selected as the winner based on her leadership qualities, past achievements and goals for the future. In March of this year she won the Central Region award, which qualified her for the state competition.

"I really didn't think I'd win," she modestly declares. "I just figured it would be really nice to win . . . so I would try." She attributes a large part of her success to her Ag teacher, Mr. McRae. "He really gave me a lot of help," she notes.

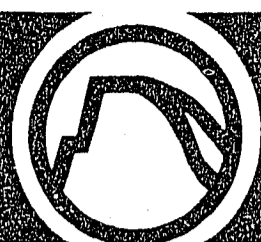
A recent graduate of Mariposa High School, Johanna has worked for the past 5 summers as a guide and packer for the Yosemite Valley Stables. "I love it at the stables," she says. "The people are really nice . . . we all get along great!" Most of her spare time is spent with her horse, Brandy, whom she's had for the past five years.

Johanna's future plans include hopes of "learning about shoeing and about colt training." An avid horsewoman, she looks forward to the opportunity of working in other areas. Packing mules and breaking horses are two interests she'd like to pursue.

Winning the state proficiency award will automatically qualify Johanna for the national competition this September. Congratulations, Johanna, and the best wishes of the entire Yosemite Community go with you! In the words of Johanna's mother, Ann Wheeler, "We're so proud of Johanna. She really earned it!"



Johanna Wheeler, winner of the state proficiency award for outdoor recreation, with her horse Brandy.



1984 Community Service Award

Shirley Sargent Honored by Rotary Club

Congratulations are extended to Shirley Sargent, the 1984 recipient of the Community Service Award from the Yosemite Rotary Club.

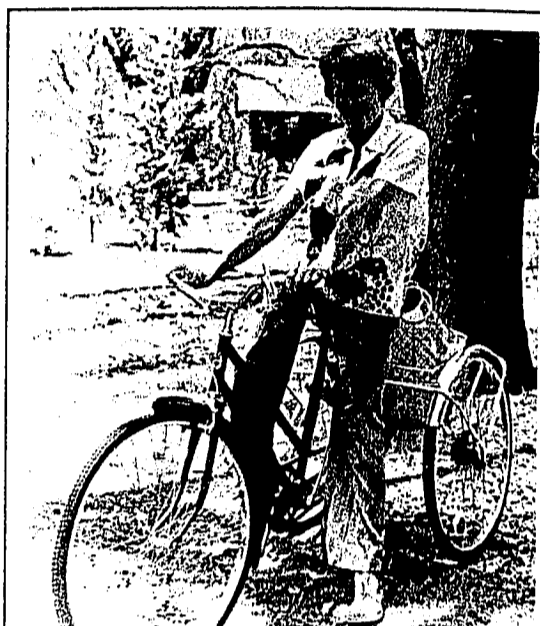
Shirley, recognized as our local Yosemite historian, remembers her first visit to Yosemite at the age of 2. Moving here with her family at age 9, she resided in the Tuolumne Construction Camp for 2 years. As her love for Yosemite grew, she became a Park summertime employee in 1952, moving to a full-time employment in 1961.

Shirley is most well-known as the authoress of many fine books on Yosemite and the surrounding community. She also helped to establish the Flying Spur Press with good friend Hank Johnston.

Residing in her Foresta home for the past 20 years, Shirley admits that her deepest wish (made at age 10) for fame and wealth as a writer has come true. "My wish to live forever in Yosemite has been fulfilled and I consider myself very rich in friends, family and the environment," she says.

The service award was presented to Shirley by Rotary Club President Lee Shackleton at the annual Rotary Club Community Picnic. The certificate bore the inscription, "Your contributions to Yosemite National Park have been extensive and significant. Through your selfless and enthusiastic effort of research, writing and publishing, you have helped reveal the significance and relevance of our history. You are the champion of the people who quietly make up the history of the Park, the unsung men and women who have contributed so much through their love of this place. You are a gifted writer, a recorder of our history, an archivist, a loyal supporter of this community and the Park, an overwhelmingly generous person and a dear friend."

Shirley takes great pride in the award. "It's quite an honor to be in the same class as former award recipients Rusty Rust and James Wurgler. They are both



Shirley Sargent, recipient of the 1984 "Citizen of the Year" award.

very wonderful and deserving men." She went on to say, "Receiving this award is really an honor. It's a thrill to have the local people recognize me. . . I'm very proud of it!"

Congratulations Shirley, for this long and well deserved recognition.

Three Cheers for the Great Valley Review

By Erika Jongejan

This year the Valley's highly acclaimed Employee Talent Show, "The Great Valley Review," will take place on Sunday, August 12. This event showcases local singers, dancers, actors, and musicians, and has proved to be very entertaining. Employee Recreation has been auditioning acts, and a fantastic show is expected.

The three acts to which the judges give the highest rating will each be awarded gift certificates to the Mountain Shop. Last year's winners received \$125 for first place, \$70 for second place and \$25 for third place. The competition was tough, with 10 acts vying for the judges' votes. The acts that captured top honors were: Grand Prize winner "Bath Cabin Billy and His Maid Brigade" who presented an original song entitled "Yosemite Housekeeping Blues" which brought down the house, second place winner Nani Manning with a Hawaiian Hula Dance number, and third place winners Dave Trexler and Steve Small, who received a standing ovation for their fantastic singing and guitar accompaniment.

Last year's Masters of Ceremonies were Griff Allan and Marsha Reeves. The MC's for this year's Great Valley Review have not

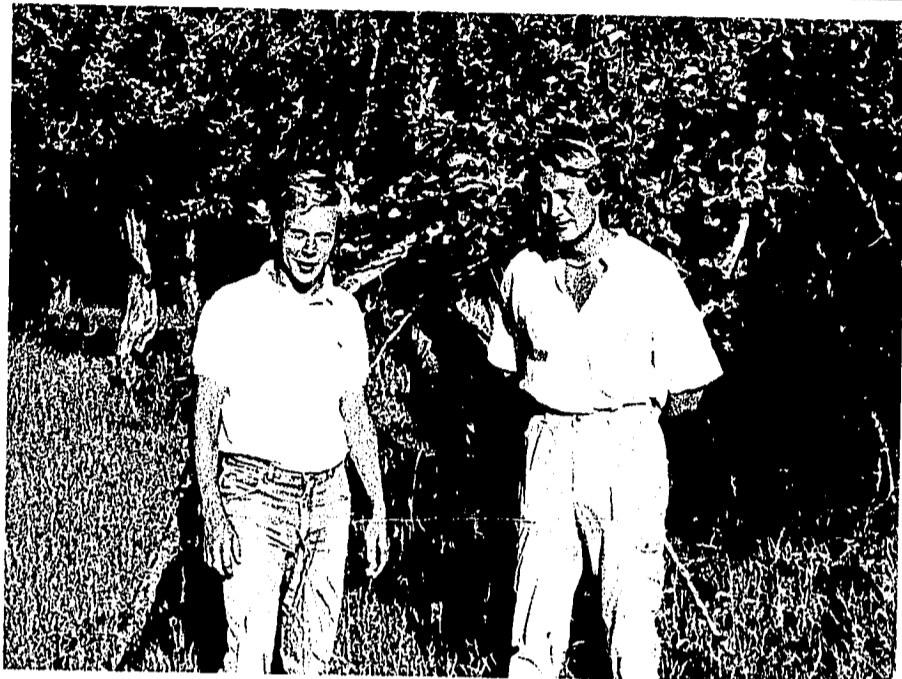
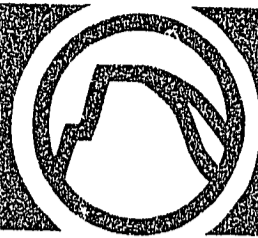
yet been chosen, so if you are interested please come by the Recreation office or call extension 1475.

The show promises to be even better than last year's — quite an achievement! Congratulations to all the talented employees whose acts were accepted, and thanks to everyone who auditioned, and all those volunteers who are helping make the show an entertaining and fun event. Come help us make a memorable evening, and see how much unsuspected talent your fellow employees possess.

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(Left) Kimmo Toni and (right) Aarni Pystynen were selected from a group of 100 Finnish students to spend a working summer in Yosemite.

"Tervetullut Yosemite!" or "Welcome to Yosemite!" If you said it in Finnish, you would surprise Aarni Pystynen and Kimmo Toni, our two Finnish employees, but they prefer that you say it in English, since practicing English is one of the reasons they are spending a summer in Yosemite.

Kimmo, 27, and Aarni, 23, are part of a cultural exchange program through U.S. Student Travel Service, Inc. They were among the 20 Finnish students selected out of a group of 100 to come to America to work for the summer.

Kimmo, who works at Curry Village Housekeeping, is from the beautiful city of Helsinki and is a university student majoring in business administration and foreign languages. He is studying Russian as well as English and has traveled throughout Europe and the U.S.S.R. Kimmo has worked as a camp manager at a Finnish National Park on the coast where he taught canoeing, sailing, and windsurfing to young people. Kimmo says that, "coming to Yosemite has given me the opportunity to practice English, meet people, see the country and enjoy a cultural exchange."

Aarni works for Employee Housing and is from another beautiful city called Tampere where he is a student in a business college majoring in foreign trade and foreign languages. Aarni and Kimmo met in New York for the first time after the Finnish government paid for their flight to America.

The other exchange students went to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole and other Eastern areas but Aarni and Kimmo chose Yosemite. They had heard that the concessionaire here was the best one to work for in the national parks in America.

Both Aarni and Kimmo love to travel, meet people and learn about other cultures. Yosemite is definitely providing them with a variety of people to meet and things to do. Kimmo says he never goes anywhere without his camera and is taking lots of pictures home this fall. Aarni is spending his spare time hiking Yosemite's various trails. Aarni says, "I would like to rock climb before I leave, especially a climb to the top of Lost Arrow". With his zest for adventure, Aarni will surely accomplish his wish.

When Kimmo and Aarni's visas expire October 5, they will head back to Finland fuller in the knowledge of American culture, well versed in English and probably with a few bear stories to tell from Yosemite.

If you want to get to know a little about the fascinating Finnish culture and meet a couple of outgoing friendly Finns, stop by and say "Mita Kuuluu?" (How's it going?) to Aarni and Kimmo.

Finnish Exchange Students Enjoy Yosemite Experience

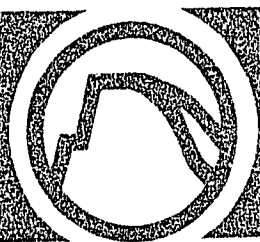
By Leena Conway



Aarni was amused with his ride on Freckles, the mule. They don't have mules in Finland, he confides.



Kimmo says he's especially interested in being in the United States during a Presidential election. He finds our news coverage "fascinating"!



Ministry Students Enjoy Yosemite As Beautiful, Educational Experience

How does it feel, after having spent most of your life attending church services led by someone else, suddenly to find yourself leading church services for other people? This summer, 15 YP&CCo. employees are finding out. They are involved with an interdenominational organization called A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP) which provides Sunday morning services of worship, Bible Studies, and Christian activities for visitors, employees and residents not only in Yosemite, but also in 64 other national parks, forests, monuments, and recreation areas. Several million people come into contact with this ministry every summer.

The ACMNP staff in Yosemite consists of seminary and college students who work full time for Curry Company and then volunteer an additional 6-7 hours a week to work with ACMNP.

Most of the ministry staff is not from California. Several staff members, like many other Curry Company employees, are seeing the West (and Yosemite) for the first time. The staff includes people from the East: Rachel Jackson (Massachusetts), Christin French (New Jersey), and Glen Johnson (Washington, D.C.); from the Central U.S.: Laurie Caron (Wisconsin), Diane Roozenboom and Nancy Peterson (Minnesota), Gwen Holsinger (Ohio), Gary Ruley (Oklahoma), and Jan Flanagan (Indiana); and from the West: Doug Hubbard (Colorado), Troy Hoage (Idaho), Kay Calhoun, Stephen Payne, and Brian and Judith Jones (California). Steve and Jan expressed the feelings of many of the staff members when they said, "As much as we love hiking, backpacking (and, in Steve's case, rockclimbing), the main reason we came



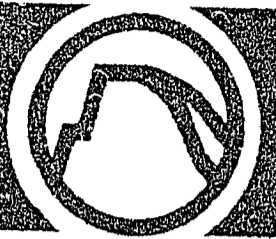
One of the most popular church activities is the Sunday morning children's bible study, led by Gwen Holsinger.



The Tuolumne Meadows staff, (left) Glen Johnson and (right) Doug Hubbard feel "Yosemite is one of the best places to be able to serve in."



The Yosemite Valley ACMNP staff members from left to right: (front row) Laurie Caron, Rachel Jackson, Gary Ruley. (Back row) Gwen Holsinger, Diane Roozenboom, Christin French, Judith Jones, Brian Jones. Not pictured: Nancy Peterson.



Left to right (front row): Steve Payne and Troy Hoage (back row) Jan Flanagan and Kay Calhoun are the ACMNP staff members from Wawona.



Nancy Peterson (left) and Laurie Caron (right) lead a hymn during the Sunday morning worship service at Curry Village.

here is not to do all those things, but to minister to the people in the park."

ACMNP conducts Sunday morning services in four areas of the park: two in Yosemite Valley, one in Wawona and one in Tuolumne Meadows. In addition, various members of the staff lead other activities. Gary Ruley leads a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Brian Jones, who leads the Christian gathering in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, sees this summer as "a unique opportunity both to share my faith and to experience the variety of beliefs within the Christian Church as I work with this interdenominational staff." Laurie Caron has found that "the waterfalls are beautiful and the mountains are awesome,

but the greatest part of God's creation in Yosemite is the people." For her, the Bible study she leads at Tecoya A-1 on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. is a way of sharing her love and concern for the people of Yosemite.

The ACMNP staff views this summer as an opportunity to have fun, but also as a chance to minister and grow. Rachel Jackson expressed this feeling when she said, "I came here this summer to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and to find out how I can grow in my own faith."

Curry Company employees who are interested in finding out more about ACMNP or in growing in their faith are welcome at any of the ACMNP activities and services.

In a program separate from the ACMNP, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Community is joined by three men who are studying for the priesthood. These seminarians are hired and housed by Yosemite Park & Curry Co. and spend additional hours working in the parish, helping with the planning and assisting at Liturgie.

The three seminarians working with Father Craig are: Tom Shanahan, who works at the Lodge, Tom Baker, employee at The Ahwahnee and Lee Lesperance who is employed at the Village Hamburger Stand.

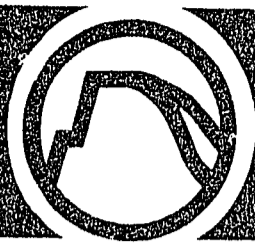
The Catholic Church Community is very fortunate to benefit not only from a year-round church but also from the strong leadership of Father Craig and his seminarians. This appreciation is mutually shared by the Priesthood students as Tom Baker explains, "Yosemite has a special way of making God's presence felt." About his studies, he declares, "I hope that through my work, whether here in the Park or elsewhere, I may be preparing people for their contact with God."

The objectives of the program are derived from the role of good Christian witness by lifestyle and sharing. This moral is summed up aptly by Lee Lesperance as he explains, "My stay at the Park may only be temporary, but the experience will last for quite a



Father Craig (bottom right) and his seminary students from the Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Community; (top row l to r) Tom Baker, Lee Lesperance, (bottom left) Tom Shanahan.

long time. The people I've met and work with are special and in their own special way have strengthened my faith in God and myself that the love of the Lord is still strong at work."



Employee Recreation All-Star Game

21-15 Victory For National League

by Joey Chavez

During the early evening hours of Friday, July 6, softball players representing thirteen teams came together for the 2nd Annual Employee Recreation All-Star Game.



American League All-Star Bill Johnston at bat while umpire Joey Chavez and catcher Winn Welhri look on.

It was a perfect day for a ballgame. As the crowd gathered, umpires Joey Chavez and Lee Magness distributed stylish All-Star hats to the players.

The game went to a full 9 innings, seeing plays ranging from excellent to brilliant. The National Leaguers jumped out to an early lead behind the pitching of Wily Wood, the defensive play of Jeff Goulding and the hitting of Dave Clarke, Jerry Wheeler, Jody Lee and Fred Elchlepp. The play of American League All-Stars Hal Spencer, Bill Johnston, and a timely homerun by Pete Matias brought the American League into the lead at 12-11 after the 7th inning. Nothing was a giveaway in this game. Wily Wood and Mike Quick both pitched well for their games, forcing the hitters to earn all of their hits.

The National League took control of the game outscoring the American League 10 to 3 in the last two innings for a final score of 21-15.

Wily Wood was the game M.V.P. for both his excellent pitching and solid hitting. The game was also highlighted by exemplary performances turned in by official scorekeeper Lisa Potts and plate sweeper Jimmy Little.

Hikers Corner

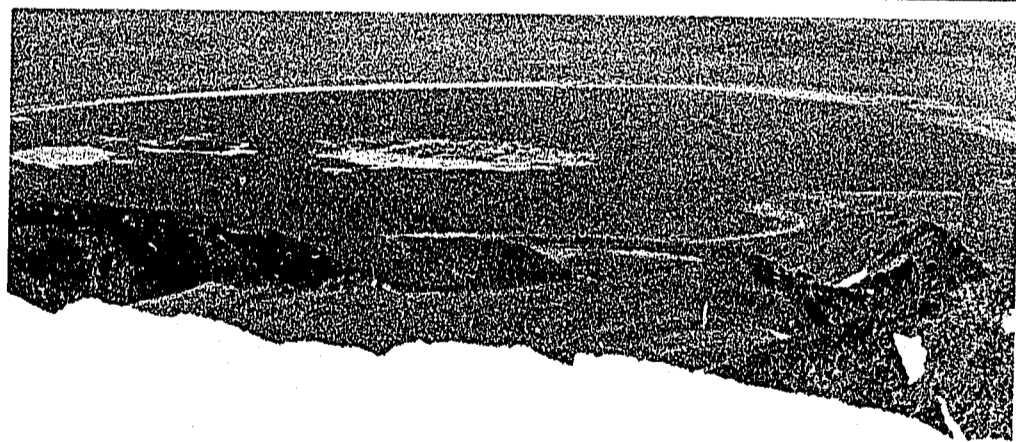
by Jon Heaton

Clouds Rest offers one of the best views of the Park that I have seen. Situated between the Valley and Tuolumne Meadows, the views are the best of both worlds. At night you can see Fresno, shimmering off on the horizon, and cars snaking their way along the Tioga Pass road. The sunrise over the Clark Range is spectacular. Now's the time to do this hike, and leaving from Tenaya Lake cuts out a lot of climbing. For you people in good shape, take the bus to Tenaya Lake and spend your night on Clouds Rest.

The next day, hike over to Half Dome, make the climb, and then hike down through Little Yosemite Valley on the Mist Trail to Happy Isles. Tenaya Lake to Clouds Rest is seven miles. If you go to Half Dome and down to the Valley, it's a total of 21.2 miles. There is no water on Clouds Rest — check your map for three streams right before you start climbing for last available water. Stop at Sunrise Lakes on your way to swim away the heat of the day. You might want to get water here in late season. Don't forget that Wilderness Permits are required and to hang your food over the side for protection from bears.

Do you want to write home that you climbed a mountain? Mt. Dana is the second highest peak in the Park, and requires no mountaineering skills, but it is a very strenuous hike. Start at the Tioga Pass entrance station. It's a 5.8-mile round-trip hike.

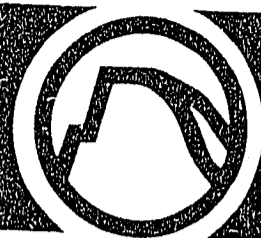
Mt. Hoffman, in the center of the Park, is a popular hike in the summer. You start at May Lake, it's six miles round trip. For both peaks wear sunglasses and bring a sunblock. See you on the trails!



Mt. Dana (elevation 13,053 ft.) provides unsurpassed views of Mono Lake and the surrounding area. (Photo by Jon Heaton)

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PERSPECTIVE



Message from the President

Our Responsibility to Our Guests

By Ed Hardy

The summer season has started — our busiest time of the year. It is the time of year when all of our skills as "Guest Service Specialists" are most severely tested.

Each of us has had a personal experience when we were "totally" turned off by a rude or perhaps simply uncaring waiter or sales person, even though the food or item we bought was otherwise satisfactory. Similarly, all of us that have had an otherwise unpleasant situation (a delayed or uncomfortable flight) have been saved by an employee who has shown that he/she cared about our comfort. Even on a hot crowded summer day, a caring employee can make the guest experience enjoyable, and an uncaring employee will always have a negative affect on the guests overall experience.

Remember, you are the most important part of the guest experience at Yosemite. It is essential that we all dedicate ourselves to the guest having a pleasant and highly satisfactory experience.

To accomplish this you must be properly uniformed and groomed, show a welcoming attitude, be easily approachable by guests and eager to serve and satisfy our guests' needs.

I would like each one of you to make a special effort to see to it that our guests have the best possible Yosemite experience. Your management staff will be closely monitoring all activities and standards to ensure our continued success and reputation as a premier concessioner to the National Park Service and servant to the public.

Thank you, and have a great summer.

High Altitude and Health

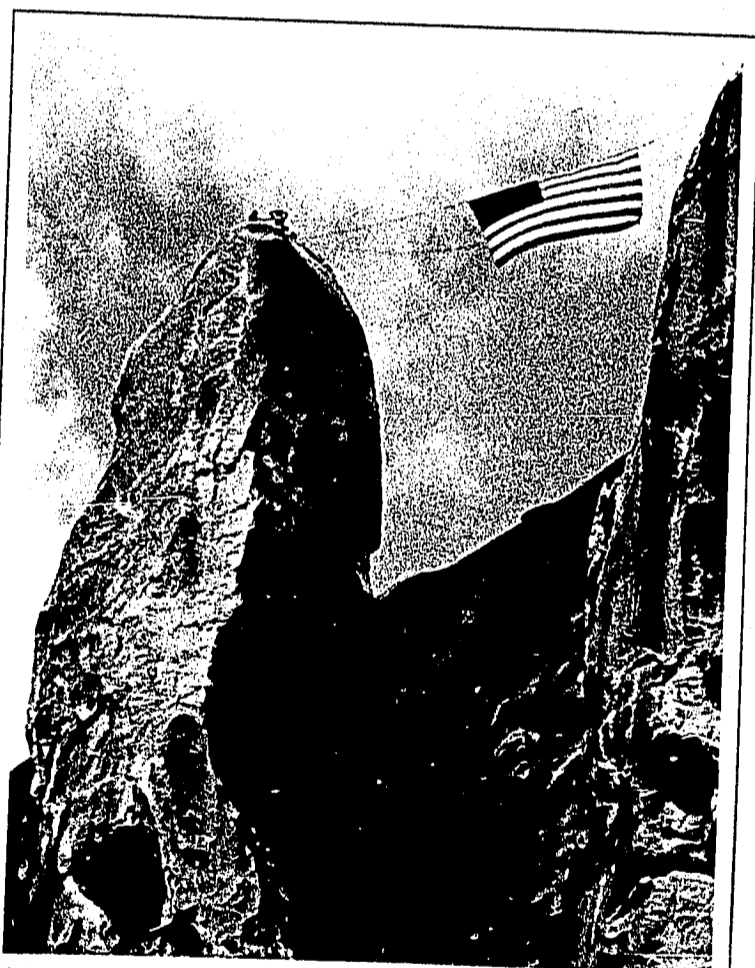
Visiting the high country can be a memorable experience. The beauty of the mountains, the peacefulness of nature, can be enjoyed by all.

But that clean, cool mountain air is dryer than air you are probably used to and has less oxygen in it. Less oxygen in the air might affect your body. So before you go up that mountain, even in a car, and before you run down that hill, be aware of the potential effects.

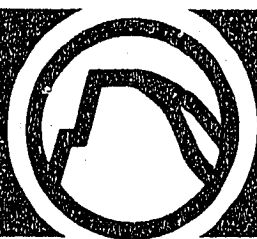
How does the altitude affect your body? At high altitudes, air is less dense than at sea level. This means that you are breathing air with less oxygen in it. To supply the necessary oxygen, your body must take in more air causing you to breathe more often. Until the body adjusts to the new environment, there may be some temporary side effects.

What are the effects? The effects vary from person to person. If you are only going to the high country for several hours, you may notice nothing more than a shortness of breath when you exercise. During the first days of a longer stay, some experience headaches, nosebleeds, loss of appetite, fatigue and shortness of breath. Some may find it harder to concentrate and have trouble sleeping at night. The dryness of the air might also cause you to be thirsty.

In conclusion, enjoy yourself, but use good sense. Even a trained athlete may not do as well at sustained exercise at high altitudes as he would at sea level. Don't overexert yourself. You will tire more easily, but a brief rest should restore your strength. Again, remember that the most troublesome effects are only temporary. Take them into account on your high country visit and you'll enjoy it to the fullest.



At last . . . an environmentally sensitive answer to fireworks! Where else but in Yosemite can you celebrate the 4th of July in this fashion? Several YP&CCo. employees demonstrated their Independence Day spirit as they draped a 50' x 30' American Flag between the Lost Arrow Spire and the adjacent wall this past July 4. The members of this spirited climbing crew included; Ed Noerdinger (leader), Tony Morales, Eric Woltersdorf (cleaner), Dave Schultz, Tracy Dorton, Bill Willett, Mike Haynie and members of the support crew, Anne Richard and Kim Wyatt. Photo by Mike Dickson.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

August 7: *Christine*
 August 14: *Blame It On Rio*
 August 21: *Elephant Man*
 August 28: *Cujo*

Showtimes are 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the East Auditorium.
 Admission \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Special August Events

August 6: Dance (East Auditorium) 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.
 August 8: Wawona Games Festival (Wawona) starts at 8:00 a.m.
 August 12: Great Valley Review (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m.
 August 17: Flower Day
 August 25: Badger Pass Festival & BBQ (Badger Pass) 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 August 31: Men's Softball Championship (School Field) 5:15 p.m.

Watch for the dates and times of these upcoming events:
 • Bike Clinic • Backpacking Trip

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec. at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Sunday and Monday (East Auditorium) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

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Weight Center: Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 - noon, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Art Activity Center August Schedule of Artists

July 30-August 5	Lynn McAfee	Photography
August 6-12	Diane Bavaro	Watercolor
August 13-19	Vivian Deland	Watercolor
August 20-26	Vic Czerkas	Watercolor
August 27-Sept. 2	Tom Fong	Watercolor

Day classes are conducted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Evening classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Call 372-1442 for more information.

Announcements

August County Library Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 12 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 12 to 6 p.m. The library is located in the Girls' Club (across the street from the NPS Administration Building).

The Yosemite Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the Mountain Broiler Room.

Bible Study classes are offered at the Chapel every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Yosemite Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at noon at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

The Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday and Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the YP&CCo. Employee Training Center.

The Strawberry Bluegrass '84 Festival, featuring four days of the finest bluegrass and acoustic music will be held at Camp Mather August 30 - September 2. Enjoy 24-hour jam sessions, great food and a variety of activities including camping, swimming, horseback riding, hiking, hayrides and much more! For more information about the Strawberry Bluegrass Festival contact: Strawberry Bluegrass Festival, P.O. Box 210, Modesto, CA 95353 or call (209) 571-0254.

Attention bilingual employees!! Your assistance is needed for communicating with foreign speaking visitors. We are compiling a list of all employees who speak a second language. If you can assist us, please contact Nani Manning in Personnel, Ext. 1237. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The 26th Annual Lions Club Mosquito Festival will be held August 15 at the Sentinel Beach Picnic Area. Summer adjustment hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Steak dinner \$8.50. (Portion of ticket sales goes to Yosemite Community Council.) Many free door prizes, including a Panasonic Color TV (donated by YP&CCo.). Tickets are available from any Lions Club member. Last year's festival was a great success and this year's promises to be even better! See you there!!



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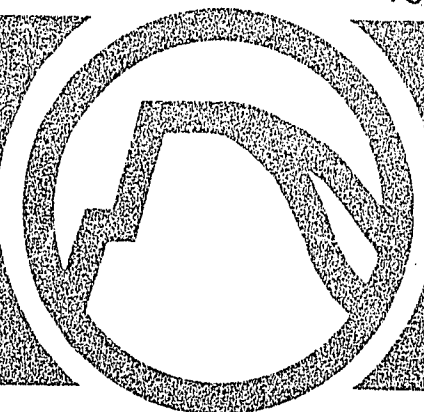


The Mammoth Mountain Inn is offering a Bed and Breakfast special for YP&CCo. employees. The cost is \$20.00 per person, per night (minimum double occupancy). This includes lodging and breakfast of your choice.

For information or reservations, write The Mammoth Mountain Inn at P.O. Box 353, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or call (619) 934-2581.

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Community Council Exceeds Fund Raising Goal

The Community Council recently announced that it has exceeded its goal of \$10,000 in the 1984 campaign. The funds received are approximately \$11,000 and Council Chairman Vocelka is hoping that additional donations coming in will complete the campaign at \$11,500. The Board of Directors of the Community Council would like to thank all the Community members who participated in contributing money and time and their effort to an exceptionally successful campaign. This campaign doubles the previous record for a Yosemite Community Council fund raising.

The Council also wishes to thank all those individuals involved in the bake sale which resulted in a substantial donation to the general fund. Special recognition should be given to the Lodge Housekeeping department for its efforts in achieving participation throughout the department by the collection of nickel deposits on beverage containers resulting in a most welcome contribution.

Besides the monies received for the general fund and use of the Community Council designated donations included monies for American Friend Service Committee of San Francisco, El Portal Fire Department and Merced Canyon Committee, the El Portal

Senior Citizens, the Yosemite Scholarship, the Mariposa Indian Council, and the Yosemite Community Assistance Program as well as the Salvation Army.

The Community Council had two major responsibilities this year; the first was to assure that the Yosemite Scholarship Fund was properly funded for the coming year, and it is proud to announce that the 1985 scholarship could possibly total \$4,000 for a Yosemite resident. This scholarship fund has been made possible by a very special donation to the Yosemite Community Council. The Chairman of the Board wishes to express special thanks for this funding of the Yosemite Scholarship. Secondly, the Council attempted to raise funds for the support of the Yosemite Community Assistance Program and will be able to designate approximately \$4,000 for the use of the program. A future issue of the *Yosemite Sentinel* and the *Yosemite Newsletter* will include a complete list of the donations and distributions of the funds of the Yosemite Community Council. Again, thank you very much for supporting this worthwhile community project!

Successful Summer For YCC Program

Each year, a group of twenty-four teenagers are selected to participate in a two-month residential Youth Conservation Corps Program. This year, the participants selected from the Mariposa, Oakhurst and Bishop areas proved to be an "outstanding group of kids," according to Project Manager, Bill Thomas. "They always give me 100%," he notes.

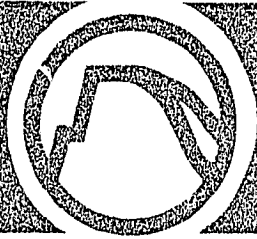
The Youth Conservation Corps Program is nationwide, yet



Yosemite is one of the few parks that operates a seven-day residential camp. The program is designed to foster environmental awareness. Participants spend thirty hours a week working for minimum wage and ten hours learning about their relationship with the environment.

Several of the projects they worked on this summer include backcountry maintenance, construction of bear-proof food lockers in Tuolumne Meadows, maintenance work in Wawona and the Indian Village, rehabilitation of several high country trails and construction work on the Yosemite Valley bikeway.

"The program has proved to be an invaluable asset, not only to Yosemite, but to the participants as well," said Superintendent, Bob Binnewies.



Dawn Knopf Named 1984 Little Miss Amigo

Dawn Knopf, age 5, has been named the 1984 Little Miss Amigo. Dawn, daughter of Bruce and Denise Knopf, was selected from a field of ten contestants during the August 4 pageant. "Bruce and I are glad Dawn had the chance to meet some new friends and she learned a lot during the pageant. It turned out to be a great experience for her," said Denise. As Little Miss Amigo, Dawn will hand out trophies at several Mariposa events, including the Horse Show, Mariposa Fair and Diaper Derby. The pageant was sponsored by the Mariposa County Fair. This is the second time in the pageant's history that a Yosemite community member has won the title.



Dawn Knopf



Cub Scouts Enjoy 1st Annual Day Camp

The Cub Scouts of the local community (Yosemite, El Portal and Mariposa) recently enjoyed a special session day camp in Yosemite Valley. The twenty-one scouts enjoyed three days of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, and ice cream making.

The purpose of the day camp was to involve the scouts in activities that promote character building, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness. In all the activities the boys were encouraged to practice the Cub Scout motto to "Do Your Best."

Karen Pietrowski, District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, admitted her delight with the day camp's success, and shared most of the credit with the parents. "The kids wouldn't have this program if it wasn't for the active interest on behalf of the parents to get the program started."

She further stated, "We would like to thank the Yosemite Park and Curry Company and the National Park Service for graciously donating people, materials and snacks for the program. Also, thanks are extended to Barry Cole for letting us use the school grounds."

It was obvious that the boys thoroughly enjoyed their camping weekend. We hope Karen and the Scouts will enjoy many more day camp sessions in Yosemite.

Elementary School to Host "Country Faire"

Have you ever entered a Pinewood derby, attended a "Country Faire," and won a cake walk in one grand afternoon?

Yosemite Elementary School will host a fall carnival, "Country Faire," complete with these activities and more on Saturday, September 29th, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The ever-popular raffle for great prizes will be a highlight of the faire. Tickets will be available in early September after school begins from Yosemite Elementary School students.

Plans also include a variety of food booths, country store items, a haunted house, the "sponge toss," and other favorites.

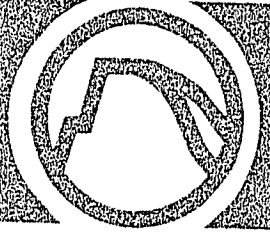
Of special interest will be a pinewood derby sponsored by the Cub Scouts. The race will include heats for all ages. Official entry rules and information is available from Jeff Keay.

An invitation is extended to the community to participate in this event sponsored by the Yosemite School Parents Group. Wawona and El Portal School children and their parents are especially welcome. Proceeds are used to finance many school programs, including the library and computer programs. It is traditionally the primary fund-raising of the Parent Group.

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1984 Wawona Games Festival

Victory For Wawona

It was a beautiful day in Wawona as the Valley team jumped out to an early lead in the 2nd annual Wawona Games Festival. The Valley tasted victory from the very beginning with course breaking 3.2-mile cross-country runs. Kevin Zimlinghaus swept away with a 19:35 finish, and Carol Bagley with a time of 24:53. The Valley also walked away early with a tennis doubles victory. Chuck Ciolino and Chris Shoemaker won a pro-10 set, 10-8. The volleyball teams were evenly matched, making an exciting event. Wawona edged out the Valley by scoring the last point in the final event.

Silver medals were awarded to any participant who won two events. Gold medals were awarded for winning three events. Clark Barclay, the only silver medalist from the Valley won both the chess and the men's ping pong. Lori Loberg, Wawona silver medalist, won the women's ping pong and was also a member of Wawona's victorious volleyball teams.

The darts doubles was won by Martha

Shoaf and Jeff Walter. Jeff took the second silver medal for Wawona with a victory in the putting event. on an 18 hole, par 36 course, Jeff shot a 37. Pete Mathias and Nanci Adinolfi of the Valley dominated the standing broad jump. Pete's jump was 9'11" and Nanci's jump was 8'1". The softball throw was split with Kim Haire of Wawona throwing 154'11" and Dave Winn, of the Valley, throwing a tremendous 299'11".

The frisbee accuracy was won by Bob Holt, from the Valley, and Kerry Judd, from Wawona, for the women. Kerry was the only Gold medalist in the competition. Her other two victories were in volleyball



Stan Jaco, Manager of Employee Recreation, presents Kerry Judd with her third gold medal of the day!

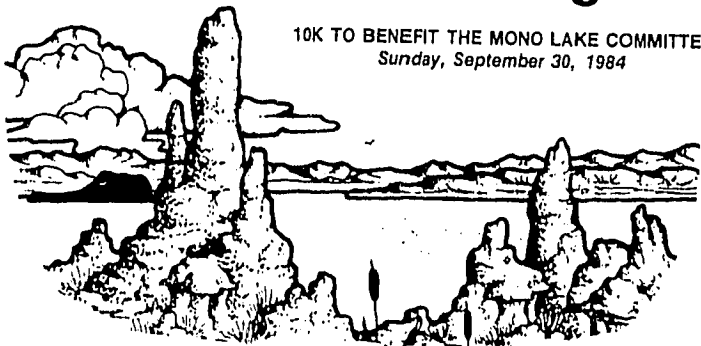


Both teams assemble for a group photo at the day's end.

and horseshoe doubles. John Schwoefferman was her partner.

At the end of scheduled competition it was all tied between Wawona and the Valley. A sudden death trilogy competition between the two team captains would decide who would earn the trophy. The three events were horseshoes, darts and frisbee. In the end it was Wawona's Dave Anzalone victorious over the Valley's Stan Jaco.

The Long Live Mono Lake Run



10K TO BENEFIT THE MONO LAKE COMMITTEE
Sunday, September 30, 1984

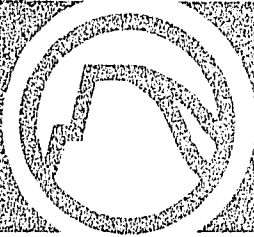
Start: 12:00 p.m. HIGH NOON, sharp!

Course: 10K, 6-2 miles on mixed terrain around the north shore of Mono Lake, start and finish at Mono County Park, elevation 6,400 feet.

Entry Donation: \$7.00 pre-registered, \$9.00 race day (deadline for pre-registration: September 16).

Awards: Top three runners in each division random door prizes, T-shirts with bumper stickers and Mono Lake newsletters to all runners.

For entry blanks and more information contact: Dennis Yamnitsky at 379-2787 or Jim Rodrigues at 379-2338.



Campground Host Program Expands and Excels

The Campground Host Program, initiated by the NPS last year is such a well received and beneficial service, it makes you wonder how we ever got along without it! The program, which began last summer with only one host, has provided such an important service to both the National Park Service and the camping visitor that it has been expanded to eleven this summer.

The hosts, who reside in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds, provide a variety of services for the campers. Host duties include circulating through the campground, providing information and assistance to the campers and the rangers in charge of the campground, instructing campers on proper food storage to reduce bear incidents, assisting in site assignments and providing daily light maintenance.

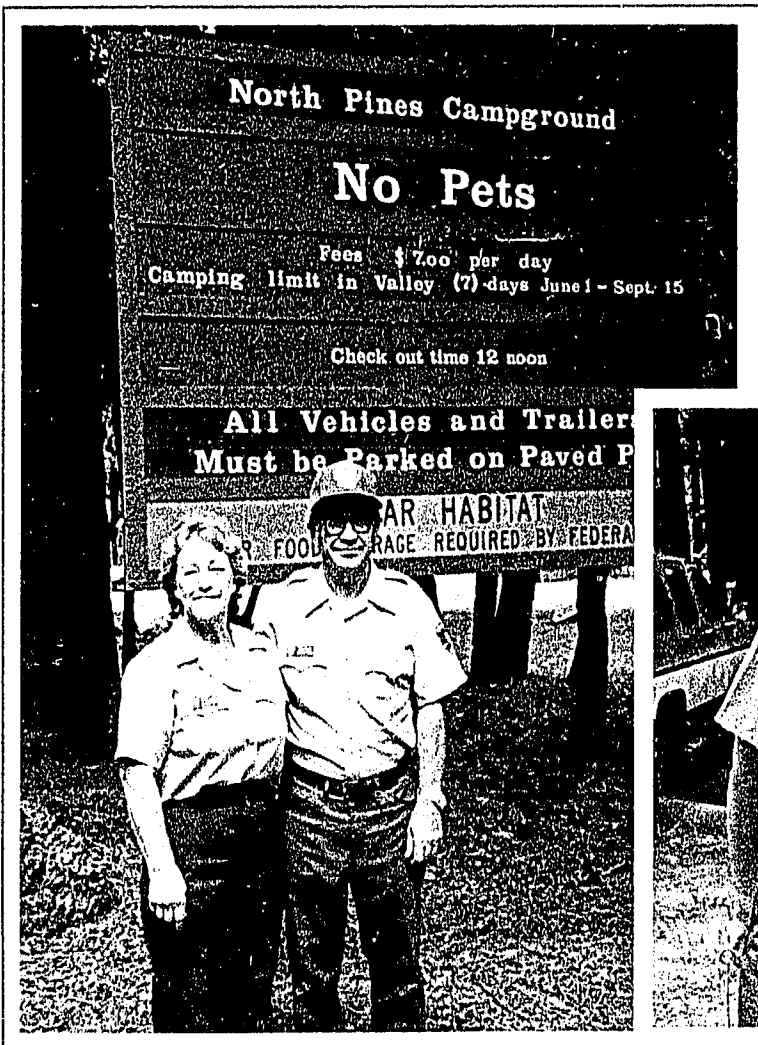
Some have helped at the campground reservations center answering telephones and providing public information. Each host also administers the National Park Service camp site commendation program which recognizes campers who set up and maintain their camp sites in an exemplary manner.

The success of the program can be largely attributed to the

highly personable and dedicated volunteers. Each host was selected on the basis of an application by the NPS campground manager earlier this year. With the exception of John Navarro, all the volunteers are participating in the program for the first time.

As the first camp host for Yosemite in 1983, John Navarro was instrumental in helping to coordinate the program. John has retired from thirty-one years service with the Veterans Hospital and makes his home in Arizona. In the winter months he travels, does some drawing, enjoys jogging, being with friends and family. John feels the best part of his position is the public service and meeting visitors from different parts of the world.

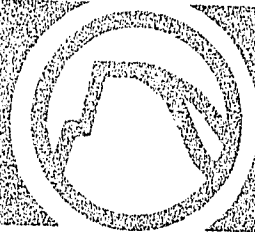
Norma and Evert Israelson are the hosts for the Rivers Campground. "We like this job because we get to meet so many very nice campers, and we get to spend the summer months living in this magnificent place," they remarked. Norma and Evert arrived in Yosemite in August 1983 after hearing of the program through their daughter who lives in Yosemite. Both are retired; Norma a former school secretary, and Evert was employed with the Data Switch Corporation. Their home was previously in Nor-



Left: Camping in Yosemite has been a tradition for Betty and Jim Clanton for the past 25 years. This summer they are joined by their grandchildren.

Below: Bill and Betty McCarthy first learned about the Campground Host Program through *Trailer Life Magazine*.





Left: John Navarro, Campground Host for Lower Pines, catches up on the day's events with Park Aide, Lydette Jaquez.

Right: Norma and Evert Israelson have quite a responsibility as the Camp Hosts for both Upper and Lower Rivers Campgrounds.



walk, Connecticut, and now they live and vacation full-time in their travel trailer.

Upper Pines Campground hosts Betty and Bill McCarthy heard of the Yosemite Campground Host Program through *Trailer Life Magazine*. After writing Yosemite of their interest, they were brought here in April. Originally from the east coast, Bill and Betty now live full-time in their travel trailer, spending summers on the road and winters in Florida.

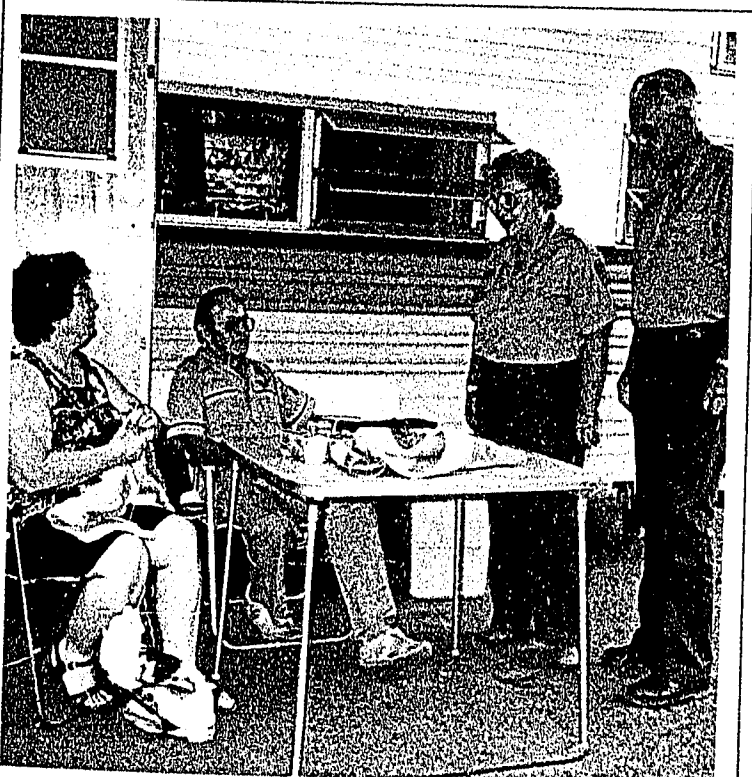
Spending the summer in North Pines Campground is nothing new to Betty and Jim Clanton. They have been coming to Yosemite for the past twenty-five years for vacation. "We used to bring

our children with us, now we bring our grandkids!" Jim laughed.

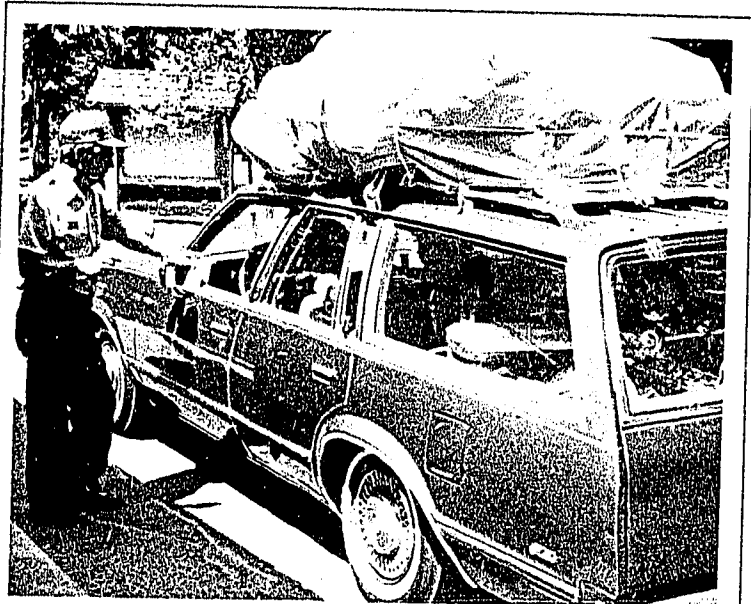
The Clantons became interested in the Host program in the fall of 1983 during a vacation here. Now, they are delighted with the opportunity to work as Campground Hosts. During the winter, Betty and Jim spend several months in warmer weather in the Palm Springs or San Diego area.

Yosemite is fortunate to have such enthusiastic participants in their Host Program. The feeling is mutual, however, and is aptly summed up by Betty Clanton, "I think the Campground Host Program is a fantastic program for retired people. It gives us a chance to be useful and it is an asset to the park. I say a big thanks to the person or persons who are responsible for getting the program started, and I hope it will continue from here on."

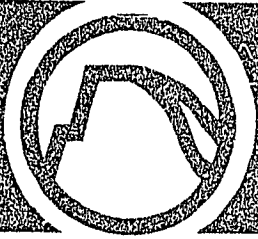
It is obvious from the tremendous success of this year's program that the Yosemite campers and community echo Betty's thoughts.



Camp Hosts are often seen circulating the campground, welcoming campers on behalf of the NPS.



Providing visitor information and checking in late arrivals are two of the most important duties of the Camp Hosts.



Record Finish For Raft Regatta



The first place winners of the Tenth Annual Employee Recreation Raft Regatta (left to right): Richard Turner, Dan Brewer and Stacy Brewer.

By Erika Jongejan

The Tenth Annual Employee Recreation Raft Regatta took place this year on July 14th. The day was a success, despite the small turnout, for everyone made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

The winners, pictured here with their trophy, made the trip from the Stables Bridge to Sentinel Beach in a record forty-five minutes, using kayak paddles. The losers arrived three hours later.

Arriving fifteen minutes after the lead boat was the Pott's raft, a huge raft capable of holding all the girls from Personnel, plus a non-company rafter "lured off the street by the promise of free beer."

The barbeque was the finest one seen all summer, with steak and chicken, hot bread and watermelon. The winners received free food along with their trophy and were thus some of the best customers at the barbeque.

So if you weren't at the Raft Regatta (and most of you weren't), you really missed a fun day. But we will give you another chance next year. Don't miss it!

Yosemite Runs Against Cancer

By Dennis J. Yamnitsky

It was not too hot, but a mildly humid morning in beautiful downtown Merced as twelve runners from Yosemite Park and Curry Company hit the streets in the Annual Merced Run Against Cancer.

In the 1.4-mile Fun Run, Jim Rodrigues was the first Yosemite finisher taking third place. Leading the way in the five miles was John Carter (probably the fastest road racer in Yosemite at this time). John finished a very respectable fourth place overall. All in all everyone put in a good effort for a good cause!

By the way, this is my farewell article for the *Sentinel*. I hope you have enjoyed keeping up with the Yosemite Running Scene

Results of the Merced Run for Cancer

1.4-Mile Fun Run

Jim Rodrigues	7:23
Stan Jaco	7:56

5-Mile Run

John Carter	26:06	Dennis J. Yamnitsky	27:55
Hugh Davies	28:21	Recreation Jeff	35:01
Tom Anderson	36:30	Bill Germany	37:15
Kathy Coran	39:00	Connie Archer	40:28
Nancy Hunt	42:07	Sarah Burkdoll	58:00

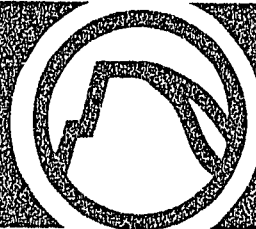
as much as I have. Remember, you can only accomplish what you try to achieve. Have confidence, set goals and, most importantly, be healthy and enjoy yourself! See you at the races! Aloha!!

UPCOMING RACES

- 9/23 Tioga Pass Run
- 9/23 Bass Lake vs. Triathlon Championships
- 9/29 Gateway to Yosemite Triathlon
- 9/30 The Long Line Mono Lake Run



Yosemite Park and Curry Company was well represented at the Merced Run for Cancer! From left to right (bottom row): Dennis J. Yamnitsky, John Carter, Tom Anderson, Hugh Davies; (top row) Stan Jaco, Bill Germany, Connie Archer, Sarah Burkdoll, Recreation Jeff, Kathy Coran, Nancy Hunt and Jim Rodrigues.



Moving Forward — Progress Continues

By Ed Hardy

As we reach the end of this busy summer season, I wanted to share some observations on our business as well as progress being made to improve Yosemite.

The summer has been a unique one for California, with both the Olympics and the Democratic National Convention occurring here. In spite of these events and the many people they drew to the State, overall tourism has been down. By some estimates the decline has been as much as 30-40%. Many San Francisco restaurants reported a decline in business as regular customers stayed away to avoid the convention crowds and congestion, a lesson to us that any perception of congestion, crowding, etc., can harm valuable repeat business. This statewide decline in tourism was reflected in declining summer visitation statistics for Yosemite as well.

Yosemite Park and Curry Company, working closely with the National Park Service, is undertaking a number of major projects to improve guest service and employee living conditions, as well as to protect Yosemite. Relocation of housing out of Camp Six is being actively worked on. Preliminary designs and site plans for a joint National Park Service — Yosemite Park and Curry Com-

pany facility at Glacier Point to replace the existing temporary buildings into one well designed structure are underway. Work continues on a new employee showerhouse with laundry facilities at the stables to replace the previous facilities that had outlived their usefulness. Evaluations are going forward rapidly on the replacement of about a third of the company's more than thirty boilers. Reliability and higher energy efficiency are the two major considerations in this evaluation.

CPR Training Offered

Two million people in the United States have a heart attack each year. Of that number, about one million will die. Medical research has proven that if the cardiac victim has received CPR first aid within the first few minutes of being stricken, as many as fifty percent of the fatalities might be saved.

CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, provides artificial circulation or breathing to a person whose heart and lungs have stopped functioning because of a heart attack, shock, drowning, or other causes. External cardiac compressions administered mutually are alternated with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in order to stimulate the natural functions of the heart and lungs. Since sixty to seventy percent of sudden deaths caused by cardiac arrest occur before hospitalization, it is clear that the community deserves to be recognized as the ultimate coronary care unit.

The strenuous nature of Yosemite activities in which visitors and residents alike participate, such as hiking, skiing, swimming, running, and bicycling provides a climate in which the possibility of cardiac stress is increased. Yosemite receives nearly three million visitors each year, many of them not physically prepared for the altitudes or the activities they will undertake. As members of the Yosemite community we should all be prepared to offer emergency assistance.

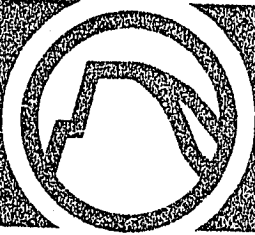
The Employee Training Center offers monthly classes in CPR which are certified by the American Red Cross. Classes are also offered in Multimedia and Standard First Aid. The next CPR class will be held on 24 and 26 September from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Employee Training Center. Please call extension 1448 to sign up for this class.

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BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

September 4: *Never Cry Wolf*

September 11: *Broadway Danny Rose*

September 18: *Mr. Mom*

September 25: *Gorky Park*

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 children.

Special September Events

September 3: Volleyball Championship

September 6: Flower day

September 9: Open Volleyball Begins

September 17: Dance

Watch for the starting date for basketball season! Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

Weight Center: Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball: Sunday, Monday. (East Auditorium) 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Begins September 9.

Morning Lap Swim: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Lodge Pool) 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Swimnastics: Tuesdays, Thursdays (Lodge Pool) 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Classified

For Sale: 8 x 40 trailer, one bedroom. Good condition, good potential investment. El Portal - Call Jim at 379-2743 (evenings.)

For Sale: Two bedroom, two bathroom home in Fish Camp. Well insulated, great lot. \$79,500 easy terms. Call 683-6407 (AGT).

For Sale: Safety kids musical cassette tape and color book by Janeen Brady. "An entertaining yet effective way of providing non-stressful council to children in safeguarding themselves against sexual abuse, assault and kidnapping." Contact Judy Kaye at 372-4225 or Michelle Horner at 372-4579.

Announcements

The Fourth Annual Yosemite Alumni Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m. on the Hotel Wawona front lawn. The picnic will honor past and present employees of Yosemite. The Yosemite Award also will be presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the park. The day will include a wide variety of activities and a picnic dinner, hosted by Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

Reservations must be made by September 17. For more information call Helen Doty at (209) 683-5484.

The Yosemite Artists Guild meets regularly to draw, critique and discuss. All employees interested in improving their drawing skills are welcome. Contact Kay Pitts at 372-4775.

The Artists Guild will sponsor an art booth at the Yosemite Elementary School carnival, September 29. In October we will assist with the Yosemite Renaissance Poster Contest. Contact Kay Pitts (372-4775) or Ginny Carlson (372-4780) for further details.

The Yosemite Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the Mountain Broiler Room.

The Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, at the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Office.

The Yosemite Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

Two spaces for the Bracebridge Dinner are being raffled off by the Yosemite Lions Club. A \$5.00 donation could win you two spaces at the 4:30 p.m. seating on Christmas Day (wine and gratuity not included). Proceeds benefit community youth activities. Drawing to be held and winner contacted December 6, 1984. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member, or send check or money order to Yosemite Lions Club, P.O. Box 6, Yosemite, CA 95389. Donations are tax deductible.

The Yosemite Cooperative Pre-School (for children ages 3 and 4) will begin October 1. Contact Judy Kaye at 372-4225 or Janet Welch at 372-1342 for enrollment.

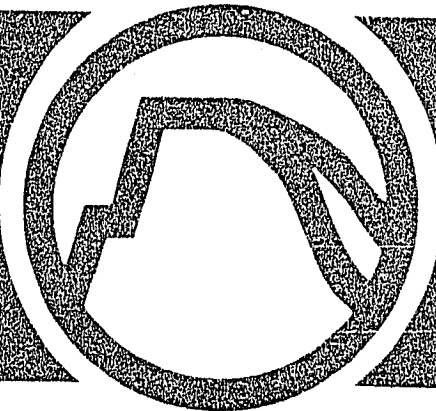
The September class schedule for the Art Activity Center is as follows: September 10 - 16 watercolor by Roger Folk; September 17 - 23 watercolor by Laura Osante; September 24 - 28 watercolor by Bob Fleming; and September 29 - October 5 drawing and watercolor by Lady Jill Mueller. Evening classes are on Tuesday and Thursday 7 - 9 p.m. Call extension 1442 for more information.

The Yosemite Natural History Association is offering a schedule of fall classes starting October 5. Stop by the office behind the Valley District Office to pick up a catalog. Classes run Friday through Sunday in watercolor, beginning and advanced color photography; Friday through Monday for Miwok Basketry. For more information, call 372-4532 and ask for the seminar coordinator.

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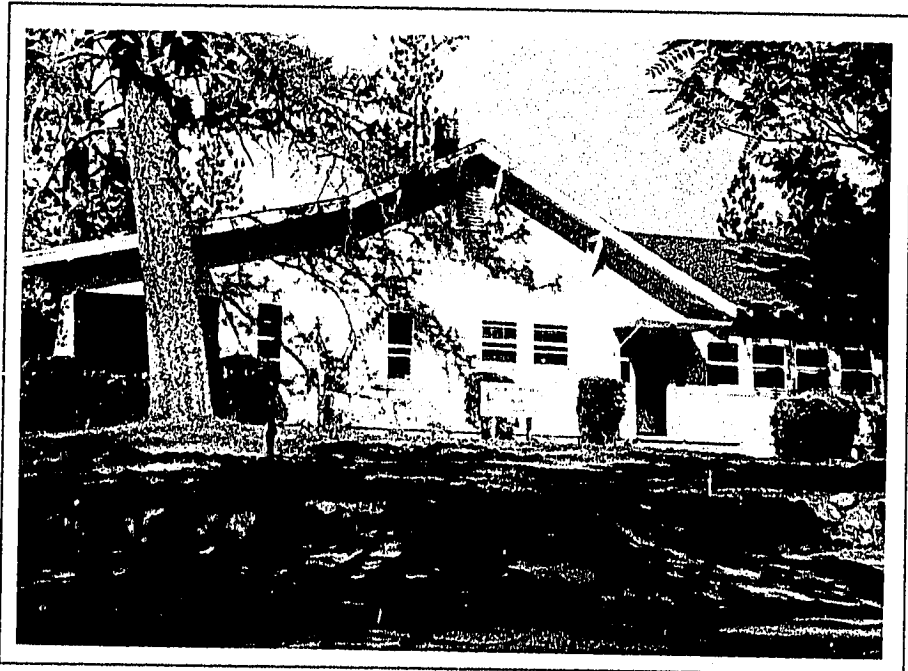
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Park Celebrates Opening of New Research Center

Yosemite is undeniably rich in archaeological resources, and we are fortunate to have a Park Archaeologist as well as an Archaeological Research Center to help preserve and protect these sites. This Archaeological Research department, lead by Scott Carpenter, offers an understanding of Yosemite's inhabitant and prehistoric occupation dating as far back as 3,500 years.

Last month, the National Park Service was pleased to announce its formal opening of a new research center. Located in El Portal, the Center serves as a support facility for visiting scientists engaged in research of Yosemite's natural and cultural resources. These projects greatly benefit the resource management programs of Yosemite by providing new information at little or no expense to the government. By providing access to facilities at the Yosemite Research Center, such as dormitory, laboratory, library and computer facilities, the National Park Service is able to offer logistical support to these visiting researchers. In addition to functioning as a facility for visiting researchers, the Yosemite Research Center is the focus for the operations of the Park Archaeologist and the Research Scientist.

Yosemite, due to its relatively pristine condition, provides an excellent opportunity to study prehistoric and historic Sierran occupation. Research opportunities here are numerous and exciting. The Yosemite Archaeological Research Program conducts small and large scale research to determine the nature and extent of cultural resources to aid in the planning and implementation of



park management, interpretive and development projects, as well as resource preservation programs.

The research program for the natural sciences at Yosemite, operating under the direction of Dr. Jan van Wagtenonk, functions to gather and analyze data in order to effectively protect and manage the Park's natural resources. The program includes studies dealing not only with plant and animal communities in Yosemite, but also coordinates activities of researchers whose projects focus on fire ecology, bedrock and glacial geography, impact of National Park Service and visitor activities on resources, and many other subjects.

The purpose of our Archaeological Research Center is to discover and preserve historical information and artifacts for future generations. It is our responsibility, as Yosemite residents, to help preserve these archaeological sites by not disturbing or removing any of these precious artifacts. The Park's cultural resources managements requests that any artifacts or sites discovered by residents be left in place and reported to Scott Carpenter, NPS Park Archaeologist.

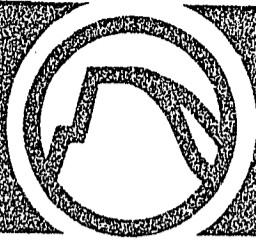
The Yosemite Research Center sponsors an ongoing schedule of seminars and current research within Yosemite National Park. If you wish for more information regarding the programs, contact Dr. Jan van Wagtenonk or Scott Carpenter, co-directors of the Yosemite Research Center at 209-372-4461, extension 462.

Attention Actors, Actresses!

Looking for something exciting to do this Fall? Come audition for the dinner theatre! The production, *Angel Street*, will be performed November 29, 30 and December 1 at the Curry Village Pavilion. Auditions will be held the second week of October and we need people!

Angel Street is the story of a man in Victorian London trying to drive his wife insane in order to recover some famous rubies. *Angel Street* was done as the movie *Gaslight*. The cast consists of three women and two men, with two more minor male roles.

For more information, call Employee Recreation or Ellison Custodio (372-4847).



Greg Owens Recognized by Indian Arts Association

Greg Owens, Manager of Retail Gifts for YP&C Co., has recently been named to the Board of Directors of the American Indian Arts and Crafts Association. This national organization, composed of museums, craftsmen, retailers and traders of American Indian products, primarily serves to improve new and better relationships between Indian craftsmen and the retail trade. It also serves to create and develop new opportunities for native American artists and operates as a watchdog for the industry.

Greg's interest in Indian crafts was a natural outgrowth of his interests in American handicrafts as a whole. In the last two years, he has traveled extensively throughout the Southwest (over 2,000 miles) visiting Indian Reservations, traders and individual artists and craftsmen. The result of this can be seen in Yosemite's expanded inventory and rapidly increasing sales.

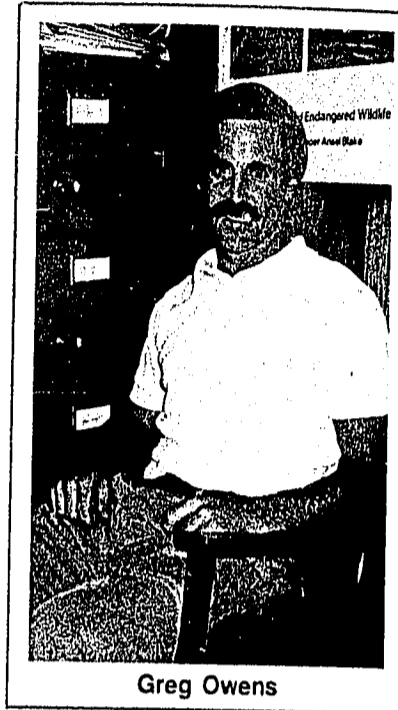
Currently, some of the American Indian handicrafts carried by YP&C Co. include: Zuni, Navajo, Hopi and Santa Domingo jewelry, Hopi Kachinas, Navajo and Chimayo rugs, Papago and Navajo baskets, pottery from the Pueblos of Jemez, Santa Clara, Santa Ildefonso, Laguna and Aloma, Taos Aspen drums and mocassins, graphics by noted Cherokee artist, Virginia Stroud, rare antique California baskets and some exciting jewelry from a select group of Northern California Indians.

Greg remarks, "The Company has been very supportive in expanding our line of native arts and crafts. For years, we relied

strictly on traders who came to the Park. Now we are spending time on the Reservations and with traders on their home turf where we are able to choose from a much wider selection of goods."

Greg stated that one of the benefits of being a member of the Board will be the exposure to new services of Indian crafts to the company. This, however, is not his main objective.

"Through my involvement on the Board, I will express my concern over the diminishing resources of California Indian arts and crafts. It is imperative that we encourage a new generation of craftsmen here in California while the skills and knowledge are still available through their parents and grandparents. As a company we are concerned about the survival of the California Indian craftsmen and it is our hope that through our presence on the Board we can help bring about the positive support that is needed."



Greg Owens

Talent Abounds in 8th Annual Great Valley Revue

The 8th Annual Great Valley Revue, sponsored by Employee Recreation, once again provided a remarkable display of local talent! The show, dedicated to past Employee Recreation Manager, Tom Hardman, featured 11 acts, each of which was prize-worthy; narrowing down the winners to three was certainly not an easy task!

The show began with a performance of several honky-tonk blues numbers by Sam Williams, accompanying himself on guitar. Sam was followed by Dean "Birdman" Pearson who delighted the audience with his imitations of various bird sounds. Kym and Lisa Riseling, composing the duet "On The Rise" performed several beautiful numbers including "I'm Sorry," "Feelin Groovy" and "Cats in the Cradle."

The fourth act featured Larry Lonzo's multi image slide show set to the background music of John Lennon. Larry's inclusion of some beautiful photography of Yosemite was a real crowd pleaser.

After a break for intermission, Monte Meyer performed several original compositions, in addition to a recital of a John Paxton poem entitled "The Box" a lesson in peace. Christopher Becker amused the audience with a humorous account entitled "Readings From The Enquirer." Although he claimed each excerpt was authentic, we had room to doubt a couple of the stories!

Oliver Bernard captivated the audience with his beautiful rendition of three French ballads, sung in his native tongue.

The eighth act of the evening was an impressive display of vocal talent, by Pam Johnson. Accompanied on the piano by Laurie

Hawkins, she captured third place with her performance of the famous tune "God Bless The Child."

One of the most unique acts of the evening was the baton twirling performance by Terry Radcliffe. Terry twirled his way to 2nd place with (at times) three batons, to music by Donna Summer.

Taking the Grand Prize of \$125.00 was Earl MacLeod for his "Electric Cello Progressions." One of Earl's numbers was an original composition, entitled "Suburban Hunger," the other was "written by Bach with variations by MacLeod."

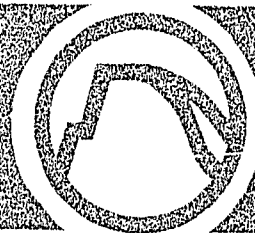
The acts were scored on the basis of audience response, originality, and presentation by judges, Tim Arnst, Lisa Potts, Cassandra Crump, Cathy Boire and Lee Stetson.

Special recognition should be given to Stan Stack for his terrific performance as Master of Ceremonies. Certainly a high point of the evening, Stan's wardrobe changes and humorous monologue were enjoyed by all.

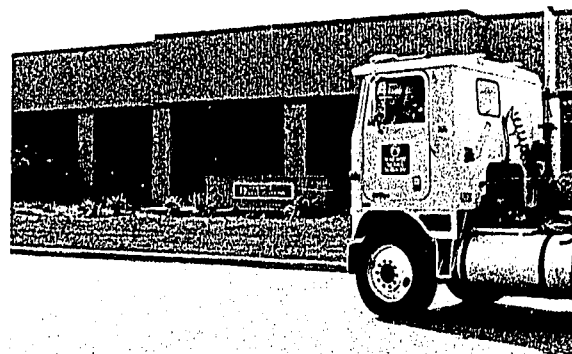
YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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Yosemite Sierra Services Celebrates 2nd Anniversary



Left: From left to right: Lori Law (Assistant Reservations Manager) and Debbie McGlauffin (Reservations Manager) share a laugh at the Clovis Lake Picnic.

Center: George Spach, General Manager of Yosemite Sierra Services.

Above: Yosemite Sierra Services including Warehousing, Freight, Purchasing and Reservations departments is located at 5410 East Home Avenue.

Fresno employees celebrated the 2nd anniversary of Yosemite Sierra Services with a picnic and water slide party at Clovis Lakes on Sunday, September 9. A delicious barbecue and potluck was the highlight of a day which also included sports activities of all kinds. A surprising number of daredevils braved the infamous "Rampage" water slide as well as the four less hair-raising slide routes.

The party was attended by staff members from Reservations, Warehousing, Freight, and Purchasing departments, together with their families and invited guests.

The Company began operation in Fresno back in 1973 when Bob Ferguson and Jim Jones established a freight depot on a trial basis. Nearly a decade later, in response to the Yosemite Management Plan's mandate encouraging removal of support functions from within the Park boundaries, a brand new modern facility was constructed at 5410 E. Home Avenue in Fresno, just south of the Fresno Air Terminal. All of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. commercial purchasing and most warehousing was

immediately relocated to Fresno, and has since been joined by a completed automated central reservations office. The total staff in Fresno will exceed 60 employees by the end of 1984.

George Spach, Director of Purchasing for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., serves as General Manager for Yosemite Sierra Services, as the company's Fresno division is titled. George reports that "The benefits and profit opportunities which the company has gained from this move are just as real and worthwhile as the environmental goals which motivated the project. We are so much closer to our market place and find ourselves in the mainstream of the flow of goods and ideas for improving every aspect of the hospitality business."

"We are very proud of the wonderful team of dedicated people we've put together here and we think we have the finest facility of its kind anywhere." An open invitation is extended to all Yosemite employees to stop by anytime for a visit and tour of the operation.



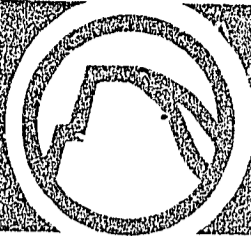
Andy Rodriguez receives a delivery for the Warehousing department.



Traffic Manager, Bob Furgeson (left) and Jim Jones (Fresno Freight driver).



Rose Roscoe, Purchasing Manager (left), and Vernon Ullstrom, Materials Buyer.



The Yosemite Child Care Center

A Long Awaited Community Service Becomes a Reality

The Yosemite Child Care Center has proved itself to be more than just a long awaited answer to convenient, safe and reliable child care. It is a friendly and efficiently run service, staffed by caring teachers who pride themselves on "providing a stimulating, learning environment rather than a simple custodial day care service."

The Center is a result of three year's effort, initiated by a group of concerned community parents, including Steve Botti, Vicki Jo Lawson, Kim and Jim Tucker, Linda Eade, Mike Osborne and Claire Haley. After researching the need, they approached the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Company, both of whom offered their full support to make the proposal a reality.

The Center is now in its fourth month of operation and credit for its success must be shared with the hardworking staff, especially the Center's Director, Connie Rothell. "I'm pleased that we have been accepted so readily by the community. The support we have received since opening has been wonderful," exclaimed Connie.

The Center, open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is open to any children of the community, age six months and up. Child care service rates for ages 27 months and older is \$1.50 per hour. Infant care (under 27 months) is \$1.75

per hour. A 20% discount is available for families enrolling more than one child. The Center can accommodate up to 24 children at one time and runs almost daily at full capacity. At press time, the Center has 60 enrollees (surpassing the current enrollment of Yosemite Elementary School).

Some of the children's activities available daily at the Center include: group activities (art projects, cooking, etc.), free play, circle time (stories and songs), outside play, quiet/rest time, snack and lunch.

The Center is staffed by three full-time instructors, Connie Rothell, Wendy Schwartz and Laura Smith. Both Connie and Wendy are credentialed teachers and all three women have previous pre-school teaching experience. Additional part-time help is given by Hollie Wymore and Carol Johnson.

One of the nicest features of the Day Care Center is that it provides a service to virtually everyone in and around the community. "We've had children here whose parents were working as far away as Groveland," remembers Connie. The current enrollment shows an equal amount of attendance from National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Company families. The balance of students come from families employed at the Medical Clinic, Elementary School, Post Office and Yosemite Natural History Association, as well as some local contractors.

Although the services are primarily created for the working parent, there is usually "drop-in" space available. Connie explains, "If a parent of the local area needs to run a few errands in the Valley, we are happy to watch the child or children for them."

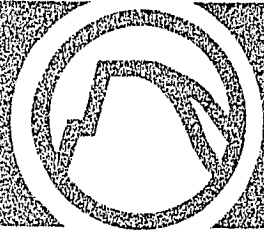
Convenient, reliable and friendly child care service is what Connie and her staff strive to maintain. "We encourage an open door policy at all times of the day," she says. "Parents are always



As a working mother, Child Care Center Director, Connie Rothell, knows the importance of having quality, reliable child care available and strives to provide just that.



(Left) Connie Rothell is joined by her Assistant Director, Wendy Schwartz (top) and staff member, Laura Smith (bottom).



welcome to come over, visit with their children, and see what we are all about."

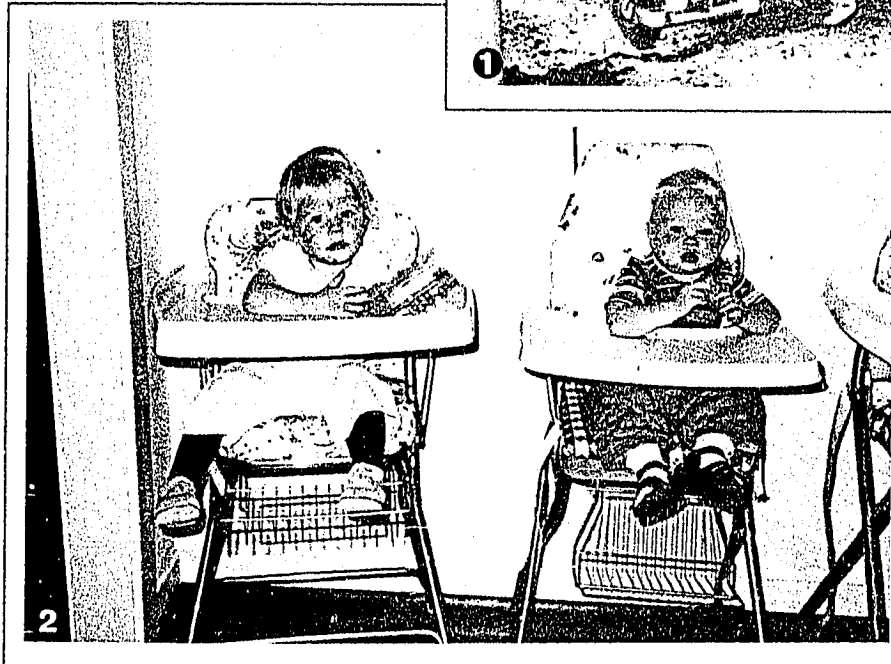
A non-profit organization, the Center relies heavily on donated materials, ranging from furniture to household items. The Center is grateful for all donations and would especially welcome additional items, such as firewood, high chairs, coffee cans, egg cartons, magazines, etc. — "the things people normally throw away" which can be used for children's art projects. A "dream goal" of the staff is to have their own washer and dryer to help with the countless loads of laundry, presently handled personally by Connie.

Aside from individual community donations, the Center is extremely grateful for the support of the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Company. It was the Park Service who originally

To help offset the substantial operating and insurance costs in the future, Connie hopes to organize some fund raising activities. Other upcoming goals include extended services to include weekends, as well as an expanded opportunity for community members to contribute their time, skills and services for the children.

Connie admits that their first priority is to "maintain the high quality of services that we now provide." Assistant Director, Wendy Schwartz, comments, "I'm glad to see that every child that has once attended our Center has returned. So far we've received only positive feedback from the community, no complaints!!"

Eager to share the credit for the Center's success, Connie



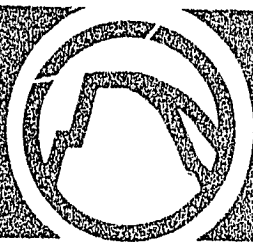
declares that it is a reflection of many people's efforts. "As a former resident of several other parks, I feel this type of service needs to be available in all parks. I am glad that Yosemite has taken the incentive to see the need and follow through on such an important community service."

For further information on enrollment, donation needs or substitute employment opportunities, contact Connie Rothell at 372-4819. Also, feel free to accept Connie's invitation to stop by, meet the staff and see the facility and its impressive operations for yourself.

appropriated the building for the Center, and then followed up with the modifications necessary to meet the State Licensing Code. Connie explains, "Because we are located on Federal land, we are not a State Licensed facility; however, it has been our goal all along to meet the safety requirements of the State for Child Care Centers. We are proud of the fact that we operate a very safe facility." The generous donation of \$6,000 from YP&C Co. enabled the Center to make initial purchases and help meet the insurance coverage costs.



- ① The Center aims to "encourage outside play activity at least once a day." Pictured here, Laura Smith entertains on the swing set.
- ② Jennifer Kovacs (left) and Gerald Smith Jr. (right) enjoy crackers and juice at snack time!
- ③ A popular daily activity is "Circle Time" which encourages learning by songs, stories and games.



1984 Men's Softball Championship

Dynamic Offense; Key to Cedar Lodge Victory

On Friday night, August 31, the perennial powerhouses Cedar Lodge and Over The Belt Gang met to decide the 1984 men's softball championship. The team had met earlier in the season when Over The Belt came out on top. Certainly, the pressure was on for both teams to perform.

The sun was below the Valley walls when the game started and the weather was perfect. Cedar Lodge opened the first inning with a display of consistent hitting, accounting for three runs. Over The Belt came back in the first on consecutive doubles by Bill Johnston and Dan Jensen to put a run on the score board. Cedar Lodge continued their hitting attack during the second inning,



In 2nd place of the overall season — end standings, The Over The Belt Gang.



Another Season Championship for the Cedar Lodge team.

generating another three runs. It might have been an even bigger inning had not centerfield, Dan Jensen, gunned down a Cedar Lodge base runner at third base to end the inning.

The remainder of the game was primarily a defensive struggle. Joe Wheeler of Over The Belt scored in the fifth on an RBI by pitcher, Bill Millner. Cedar Lodge rounded out the scoring with one run in the top of the seventh inning to seal the victory. The final score was 7-2 in an uncharacteristically low scoring game by the two clubs.

Men's Softball Team Standings

American League

Firehouse 5 + 5	9-0
Over The Belt Gang	8-2
Ten Keys	4-4
Ozone Mountain Daredevils	1-7½
The B-Team	1-9

National League

Annex Survivors	9-2
Cedar Lodge	9-2½
El Portal Whippetts	7-4½
Rangers	3-7
Big Spill	6-5
Lodge Nuts	1-7

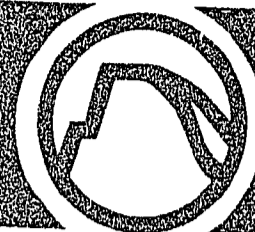
El Portal Run

For racers of all ages and abilities

- WHEN:** October 27, 1984 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- WHERE:** Meet at the El Portal Elementary School
- REGISTRATION:** No advance registration necessary. Race is free to all entrants.
- COURSE:** Varies from 1 mile to 1.7 miles (depending on age category)
- PRIZES:** Trophies and ribbons will be awarded.
- REFRESHMENTS:** Hamburgers, hotdogs, fruit juices and baked goods available after the Race!



For further information, contact the El Portal Elementary School at 379-2382.



YP&C Co. Supports Environmental Protection

By Ed Hardy

As the summer comes to a close I thought I would take this opportunity to share with you a letter I sent recently to Congressman Richard Lehman, in support of his bill HR 1437. As we get busy keeping up with summer's peak visitation, it is easy to lose sight of some of the larger issues affecting our environment. I wanted you to know that your company continues to work for environmental protection not only by taking public stands, but also by contributing financially to help bring about protection.

It is my firm belief that the bill to protect Mono Lake, the Tuolumne River, and the Yosemite Wilderness will pass this session of Congress. I hope in future years we'll see a state nationwide beverage container deposit law, such as we use in Yosemite, but on a larger scale. I am also hopeful that some sort of protection will come soon to both the South Fork and main stems of the Merced River. I hope you will join with us in aiding these causes.

Cong. Richard H. Lehman
1319 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rick,

Thank you for your recent letter on the encourage progress of HR 1437 which will add wilderness protection to Yosemite, designate 83 miles of the Tuolumne River as wild and scenic, and help to protect Mono

Michael Roughan, a YP&C Co. employee, passed away September 10th, from cancer. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

Michael

*Michael loved the mountains
Michael loved the sea
The desert took his heart
And then set it free.*

*He loved with intensity
The life that was his.
A wanderer, a traveler
Devouring all he saw.*

*How suddenly he left his world
A trait t'was his in life.
Now he is free to roam
And all belongs to him.*

*Warm sea sand, waving grasses,
Brilliant scarlet falls, mountain tops,
Wind swept deserts, barren rocks,
All know his love and foot fall.*

*Michael, farewell, your life complete
Michael, goodbye, from your friends sight
We value your life, we have learned
So little time, drink in love and life!*

by Marti Dobesh
September 10, 1984

Lake as a National Forest Scenic Area. I certainly hope this important bill passes the House soon after the reconvening of the Congress in September.

I want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts and those of other members of the California delegation in bringing additional protection to these critically important environmental and scenic resources in and around Yosemite National Park.

Let me know if there is anything further I can do to be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Edward C. Hardy
President

Editor's Note: This bill has just been passed by the Congress and is now awaiting the President's signature.

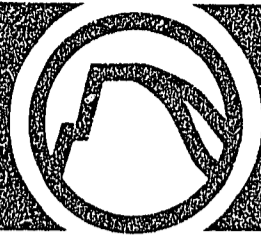
Food Service Sanitation And You

This summer the Employee Training Department introduced a new training program for food & beverage employees of the Yosemite Park & Curry Company which outlines the fundamental concerns and practices of food service sanitation. This program is the first of its kind in any of the National Parks concession operations and is modeled on programs used now in health departments of major cities across the country. Consider for a moment the vast quantities of meals served in Yosemite each year, approximately two and one half million, the purchasing, shipping and storage of the food to prepare those meals, and the number of people who handle the food before it reaches the dining table and you will quickly appreciate the paramount importance of good food service sanitation practices.

The new Food Service Sanitation training requires that each employee engaged in a food & beverage area must study for and successfully complete an examination on basic principles of food service sanitation. Upon passing the test the employee is issued a Food Handler's permit which must be kept on the employee or with their manager whenever they are working in food or beverage preparation or service. But your responsibility as a food & beverage employee does not end when you obtain your Food Handler's permit. In fact, your responsibility to good practices of food service sanitation has just begun.

Food borne disease can arise at any point in the process of food preparation from purchase of the goods to the time it is put on the table. Improper storage or handling of foods, inadequate cooking, a freezer too warm or a steam table too cold, tools not properly cleaned, or an employee with unwashed hands can all introduce a communicable disease to the food that then is served to our guests. And one day that guest could be you.

So remember that it is not enough simply to be aware of the rules and practice of food service sanitation. It is vitally important for the good health of our guests that you constantly be reviewing the proper sanitation practices as you work. Is the food hot enough? Is the food cold enough? Is the food properly covered? As your tools properly sanitized? Have you washed your hands frequently through your shifts and after every time you used the restroom? Your strict adherence to the proper practices of Food Service Sanitation will help ensure a delicious and healthy meal for us all.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

October 2: *Footloose*

October 9: *Porky's*

October 16: *The Dresser*

October 23: *Old Yeller*

October 29: *Halloween*

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 30: Halloween Dance and Costume Contest
8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Watch for the dates and times of these upcoming events:

- Golf Tournament
- Basketball Tournament

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Rec. at ext. 1475.

Ongoing Activities

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (West Auditorium) 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Sunday and Monday (except October 29). (East Auditorium) 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Weight Center: Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 - noon, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located next door to the Housekeeping Office.

Classified

For Sale: 21" Schwinn Boy's 10-speed bike. Color: blue. Good condition. \$65.00 — Call Shari at 372-1364.

For Sale: Complete landscape and macro photography set-up: Minolta SRT-201 body, Vivitar 55 mm 1:1 macro lens, Komura 2x teleconverter, minolta extension tube set, adapter for Tamron lenses, and carrying case. All for \$250.00. Leave message for Roger at 372-4441.

For Sale: 1979 Toyota SR5 long bed truck. AM/FM, air conditioning, camper shell, new tires. \$2,900 — Call Paul at 379-2379.

For Sale: 12 x 65 Expando Mobile Home on 5 acres, 5 miles from Mariposa. \$48,000 — Call 379-2367.

Announcements

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Community will hold its annual THANK GOD IT'S FALL Dinner and Dance on Sunday, October 28 at the Curry Pavilion. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. No host bar. Dinner served beginning at 6:00 p.m. For the children there will be a jack-o-lantern judging contest, costume judging, and a children's movie. Dancing to Carla and the Country Misfits. Dinner will be barbecued Chicken and Country Ribs. \$4.00 for children under 12 and \$7.00 for adults.

The Yosemite Renaissance Poster Competition, sponsored by the Mariposa Country Arts Council, will be judged on October 28. The contest is open to any artist or designer, professional or amateur, residing in California. The winning designer will receive \$1,500. For further information, contact Kay Pitts, project director, P.O. Box 306, Yosemite, CA 95389 or call 372-4775.

The Yosemite Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon in the Mountain Broiler Room/Four Seasons Restaurant.

A Small Animal Veterinary Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. Dr. Preston DMV, who operates the College Mission Veterinary Hospital in Merced, will conduct the clinic to update all vaccinations for dogs and cats.

Two spaces for the Bracebridge Dinner are being raffled off by the Yosemite Lions Club. A \$5.00 donation could win you 2 spaces at the 4:30 p.m. seating of the festive Bracebridge Dinner on Christmas Day (wine and gratuity not included). Proceeds benefit community youth activities. Drawing to be held and winner contacted December 6, 1984. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member, or send check or money order to: Yosemite Lions Club, P.O. Box 6, Yosemite, CA 95389. Donations are tax deductible.

Yosemite Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

The Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous meets twice a week, Wednesday and Sunday, at the YP&C Co. Employee Training Office.

The Fall campaign to recruit Girl Scout leaders and organize troops for girls in first through twelfth grades is beginning now in Yomar Girl Scout Association (Yosemite National Park and Mariposa County).

Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may contact Nancy McConnell at 966-5687. McConnell is the Girl Scout Association Chair, the volunteer in charge of local Girl Scout activities.

Merced College Extension Program: The following courses will be offered this fall semester: Accounting 51A & 51B, Business Law, College Algebra and Trigonometry, Introduction to Film Art, Elementary Spanish, and Guidance 48 (interpersonal skills). Classes begin October 8th. If you haven't pre-registered, please contact the Employee Center, 372-1448, immediately.

The October class schedule for the Art Activity Center is as follows: October 6-7 drawing and watercolor by Lady Jill Mueller; October 8-14 watercolor by Sherron Sheppard; October 15-21 watercolor by Ben Kudo. Evening classes are on Tuesday and Thursday 7-9 p.m. Call extension 1442 for more information.

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Ahwahnee Hotel Prepares For 3rd Annual Vintners Holidays

The staff of The Ahwahnee Hotel is earnestly organizing for their 3rd Annual Vintners Holiday Program. The celebration of this year's Beaujolais Nouveau Release, November 25 through 30, will officially kick off the festivities, which include seminars, panel discussions, wine tastings and gourmet dinners.

The event will provide guests and employees with the opportunity to meet many noted California Vintners through seminars, panel discussions, wine tastings and gourmet dinners.

The itinerary involves afternoon sessions and panel discussions, held Monday through Thursday, that concentrate on various aspects of wine making, tasting and serving. The seminars are followed by tastings from the various wineries involved. A complimentary invitation is extended to all NPS and YP&C Co. employees. Please note that identification is required, please consult with the concierge on duty for a name tag prior to attending the event.

Tuesday and Thursday nights of each week the special Vintners Dinners will be held in the grand Ahwahnee Dining Room. The Dinners, moderated by the winery representative, feature special gourmet menus designed by Chef Bertram Wentzek to compliment the various wines selected by the Vintners.

Cost for the Vintners Dinners, including gratuities and wine, is \$40.00 (plus tax) per person. The sessions begin the Sunday after Thanksgiving and run Sundays through Thursdays for three weeks. All employees are invited to participate in this educational and interesting event.

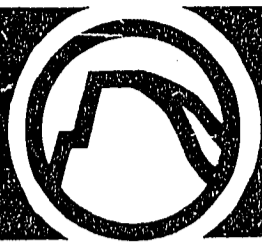


THE GRAPE OUTDOORS Yosemite Vintner's Holidays

SESSION	DATES	MODERATOR	WINERIES
I	Sunday, 11/25	Robert Lawrence Balzer	Robert Pecota
	Monday, 11/26	Madeleine de Jean Adams	Charles F. Shaw
	Tuesday, 11/27		Bouchard Pere & Fils
II	Wednesday, 11/28	Lee Leardini	Acacia
	Thursday, 11/29		Jordan Newton Stonegate
III	Sunday, 12/2	Robert Lawrence Balzer	Felzer
	Monday, 12/3		Rutherford Vintners
	Tuesday, 12/4		Sutter Home Wente Korbel
IV	Wednesday, 12/5	Mike Golick	Clos du Val
	Thursday, 12/6		Dry Creek Duckhorn Rutherford Hill
V	Sunday, 12/9	Steven Ring	Beringer
	Monday, 12/10		Cakebread Cellars
	Tuesday, 12/11		Landmark Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
VI	Wednesday, 12/12	Darrell Corti	Chateau St. Jean
	Thursday, 12/13		Domaine Chandon Hanns Kornell Schramsberg

YOSEMITE COOKS! 1st Annual Chef's Holidays

Watch for the article
in December's *Sentinel*



Winter Club Dinner-Dance Kicks Off 56th Season

Why join the Yosemite Winter Club? For openers, the cost is only \$9.00 for singles and \$17.00 per family, and the benefits to you are valued at over \$60.00!! A free steak dinner at Winter Club Night at Curry Village, 2 free ice skating sessions including skate rental, 2 free lift tickets, good for any day, are included in a membership.

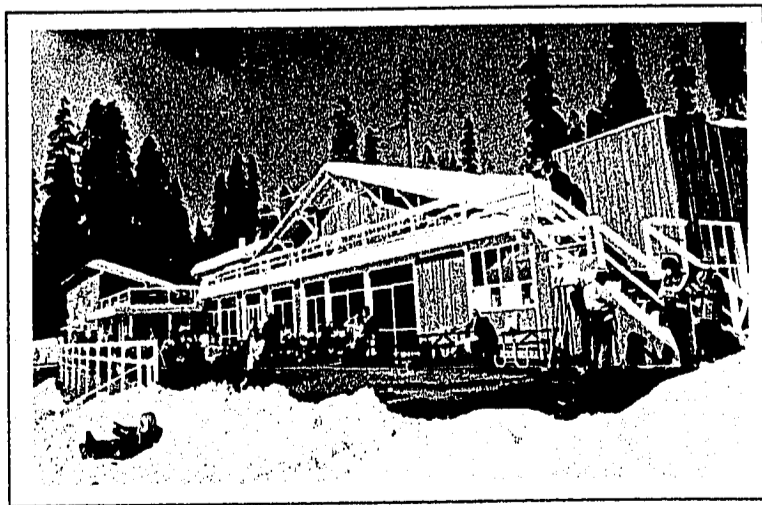
The Yosemite Winter Club is the oldest such club in the West, and was founded by Dr. Don Tressider, then President of Curry Company with the blessing of Horace C. Albright, then Superintendent and later Director of the National Park Service.

Badger Pass: Yosemite's "One Stop Ski Center"

Badger Pass will enter into the 1984-85 ski season with a new image as the "One Stop Ski Center" for both Nordic and Alpine skiing. Several new improvements to this ski program ensure an exciting season for all skiers. With the addition of machine set tracks to Glacier Point, now totalling 32 K, Nordic skiers will enjoy some of the finest cross-country snow conditions and spectacular scenic views of the Sierra Nevada. The tracks, set entirely on road surfaces, are available to skiers at no charge.

Another major improvement is the relocation of the Nordic Ski School operations and rentals to Badger Pass. This reorganization will provide greater convenience to Nordic skiers using the groomed tracks, and access to Badger's facilities including food service, child care and ski shop.

Nordic Ski School Director, Bruce Brossman, is looking forward to the season and comments, "with the addition of cross-country facilities at Badger, we now have a more complete ski area offering increased opportunities and services to both employees and guests."



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-eight 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 November 9, 1984, at the Curry Pavilion. The evening agenda includes a fun-filled evening of dinner and dancing. All this is FREE when you join the Yosemite Winter Club. This year's Winter Club's President is Ron Mackie, and Donna Mackie serves as Secretary. Inquiries may be addressed to Box 717 or phone Rusty at 372-4475.

Dinner Theatre

Need something exciting to do? Come to the dinner theatre! Dinner and the play *Gaslight* will be presented November 29, 30 and December 1, 1984, at the Curry Village Pavilion.

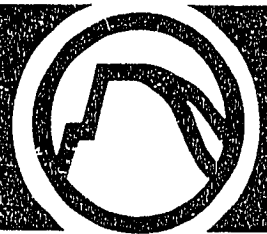
Gaslight is the story of a man trying to drive his wife insane while attempting to recover some famous rubies. A police inspector intervenes and convinces his wife that her husband is actually a criminal suspected of a murder committed fifteen years ago. That starts the dangerous task of uncovering necessary evidence to arrest the murderer before he disposes of her.

For ticket information and reservations, call Employee Housing, 372-1451. If you would like to volunteer to help serve the dinner (and we always need volunteers), call Employee Recreation 372-1475.

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An Introduction to Substance Abuse

On September 6 and 7, two very informative seminars entitled "An Introduction to Substance Abuse," were conducted by David Hill and Delores Senna at The Ahwahnee Hotel. These seminars were coordinated by Father Rod Craig of the Yosemite Community Assistance Program. In attendance were more than 150 of Yosemite Park and Curry Company's staff, 70 people from the National Park Service, and various other interested parties from the community.

David Hill of the Olive Street Bridge in Fresno was both informative and entertaining while speaking on the cause and effects of substance abuse.

These successful seminars were the first major undertaking by the Yosemite Community Assistance Program and the Yosemite Community Council to enlighten the community at large.

The Yosemite Community Council and the Yosemite Community Assistance Program are a non-profit group of local community members, dedicated to helping others in times of crisis. The Council is funded by donations from the community for use within the community. Major donations were made by both the Yosemite Lions and Rotary Clubs, along with their commitments for future support.

Annual Ski Swap and Chili Feed

The Yosemite Elementary School children and the Yosemite Parent-Teacher League are planning for their Annual Ski Swap and Chili Feed to be held November 14, 1984, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the East Auditorium.

All community members are encouraged to take part in this annual event. Bring your used winter sports equipment and clothing (sweaters, skis, boots, poles, ice skates, etc.), and put them up for sale (merchandise tags will be available at the door). Not only can you make some extra dollars for the holiday season, you'll also find many wonderful bargains. 10% of the selling price of each item sold will go to benefit the educational programs of the Yosemite Elementary School.

Don't forget the Chili Dinner!! During the Ski Swap, dinner will be served. The menu includes home style chili, salad, rolls, dessert and milk or coffee. Dinner prices are \$2.75 for adults and \$2.00 for children twelve years of age and under.

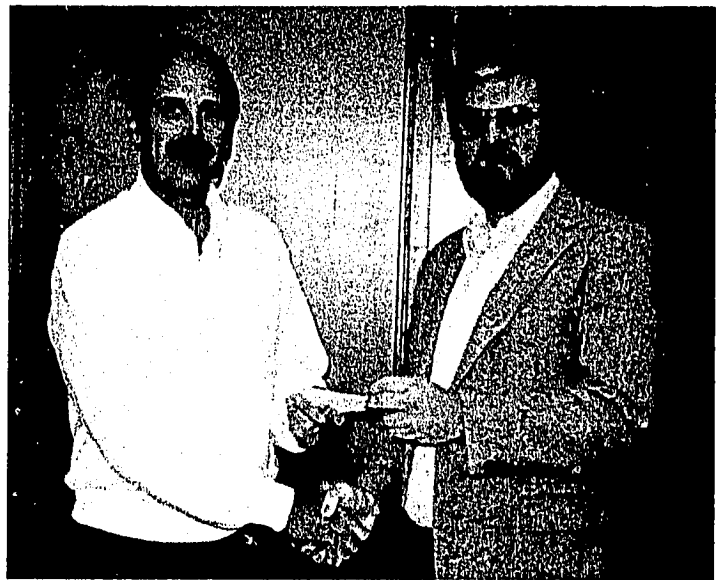
So mark your calendar, and get those skis and things out of your closet, and join in the fun.



The 1984-85 officers of the Yosemite Rotary Club (left to right) Joe Higuera (Sec.), Nelson Siler (V.P.), Scott Connelly (Treas.) and Vince Kehoe (Pres.).



The 1984-85 officers of the Yosemite Lions Club (left to right) Geryl Smith (2nd V.P.), Rick Vocelka (1st V.P.), Phil Marshal (Pres.) and Lee Hotchkin (Sec./Treas.).



Lions Club President, Phil Marshal, (right) presents a check for the proceeds from the sale of tickets for the Mosquito Festival to Rick Vocelka, Chairman of Yosemite Community Council.



The Forest Domain of the Pierce Arrow

by Jason Krause

In June of 1982, the Pierce-Arrow Society of Southern California held a gathering in Yosemite National Park, their base camp — the historic Wawona Hotel. On June 11, 1982, 32 Pierce-Arrows arrived for three days of splendor. This gathering was not just another car club, having fun caravanning through the Park as others have done — quite the opposite! The members of the Pierce-Arrow Society had both a theme and a goal to this trip into Yosemite's past.

The theme of the trip was "The Forest Domain of the Pierce-Arrow," the goal, to rediscover the past and to compile information concerning the role that the Pierce-Arrow automobile played in Yosemite transportation history.

Much of this information, including photographs, was compiled through many hours of research in the Yosemite National Park Research Library by George Wheeler and John Meyer III of the Pierce-Arrow Society with the excellent cooperation, assistance and guidance of Mary Vocelka. According to John Meyer, the Society's ultimate goals could not have been accomplished without her help.

The historical information gathered, as well as a documentary of their trip and findings was placed on record in a new book just recently released. The book, written by John Meyer III, is entitled, *YOSEMITE — The Forest Domain of the Pierce-Arrow*, and will soon be available through the Yosemite Natural History Association.

The Yosemite Stage and Turnpike company, founded in 1875, was operated by the Washburn Family of Wawona fame, to bring tourists and visitors to Wawona (then Clark Station), from Madera. At first, the Washburns brought people in on saddle animals, but as demand increased, they expanded the line to horse-drawn stagecoaches. The route started at the old Yosemite Hotel in Madera and went to Wawona via the Merced Grove of Big Trees by way of the Coarsegold road.

Later the Washburns switched and started operating from Merced, up through Hornitos, Mariposa and over Chowchilla Mountain to Wawona. Later still, when the Southern Pacific Railroad built a spur to Raymond, they operated out of there until a year after the Yosemite Valley Railroad was completed in 1907.

The normal itinerary at that time was an overnight stop at Wawona, Mariposa Grove the next morning, and on into Yosemite Valley that afternoon. Horses were changed often along the road to keep up with the grueling pace.

In 1911, the horse-drawn stage line continued to operate out of Raymond, but the Madera/Yosemite run began using automobiles. In 1913, the Madera Yosemite Big Tree Auto Company was formed, the co-owners being the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company and Edwin T. Huffman. Automobiles were not allowed into the Valley at that time since they scared the horses, so automobile traffic proceeded only as far as Wawona.

June 2, 1915, marked the first trip of the automobile with tourists to Yosemite Valley. Horse-drawn stages still made the connections from Raymond due to the road conditions, but the automobile took over the runs from Fresno and Madera, and was here to stay.

Various companies operated auto tours over the years into Yosemite from many different locations. The Yosemite Stage and Turnpike company and the Madera Yosemite Big Tree Auto Company operated out of the south; the Bret Harte Line from Stockton, Tuolumne and Groveland; and the Mariposa Auto Stage Line from Mariposa, just to name a few. The Mariposa Auto Stage Line was the only company that did not operate at least some Pierce-Arrows.

In November 1913, the Yosemite Transportation System signed a contract with the Department of Interior to operate tours from El Portal to Yosemite with thirteen vehicles, one of which was a Pierce-Arrow weighing in at 4,000 pounds, and capable of carrying an additional 4,000 pound payload. "El Capitan," as it was known, was able to carry 21 passengers.

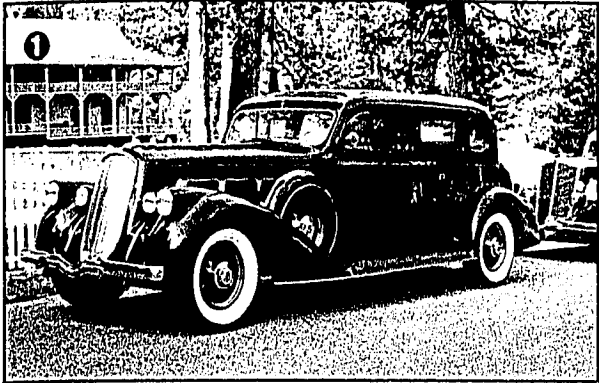
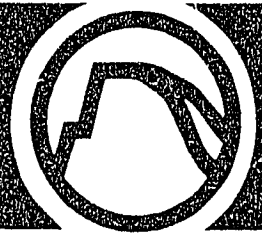
In April of 1926, YTS merged with Mr. Huffman's "Horseshoe Line" and the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company. In March that same year, Clarence Washburn sold his YTS interests and holdings for \$250,000, and control of all transportation went to Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Mr. Huffman did, however, remain in charge of Yosemite Park and Curry Company as manager through World War II.

The merger of YTS with Huffman's Horseshoe Line brought 20 additional Pierce-Arrows into service. Edwin T. Huffman, as manager of Yosemite Park and Curry Company eventually purchased even more Pierce-Arrows for the fleet.

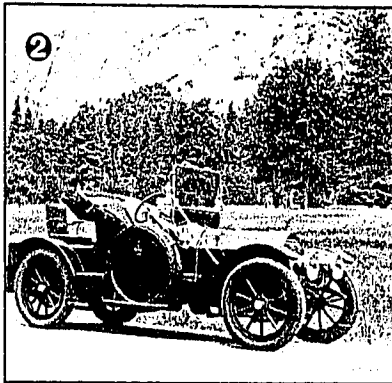
The Pierce-Arrow automobile was truly a workhorse. These big, heavy luxury cars were the most dependable vehicles of the day, especially for mountain travel. The power generated by the monstrous engines, with pistons the size of coffee cans, was ideal for the many upgrades approaching Yosemite. More importantly though, the Pierce-Arrow had the compression required to allow for safe descent.

The Pierce-Arrow was an integral part of the successful Yosemite Transportation System. YTS's last Pierce-Arrow (a custom 1936 21-passenger stretch "bus") remained in service until 1951.





① 1938 Pierce-Arrow Series 1803 seven-passenger limo (that's limousine) belonging to Molly and Eric Rosenau and their Heidi and Carl — all of Ramona, CA.



② First time out after restoration was this 1932 Pierce-Arrow Series 53 sedan owned by Zeola and E.O. Feuerhelm of Burbank, CA.

③ Byron Matson of Sylmar, CA, poses in front of the Hotel Wawona with his 1925 Pierce-Arrow Series 33 seven-passenger sedan.

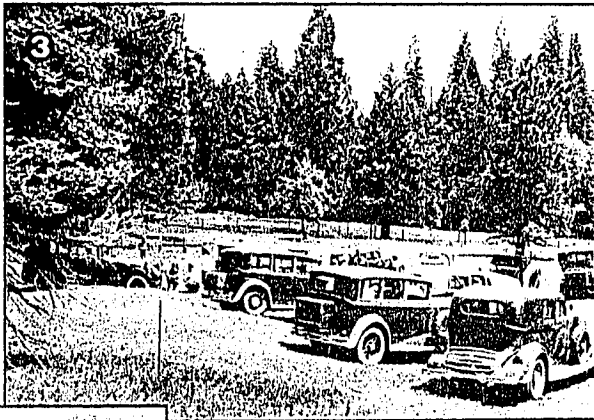
④ 1930 Pierce-Arrow Model B club sedan belonging to Betty and Bob Siemens of San Jose, CA.

⑤ All the way from Bolton, Mass., this 1913 Pierce-Arrow roadster was driven by Hubert J. Moineau.

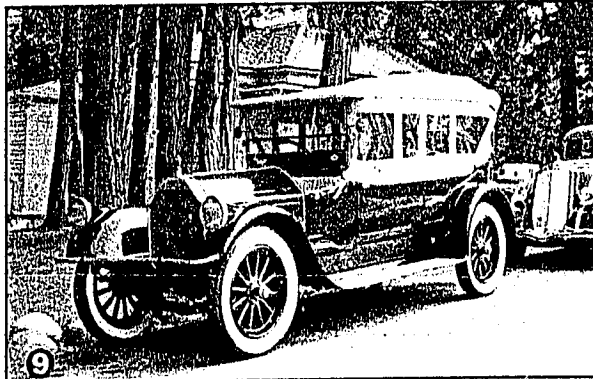
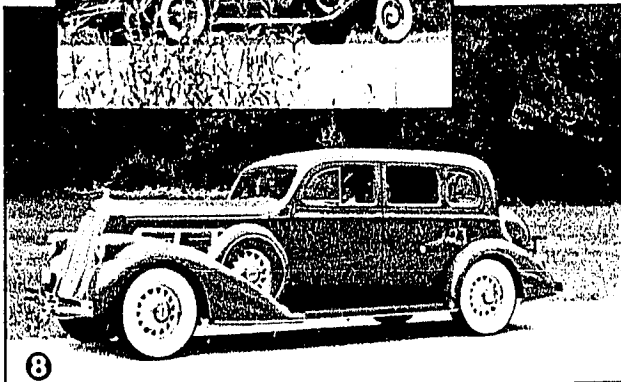
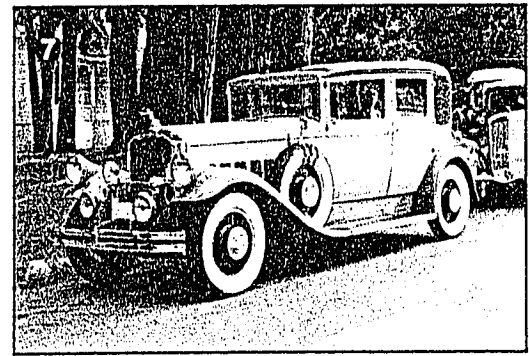
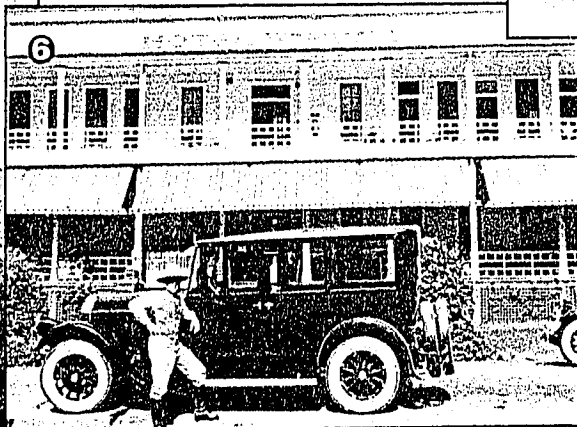
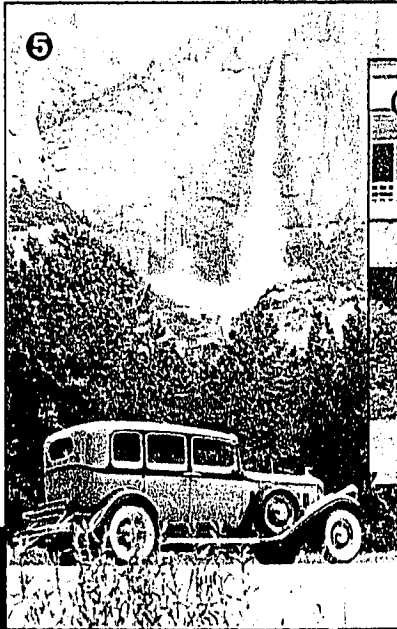
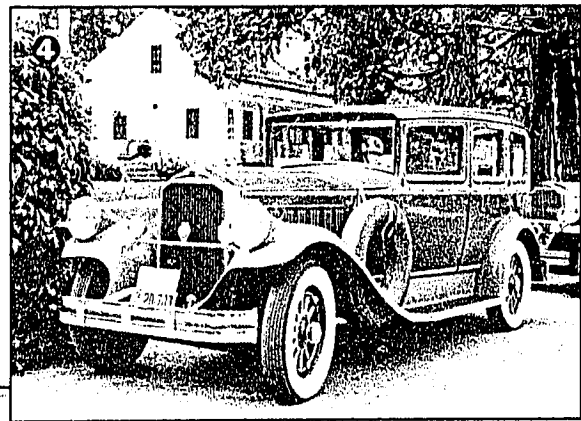
⑥ Douglas Warren of nearby Coarsegold, CA, drives his 1936 Pierce-Arrow Series 1601 sedan with his wife, Inez, as passenger.

⑦ 1920 Pierce-Arrow Series 51 48-HP touring owned by Betty and Ernie Follis of Vista, CA.

⑧ Pierce-Arrow contingent visiting the Miami Lodge site. The Miami Lodge, similar architecturally to the Wawona Hotel, was the lunch stop on route to Yosemite. The Miami Lodge was destroyed by fire in the late 1940's.



⑨ 1929 Pierce-Arrow Series 133 seven-passenger sedan owned and driven by Margaret and Rex Hadley of Ogden UT.



Photographs
Courtesy of
Bobbie'dine Rodda



Wawona Summer Golf Highlights

by Marge McNamara

Scoop Tullis was recently elected President of the Wawona Women's Golf Club, and promises a full calendar of events for the next year. Retiring President, Margaret Black, and Tournament Chairman, Lorraine Thompson, announced winners of the summer Electric play, which ended August 31. Winner of the first flight was Inky Ringrose, with a net of 53.2; Scoopy Tullis was second, and Doris Mouren was third. In the second flight, Joyce Chandler had a net of 45.4; second was Margaret Black, and Vivian Flowers was third. Nellie Williams won the third flight with a net of 45.8, Bev VickRoy was second, and Laura Quigley took third.

Tom Allcock became champion of the Men's Club during summer play, and Scoop Tullis captured honors for the women. The annual "Wawona World's Championship of Golf" took place in late August, and the team representing Oakhurst took first honors; members were Maynard Vogel, Joe Souza, Harry Carter, and H. Gamegan.

The annual Frank Attardo Memorial Tournament took place on September 23, and many members of the club will be going on their annual "Fall Trek" to Ridgemark in mid-October.



"Scoop" Tullis

Youth Sports Round-Up

by Ron Mackie

It has been an outstanding summer for many of our Yosemite Park community youth included in Mariposa County and Park sports programs. Recapping the baseball season, we again fielded four teams, one in each age grouping of the Mariposa County Little League Baseball program. Joe Lee and Robert Law were selected for the 10 to 12 year old County All Star Team. Jim Little was selected to the senior league (ages 13 and 15) All Star Team. Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie and Jim McKenzie received an honorable mention.

Three boys attended the University of Pacific "Dick Edwards" Baseball Camp in Sonora, California. This was a seven-day basketball camp and included boys from all over the central San Joaquin Valley area. The boys were J.C. Lee, Mike Mackie and Jim McKenzie.

The Yosemite Winter Club, thanks to the community membership, was able to assist 9 members of the Winter Club Ski Team with scholarships to summer Ski Racing Camps. In June, Ursula Forr, Jeff Hinson, Tom Ronay, Paul Smith and Carter Williams went to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, with the Bear Valley Race team. In August, Larisa Durr, Ginnie Little, Dana Mackie and Jessica Rust attended a Ski Camp at Mt. Hood, Oregon, with the Auburn Race Team.

Fall is time for football and soccer. El Portal and Yosemite have three youth soccer teams this season. The ten members are working hard and doing well in countywide play again this year. Three park community boys are on the Mariposa High Varsity Football team. They are John Abell, Jeff Hickman and Doug Riegelhuth. Lance Davis, Jim Little, Dana McGhehey and Mark Sims are playing on the Mariposa Fresh-Soph Team. Again this year, we have 4 boys on the Mariposa Bears team (ages 10-14). These boys are Jeff Hinson, Mike Mackie, Danny Mays and Kelly Singer.

We wish all our community youth success on their teams and congratulate them on an excellent job.

Autumn in Yosemite

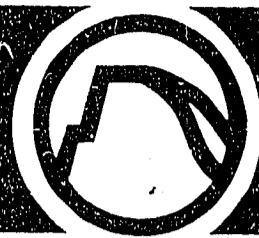
Californians claim a lot of superlatives about their state, but there's one that few Golden Staters say they have the best of ... "autumn." Perhaps they should.

In the lower altitudes, the change of season is hardly noticed. But above 3,000 feet — particularly in Yosemite National Park — the change occurs.

The vibrant colors of Fall appear in massive brushstrokes across a canvas of granite peaks, Alpine valleys and open meadows. Aspen, their heart-shaped leaves flickering in light autumn airs, turn color first: yellow-speckled green, then shocking, showy cadmium yellow splashes that wash across Yosemite. From early October through November, the snow continues.

The exquisite beauty of the Aspen is soon followed by the bright yellows of Big Leaf Maple, Black Oak and a variety of ferns, accented by the rose color of the Dogwood. White Fir, Ponderosa Pine, and Incense Cedar give verdant contrast to Yosemite, and the view from the Park's Inspiration Point would give pause to even the most blunted New Englander.

For the patient nature watcher, a visit to Yosemite National Park in Fall is filled with satisfying discoveries. Mule deer move from higher altitudes to the valleys and meadows. California grey squirrels begin their nesting, gathering nuts and storing supplies in hidden caches. With less people in the valley to disturb them, the Park's animals seem bolder and more plentiful. Being an employee offers you the opportunity to enjoy this and so much more in truly one of the most beautiful places on earth.



My Golden Dream

by Joseph R. Paquette

*As the days grow shorter
With soft summer breezes
A gentle stream generating
Thousands of violins
As nature's performance
Nears its end.
Pending autumn's alterations
With visions of grandeur
Trees with golden leaves
Yield to the cool breezes
As the rays of sunshine
Embraces us with Thy love
Admire the firs and evergreens
We look forward to autumn
And my golden dream
With hope and Thy love.*

Surviving Winter Driving

by Garrett DeBell

The following safe driving tips, which I put together with assistance from NPS Rangers, could help save you from an unpleasant and perhaps tragic driving experience this winter.

1. Maintain slower speeds, usually well under the speed limit.
2. Don't do anything abruptly; don't break, accelerate, or turn quickly.
3. Be sure to have tires with a good tread on them. If you don't, invest in new radials, or better yet, snow tires.
4. It's important to carry flares in your car in winter, so that you may use them to alert approaching traffic should your vehicle become stalled or stuck in the roadway.
5. Speeds on slick roads should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. When moving forward from a complete stop, starts should be slow with a steady but smooth acceleration.
6. Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be done gradually. A gentle pumping pressure on the break pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction.
7. Passing another car in winter is extremely dangerous. It should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available.
8. Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost continual ice cover during winter months. In winter, be especially careful around Fern Springs, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, on the curve by Le Conte Memorial, and anywhere near a stream, waterfall or source of water where moisture creates black ice.
9. Be sure to follow directions on chain control signs. The National Park Service determines the chain requirements based on road conditions. The requirements are strictly enforced.

Job Skills And Your Future

by Brian Grogan

Employment in Yosemite is a first working experience for many Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees. What more spectacular place could one find to get your feet wet in the working world! The large majority of our employees begin in entry level positions, such as roomkeepers and food servers, but the nature of the company's work force, its season emphasis on jobs, and the posting and bidding system, offer numerous and varied opportunities for advancement. Yosemite is then a great place to get exposure to the many different types of jobs that are available in the hospitality industry and a destination resort. Think about your current position not simply as the job you have during your stay in Yosemite, but as an opportunity to pick up skills and experience for your future.

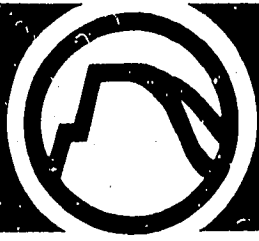
The Employee Training Department is focused on the task of introducing the thousands of new employees hired here each year to the many wonders of Yosemite and to the many details of employment with the Curry Company. Beyond that, we train people in a myriad of different job skills and offer educational opportunities by sponsoring health safety classes and Merced College extension classes. While the company is service oriented towards the Park visitor, the Training Department is service oriented towards the company and its employees.

For an employee interested in furthering his or her own skills, the Employee Training Center can be a valuable resource. The library has been expanded considerably in the past year and now includes not only material on management and supervision in a company as our own, but now also includes many publications on the many various tasks we undertake around the Park.

If you are interested in developing your culinary talents, or want to hone your office skills, you should stop in and pursue the wide selection of reading materials and programmed learning texts now catalogued in the Training Library.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — The Yosemite Mountaineering School's weekend seminar on Snow Camping teaches cross-country skiers and snowshoers the art of building snow shelters and caves.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

November 6: *All The Right Moves* (R)

November 13: *Romancing The Stone* (R)

November 20: *Caddyshack* (R)

November 27: *Up The Creek* (R)

Every Tuesday night, 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., in the East Auditorium. Admission: \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for kids.

Special November Events

November 17: Dance

November 22: Thanksgiving Dinner (Curry Pavilion)
Free to all employees.

Watch for the dates and times of these special events:

Grand Opening of the Employee Recreation Center (Village Sport Shop).

Special events include: Happy hours, big screen TV and much, much more!!

Flag football (elementary school field) lots of fun!!

Ongoing Activities

Weight Room: Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 to noon, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Sundays 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (West Auditorium).

Volleyball: Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. (East Auditorium).

Photo Christmas Cards

- * Beautiful 5½" x 7" card imprinted in gold with your own personal message.
- * Supply your own 35 mm negative; choose from our own stock of Yosemite scenics, or have your own photo taken by special appointment.
- * 75¢ each (for order of 25 or more).
- * Contact Photo Express at 372-1129 for more information or place your order at the Village Store Gift Shop.

Order Early!!

Announcements

The **Yosemite Folk Dancers** meet every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the elementary school for an evening of fun, exercise and sociability. Folk dancing incorporates dances, music and cultural information from countries such as Israel, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. **No partner is necessary and beginners are always welcome.** The cost is \$1.00 per week. Phone Nora Cole — 372-4758 for more information.

The **Girl Scout Leaders of El Portal and Yosemite Valley** are looking for adults who are interested in helping with meetings, fund raising activities or field trips for their Brownie and Junior troops (girls aged 6 to 11). If you have even a little spare time to spend with these girls, please contact Jackie Siler (El Portal) at 379-2397 or Nora Cole (Yosemite) at 372-4758. Girls interested in joining troops should call the above numbers also.

The **10th Annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday, December 7, at the Curry Pavilion. Art and Craft items, which will be on sale from 10:30 - 3:00 p.m. include photography, jewelry, quilted items, leatherwork, stained glass, Christmas ornaments, wreaths and holiday novelties.

Artists and craftspeople interested in a booth should contact Judy Durry at 375-6404 for information.

The **November Class schedule for the Art Activity Center** is as follows: November 17-25 Tino Pontrelli, watercolor; evening classes are on Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call extension 1442 for more information.

The **Art Activity Center** will hold a 25% off sale on all merchandise November 16 from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. Save on film, books, prints, art supplies, original artwork and more!!

Volunteers still needed for the **Dinner Theater** production of Angels Street. Contact Ellison at 372-4847 or Employee Recreation at Ext. 1475.

Two spaces for the Bracebridge Dinner are being raffled off by the Yosemite Lions Club. A \$5.00 donation could win you two spaces at the 4:30 p.m. seating on Christmas Day (wine and gratuity not included). Proceeds benefit community youth activities. Drawing to be held and winner contacted December 6, 1984. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member, or send check or money order to: Yosemite Lions Club, P.O. Box 6, Yosemite, CA 95389. Donations are tax deductible.

The **Yosemite Women's Group** will be hosting a luncheon for all Park women Thursday, November 8, at the Yosemite Lodge. Carl Stephens will lead a discussion on making holiday flower arrangements. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend! Call Taffy Elchlepp at 372-4768.

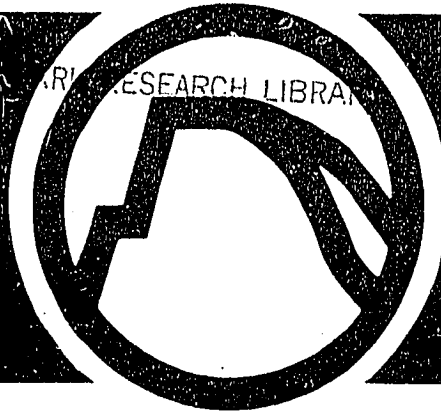
The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons/Broiler Room.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, at the YP&C Co. Employee Training Offices.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

El Portal School will have a family picture day Sunday, November 11. Professional photographer Gary Patterson will be at El Portal School to take family or individual photos. No reservations necessary.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



During 1984 each and every one of us made a contribution to providing a quality experience for Yosemite's millions of visitors. At the same time, Congress was working on a Wilderness Bill for California. Late in the year Congress passed the bill and the President signed it. The measure protects Yosemite's wilderness, Mono Lake, and much of the Tuolumne River. I know many of you shared your company's support for this cause and share our pride and satisfaction in the increased protection and status that Yosemite now enjoys.

We look forward to working with you in the new year as we help protect Yosemite and provide for its visitors. . . Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year.

Jackie and Ed Hardy

Yosemite Chef's Holidays

During the first few weeks in January 1985, Yosemite Park and Curry Company will be conducting the first Yosemite Chef's Holiday series. During this period of time, well known chefs from around the United States will be coming to Yosemite to conduct seminars and give demonstrations to the general public.

Along with the demonstrations conducted by these Executive Chefs, there will also be additional seminars on a variety of subjects, including chocolate and coffee tastings.

The initial session will take place on Sunday, January 6, and will have the same format as the Vintner's Holidays. The schedule will be as follows:

Sessions	Dates	Chefs
I	1/6, 1/7 & 1/8	Bradley Ogden of Campton Place San Francisco, California
II	1/9 & 1/10	Barbara Lang of Inglenook Vineyards Rutherford, California
III	1/13, 1/14 & 1/15	Bill Neal of Crook's Corner Carrboro, North Carolina
IV	1/16 & 1/17	Ken Frank of La Toque West Hollywood, California
V	1/20 & 1/21	Marcel Desaulniers of The Trellis Williamsburg, Virginia
VI	1/23 & 1/24	Marian Morash of The Straight Wharf Nantucket, Massachusetts

After check-in, guests will be gathering in the late afternoon in the Great Lounge to be welcomed and to meet the guest chef for that particular session. They will also be given an outline of the planned activities for the duration of their stay, and an introduction to the specially prepared dinner by the guest chef culminating each session.

Special Holiday Services

CATHOLIC SERVICES — Father Rod Craig
Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church

December 24: 11:30 p.m. — East Auditorium
Midnight Mass

December 25: 9:00 a.m. — East Auditorium
Mass

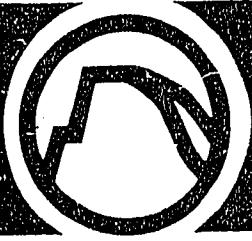
11:00 a.m. — East Auditorium
Mass

January 1: 8:00 a.m. — Chapel
Mass

PROTESTANT SERVICES — Reverend John Davis

December 24: 11:00 p.m. — Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 31: 8:00 p.m. — Chapel
New Year's Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Winter Onset

by Mary Moir

Nature's seasons pass without restraint, and so Autumn, brief yet beautiful, has eluded us, remaining but a memory. Colorful leaves, the last remnants of autumn in Yosemite, fall lazily to the nearly-frozen ground, making nature's first winter blanket.

Early morning dew is no longer light and moist, but rather white and frosty, as nature signals the arrival of winter. The great waterfall takes its sentinel stance, while its white frozen edges glisten in salute of the brief and elusive sunshine.

Early snow on mountaintop clothes Half Done with a fluffy white cap, and the Merced River begins to look like a black pond waiting to be cut with silver skates. Patches of early snow in crack and crevice add bold highlights to the majestic cliffs of the highest elevations. Meanwhile, Yosemite visitors anxiously wait for the magical powder to descend upon the Valley and transform it into a skier's paradise.

In the village, spellbound people stand about in scarf, mitten, and muffler, some caught unprepared for the new cold temperatures.

Even the Valley animals don't quite believe winter has arrived, though, unlike their human counterparts, they have all donned their warmer winter coats. Deer and squirrel alike tiptoe through the fallen leaves, as they, too, wait in quiet anticipation for nature's real winter blanket. Each knows the inevitability of the white shroud, for they are not strangers to this winter wilderness.

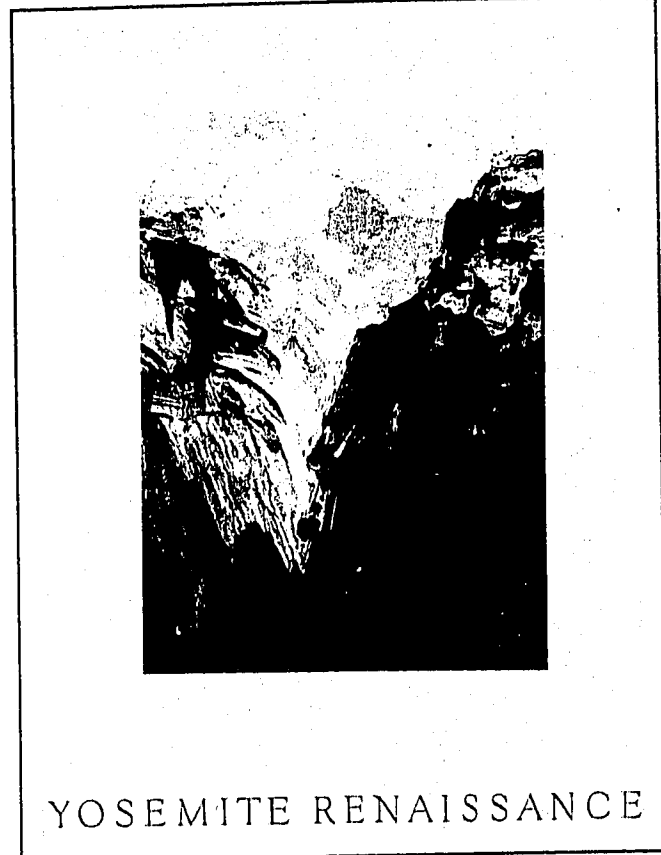
There is a subtle peacefulness which accompanies a Yosemite winter. It cannot be measured with words or pictures, but its soothing effect can be seen on the rosy cheeks of child and adult.

Spotlight



Pvt. Richard Westmoreland, son of Joe and Marvene Westmoreland, was named "Soldier of the Month" on October 25, 1984.

Richard recently graduated from basic training and M.P. School at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and is now stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE

The Yosemite Renaissance Poster Competition

The Yosemite Renaissance Poster Competition was held on October 27, 1984. Over 120 entries were received. The entries were of outstanding quality, and characterized by variety in style, media and interpretation. The winning poster was designed by Charles Eckart of San Francisco. Selected for honorable mention were: Patricia Carlson of Burney, CA, Thomas Huston of Santa Barbara, Gary Johns of Fresno and Ron Wagner of Yountville. A selection of 25 outstanding entries was on display at the Yosemite Visitor Center from November 26 to December 9, 1984.

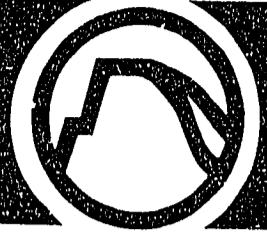
Mr. Eckart's winning design will be used to advertise the Yosemite Renaissance Exhibit of 1985.

The variety of response to the competition shows artists are indeed inspired about interpreting the varied landscape of Yosemite. The Yosemite Renaissance 1984 exhibit was sponsored through the Yosemite Art Guild and The Mariposa County Arts Council, with the cooperation of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company and YNHA.

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Confidence in Communication and No Surprises

by *Derrick Vocelka, Director of Personnel & Employee Relations*

Communication is a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs or behavior. Most analysts of communication examine and develop programs for the downward flow of information and less often address the upward flow and rarely lateral or horizontal communication among peers. This lateral communication is very important for the day-to-day operation of any organization and assists us in the service, support and administration of our various organizational functions.

If we return to the definition of communication, we note that there is no reference to upward, downward, or lateral. But all information has to move or be transmitted to be effectively utilized. Organizations generally establish two controls or systems of handling information:

- (1) To delegate authority so that problems are resolved at the earliest possible time and the most appropriate level.
- (2) See that the organization has established a priority system for the information or data.

Without these two principles it is possible for the upper management of an organization to be involved in decisions of the lowest

priority and conversely to have the lowest members of an organization acting without proper authority. In all information systems, all participants have specific responsibilities. The employee or subordinate's responsibility is to communicate accurately and truthfully without ulterior motives. The supervisor's special responsibility and burden is to assure free and open communication, to gain information and knowledge regarding our business, and to use it wisely in the decision-making process.

So how do we use information to the benefit of the organization?

- (1) We assemble sufficient data to resolve the problem or complete the project.
- (2) We assure that a common vocabulary has been used in our data. If not, we correct the data's semantics or vocabulary. In particular, you must assure that our behavior has not interfered with the collection of our data.
- (3) The data is entered into the decision-making process of supervision and management and then certain management principles, concepts and techniques in the organizations guidelines are applied to the information.
- (4) The information is utilized to implement a change or plan in the organization and the originator of information will see substantial and demonstrative use of it. This will result in proper reinforcement to continue to participate in the management information system of the organization.

We have all heard of "no surprises." It is a convenient way of alerting the whole organization to those subjects and data and information that possess the highest priority and that must be handled by the highest managers or executives. When dealing with this highest level of information priority, it is exceptionally important to be aware of the sensitivity of your peers and to effectively communicate this information honestly and without the use of manipulation.

Through the principles and systems that we have just discussed, all of us will have fewer surprises and confidence in all communication, upward, downward and laterally.

Ever So Thankful

by *Joseph R. Paquette*

*So beautiful a Day,
Let it not waste Away
Walk onto a meadow
Surrounded by snow covered peaks.*

*In which a breath of winter
Has covered the Grass,
With a heavy front.
While a few diehard
Golden leaves cling onto life.*

*Natures perpetual alterations
Are rapidly moving along,
With beauty and tranquility.
As the sun embraces me
With its warmth.*

*My Lord, Thou has awakened
My soul with Thy love.
I hear trumpets afar
Awakening all souls,
As we sing,
Blessed are we
With Thy bountiful gifts,
With everlasting gratefulness
We thank Thee
My Lord, My God.*

Smiles

by *Joseph R. Paquette*

*If but to smile
Dwell not in tragedies,
Of the past and present
So that you may console
And be consoled.
Wipe the sad tears of yesteryears,
By remembering the joys of the past.
Our Creator's love
Is the true elixir of happiness,
It reflects our love
For each other with smiles.*



Yosemite Park and Curry Company's 16th Annual Service Awards Banquet

On Wednesday evening, November 7, 1984, the Yosemite Park and Curry Company's 16th Annual Service Awards Banquet was held at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion. This prestigious event was attended by Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees with 5 or more years of service. Also in attendance were past employees, retirees, and special guests. This event was a great success, enabling present employees to meet those of years past. It made an interesting evening of tales both old and new.

Mr. Hardy, President, presented 93 awards honoring 715 years of combined service. Topping the list of honors was Mr. Adrian Harders for his 40 years of dedicated service. Adrian is presently the Assistant Manager of the Stables. He began service in 1937, as a Big Trees Dishwasher. Mr. Ray Wilson, unable to attend, received an award for his 35 years of service, and 25 year awards

were presented to Jim Edeal, Claude Paquette and Joseph Paquette.

Aside from the service awards, three retirees were honored this year. They were Frank V. Garcia, hired June 7, 1963, as a Wawona Store Stock Clerk who has completed 20 years of service; Harriet Gordon, originally hired January 10, 1967, as an Addressograph Operator, spent 17 years with us; and Ruth Vanderwater who was originally hired September 3, 1969, as a Reservations Clerk, served 15 years with the Company.

We had the largest turn out for an awards banquet in the history of the Company. There were 418 people participating in the evenings festivities.

Congratulations to all participating employees, and especially those who received awards for their many years of dedicated service.

5 YEAR EMPLOYEE

Mary Alves
David Anzalone
Steve Attardo
Karen Bailey
Ione Becker
Danilo Benitag
Kim Birch
David Bouchard
Eric Bradley
Ronald Bradley
Debra Brossman
Patricia Bryant
Dianna Carey
Virginia Carlson/Snyder
Nadine Clevenger
Billie Coleman
Stephen Cooley
Marti Dobesh
Becky Ettenhofer
Mark Ettenhofer
Christian Falkenstein
Beverly Ford
Bradley Freeberg

Mark Gallagher
Phyllis Garcia
Jeff Geldner
Ray Genung
Michael Goodman
John Granberry
Dorothy Gresham
Larry Harbin
Susan Harding
Wendy Harrell
Merel Hayen
Gilbert Hernandez
Bill Hoppe
Sandra Hoppe
Dan Jensen
Rebecca Jonasky
Douglas Kerr
Denise Knopf
Patrick Mangan
Faye Martin
James Bennett Martin
Fara Mayeda
John Moir

Mary Moir
Colleen Murray
Harrison McClung
Walter Nay
Judith Nicklin
Dale Olander
Gregory Owens
Joyce Perkins
James Robinson
Laura Robinson
Janice Ross
Debra Sanders
Kenneth Saunders
Ben Savage
Wayne Schuber
Howard Shimmel
Wayne Steward
Diana Swager
Anthony Tinervia
Jennifer Unruh
Thomas Venzke
Carter Williams
Elizabeth Youngdale
Ivan Zuniga

10 YEAR EMPLOYEE

James Bowers
Becky Buttermore
John Carter
Dorothy Daniels

John Graham
Donald Hales
Ronald Konklin
Larry Lopez

Larry Naumcheff
Dennis Scott
Wanda Wackerman
Russell White

15 YEAR EMPLOYEE

Harriet Gordon
Marvene Westmoreland
James Young
James Stuart
Ruth Vanderwater

20 YEAR EMPLOYEE

Frank Garcia

25 YEAR EMPLOYEE

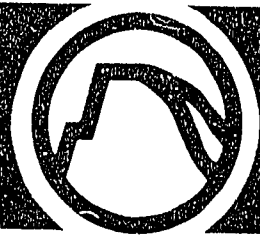
James Edeal
Claude Paquette
Joseph Paquette

35 YEAR EMPLOYEE

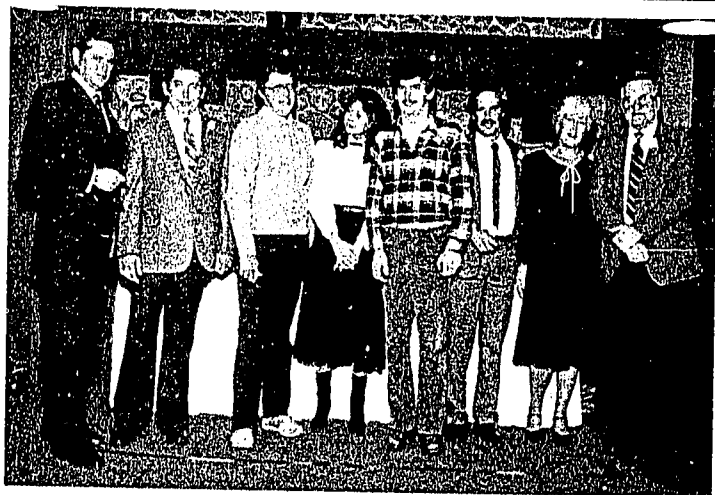
Raymond Wilson

40 YEAR EMPLOYEE

Adrian Harders



(From left to right): Mr. Hardy congratulates Faye Martin, Fara Mayeda, Bennett Martin, and Mary and John Moir for five years of service.



More five year awards to Harry McClung, Butch Nay, Judith Nicklin, Dale Olander, Greg Owens, Joyce Perkins and Bill Millner.



Mr. Hardy congratulates Adrian Harders, Assistant Manager of the Stables for over forty years of service.

Honorable Mention for Years of Service (not receiving awards)

Myron Colosimo, Martha Miller, Debbie Price, Loyd Price, Doug Hammond, Alonzo Johnson, Paulette Paquette, Margrith Raspotnik, Derrick Vocelka, Ben Franklin, Paul Miller, James Jones, Robert Nester, Joe Wheeler, Carl Stephens, Frank Bonaventura, Dean Conway, Jim Simpkins, Nic Fiore, Joe Westmoreland, Richard Chick, Mary Lamm, Betty Rhoan, Leo O'Sullivan, Henrietta Dillon.



Harriet Gordon and Ruth Vanderwater both retired this year. They each had over fifteen years with YP&CCo.



Joe and Claude Paquette both received awards for over twenty five years of service with YP&CCo.



Ione Becker, Karen Bailey, Steve Attardo and Danilo Benitag also received five year awards.



Yosemite/El Portal Youth Sports Roundup

by Ron Mackie

This fall has been a banner season for Park community sports youth. The Mariposa Grizzlies Varsity Football Team won the Southern League Championship by defeating the Le Grand Bulldogs 14-0. Park players on this championship team included all league selection Jeff Hickman, Tailback John Abell, and Receiver Doug Riegelhuth. Mariposa Fresh-Soph team, led by Quarterback Lance Davis, did not win the league, but did play some close and exciting games. Other fine players from the Park community included Lineman Jim Little and Defensive Backs Dana McGettety and Mark Sims. The Mariposa Jr. Bears, for the first time ever, are the Champs of the Tri-County Pop Warner Football League, with a record of 7 wins, 1 loss; they will be going on to sectional playoffs in Fresno. Running Back Mike Mackie, Lineman Danny Mayes and End Kelly Singer are all members of this team.

The Mariposa High Grizzly Soccer Team took 3rd place in the Southern League this season; their best showing yet. David Gallagher was a starter and an outstanding player for the Grizzlies this season.

The Runner's Corner

by John Carter

Recently, I was asked to continue a running column in the *Sentinel*. Instead of continuing, I thought it would be better to start from the beginning.

The beginning question any would-be runner might ask is, "Why would anyone in his or her right mind want to run at all?"

Running is freedom — freedom to run fast or far, slow or over hill and dale. It is freedom to run to race, run to enjoy the scenery, or run for the companionship. Running gives one freedom to express feelings and to improve one's health. It allows each person the individual chance of how, where, when and why to pursue running.

If you think you might be interested in giving running a try, remember the ease and joy you felt as a child when you ran as your main mode of transportation. Try to recapture those feelings of easy and joyful running. Remember, only run as far as it feels good, and then walk or rest. When you feel like running again, go some more. Don't go out at first and say, "I'm going to run a mile," and force yourself to do it. If you do, you're bound to say to yourself, "That hurts — why am I doing this?"

Just relax, have fun and see if a little running feels right!!

Ongoing Activities

Weight Center: Open Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located next door to Lodge Housekeeping Office.

Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (West Auditorium) 5:50 to 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball: Wednesday and Saturday (East Auditorium) 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Wrestling season is beginning and El Portal will have two returning wrestlers on the Grizzlies team. David Dye, a senior, will be one of the young men to beat. He received the team's Most Valuable Wrestler Award last season. David's brother, Glen, a Sophomore will be in his second season.

Mariposa High School Grizzlies Basketball tryouts are now under way. The girls' Varsity Team, coached by one of our fine backcountry Rangers, Tracy Desanders, looks like a contender for the League Championship.

Returning to the Girls' Fresh/Soph Team is last year's Most Valuable Player, Natalie Godfrey.

The Boys' Varsity Team will include Gerard Godfrey. Gerard received the Fresh/Soph Coach's Award last season.

The Junior Varsity Team will have three of our local boys. They include Doug Binnewies, Lance Davis and Jim McKenzie.

Congratulations to these fine athletes.

NOTICE

Joy McClure of the Mariposa Mental Health Service will be conducting a class on "Parenting", beginning Thursday, December 6th. The class will be held at the elementary school on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and will continue for ten weeks. For more information, call 966-5609 mornings or 966-5283 afternoons.

Employee Recreation Center Events (Village Sport Shop)

Sundays Big Screen T.V. Football 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays Monday Night Football Hotdog Special 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays Recreation Center Closed

Wednesdays Special Food Night

Thursdays Big Screen T.V. Movie 8:00 p.m.

Fridays Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays Coffee House

The Recreation Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday closed.

Check bulletin boards located at your work place or housing area for details, or call Employee Recreation at ext. 1475.



Chain's or Snow Tires?

by Steve Attardo, Manager of Garage/Service Stations

The proper use of chains and snow tires isn't simple anymore. Some vehicles can't use all types of chains. Some tires you may think are snow tires aren't. This article should take some of the mystery out of the new applications and uses of chains and snow tires.

SNOW TIRES: In recent years, there have been some questions about what type of snow tread is acceptable. Park rangers enforce the same rules as those enforced by the California Highway Patrol. The California Vehicle Code, Section 558 defines a "snow tread tire" as "a tire which has relatively deep and aggressive tread pattern compared with conventional tread pattern." This rule also states that, "Passenger tires manufactured after January 1, 1976, and light truck (LT) tires manufactured after March 1, 1981, will be permanently labeled on at least one sidewall with the words "MUD AND SNOW", or any contraction using the letters "M" and "S". The rules just got simpler! This means that any tire that has any abbreviation of "M" and "S" (e.g. MS, M/S, M + S, or M&S) was originally intended to be acceptable as a mud and snow tire. NOTE: Any tire that has been recapped with highway tread would not be a snow tire, even if the sidewall has an "M & S" designation on it. It is also possible that a tire that doesn't have "M & S" on it is acceptable as a snow tire if the tread is "deep and aggressive."

SNOW CHAINS: Many new requirements on the type of chains you may use have come into effect with the advent of the new front-wheel drive cars. The market is flooded with V-bar, straight-bar, cable, roller and plastic chains.

If your car is a front-wheel drive car, there is a strong possibility that your car is a "SAE classification 'S' vehicle." The only way to tell if a vehicle is an "S" type vehicle is to look in the owner's manual.

S type vehicles shouldn't have V-bar or regular chains installed on them. Possible front-end damage can occur if you use the wrong type chain. This damage is usually caused by limited clearance, but other problems may arise. If you have an "S" type vehicle, make sure you have the proper chains. The list of rules below summarize what you should know about your chains:

1. Non 'S' type (rear-wheel drive, some front-wheel drive and 4-wheel drive) vehicles may use any type of car chains that fit properly.
2. S type vehicles with highway tread tires may use either code PL chains or cable chains.
3. S type vehicles with radical tread snow tires may use cable chains only. NOTE: Do NOT use chain adjusters on cable chains.

Here are some other facts that are important for winter driving:

1. Vehicles operating in a posted chain control area and not equipped either with tires having a relatively deep and aggressive tread pattern, or with mud and snow tires, or snow chains are in violation of the vehicle code. NOTE: You will not be allowed to move your car if you don't have chains in a chain mandatory area.

A Message From The Coach

by Don Quigley, Senior Vice President

In the September 1980 issue of the *Sentinel* was an article I wrote which in part said:

"Periodically, members of the Executive Staff prepare articles for the *Sentinel*. For the most part, these articles are informative as to aspects of our sometimes unique lifestyle within Yosemite National Park, and they are instructional as to our important responsibilities to the visitors of Yosemite. Such articles can serve as valuable reminders to those who have lived and worked in Yosemite for a long time, and they are worthy learning aids to those employees who are new to the Park. Rather than use this article to inform or instruct, I would like to take an opportunity to express my sincere admiration for the employees of Yosemite and the contributions they make toward the effective functioning of the Yosemite community, as well as, the success of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

I believe that tribute is due all the employees of Yosemite — those who have come and gone after a brief employment; those who have served repeated seasonal employment through the years, and those who have worked in the Park for lengthy periods of time. I am always impressed by the tenacity, patience, and energy displayed by employees in dealing with day-to-day business, including that which can be mundane, trying and downright exhausting. I am continually amazed, too, by the elements of strength, cooperation, optimism, and knowledge that are displayed by employees in more difficult times."

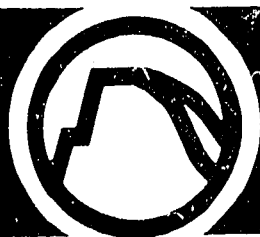
In the article I went on to comment favorably on the reaction of employees to the Master Plan, the gas shortage of 1979 and prolonged rains of early 1980.

Since that article was written we have had such adversities as flooding, rockslides, landslides, and one terrifying wind storm, all of which resulted in problems to be solved and inconveniences to be faced and overcome.

There is no question that we were successful in doing so. I can no longer say that I am amazed by the strength, cooperation, optimism and knowledge displayed by our employees during difficult times. I can however, along with others, say that I am most appreciative.

2. Snow tread tires worn below 6/32 inch tread depth are not in good condition. Vehicles equipped with tires worn below this level and operating in posted chain control areas are in violation of the Vehicle Code.
3. Chains are designed to be used at a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour or less. Maintain slower driving speeds when using tire chains.
4. Don't take chances. Have your vehicle tires and chains inspected if you think you do not meet any of the requirements.

Always carry tire chains. They may be made mandatory on Park roads at any time.



BETWEEN THESE WALLS

What's Happening

Movies

December 4: *The Hotel New Hampshire*

December 11: *The Natural*

December 18: *Star Trek III*

December 24: *Dumbo*

Special December Events

December 1: Dinner Theater "Gas Light" (Curry Village Pavilion)

December 22: 7:00 p.m. (Cliff Room) Bracebridge Christmas Concert.

December 23: 2:00 p.m. (Cliff Room) Ray Jason, Comedy Juggler.

5:00 p.m. (Cafeteria) Bracebridge Christmas Caroling.

7:00 p.m. (Cliff Room) Bracebridge Christmas Concert.

December 24: 5:45 p.m. (Mtn. Room Bar) Yule Log Lighting ceremony.

6:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Christmas program featuring Santa Claus.

December 25: FREE Employee Christmas Dinner (Curry Village Pavilion) 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 26: 7:00 p.m. (Cliff Room) Bracebridge Christmas Concert.

December 27: 4:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Family Holiday story told by Cindy Barnett.

December 28: 4:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Family Holiday story told by Cindy Barnett.

December 29: 4:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Family Holiday story told by Cindy Barnett.

December 30: 4:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Family Holiday story told by Cindy Barnett.

December 31: 4:30 p.m. (Cliff Room) Family Holiday story told by Cindy Barnett.

December 31: New Year's Eve Dance (East Auditorium) 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Classified

For Sale: Thomasville large king size bedroom set. Antique white with mustard yellow trim, marble tops. Perfect condition. \$1,000. Write P.O. Box 194, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389 for information.

Wanted: Standard size crib in good condition. Will negotiate price. Please call Jennifer at (209) 372-4265.

For Sale: Converse Force 5 running shoes. Brand new — \$60.00. Selling \$45.00. Size 11D. Call 372-1115 day, 379-2842 evenings.

Announcements

The **Yosemite Folk Dancers** meet every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the elementary school for an evening of fun, exercise and sociability. Folk dancing incorporates dances, music and cultural information from countries such as Israel, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. **No partner is necessary and beginners are always welcome.** The cost is \$1.00 per week. Phone Nora Cole — 372-4758 for more information.

The **Girl Scout Leaders of El Portal and Yosemite Valley** are looking for adults who are interested in helping with meetings, fund raising activities or field trips for their Brownie and Junior troops (girls aged 6 to 11). If you have even a little spare time to spend with these girls, please contact Jackie Siler (El Portal) at 379-2397 or Nora Cole (Yosemite) at 372-4758. Girls interested in joining troops should call the above numbers also.

The December class schedule for the **Art Activity Center** is: December 15-25 — William Johnston, Multiple Media; December 26-31 — Sharon Walker, Photography. Classes will be held between 10 and 2 p.m. daily. For more information, call 372-1442.

With the installation of optical scanners and letter sorting machines in the **Mail Concentration Center**, the Post Office has simplified its dispatch of outgoing mails. The Letter Drop in the Main Post Office is now labeled "Typewritten and Metered", "Local and El Portal" and simply "Letters" for all Handwritten mail. Use the "Papers" for all other mail. Your observance of this will be much appreciated.

The **Yosemite Alcoholics Anonymous** meets twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, at the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Employee Training Offices.

Yosemite Natural History Association will be offering several winter/spring seminars. Write or call for a descriptive catalog. There will be four trans-Sierra Treks in 1985. The dates for these exciting trips are March 4-9, March 18-23, April 1-6, and April 15-20.

Two trips into the Ostrander Ski Hut will include food and guide. Dates will be March 15-17 and April 6-8. Dick Ewart and Tory Smith will lead the first trip. Michael Ross and Roger McGehee will lead the second one.

Dr. Carl Sharsmith will again conduct the spring Botany class for two weekends on April 6-7 and April 13-14.

Call or write YNHA 372-4532, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389, for further information on any of the mentioned programs.

The **Yosemite Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of each month at The Ahwahnee for lunch.

The **Yosemite Rotary Club** meets Tuesdays at noon in the Four Seasons/Broiler Room.

Bible Study: Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Girl's Club. All age groups welcome. For further information, please write to P.O. Box 194, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.

A reminder that the Yosemite Village Recycling Center is on its winter operating schedule: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We ask all Park residents to please return their beverage containers on Saturdays. Thank you.

The Employee Training Department is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming Red Cross certified instructors in First Aid and CPR. These volunteers will then be added to our roster of instructors for our health/safety classes. In order to be certified as an instructor in either First Aid or CPR you must hold a current card in that skill. Once certified you will be able to instruct a Red Cross certified class anywhere in the country. The certification classes are held in Fresno in early December and will consist of eight to twelve hours of instruction. The Employee Training Department will make all arrangements for enrollment and transportation. Please contact Brian Grogan or Ruth Thorsen at extension 1558 if you are interested in participating.