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News

December 11, 1996

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: January 14

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Yellowstone Park Friends,
Thank you for all of the kind wishes and thoughts you sent when I was injured. My doctor says I might even be able to ski this winter. More surgery is planned but not for quite some time. I think all of you are very kind.
Love, Kruin Seibert

During November, the Research Library received five new fireproof file cabinets from some very generous patrons, Charles and Leandra Holland of California. Leandra Holland has been using our reference library for several years, and observed our need for more file space. Before this, they had donated two cabinets which house the Manuscript and Rare Separate files.

On November 18, a crew of five men, including Hank Quintana, Dennis Zafft, Morris Bray, Wally Wines, and Devon Martin delivered the cases to the library. This was no small feat as each one weighs 710—yes, that's right—710 pounds!! The library staff would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to these men, who have done this service over and above their usual duties. We appreciate it more than we can say.

*Enjoy the Holidays!
See you in 1997!*

Festivities Planned for December 16

The Yellowstone Federal Employees Association will be sponsoring a "Holiday Party" on Monday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mammoth Canteen Gym. Amid a "winter wonderland" theme, the YFEA and friends will transform the gym into a place you can relax, enjoy fine food and spirits, listen to some of your favorite local musicians perform their style of music, and mingle with friends. The Association reminds the interior folks who want to attend this event that there are accommodations at Mammoth for overnight lodging, and they can contact Dayna McClure for details.

YFEA and the Yellowstone Center for Resources would like to help out a family in need this holiday season by providing them with gifts, food, and clothing. The family has three young boys who wear size 32/34 pants, dress shirts size 15/16, or large T-shirts; and coat sizes 36/38 or large. Monetary and food donations would also be appreciated and there will be donation boxes set up around the gym. Your contributions will help brighten the holidays for this family.

YFEA would like to thank all the planners, organizers, and participants who have graciously donated their energy and time in the preparation of this event. We couldn't do it without you! See you on Monday afternoon.

White House Ornaments Are Here!

Come and see the ornaments on display in the Superintendent's Office. The White House Historical Association has donated a complete set (1981-1996) of White House ornaments to Yellowstone Park to help celebrate the park's 125th anniversary in 1997. The ornaments can be purchased from the White House Historical Association. If you're interested, just ask Jean or Jan for an order form.

"What's Shakin' at Grant?" an update by Naturalist Mary Wilson

Residents of Grant Village were given a little reminder that Yellowstone is still a seismically active area, no matter how tranquil it may appear on the surface! At around 0500 on November 25, sleeping residents were awakened by low, rumbling vibrations that continued off and on for almost an hour. At first, some folks just thought that more snow was sloughing off their roofs, but it was only about five degrees above zero outside and no fresh snow piles were visible just under the eaves. It soon became apparent that the rumblings were small earthquakes!

At some residences, plates and glasses rattled in the kitchen, dresser drawer knobs clanked against the wood, and one bedside lamp slid onto the floor. At the West Thumb warming hut, the front door frame was twisted slightly out of kilter and its window frame loosened. There were no detectable changes in the thermal features at the basin, however. It was later determined that the magnitude of the quakes ranged from 2.2 to 2.9 and that the epicenter was located somewhere between the Grant housing area and Riddle Lake. No other park area felt the quakes, but reportedly a family dog down at the Moose housing area in Grand Teton National Park awakened suddenly at about 0500 and began running around the house howling for no apparent reason. Yellowstone is considered the second most seismically active area in the continental U.S.—second only to the San Andreas Fault area of California. Its geologic formation is based upon three, major, violent volcanic eruptions that occurred at approximately 1.8 million, 1.2 million, and 600,000 years ago—at, seemingly, 600,000 year intervals. It doesn't take higher math to realize that the area is "due" for another violent eruption at any time. Could the recent rumbling at Grant be an indication of things to come or just a reminder to us of the incredibly dynamic and fascinating resource we all have the privilege to enjoy and protect every day?

Research Library News

The Research Library will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. Special arrangements may be made with the librarians by calling before Dec. 20 for use of the library during that time. The Library Staff wishes everyone a very happy holiday. Vanessa Christopher, Barbara Zafft, and Debby Young.

Park Buys Back Pieces of History at Estate Auction

By Susan Kraft, Supervisory Museum Curator

Several more pieces of Yellowstone's history came home recently when park museum staff procured a set of historic hotel furniture and an original work of art at the Bovey family estate auction held in Great Falls last month.

A set of wicker hotel furniture used in a park lodge, probably the Canyon lodge, and a charcoal drawing depicting tourists at Mammoth Hot Springs in 1910 were purchased for the park's museum collection using funds donated to the park.

Park Museum Curator Susan Kraft, who attended the auction, was able to identify the matched set of furniture by comparing it with photographs of furniture historically used in the park and listed in a 1929 concessioner inventory. The set consists of two, eight-foot-long chaise lounges that may have doubled as spare beds, a small writing desk, and a small table. The late Charles and Sue Ford Bovey, who owned Virginia and Nevada Cities, were known to have owned items from the Canyon area of Yellowstone, and the Boveys' appraiser stated that the furniture was once used on the porch of the Canyon Lodge.

Each year, many researchers ask to see and study Yellowstone's historic furnishings collection, which reflects the leisure habits of national park tourists through time and contains outstanding examples from important periods in the history of American furniture-making. The furnishings are also available for use in exhibits. The charcoal drawing, by Shirley Cleary illustrates the importance of Yellowstone as a subject for fine art. Some research is needed to learn more about Cleary, and whether she produced other works of art depicting Yellowstone. Indeed, the degree to which Yellowstone and artifacts associated with it are cherished by Americans was greatly in evidence at the auction; a c. 1915 Yellowstone and Western stagecoach in need of extensive conservation fetched the highest bid of the auction, \$20,000, while stereocards featuring park views by William Henry Jackson went for \$30 and \$35 per card. The items obtained for the park museum collection were acquired at prices close to their appraised values.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- * **Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!** -- Brownie Troop # 187 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at the North Entrance Shopping Center tonight, December 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 15, from noon until 2 p.m.. Call Deb Bahr at 344-7378.
- * **Yellowstone Association Book Sale** -- Drop by the Albright Visitor Center in Mammoth on Thursday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Great deals on slightly damaged books, and 15 percent off new books on racks. Come in and see the new Mode Wineman photography exhibit.
- * **Vet Visit** -- Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, December 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: January 10.
- * **Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!** -- listen for the sounds of your local Girl Scouts carolling this Friday evening from 5 to 6 p.m. in Gardiner!
- * **YFEA Holiday Party** -- will be Monday, December 16, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Mammoth Canteen Gym. Food, drinks, and entertainment provided. Persons are asked to donate clothes, food or monetary donations to a needy family. See front page article for details. See you there!
- * **Christmas Open House** -- The Mammoth Post Office invites everyone to stop by and celebrate the season at their Christmas Open House, Thursday, December 12, from 1 p.m. until the goodies are gone.
- * **Personnel Christmas Party (Food Fest '96)** -- will be held on Thursday, December 12, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Don't miss the fun, food, and more food. Celebrate the season with your co-workers at the party!!
- * **Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** -- will be held at the Mammoth Hotel Map Room on Wednesday, December 18, at 6 p.m.. Entertainment will be provided by the Little People's Learning Center and the Mammoth/Gardiner 4-6 grade Breakfast Club Choir. Santa will be making a guest appearance to add to the festivities. Come and enjoy the tree lighting ceremony in the warmth of the Map Room and enjoy holiday treats and coffee. Persons are asked to please bring warm Hors D'oeuvre's.
- * **Ladies Ski Lessons at Bridger Bowl** -- Beginner through advanced downhill lessons and intermediate telemarking lessons (if we can get five participants). Classes are January 9 through February 6. The cost is \$113 (\$108, if paid by Dec. 16) and that pays for four lessons and four all-day lift tickets. Call Dayna McClure for more information or application.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: NordicRider, like new; less than a year old. Has both pulling and pushing motions--unlike the pulling only riders. \$399 new; asking \$200. Call 344-7475 after 5 p.m.

Rocky's Retirement Sale: GE answering machine, \$25; Sunbeam Hydrosonic Humidifier, \$10; Fisher GTS telemark skis, (210) with Chouinard Riva bindings, used less than 50 miles, \$300 new/asking \$200; two pair of NPS green jeans (brand new), 34" waist, extra long at \$5/ea; hand grain mill, \$10; ground-mounted clay bird thrower, \$25; World War II Pocket Coleman camp stove, \$5. Call Jean or Rocky at 344-7452.

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For Sale: Soloflex w/leg & butterfly, seldom used, will sacrifice, \$350 OBO. Macintosh IIsi, 5/40 with full page display monitor, \$500, OBO. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

For Sale: 1981 Yamaha Enticer 340. In good shape, \$500. Call 344-2190.

Peace Corps Liquidation Sale: '93 Mazda Protege, 39,000 miles, A/C, Tape, 40 mpg. \$8500 OBO; two oak CD towers, \$40; big, new microwave, \$80; full size bed with mattress, \$40; dresser, \$50; Rossi skis, telemark 200's with Rossi NNNbc bindings, \$100; Tele boots, men's size 7, womens, 9, \$80; XC skis, 200's partial edge, NNNbc bindings, \$50; Elan XC ski, \$20, poles, (probe) \$10; bookcase (homemade type) tall, \$20; pressed wood computer desk, \$20; wet suit, men's medium, \$25; knotty pine full standing lamp (huge), \$150; knotty pine table lamp, \$75. Call 344-7344 after 5 p.m. or leave message.

For Sale: Gerry Guardian car seat, for child up to 40 lbs., very good condition. \$35. Also, one set of Springmaid sheets for twin bed. Dinosaur print. Still in original package. \$12. Call 344-7788.

For Sale: (Just in time for Christmas!) Nordic Track "Medalist" ski machine - excellent condition - walnut skis, electric heart monitor/timer, original price \$1,000, asking \$500. Call (307) 733-3961 after 12/15.

For Sale: Nikon cameras, lenses and accessories; Powell futon couch/twin bunk combo; X-tra long twin bed set; youth Trek mountain bike; Power Wheels 4-wheeler; Little Tykes racer; hockey skates; kids cross-country equipment; Wamboldt oak dining room set, call 344-7378 for info.

For Sale: '91 Yamaha Phazer II long-track snowmobile with rack and hand warmers. Great machine! \$2150, OBO. Call Chris at 848-7147.

For Sale: Like new, Barecrafters ski rack for medium and small cars. Adjusts, holds four pair of skis, and has both keys for locking, \$25. Also, super single bed, complete with frame, box, mattress, bookshelf, and headboard, \$25, OBO. Call Rees' at 848-7566.

For Sale: Desktop 286 IBM-Style Computer. Excellent condition, includes WordPerfect and a daisywheel printer. Good system for letter-quality word processing. Nordic Trak Pro ski machine with electric heart monitor, speedometer, and chronometer. Excellent condition, \$275; Ultra-Bright 10,000 Light Unit, used for intensive light therapy, fight off those winter doldrums, \$195; NPS flat hat, size 7 1/4 long, oval, never used, \$15. Call 344-9272 after 5 p.m.

For Sale: Vetta bike trainer, \$30; Sony 13" color TV with remote, \$85; trip for two to sunny Florida/Bahamas, six nights, motel accommodations, \$350, use by mid-January. Call 848-7513.

For Sale: Chouinard Scarpa Gaiters, insulated, breathable, like new. Medium size. \$50. Call 848-7722.

For Sale: Incredible deal!! 1990 Isuzu Trooper V6, 4WD, 4-Door, A/C, Cruise, New Rear Tires, Extra Rear Seat, AM/FM Cassette, Excellent Condition With Only 109,000 Softly-Used Miles, \$7,300. What a fantastic deal!! Contact Bob at 848-7972.

Wanted to Buy: PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME WATCH CINDERELLA AGAIN!!! Please say you have a used VCR that is in good condition and will sell it to my daughter at a reasonable price. I'll be anxiously awaiting your call at 344-5518 days or 344-8809 eves. My daughter will be thrilled and so will I!!!

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Wanted to Buy: Lap top computer – used, in excellent condition. Must be at least a 386 with no less than 8MB of EDO DRAM (and expandable). Also must have a 3 1/2" disk drive, AC adapter, etc. Call Mary at 242-7656 or 242-2655 and leave a message if no answer.

The Moving Sale You've Been Waiting For: BAHR'S are MOVING!!! You name it, I'm sure we have it and don't need to move it! Trampoline, computer and center, lawn furniture, swingset, snowblower, bikes, bookcases, beds, toys, books, housewares, new Tupperware, misc. furniture, clothes, Dansk dishes, and much more! 344-7378.

Don't Miss The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season (TSP)


The TSP Open Season continues through January 31, 1997. Employees covered by Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) may enroll in TSP or change their contributions. Election forms can be obtained from the Personnel Office. This year you may phone in your Thrift Savings Plan changes. This service is available to all NPS employees and may be accessed by dialing the above numbers through the Employee Express telephone numbers. For further information on either the Health Benefits Program or the Thrift Savings Plan Open Season, contact Roseanne Riley in the Personnel Office at 344-2041.


Seasonal Reminder From those Who Clean The Walks


It winter again and that means snow *** The Mammoth Maintenance staff would like to ask commuters to refrain from parking the front or back of vehicles over the sidewalk as it make shoveling the walk more difficult. Thank you for your cooperation.


'Tis The Season-To Be Wasteful

The holidays are a time of joy, togetherness-and extra waste. Here are some measures of the season's excesses:


 Tons of trash generated in the United States each week during the non-holiday season: 4 million


 Tons of trash generated in the United States each week in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas: 5 million


 Pounds of Thanksgiving turkey wasted if each person throws away one bite: 3.1 million

 Pounds of stuffing wasted if each person throws away one

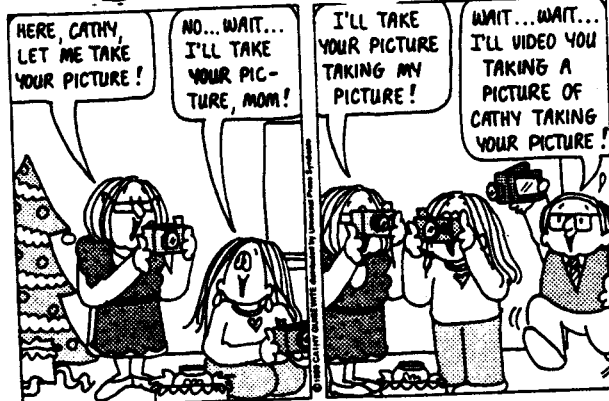
tablespoon: 16.1 million

 Number of gifts the average U.S. consumer wraps during the holiday season: 20

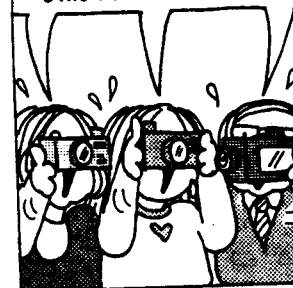
 Number of football fields that could be covered with the paper saved by wrapping three of those gifts with recycled wrap: 45,000

 Tons of extra garbage cleaned up by the New York Sanitation Department after the Times Square New Year's Eve celebration: 42

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ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE WILL ALL SIMULTANEOUSLY POINT THE CAMERAS AT EACH OTHER AND SHOOT!



DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT IT'S THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ROLL FROM THE "CAMERA-FACE FAMILY."

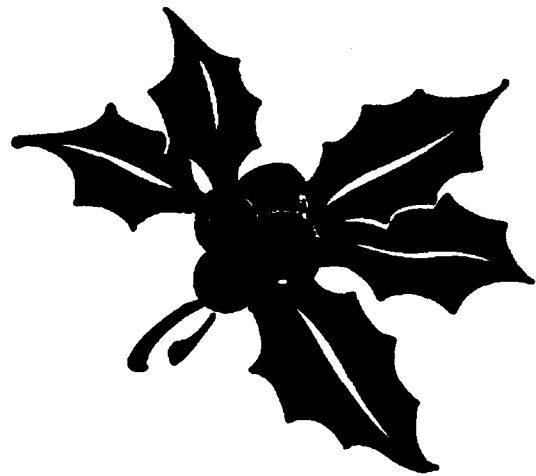


*Please join Yellowstone National Park staff in
celebrating the season with*

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

***December 18, 1996, 6 p.m.
Mammoth Hotel Map Room***

***Entertainment
provided by
Little People's
Learning Center,
Gardiner Preschool
& the "Breakfast
Club Choir",
followed by a special
visit from Santa.***



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

***Please come enjoy the tree lighting in the
warmth of the Map Room.***

***Cake & punch will be provided.
Please bring hot hors d'oeuvres to share.***

***For more information contact
the Public Affairs Office at 344-2013.***