Thanks, Everyone

Grace Nutting Mahn has written to thank everyone for their very special kindness and thoughtfulness. The contributions and individual personal interest in her welfare have far exceeded her expectations. Contributions to date exceed $3,600. The donations came from the Mammoth Fire Department Family Assistance Program, Yellowstone Parlewives, and from other employees in Yellowstone and other areas.

Grace advises that she is doing well under the circumstances and that the Yellowstone family has made her life easier. She had no idea Bob had touched so many people.

Janet Fay would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, flowers, and help during her recent surgeries.

"For someone who has never been sick, the last few weeks have been very interesting. I am certain you all are enjoying the peace and quiet while I am on sick leave; continue to enjoy, as it will be a few weeks before I am back to work."

For Your Health

A message from the Safety Office

The Costs of Accidents

$ Accidents at work are like taking an extra deduction from your paycheck. Prevent the emotional and physical pain of accidents by being careful.

$ Accidents mean lower productivity.

$ Accidents mean higher medical expenses and insurance premiums.

A New Way of Doing Business

Been puzzled when your Leave & Earnings Statement (LES) didn’t make it’s bi-weekly appearance in your post office box? In an effort to streamline costs while continuing to provide timely distribution, your LES and SF-50, Notification of Personnel Actions, will now be routed to you through inter-office mail.

Prior to March 1, 1994, when this new way of doing business went into effect, the park spent in excess of $8,000 in postage annually to mail these forms.

Here are a few key points to know about the new system:

- The proposed change will require the cooperation of and coordination between your timekeepers and supervisors to ensure LES & SF-50’s are handled as special attention mail.

- Employees who terminate, resign, retire, or are on furlough will receive their LES and SF-50’s in the mail directly from the payroll office.

- The Yellowstone Payroll Office will respond immediately to requests for lost or late LES & SF-50’s. If you suspect your LES has gone astray, check first with your timekeeper to determine it is not being held for you within your own division.

Your cooperation in making this work is greatly appreciated. Please contact the Yellowstone Payroll Office, 344-2051, if you have questions or concerns.

Elk Incident in Mammoth

On Tuesday, February 22, 1994, an elk calf was dispatched by rangers in the Mammoth area. This incident has raised a number of questions.

The lone calf had been observed over a period of several days. Everyone concerned hoped that it would join other elk nearby. The calf apparently had a malformed mouth which made grazing impossible. When the mother stopped nursing, the calf’s condition deteriorated.

Unless an animal’s injury is human-caused, the park’s usual procedure is to allow nature to take its course. In developed areas it is often necessary to relocate the animal; this may mean using a tranquilizer dart and moving the animal away from buildings and/or people. Only under the most unusual circumstances will an animal be shot within a developed area of the park.

The Chief Ranger’s Office regrets any distress that this incident may have caused anyone. Written procedures have been reviewed to assure that any future incident of this type is handled in a sensitive and professional manner.

Chief Ranger Dan Sholly (344-2101), North District Ranger Mona Divine, or Mammoth Sub-District Ranger Jerry Ryder (344-2171) would be pleased to answer any questions regarding this incident.
Condolences
Campground host Bob Enberg passed away on February 7 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after a two year battle with prostate cancer.

Bob and his wife, Barbara, were campground hosts at the Canyon Campground in 1989 and 1990, and also were wood vendors in Norris and Indian Creek Campgrounds in 1988. They were well known for their friendly disposition and helpful attitude.

Barb is at home in Colorado, and can be reached at PO Box 724, Florissant, Colorado 80816.

(Personal message from Andy Fisher, Mount Rushmore National Monument)

Personnel News
by Vanessa Ford, Personnel Staffing Specialist

Odd Leaves Yellowstone for Colorado
The big news in the Personnel Office is that Odd Osteroos, our Position Classification Specialist, is leaving us to work for the Department of Defense Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mark your calendar to attend the Farewell Coffee given in his honor on Wednesday, March 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

Hiring Freeze
As you are probably well aware at this point, we are currently operating under a hiring freeze of all permanent positions from the GS-09 level and above. No news, yet, when the freeze will be lifted, but we will keep you informed.

Clerical Test Scheduled
The Yellowstone Personnel Office will be administering the clerical test for Yellowstone National Park on March 23, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the new garage. Sign-ups will start in the Personnel Office at 8:30 a.m. and the first 50 registrants will be tested. If necessary, a second test will be given at 1:00 p.m. the same afternoon. For information please call 344-2047.

Spotlight on Yellowstone
On March 1, a crew from the television show, The Crusaders, was in the park doing a story on poaching in national parks. Shenendoah National Park will also be featured in the segment. Tune in (or program your VCR) on Sunday evening, March 14 or 21 at 11:30 p.m. to KTVQ, Billings. The Crusaders is different from other news shows in that it offers solutions to the problems it features. Should be interesting!

Say What?
From a recent conversation on the park's information telephone line...

Ranger: The only entrance open to wheeled vehicles in the winter is the North Entrance.

Visitor: The North Entrance...hmm. Which one is that?

Have you heard or been asked a question that left you scratching your head? Send it to the Public Affairs Office and we'll publish it in a future issue.

Children Write Thank-You Letters
Henry Shovic, Chief of Branch of Advanced Resources Technology, recently gave a talk on Yellowstone to his daughter's class in Hawaii. Here are the unedited results:

Dear Dad,
Thank you for coming to my class. I had a great time. I think everybody liked you slides.
My favorite part was when we were trying to guess which animale is most endanger right now in Yellostone Natoinal Park.
I liked two of the slides. The first one was the one with the burnt trees. And the second one was the one with the fire.
This was one of my favorite times you've been here in Hawii.
Love,
Charlene Shovic

Dear Mr. Shovic,
Thank you very much for introducing me to Yellowstone National Park. Now I understand how important your work is. When I grow up I'd like to work in Yellowstone National Park. I learned that you shouldn't feed the squierls twinkeys because then when the people leave the squierls will die because they were used to eating twinkeys. I also learend that when you see a bear you should talk alot so that the bear will just move because it doesn't want to be here.

Charlene's classmate,
Danielle Schutz

Dear Mr. Shovic,
My whole class really liked your slides. I would really like to go to Yellowstone National Park. To see the wildlife and the aminals.
I thought the fires were scary if I was there. I am glad the park is looking better and the park is back to normal.

Sincerely, your,
Beth Wingfield
Child Find Clinic
The Park County Cooperative will hold its free annual Child Find Clinic to identify children ages 0-5 who may have learning or physical disabilities. This is not a kindergarten screening program. The Clinic, staffed by qualified professionals, will be held on Wednesday, March 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, March 31 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln School in Livingston (corner of Lewis and B Streets). Children from Mammoth are welcome to attend. For more information and to schedule appointments call 406-222-6600.

Improve Your Communications Skills
Are you communicating effectively with the people in your life or just throwing out words? Effective interpersonal communication (or lack thereof) isn’t an accident...discover why it doesn’t always work as we would like. On Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Cafe back room, the Toastmaster Wannabees will present “Interpersonal Communications: Why it Doesn’t Always Work”. Everyone is welcome and ongoing interest in Toastmasters International is not necessary. Call Odd Osteroos at 344-9259 or 2045 for more information.

Swim Program Volunteers Needed
The Gardiner Elementary School is looking for volunteers willing to help one or two afternoons a week with the Swim Program (March 28 - April 28). Please contact Margaret Kemner at the school, 848-7563.

Host Families Needed
AYUSA (Academic Year in the USA) is looking for host families for semester and academic year students. Please contact Dayna McClure, evenings at 848-7291.

Ballet Presentation
The Yellowstone School of Ballet will present a program entitled, "A Stroll Down Broadway", on Wednesday, March 23 as 7:00 p.m. at the Gardiner School. No charge for admission. Everyone is welcome.

Vet Visit
Livingston veterinarian, Dr. James O. Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, March 11, (not March 4 as printed in the last issue...we regret any inconvenience this may have caused) from approximately 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: March 25.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!

The Poet’s Corner

Swift as the wind,
free as the river,
dark as night, wild they run,
under northern lights,
and they howl a howl so long, so wild,
it makes your blood run
cold,
and you hear them,
the cry of the northern dog,
and as they howl,
the night grows cold,
but, as the day wears on,
one could find nothing but the tracks of the wild.

Ruby Collins
8 years old
March 22, 1994

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:
1990 Mach 1, Skidoo long track, 583cc, 1400 miles, excellent condition, new track & windshield, with cover, $2700. Call 344-2031 days, or 848-7798.

For Sale:
RCA 19" color television, 1987 used two years, like new, $100 OBO. Call 848-7244 after 3 p.m.

Desperately Seeking Dennis:
Is your name Dennis? Are you tall, blond, bearded, blue eyes? Were you in Thailand last December? Did you meet Susanne Holst, a woman from Germany in your travels? If you answered "yes" to all these questions, contact the Public Affairs Office, 344-2013, for a letter from Ms. Holst.

Soccer Carpool Wanted:
Looking for Mammoth/Gardiner family with 13 year old interested in playing competitive soccer in Livingston 2 times/week. Would like to set up carpool. Call 344-9272.

Moving Sale:
Saturday, April 9, 9:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Houser residence, Upper Mammoth next to Ham’s Christmas Store. Weight bench, weights, rowing machine, windsurfer, skis, clothes, kitchen items, and crummy novels among other things. Multi-household sale...something for everyone ...see you there!

For Sale:
King-size waterbed w/bookcase headboard and six underdrawers, $150 OBO. Call 344-7935.
### Jardine Ski Run Results
February 27, 1994

#### Adult's (sort of) Race

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Several exceptional fashion statements were made. Thanks for brightening our day.

This event was sponsored by the Bear Creek Council
P.O. Box 448, Gardiner, Montana 59030

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED**
15th ANNUAL
PARK-TO-PARADISE RACE
APRIL 30, 1994

Celebrate the "Rites of Spring" by PADDLING, BIKING, and RUNNING along the beautiful Upper Yellowstone River.

The Park-to-Paradise Race starts at the Carbella fishing access 17 miles north of Gardiner, MT, and finishes at the Gardiner Depot in Gardiner MT. The race has two categories: racing and recreational. Participants must choose one category regardless of equipment used. Participants in the recreational division will compete in the Men Women Mixed class. Please preregister by mail if you can. You can also register on race day between 9 am and 10 am.

The race begins at 10:30 am with the boating segment; boaters paddle north from Carbella fishing access to the Meditation Point rest area (8 miles). Bicyclists then ride south from Meditation Point to the 5-mile marker on Highway 89 (18.5 miles). Runners continue south from the 5-mile marker into Gardiner and finish at the Roosevelt Arch near the entrance to Yellowstone National Park (5.5 miles). Total distance is 32 miles.

ENTRY FEE: $5 per team member before noon on Apr 29; $6 per team member on race day.

T-SHIRTS: This year's shirt is 100% cotton and will sell for $10.

MORE FUN AFTER THE RACE: Gala cookout (food and beverages supplied), award ribbons, and door prizes at the Gardiner Depot near the finish line. Don't miss it!

MAIL ENTRY TO:
David Thoma
Park-to-Paradise Race
P.O. Box 525
Yellowstone NP, WY 82190

Checks payable to: Park-to-Paradise Race

INFORMATION: David Thoma, (307) 344-7758

TEAM NAME & ADDRESS: TEAM MEMBERS: NAME & T-SHIRT ORDER

BOATER(S) S M L XL

BICYCLIST S M L XL

RUNNER S M L XL

Waivers of liability must be signed on race day by all team members!

**BOATERS MUST WEAR LIFE JACKETS! BICYCLISTS MUST WEAR HELMETS!**

-- RACE FOR FUN --