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During his February visit to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, President Bill Clinton places a rose at the late president's grave site. At left, is a view of FDR's bedroom, which contain his favorite pictures, naval prints, and family photographs. Scattered about the room are the books and magazines that were here at the time of Roosevelt's last visit in March 1945.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WASO's Legislative Affairs

by Mike Hill,
Bevinetto Fellow 1991-1993

Why would anybody want to go to Washington, D.C.?

Never say "never." At one point I said I would never go east of the Rockies. Next transfer? Shenandoah. Never out of sight of the mountains. Next stop? Biscayne.

So it should come as no surprise that when then RMRO Deputy Regional Director Jack Neckles called me at Timpanogos Cave and suggested the Bevinetto Fellowship was something I "should really consider applying for," my initial reaction was, "Why would I want to do that? It's in Washington, D.C. The cost of living is astronomical, and besides, I only own two suits and they're both old."

Of course, it's always a good policy to give full consideration to wise counsel and act when your boss makes suggestions. "Don't worry, honey, I'll never [that word 'never' again] get selected." More than 2,800 miles in a car with a two-year-old is one of those life experiences that builds character.

The immediate enticements for applying for the Bevinetto Congressional Fellowship are: 1) a temporary one-grade promotion; 2) the time-in-grade at the temporary level qualifies you for promotion to the next higher grade; and 3) you get to learn something about what really goes on at headquarters.

The amendment to the FY 1989 Interior Appropriations bill, which established the program, states that the program's purpose is "to improve mutual understanding and cooperation between Service employees and Members and Committees of Congress. The program is dedicated to the memory of Pietro Antonio (Tony) Bevinetto. Tony was a former NPS employee who later served as a professional staff member for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

At least so far, during the first year, the Fellows have worked for the minority side of that committee. During the second year, Fellows work in the WASO Division of Congressional and Legislative Affairs as a Legislative Affairs Specialist.

What does a Bevinetto fellow really do? Write. Research. Become quickly and inti-

mately familiar with issues and positions you didn't even know existed.

Working as minority committee staff, you primarily represent the ranking Republican member on the committee. You also represent the ranking Republican member on the subcommittees to which you are assigned. The job is similar to a lawyer representing a client — your work is focused on supporting their position on the issues that come before the committee. That sounds easy, but, in fact, because of the sheer volume of legislation (There were more than 6,000 individual bills in the 102nd Congress.), even the members themselves cannot be sure what their position is on every issue. Yet, their constituents expect them to vote the way the constituents would have voted on each and every bill; and if the constituents are disappointed, they don't hesitate to let the member know.

There are no set guidelines to work from, so you often find yourself drafting a floor statement or opening statement with your fingers crossed, thinking to yourself, "I hope this is what he wants to say. At least it's consistent with what he's said in the past." If you guess wrong, you find out quickly. Researching bills is like answering the question, "What does this bill do?" Drafting bills is the same process in reverse.

Working in legislative affairs is similar. Researching and drafting are essentially the same; testimony is just a floor statement from the agency, only now your "client" is the National Park Service.

As a Fellow you get a ring side seat at every show. You learn the truth to the old adage that those who like good sausage and good laws should not watch either being made. You learn that roughly a 10th of the laws passed in each Congress are Park Service related. You learn something about how the legislative and executive branches interact with each other, from both sides of the fence. Most importantly, you learn that "the gummint" is, after all, made up of people with the full range of character traits found in the population at large. They live their lives under a microscope and no matter what they say or do, someone out there will take exception.

Coming to live in the Washington area for even two years is not to be taken lightly. The one-grade temporary promotion probably won't make up for the increased cost of living. Until now a car-jack was something you used to change a tire, now it's a personal security consideration. All the amenities of urban life are readily available (if you can fit them in your budget), but so are all the prob-

lems of urban living. For all of the culture shock of moving here, you still get a new appreciation for how most of America lives and some insights into why they act the way they do in parks.

While the workings of Congress are still mysterious, they are no longer completely obscure to me. One ranger who never wanted to go east of the Rockies has learned about a lot of things he never new existed.

NATURAL RESOURCE NEWS

A National Biological Survey

by F. Eugene Hester
Associate Director, Natural Resources

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt recently identified the need for a national focal point for biological information — a National Biological Survey — perhaps similar to the U.S. Geological Survey for physical resources and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration for weather information.

The concept involves the collection, analysis, and dissemination of biological information by a research organization without management responsibilities to maintain objectives, credible information not driven by an individual bureau's management decisions.

The objectives set by Secretary Babbitt would be:

- To reduce overlap and duplication among the biological research efforts of the eight bureaus within the Department, and by integrating these efforts, improve the quality and productivity of the Department's overall research effort at a lower cost.
- To establish renewed leadership and focus for the Department's biological research program, thereby enhancing its credibility and providing a greater incentive for land managers and others to rely on research results.
- To allow bureau managers more effective priority-setting by Departmental managers.
- To develop an anticipatory, proactive biological science program that will enable land and resource managers to develop comprehensive ecosystem management strategies, thus avoiding costs and conflicts such as those involved in several past Endangered Species Act crises.
- To give land and resource managers

more timely, objective scientific information essential for decision-making within the Department.

Implementation of this proposal within the Interior Department requires many important decisions as to which financial and manpower resources could be consolidated into this new National Biological Survey organization. This requires an analysis of which resources are essential to bureau missions and local day-to-day management decisions, and which could appropriately be devoted to the new organization to address the broader ecosystem and national needs. Developing standardized approaches to data collection and data management is an essential part of this new concept.

Options for developing this new concept have been developed. The National Park Service has much to offer and much to gain from this initiative.

CULTURAL RESOURCE NEWS

African American Properties Get Write-Up

by **Beth L. Savage, Architectural Historian, WASO**

About 700 properties in the National Register of Historic Places are designated for their special importance in African American history. National Register-listed properties include historic buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects that reflect the richness of African American heritage. These tangible places are associated not only with the history of well known individuals such as Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Maggie Walker, and Martin Luther King, Jr., but also with the equally important history of everyday people in local communities. The culture of these communities is recorded in the listings of churches, social institutions, schools, banks, businesses, houses, and neighborhoods. Forty-two states in the country have some such listings.

Listed properties reflect importance throughout all periods of our history and in diverse areas such as education, science and medicine, arts and literature, architecture, civil rights, military history, women's history, and social history. The range of properties included is well illustrated by some recent additions to the National Register. The Gertrude Pridgett "Ma" Rainey House in Columbus, Georgia, was entered in the National Register November 18, 1992, as the only surviving building associated with the

remarkable musical career of the "Mother of the Blues." The Ransom Place Historic District in Indianapolis, Indiana, was listed December 10, 1992, for its significance as an early, intact neighborhood associated with the city's prominent and well established African American population. The Moulin Rouge Hotel was constructed in 1955 in Las Vegas, Nevada, was listed December 22, 1992, for its exceptional significance as the city's first interracial entertainment facility. In 1960 the hotel was the location of a meeting of local civil rights, business, and political leaders, where the decision was reached to end segregation of the "Strip" and surrounding commercial area.

Information on tangible historic places such as these examples needs to be made more available to the public to enhance the study of African American contributions to American history; to encourage historians, government officials, and communities to conduct studies to register and preserve properties in areas that have not received much attention; and to ensure that greater numbers of African American historians, archeologists, architects, planners, and other professionals will be employed at all levels of preservation work. Through the dissemination of information and education we can foster more widespread appreciation of these invaluable cultural resources and ensure greater sensitivity for their protection.

In cooperation with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the National Register has completed the first phase of preparation for a publication describing the singular and collective importance of National Register-listed properties associated with African American heritage. Scholarly advisors from Howard University, the University of Maryland, and the George Washington University have contributed to the development and scope of this project. Graduate students from these institutions have been employed in the research, writing, and indexing of the documentation on the individual properties. The book will be published in partnership with the Preservation Press of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The book will feature descriptive information on individual properties organized by state and county, selected essays by noted scholars in the field, geographical and topical indices, and selected illustrations and photographs. It will be distributed to the educational community to enrich the teaching of African American history as an integral component of American history at every educational level, as well as introduce students to viable career options in historic preservation related fields. The book could also be distributed to communities, museums, state and local governments, tourism bureaus, historians, and

other preservation professionals, to serve as a starting point for African American preservation efforts. Some states have already appointed African American advisory boards to their state historic preservation offices; others need assistance in beginning such an effort. This book provides an encouraging example.

For further information on the project, or to be added to the mailing list for the book, contact Project Director, National Register of Historic Places, Interagency Resources Division (413), National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127; 202/343-9540. ■

Historic Lighthouse Inventory

by **Candace Clifford, National Maritime Initiative**

The National Maritime Initiative (NMI), a program within the History Division of the National Park Service, is responsible for the survey and evaluation of historic maritime resources preserved around the country. Inventories for three types of maritime resources are maintained by the NMI — large vessels, lighthouses, and shipwrecks and hulks. In addition, an inventory of small craft has been developed in cooperation with the Museum Small Craft Association.

Initially, the NMI's survey efforts focused on large preserved vessels, resulting in the NPS publication *Inventory of Large Preserved Historic Vessels (1990)* and *Great American Ships (1991)*, published through the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Press. The inventory of large vessels was produced in tandem with the large vessel phase of the National Historic Landmark (NHL) Study, "Maritime Heritage of the United States," now nearing completion with 110 vessels designated and 33 vessels being studied.

While the large preserved vessel inventory continues to be maintained and updated, the focus of the Initiative's survey efforts in the past year has shifted to lighthouses. The lighthouse data base is maintained on a personal computer using Dbase III© software. Fields within the data base provide information on location; ownership; construction dates; the physical characteristics of the historic tower, keepers quarter, and sound signal building; what additional structures remain at the station; and historic and present-day optics. Also included is whether the station continues in operation as an active aid to navigation; what other functions the station serves; whether the

station is accessible to the public; National Register and NHL status; and whether the station has been documented by HABS/HAER.

The information included in the lighthouse inventory was gathered primarily from the National Register of Historic Places, the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office, the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and survey forms provided directly to the owners and managers of the individual light stations.

To date, 940 records are included in the inventory. The main file consists of 540 primary stations, generally coastal lights with towers 50 years old or older. Data have also been collected on an additional 170 secondary aids to navigation, generally harbor or river lights with smaller optics or a light that had no facility to house a keeper. Additional files contain 36 modern stations and 188 sites that no longer have buildings associated with them.

Of the 540 primary stations, 354 operate as active aids to navigation. Boston Harbor Light is the last station to be manned in the country; all other lights have been automated. Automation has permitted the U.S. Coast Guard to lease many stations to state, local, and private groups for use as museums, parks, recreation areas, research laboratories, and nature preserves. More than half of the 540 stations are accessible to the public. Thirty-five stations fall within boundaries of national parks. Many of these stations are owned by the National Park Service, others are managed jointly with the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Inventory will serve as a starting point for researching and selecting candidates for study as NHLs. A inventory is expected to be published in late 1993, highlighting more than 400 stations listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Until this publication is available, the "Preliminary Inventory of Aids to Navigation," a five-part, 105-page report, is available by writing: History Division (418), National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Parks with lighthouses:

- **Alaska:** Glacier Bay NP
- **California:** Cabrillo NM, Channel Islands NP, Fort Point NHS, Golden Gate NRA, Point Reyes NS
- **Florida:** Dry Tortugas NP
- **Georgia:** Fort Pulaski NM
- **Hawaii:** Kalaupapa NHP
- **Maine:** Acadia NP
- **Massachusetts:** Cape Cod NS, Salem NHS
- **Michigan:** Isle Royale NP, Pictured Rocks NL, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL
- **New Jersey:** Sandy Hood Unit, Gateway NRA

- **North Carolina:** Cape Hatteras NS, Cape Lookout NS
- **New York:** Fire Island NS
- **Puerto Rico:** San Juan NHS
- **Virginia:** George Washington Memorial Parkway
- **Wisconsin:** Apostle Islands NL

NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION NEWS

Building Partnerships: NPF Brings National Executive Service Corps to NPS

Another way the National Park Foundation is helping to direct resources from the private sector into the parks is by working out several agreements between the National Executive Service Corps (NESC) and NPS.

NESC is a consulting service made up of more than 10,000 volunteers retired from the upper ranks of business and the professions. Founded in 1977, it helps nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies improve their management effectiveness by consulting on a variety of projects and tasks.

National Park Foundation (NPF) President Alan Rubin had worked with NESC for many years while heading the Partners of the Americas program. In 1992, he introduced officials from NESC to top NPS officials, planting the partnership seeds.

In Philadelphia, NESC officials have already met with MARO managers to discuss methods of restructuring. Consulting services are also being provided to support groups working with Independence NHP.

In Washington state, Mount Rainier Superintendent Bill Briggie and Olympic Superintendent Maureen Finnerty brought in the National Executive Service Corps to run an introductory seminar on strategic planning for their combined staffs. Lots of people participated, with staffs dividing into work teams and actively discussing methods for incorporating planning into their jobs. New work is about to start between the Executive Service Corps and Olympic NP in the public affairs category.

In Massachusetts, meetings have taken place between the local chapter and the National Executive Service Corps and Lowell NHP; discussions are also underway in New York (Gateway NRA) and Washington, D.C. (NCR).

NPSers interested in working with NESC can contact NPF, 202/785-4500; or NESC, 212/529-6660.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New NPS Fitness Guidelines in Effect

by Dick Martin,
Chief, Branch of Resource Protection and Visitor Management

The National Park Service Health and Fitness Program, adopted last November, was made available to employees March 23. The program is designed to promote the physical and mental health of employees, thus enhancing work productivity and the quality of life, both on and off the job.

The program has two parts: a voluntary program for all employees and a mandatory program for persons in certain arduous and hazardous occupations, such as persons performing search and rescue, emergency medical services, firefighting, law enforcement, SCUBA diving, or lifeguarding.

The voluntary program allows for employees to develop flexible, full-time schedules to fit exercise into their days. The voluntary program also features standards that allow for measuring of specific goals in aerobic conditioning, endurance, strength, body composition, and flexibility. Testing against these goals can be conducted twice yearly. An individual health and fitness plan may be developed for each participant. Fitness facilities: employees can use available NPS space, however, employees joining fitness clubs must do so at personal expense, except that participants and immediate family members may take advantage of any NPS group memberships established to cover mandatory participants, if they pay any additional costs. Excused absences for limited specific events can be sponsored and approved. Authority exists to use NPS funds for purchase of equipment required to conduct Health and Fitness Program activities. Time-off awards may be granted for superior accomplishments. Honorary awards (non-monetary) can be granted and items of nominal value (less than \$50) can be purchased with NPS funds for use as awards.

The mandatory program allows up to three hours per week of duty time for physical fitness training and includes a provision for a physical exam for those older than 40 or those determined by a risk analysis to need a physical exam. Use of NPS space is authorized and health club memberships can be covered with NPS funds when authorized and when NPS equipment and facilities are not available.

For additional information about this program, contact Jim Lee, WASO, at 202-208-4188. ■

Conference: The Meaning of Slavery in the North

The 12th Lowell Conference on Industrial History, "The Meaning of Slavery in the North," will be held June 3-5, 1993, at the Sheraton Inn Lowell, Lowell, Mass. The conference will explore the connections between the slavery system of the South and the textile industry of the North.

Offered as a special training opportunity for NPS interpretive staff, the conference reflects the NPS commitment to multiculturalism and to enhancing the management of its cultural and heritage programs. The conference features workshops, media and living history presentations, panel discussions, and distinguished speakers.

Registration is \$50; \$25 for one-day registration; Saturday, June 5 is free and open to the public. Registration must be received no later than May 14. For more information contact Elaine Duquette, Division of Professional Services, Lowell NHP, 169 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852; Telephone: 508/459-1025.

The Sheraton Inn Lowell offers a conference rate for participants of \$59 plus tax. Call the hotel at 508/452-1200, ext. 453 for reservations.

The conference is sponsored by Lowell NHP, Tsongas Industrial History Center, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, and Lowell Historical Society. Additional funding and support have been provided by the Boston African-American NHS, Eastern National Park and Monument Association, New England Museum Association, Museum of American Textile History, Immigrant City Archives, Northeastern University, Boston College, Charles River Museum of Industry, Old Sturbridge Village, and Slater Mill Historic Site. ■

Electronic News

The first issue of *National Park Scan*, a newsletter that will inform NPSers of trends and possible upcoming controversies, was published in March. The Office of Strategic Planning broadcast the newsletter via CC:Mail, making it accessible to all employees quickly and at minimal cost to the agency. If you haven't seen a copy, you can find the WordPerfect file on a new strategic planning bulletin board inside CCMail. The strategic planning office intends to make

extensive use of electronic mail to gather data and comments from throughout the agency and to broadcast a running commentary on issues of national concern. ■

Passport Program Again Offered to Boy Scouts

Eastern National Park & Monument Association is again promoting a special "Passport to Your National Parks" program to the Boy Scouts of America for their 1993 National Jamboree to be held August 4-10 at Fort AP Hill, Va. Scouts who collect 10 or more different Passport cancellations will be awarded a blue and gold "U.S. National Parks" pin at the Jamboree.

NEW FACES, NEW PLACES

BUTT, Mardi J. — park ranger, Fire Island NS, to same, Petroglyph NM.

COCKRUM, Dan — from chief of maintenance, Grand Canyon NP, to SERO chief of engineering and facilities resources.

FERRIN, Randy — new ecologist to WASO Air Quality Division.

FOPPES, Ellen — regional historian, MWRO, to superintendent, Hovenweep NM.

FRIESEN, Bill — engineering equipment operator, Rocky Mountain NP, has been selected as maintenance mechanic Foreman, Denali NP.

HARPELL, Eileen — budget officer, Redwood NP, has been selected as administrative officer, Glacier Bay NP.

HENSON, Carol J. — fire program clerk, Joshua Tree NM, to office automation clerk, Chickasaw NRA.

KELSO, Mary Elizabeth — secretary, Social Security Administration, to secretary, Wilson's Creek NB.

LAURO, Sal — captain, U.S. Park Police, to law enforcement specialist, SWRO.

LAW, Laura — new lead information assistant, Anchorage APLIC.

MALKIN, Karen — new environmental protection specialist to WASO Air Quality Division.

MAYO, Charles "Corky" — from PNWRO, chief of interpretation, to WASO chief of interpretation.

MORRIS, Doug — from Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs to superintendent, Saguaro NM.

NASH, Bruce — new ecologist to WASO Air Quality Division.

NEMETH, Dave — Katmai NP, has been selected as the concessions management specialist at Denali NP.

NICHOLSON, Ted — from Sitka NHP to new admin. officer, Curecanti NRA.

OHAVER, Joe — park ranger, Hot Springs NP, to same, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

PONCE, Stan — from RMRO associate regional director, resource management and research, to Bureau of Reclamation's water resources branch, planning and directing the bureau's scientific and engineering research, development, and testing programs.

RAY, John — new atmospheric chemist to WASO Air Quality Division.

REILLY, Patti — returning to NPS through an interagency personnel agreement to begin work for the National Park Foundation's "Parks as Classrooms" program.

RUDD, Connie — interpretive planner, DSC, to chief, RMRO Division of Interpretation.

SAUNDERS, J. Farrell — from superintendent, Russell Cave NM, to the first superintendent of the Little River Canyon NP. He'll continue as Russell Cave superintendent during the Little River's early development.

SCHAFLER, Jonathan — from ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to chief ranger, San Juan NHS.

SWIFT, Bryan — from Saguaro NM to chief ranger, Lassen Volcanic NP.

WILSON, Douglas — from supervisory park ranger, Div. of Interpretation, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, to chief, Interpretation, Buffalo NR.

YUNK, Ray — from Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs to Denver Service Center, Western Team Branch of Construction.

WEBB, Melody — from assistant superintendent, LBJ NHP, to assistant superintendent, Grand Teton NP.

Parks Get Much Needed Help from FBOP's Inmate Work Program

When Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) contacted Fort McHenry Superintendent John Tyler to discuss the possibility of using inmate labor in the park, there was apprehension. "Many of us here had stereotypical images of what we thought inmates would be like. We wondered about the criteria for selecting inmates and what kind of supervisory responsibilities we would have? FBOP answered all of our questions, addressed all of our concerns, and we went ahead with the program," Tyler said.

The initial program at Fort McHenry began a little over a year ago with a work crew of five inmates. "We all thought it would be best to start out small and make sure the program was working successfully before deciding to expand," Tyler remembered. "The program worked out so well, and we were so pleased with the quality of work being performed, that we expanded the program to include five additional inmates just six weeks after." Nine work crew members, seven men and two women, consisting of one Hispanic-American, four African-Americans, and four caucasians, now work in the park.

Tyler's positive experiences facilitated a 1992 agreement between NPS and FBOP, which established a framework for Inmate Work Programs throughout the National Park System. It supplies units of the National Park System with the services of minimum-security inmates to help NPS with maintenance projects and upkeep of lands and facilities, providing inmates' activities do not displace current employees or

preclude the hiring of additional employees. In other words, inmate laborers may only be used to perform duties that would not otherwise be performed by NPS employees.

"We try to accommodate and use the talents and interests of individual crew members," noted Greg McGuire, the park's chief of maintenance and crew supervisor. "For example, one crew member is an electrician and has helped repair some secondary wiring in our visitors center, installed ground fault interrupters in our special event panels, and upgraded the telecommunications system in the maintenance shop."

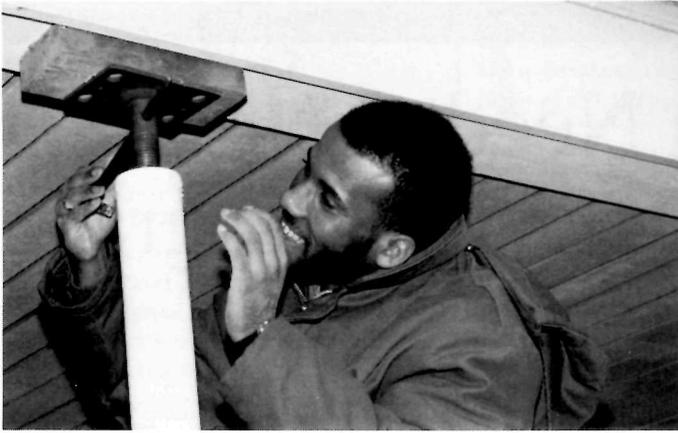
"Another crew member is a plumber and he has helped rehabilitate the heating system in the west wing of Hampton Mansion. One is a mechanic and has done tune-ups, rehabilitated lawn mowers and weed eaters and did major hydraulic repairs on two tractors. Another conducted a tree inventory and map of the entire fort, identifying every tree by both its latin and common name. This is information that our resource management and interpretive specialists have been able to integrate into their activities, McGuire said."

The park's crew is divided into two groups: a grounds crew and a buildings crew. The grounds crew has taken on litter patrolling, grass cutting and lawn care, tree and shrub pruning, and maintaining shrubbery and flower beds.

The buildings crew repainted the platform surrounding the flagpole,



Residents work to re-establish the screening at the old utility garage on the grounds at Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine. Photos by Rosa Wilson.



This resident at Ft. McHenry is shimmying a temporary support column jack while beams are being repaired.



A resident cleans the brass on a historic door to maintain optimum appearance.

assisted park staff with the disassembly and restoration of several historic porch columns within the main fort, restored and repainted several historic windows, doors, and window and door casements structures, in addition to rehabilitating a herringbone-pattern brick path that serves as a pedestrian pathway and the main drainage system for the fort.

Inmates working in the parks have met stringent qualifications to get there. They come only from minimum security prison camps or from halfway house settings, where they live in community-based housing. None have ever been involved in a violent crime and all have undergone psychological screening. All are within 18 months of release. While in the parks, inmates cannot engage in activities involving visitor contact. They are excluded from administrative, clerical, or computer-related activities.

Tyler points out that there are some administrative start-up problems to deal with. "The staff have to be ready to deal with new and unusual issues — like when an inmate doesn't get the lunch he ordered from the halfway house or when he is given clothes that are not suitable to his assignment. However the FBOP is quick to address and resolve these kinds of issues when we bring them to their attention. They really are dedicated to seeing that the program is successful.

Another issue is the question of whether or not the staff wants to know the participants' backgrounds. "After discussing the issue with FBOP representatives, the staff agreed that they thought it best not to know the specific crimes that resulted in the inmates' incarceration. That way, staff members can establish relationships with the crew members, based on their individual personalities and the services they provide. I think the crew members like this kind of relationship, too," Tyler said.

Several parks around the country have joined the program. MARO has another active program at Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS. NARO is in the final stage of negotiating a MOU with FBOP and hopes to have work crews on site soon. NARO's MOU calls for "roving" crews that may eventually cover Longfellow, Adams, Saugus Iron Works, Salem Maritime, Minute Man, and Lowell, in addition to the Boston sites. WRO has several projects underway now at Golden Gate NRA, Muir Woods, John Muir, San Francisco Maritime, and Eugene O'Neill.

Some regions have been less successful in establishing inmate work programs. The biggest obstruction is the shortage of available inmates, based on FBOP's strict screening process. Second, some parks lack geographic proximity to FBOP sites or lack access to transportation to get inmates from their halfway houses or prison camps to the park, an expense the park generally covers.

"There is some expense to the program," Tyler noted. "Our crew members use Baltimore's public transportation system to get to and from work — about a \$5,000 expense to the park. But, when you consider that we get nine full-time people in exchange, you can see it's an excellent investment." FBOP also carries some of the expense by paying inmates \$.40/hr.

"The members of our work crew are an open, hard-working, gregarious group of people who have fit in well with the 'family' atmosphere of the park," Tyler said. "Before we began the program, all supervisors had a one-day training session about the program, sponsored by FBOP, which included rules and regulations, what to do and not to do, what to expect of the inmates, and what our responsibilities would be.

"To reciprocate the orientation and understanding process, we give new crew members the same orientations that our other employees receive, to be sure they understand the significance of the park, our management objectives, and the challenges we face to achieve our mission. We want to make sure they understand the Service's mission, the historical significance of the structures and the grounds, and the importance of their work in maintaining those facilities entrusted to their care," Tyler said.

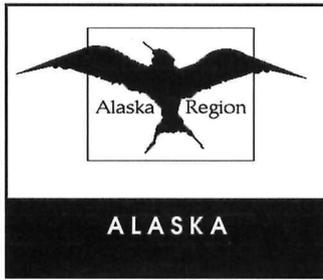
"We also involve our work crew members in our regular staff meetings, recognize their birthdays, and, in general, treat them like anyone else in the park," McGuire noted.

"They understand our problems and challenges — what's going on in the park and the Region, our budget needs, our goals and our objectives," Tyler emphasized. "You can see that understanding and concern in the work they do."

Completed in the late 1700s, Fort McHenry, named after a native Marylander who had been an aide to General George Washington, protected the waterway approaches to Baltimore from the British. The repulse of a British naval attack against the fort in 1814 prevented the capture of Baltimore and inspired Francis Scott Key to write *The Star Spangled Banner*. Fort McHenry served as a prison for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War; it was used for a time by the Immigration Service; and it was an Army hospital in World War I.

In 1925, the fort was made a National Historic Monument and Shrine.

REGIONAL ROUNDUP



Quest

by Jan Dick, Chief Ranger,
Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve

The wood stove pulses and rattles in tune with the music of its internal heat. A 55-gallon oil drum fitted with a door on one end and a vent in the other, the stove fights to keep the sub-arctic cold at bay. With its maw stuffed full of seasoned spruce and birch, it wages a gallant and apparently triumphant battle. Some skirmishes though are obviously lost in the puddle of ice lingering on the cabin floor and the frosty rime that grows to a depth of one inch on the windows.

The one-room cabin it heats is bathed in the white light of a Coleman lantern sputtering over a table scarred and stained from years of use. Straight back chairs stand near the stove. Six bunks, bolted securely to the cabin walls, are piled high with mattresses and sleeping bags. Plank shelves above them support a small library of paperback novels, none of which is likely to win any literary recognition.

Outside the thermometer registers a few degrees above -40°F. Accumulated winter snows bank against the cabin in two-foot depths. Black spruce, stunted and battered by the elements, stand silhouetted against the snow like sentries guarding the cabin. High overhead, veils of the aurora brush the canvas of a star-studded sky.

To the three NPS employees in the cabin, the meager amenities it provided are luxurious. They know the warmth of this oasis in a frozen land can mean life itself. A few steps beyond the cabin the misinformed or unprepared would be at the whims of a capricious and uncaring land. Though prepared to camp as they are, the occupants are glad for their accommodations, without which they would spend long hours battling the cold winter night.

Superintendent Donald Chase and ranger Cary Brown at Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve and Mike Strunk, a park



Yukon Quest dog sled team. Photo by Mike Strunk.

planner from the Alaska Regional Office, travelled more than 10 hours by snowmobile into the preserve to get to this cabin at the mouth of Coal Creek. Despite the bitter cold, they are on patrol to staff a rest stop for up to 40 dog sled racers who will be passing through during the ninth running of the Yukon Quest Dog Sled Race. Chase, Brown, and Strunk ensure the mushers will have a warm place to rest and find help if an emergency arises on this section of the race.

More than 100 miles of the 1,000-mile course pass through the preserve in the eastern Alaska interior. Located along the border with Canada, the 2.5-million-acre Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve was established in 1980 with passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. It is administered from headquarters in Eagle, Alaska, and managed to preserve its wilderness resources, including the pristine Charley River watershed and the country's largest population of endangered peregrine falcons.

Though most people are familiar with the annual running of Alaska's Iditarod Dog Sled Race, few have even a passing knowledge of the Yukon Quest. This race, run each year between Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, and Fairbanks, Alaska, traverses some of the most remote and hazardous terrain in this part of the world. Though the numbers of racers is less than the Iditarod, the course is no less a test

for mushers and dogs as they pit themselves against the miles of subarctic wilderness that is the race course.

February temperatures can plummet to 60°F and winds may obliterate the trail in a matter of minutes as the mushers climb over mountain ridges, thread their way along streams and rivers, and traverse open tundra. Through much of the 10 to 14-day race, competitors must rely solely on their skills, the equipment they carry, and the strength and endurance of their dogs. Becoming lost or injured, falling into overflow or open water, or simply forgetting a glove or a hat at a rest stop can spell disaster. A call to 911 is out of the question.

In 1992, the race began on the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks, the route following the Chena Hot Springs Road east and north to Chena Hot Springs before going cross country over Eagle Summit to Central on the Steese Highway. Following the Circle Hot Springs Road from Central, the mushers drive on to Circle Hot Springs and then to Circle on the banks of the Yukon River.

Mushers then follow the Yukon River past the mouth of Coal Creek to Eagle. Leaving the Yukon at Eagle, mushers race 30 miles south along the Taylor Highway to the Fortymile River, trace it into Canada and to its confluence with the Yukon River. Another 45-miles of Yukon River travel brings the

teams into the gold rush town of Dawson, Yukon Territory, and a mandatory 36-hour layover.

The racers leave the Yukon River at Dawson and travel cross country through Carmacks and to Lake Laberge before making their final sprint to the finish line in Whitehorse. On alternating years, the race begins in Whitehorse and ends in Fairbanks.

At three mandatory rest stops and three additional checkpoints along the route, the dogs are checked by veterinarians to see if they are fit to keep racing. Mushers can also drop out of the race at any point if they are unable to continue. Often the racers stop at checkpoints only long enough for the veterinarian's check before moving on. They may travel for up to 16-hours at a stretch, mushing through day and night.

Back at the mouth of Coal Creek, the first dog teams have arrived. Three days out of Fairbanks and one-quarter the way through the race, most are doing well. Everyone

knows that the later teams will be the ones with the most problems. Accidents, sick dogs, and exposure to the elements will have taken their toll.

Most of the mushers choose to rest only a few minutes while they heat drinking water for their dogs, take care of any animals who need tending, and have a quick sampling of the chili Chase has prepared for them. Then, with a quick thank you and a compliment to the chef, they are off again. A day later in Eagle, most will confess that the chili was the worst they had ever eaten. They will accept it though as another hazard of the Quest.

Within three days, most of the teams have passed Coal Creek. Race leaders will be in Dawson resting for the final leg of the race. Chase, Brown, and Strunk prepare the cabin for leaving. The fire in the stove is extinguished and the winter cold quickly moves in to reclaim the cabin. With gear securely lashed to sleds, the Coal Creek rest stop is shut down. Snowmobiles, reluctant to start in

the cold, are eventually prodded to life and Chase, Brown, and Strunk start on their 100-mile trek back to Eagle.

The thermometer indicates -15°F and seems almost balmy after several days below -30°F. A winter sun climbs a few degrees above the horizon and slides low over the mountain skyline to the south. With each passing day, the sun's influence will grow stronger, eventually wresting the land from winter's grip. In a few short months, a spring flush of plant growth will paint the hills in various shades of green where there is now only snow.

Summer will arrive at Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve in June and by September autumn colors will prevail. With the first snows in October, it will be winter again and time to think about another Yukon Quest. And, with any luck, Chase's new and improved chili will simmer on the barrel stove in a little cabin along the Yukon River at the mouth of Coal Creek.



New Curriculum-Based Educational Program

Colonial NHP recently completed a revision of its fourth and fifth grade educational programs, *Fortunes of War*. Its theme emphasizes how all Americans were affected by the Battle of Yorktown and the American Revolution. It features a teacher's pre-visit package, consisting of a 10-minute video and a 100-page resource guide. The students' park visit will use walking tours of the battlefield and the town of York, replacing an indoor program. The curriculum-based program was created through a joint effort of the park and local teachers. ■

Archaeological Assessment

A five-year archeological assessment and inventory of historic Jamestown is being conducted under a cooperative agreement with Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the College of William and Mary. The purpose of the interdisciplinary project is to learn as

much as possible about the resource with limited digging.

The first phase of the project includes a survey of all known written and pictorial documentation of the site and the computerization of selected maps and other mappable data, such as land ownership and land use patterns into the park's Geographic Information System. Simultaneously, geologists and environmental archaeologists are doing field work to collect information on plants and soils. A geophysicist is also testing various strategies of remote sensing to evaluate their usefulness in locating potential archeological sites and the results will be evaluated through very limited excavations. No substantial archeological digging has been scheduled in the first phase of the study. ■

Independence NHP Commemorates Yellow Fever Epidemic

Throughout the summer and fall of 1993, the Interpretive Division of Independence NHP will commemorate the 200th anniversary of a dramatic episode in the history of Philadelphia. The yellow fever epidemic of 1793 killed 10 percent of the population in less than 100 days and had a lasting impact on the city. The park's division of Interpretation and Visitor Services contacted more than 30 area institutions that have associations and encouraged partnerships between organizations.

The most exciting aspect of the commemoration so far is Interpretation's role in getting

two valuable sourcebooks on the epidemic republished. The University of Pennsylvania Press will reprint *Bring Out Your Dead*, by J.H. Powell, the best source on the epidemic, but out-of-print for nearly 30 years. The introduction to this new edition was written by Historian Anna Coxé Toogood, Supervisory Park Ranger Mary F. Jenkins, and University of Pennsylvania Professor Kenneth R. Foster. A second book, *A Narrative of the Proceedings of the Black People During the Late Awful Calamity in Philadelphia in 1793...* was written by former slaves Richard Allen and Absalom Jones and graphically recounts the experiences of Philadelphia African Americans during the epidemic as told by the people who lived it. For this edition, an introduction was written by Interpretive Specialist Joanne C. Blacoe. MARO Interpretive Specialist Tom Davies laid out the text and created the cover design. Eastern National Park and Monument Association donated the funds for printing.

Both books should be available by June. For more information, call Eastern National Park & Monument Association, Independence Agency, 215-597-3531. ■

Happy Birthday Steelie!

by Deborah J. Qualey, Upper Delaware

Know of any national parks that have patrol cars that have been in use since 1975? How about a patrol horse? "Steelie," who will turn 31 in June, was has been a NPS "patrol car" since 1975.

Steelie, whose original name was "Bye

Begger" was born on an Iowa farm in 1962 and used as a show horse. From Iowa, Steelie went to a cattle ranch in Texas where he was a neck reining champion for two years. He was involved in fox hunting and cattle herding. Steelie's former Texas owner claims she's never seen a horse with a finer temperament. She says that Steelie saved her daughter from a terrible fall. Also, she said Steelie once rounded up a stray cow without a rider!

In 1974, the Texas owner donated Steelie to a Russ Koch. One year later, Steelie was donated to Valley Forge NHP and Koch came, too. Together Koch and Steelie attended police mounted training through the Philadelphia Police Department, finishing first in the class. Koch says Steelie has a sixth sense about danger and can smell



marijuana from extraordinary distances.

Koch says Steelie saved his life in 1976 when a wagon train with a mule team was running full clip over a hill. Koch, not aware of the danger, was taken for a quick ride, as Steelie ran off just in time to get out of the way.

After Koch left Valley Forge in 1984, Steelie became the training mount for every law enforcement ranger that went through the mounted program. Today, Ranger Randall Hart is Steelie's companion and he attests to Steelie's value to the park and the Park Service.

Mounted patrol supervisor Randall Hart and Steelie strike a pose at Valley Forge NHP.



A native of Grand Junction, Colo., Reed and his wife, Linda, have three daughters: Karen, a registered nurse; Diane, a student at Colorado State University; and Michelle, a student at Adams State College, Colo.

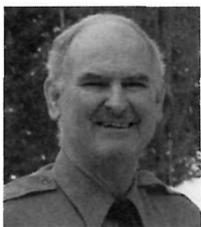
Working for the NPS runs in the family. Linda's father, Monte Fitch, retired in 1977 as the SWRO Associate Regional Director for Park Operations. ■

had been busy at the Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm preparing: Cords of fire wood were chopped; some 200 spiles dripping sweet maple sap into buckets were tended; kettles were cleaned; and the Chellberg "sugar house" was readied.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, the first of 25 daily ranger-led tours set off from the Bailly-Chellberg visitor center to sites where the "sugaring" techniques of native Great Lakes Indians and frontier residents were demonstrated, before moving on to witness the "modern" (1930s-era) Chellberg sugar house methods of producing maple syrup. Concluding the hour-long tour, samples of the sweet product were provided for all. (Visitors' taste buds were further indulged this year by the Chesterton Lions who offered a meal of pancakes and maple syrup in a Bailly-Chellberg picnic shelter.)

To prolong their enjoyment visitors were invited to wander through the Chellberg Farm house and out buildings, where they reveled in the stomach-rumbling aromas produced by volunteer cooks firing up an antique wood stove, smiled at the droll tales of the story

Larry D. Reed Named Superintendent of Scotts Bluff National Monument



Larry D. Reed, West Unit Manager of RMRO NP, Colo., was named superintendent of Scotts Bluff NM and Agate Fossil Beds NM in western Nebraska.

A 26-year veteran of the National Park

Service, Reed reported for his new assignment in early April.

MWRO Regional Director Don Castleberry said that Reed's "many years of experience in resource management and visitor services, as well as his strong public relations skills, will be added strengths in managing these two park areas. He also has good experience with exhibit design, which will be important as planning and development of displays for Agate Fossil Beds' new visitor center moves forward."

Reed said, "I am thrilled about moving to the Scottsbluff area with my family and I look forward to continuing projects started by former superintendent JoAnn Kyril. The visitor center exhibits, employee housing, and learning the communities will be priorities."

Sweet Times at Indiana Dunes

by Jack Arnold, Chief of Interpretation, Indiana Dunes NL

For the 15th year in a row, some 6,500 hardy visitors braved the chilly elements to attend the Maple Sugar Time Festival at Indiana Dunes NL during the first two weekends in March. Sponsored jointly by the park and Friends of the Indiana Dunes, the fete has become a traditional way for residents of northern Indiana to celebrate the coming of spring. For weeks, interpreters and volunteers



Rick Schaefer, a full-time maintenance worker at Indiana Dunes NL, demonstrating a "frontier" method of making maple syrup. Photo by Kim Holsen.

teller, sang along to the music, and were fascinated by the demonstrations of traditional crafts. Following the quarter-mile trail through the woods to the Bailly Homestead, visitors encountered outdoor demonstrations of Voyageur, frontiersman, and Native American crafts, before being greeted in the Bailly home by volunteers in period dress.

Taking advantage of the setting, Indiana Dunes interpreters and more than 100 VIPs, conducted more than 200 Maple Sugar Time environmental education programs during the three-week schedule. More than 4,000 area school children toured the site, learning the lore of maple sugaring and delighting in the opportunity to participate in this historical activity.

On March 27, when the tours were com-

pleted, props were stowed, and the farm and homestead returned to normal, the park staff "turned the tables" on the volunteers, hosting them to a pancake and maple syrup supper.

"The Maple Sugar Time Festival, along with the Duneland Harvest Festival in September, are popular events in northern Indiana. Through the assistance of so many volunteers, most of whom are residents of the area, the image of popularity of the park has grown immensely. The festivals are great community relations tools," summed up Superintendent Dale Enquist.

(Author's note: Most figures cited are approximate, based on previous festivals. For the corrected numbers for the 1993 festival, call the park.) ■

Oregon Trail Commemorative Stamp

Celebration of the Oregon Trail sesquicentennial is off to a fine start. February 12, 1993, marked the first day of sale of the Oregon Trail 150th anniversary commemorative stamp in Gering, Neb. During the cancellation ceremony, Acting Superintendent Peggy O'Dell and Scotts Bluff NM staff were presented with several first-day-of-issue stamps for the park's museum collection. The community ceremony focused on the



history of the trail and early postal service, as well as significance of the trail to Nebraska. ■

All in a Day's Work: Fishing for Car Keys

by John M. Sutton, Chief Ranger, Wilson's Creek NB

It was a week before Christmas, in the mid-afternoon. Park Ranger Jeff Patrick was assigned to the Visitor Center at Wilson's Creek NB when in walked a young couple with a problem.

"Can I help you?"

"I dropped my car keys into the creek from the old iron bridge," said the young man.



Quickly sizing up the situation, Patrick grabbed a Civil War artillery worm to use to hook the keys. He also took along a magnet from the maintenance shop and a length of string.

At the scene, Patrick looked from the bridge and saw the keys shining in the water below. The keys could not be reached by the worm as the water was too deep. The magnet and string were put into action. Battling the swift current, Patrick made several attempts to snag the keys. At last, success! The magnet latched onto the keys and held on.

Gently, slowly, the keys were raised.

Would the water surface break the keys from the magnet? No. The keys held fast and were soon in the hands of their nervous, yet grateful owner.

One couple's visit to a National Park was saved from disaster, or at least embarrassment, by the ingenuity and perseverance of one ranger — Jeff Patrick.

Ranger Jeff Patrick displays the car keys he fished out of Wilson's Creek for the young park visitor on the left.



Digging up Childhood Memories

by Marsha B. Starkey

Upon visiting the site of her childhood home, Edna Farmer didn't recognize the place where she had once lived and played. The rowhouse along the Shenandoah River, in which she was born, was destroyed by flood during the 1920s. Today, the building that her family once rented is little more than mounds of brick and stone scattered among the low undergrowth found along the river's shore.

Farmer, born Edna Brashear, recently shared childhood memories of life in the small community known to her as Herr's Island. Archaeologists and historians from Harpers Ferry National Historical Park have been examining the area which was known in the early 19th century as Virginius Island. During the visit, Mrs. Farmer showed a picture she had painted of the island.

Archaeologists were able to show Farmer



Edna Farmer (right) shows the painting or her childhood home. as her daughter, Becky Payne, looks on.



Edna Brashear (left) with brother-in-law (center) and his daughter in front of the row house in 1916.

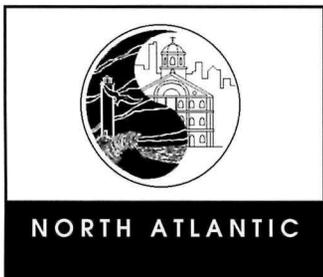
and her daughter, Becky Payne, the excavated foundations of her rowhouse and several others that are now within Harpers Ferry NHS. By examining the remains of homes and items left by residents, archaeologists are attempting to learn more about daily life on Virginus Island and its historic role in the local community.

Small industry developed on the island

early in the 19th century, supported by a national armory at Harpers Ferry and nearby canal and railroad transportation. By the 1830s, several different industries were established there. Flour mills, sawmills, machine shops, cotton mills, and a pulp mill all used the river's abundant water power. But, the river also contributed to the community's decline. Repeated floods and the increased

use of steam power gradually led to the island's abandonment by the 1930s.

Park archaeologists were glad to share their work with Farmer and her daughter, but were especially thrilled at the opportunity to speak to one of the residents they were studying. It was a chance to put a face with the research.



At left, President Bill Clinton meets park staff at Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS.

Below, the president and other dignitaries return to Franklin D. Roosevelt library after visiting FDR grave site.

Agility, Hope, and Keys Awaited Ultimate Visitor

by Dixie Torangeau, NARO Public Affairs

On February 14, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS rangers responded to an "out-of-the-blue" inquiry from the adjacent Roosevelt Library concerning the installation of several new telephone lines. That was the first clue.

Though President's Day passed without confirmation, Tuesday morning's *Poughkeepsie Journal* blared the headline, "Clinton to Visit Hyde Park in Appeal for Economic Plan." News reports implied the President might visit the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS' Rose Garden, burial site of President Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. The National Archives asked the site's Superintendent, Duane Pearson, for law enforcement assistance for the library, where an event was planned.

By Wednesday, the NPS Incident Command Team, led by Dan O'Brien was activated. Rangers and regional staff began to arrive on site to assist with local planning for whatever would transpire on Friday, the date confirmed for the Presidential visit.

At the request of the White House, Superintendent Pearson put out a press release on Thursday, saying the site would be closed to the public the next day. Then, disappointing news came. Secret Service officials said President Clinton had "no time" for touring "Springwood," FDR's birthplace and home. White House staffers agreed with and confirmed the "no time" notion based on the consideration that the President was flying in after a major Ohio stop and was doing a lengthy Hyde Park town meeting.



Supervisory park ranger Franceska Macsali meets the president.



Left to right, Superintendent Duane Pearson, President Clinton, and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Photos by W. D. Urbin.

FDR's Home was closed at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The wait began.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Pearson tried to get the White House to okay his request to allow park staff to line the road as the President's motorcade entered the park grounds. Even that was denied because the visit was defined as being closed to the public. A request to the Secret Service to allow some

staff admission to the town meeting was, however, successful. Through a makeshift lottery, 12 lucky staff members got to attend the session with 500 other townsfolk at Haviland Middle School.

As usually happens in two-city stops, President Clinton was already 40 minutes behind schedule when Air Force One landed in Newburgh, N.Y., some 25 miles southwest

of Hyde Park. Once he finally settled in at the Hyde Park session, the President talked about studying President Roosevelt and how he particularly liked a recently published biography, *Before the Trumpet*. Then he remarked to the crowd, "I have a real passion to see the FDR home."

Was he speaking from the heart? It seemed real enough for the staff to raise their alert level once more, even though the Presidential schedule was now further behind. In case the President wanted to have a moment at the Roosevelt gravesite, the Secret Service requested Superintendent Pearson to stand by.

Well, President Clinton took his "moment" at the gravesite even before entering the library. Accompanied by Superintendent Pearson and FDR's grandson, James, on the short stroll, the President was handed roses as he entered the grave area by Supervisory Ranger Aleta Knight. Despite the frigid temperature, the President chatted with her a few minutes, asking how long she had been with the Park Service and how long at the FDR site. After placing the roses on the graves, he moved toward the library. But, again, it was the President himself, or at least his unconscious curiosity, that lifted ranger spirits. "He keeps glancing over at the house," Knight thought to herself, "but, it's so late now and he's still got the library to do."

Everybody forgot one important detail — a President usually gets to do whatever he wants to in this kind of situation. While in the library, President Clinton announced that he, in fact, was not leaving until he toured the house. Those who had endured a stream of "not possibles" and "no times" over 48 hours got what they hoped for — "Show Time" with the ultimate visitor. Outdoors it was about 10



At left, NARO public relations specialist Edie Shean-Hammond greets President Clinton.

Hudson River Valley degrees, but warmed hearts were pumping fast. Superintendent Pearson, Aleta Knight, and interpreters Diane Boyce and Francesca Macsali waited.

Then at 6:30 p.m., from the library, came President Clinton, escorted by Superintendent Pearson. The President led the way for New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; Congresswoman Nita Lowey; Bobby Kennedy, Jr.; and others. Upon entering FDR's residence, the tired but relaxed President looked around and noted, "I love this house."

After a few introductions, Macsali began her command performance tour.

Despite the late hour, the President read each descriptive room label carefully and took time, especially in the Living Room, to inspect the furnishings and artifacts. Listening intently to Fran's talk, the President walked through the rest of the historic home, seemingly enjoying the fact that someone else had to do the talking and, for a change, he could ask the questions. At one point he happily took a quick ride on the manually-operated trunk lift that (polio-stricken) FDR used to go from floor to floor.

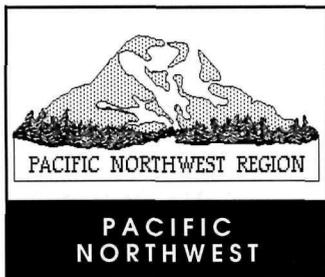
Superintendent Pearson informed the President that resources have never been available to make the home's second floor readily accessible to the public. A few

minutes later, Clinton saw evidence of a leaky roof — flaking paint and damaged plaster. Here the President turned to Senator Moynihan and said, "It looks like these people need help with a lift for the handicapped and a new roof. Can you help them?"

After viewing the birth room, President Clinton entered the master bedroom where he was very interested to see some of FDR's clothes laid out in the room. Two of the historical items that fascinated the President most were FDR's homemade wheelchair built from a sawed-off wooden kitchen chair and the wall-mounted "hot line" phone to the White House.

When his tour finished, President Clinton heartily thanked Superintendent Pearson and his staff for the time they had spent on his behalf and made a final comment about the "intricate carvings on the furniture, just wonderful!" Then, within minutes, the Secret Service whisked him away.

Saturday dawned and the Hyde Park facility opened at 9 a.m. as usual. But, for rangers Knight, Boyce, and Macsali, the Home of FDR is even more special now and the question arises, will First Lady Hillary visit the Eleanor Roosevelt site in autumn? If she does, they will only hope for milder weather and more time to show her around the famous Val-Kill estate.



Piecing Together Prehistory at John Day Fossil Beds

by Dario Bard

A long, long time ago, the precursor to the saber-tooth cat lurked and the rhinoceros roamed in a place we now call the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.

The world renowned fossil resources within this site in northeastern Oregon have been studied since the 1860s. Ironically, the area's wide acclaim lured fossil collectors who extracted specimens for institutions throughout the country.

The plant and animal fossils found at John Day Fossil Beds, named after an early fur trader, span four epochs and show environmental changes that occurred 50 to five million years ago. Park Paleontologist Ted Fremd explains that the period covered by these fossils was a very dramatic time; the climate changed from para-tropical to high desert. John Day Fossil Beds is "one of the few places that accurately chronicles these changes," says Fremd.

What distinguishes the area from other fossil beds, in Fremd's opinion, is that unlike Dinosaur National Monument or Fossil Butte

or Petrified Forest, which offer detail snapshots of specific periods in prehistoric time, John Day is a progression of detailed snapshots. This means that instead of showing one link in the development of the modern horse, these fossils include one of the best records of that creature's evolution. "John Day is not a photo but more like a movie," Fremd says.

In 1975, the federal government established the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument to manage the fossil resources.

Benjamin Ladd, from Lava Beds National Monument, was appointed by the National Park Service to be the new areas superintendent. Ladd oversaw the birth of the monument; he was there when the land development and acquisition plans were laid out and when the boundaries were surveyed and the site's first programs were established. Today, Ladd is proud of the park's "very pro-

fessional paleo-management program."

Protecting the fossil resources is one of Superintendent Ladd's top priorities. But fossils are not the site's only worthy feature. The area's fauna and flora, an early 20th century ranch, Native American picto-graphs, and possibly the only native Oregon steelhead fish stock remaining are just some of the additional resources under Ladd's care.

Combined, these park features provide visitors with spectacular views of the fossil beds, accompanied by colorful scenery. Self-guiding trails with fossil exhibits along the way have become very popular with visitors. Some of the trails go into the fossil bearing resources, offering a close-up view of these records of the past.

"Small parks rely on cooperation with many other agencies," Ladd said. With neighboring lands under the care of BLM, Ladd has forged a unique arrangement with that agency — the Park Service provides curatorial storage of BLM fossils and provides BLM with

technical assistance; in return, the Park Service is allowed to collect fossils on BLM lands.

BLM, the Forest Service, and the state forestry department assist the Park Service with wildfire prevention and suppression. The park cooperates with many other agencies in regards to the management of fish, wildlife, vegetation, and curatorial resources.

Cooperation with private landowners both inside and outside of the monument is essential. Many fossil resources exist on private lands and Ladd is interested in acquiring appropriate interests to assure that they are protected.

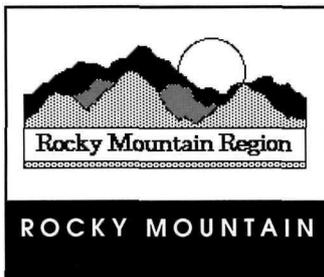
And then there is the same issue that has haunted the area since the 1860s — fossil collecting by outside. "The fossil market has increased dramatically worldwide over recent years," Ladd said. Despite the increased demand, the situation at John Day has improved. By establishing boundaries, improving signing, increasing surveillance

and foot patrols, and informing people on how they can help, the National Park Service has greatly diminished illegal collecting at the park.

The park has come a long way but there are signs that show that it is still young. The proposed Thomas Condon Visitor Center, named after an early day Oregon geologist, has been designed but not yet constructed due to lack of funds. An early 20th century ranch has been adapted to serve as the visitor center. One of the ranch's outbuildings has been adapted to accommodate lab functions.

The completion of the Thomas Condon Visitor Center, which Ladd hopes to see opened by summer 1995, would provide interpretive facilities and office space for management and administrative functions.

There is a lot of work to be done at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument but so far progress is evident and the future looks promising for John Day's relics of the past.



Grad Level Training for NPS Safety Professionals Ups Skill Levels and Provides Career Ladder Potential

by Dick Powell,
RMRO Safety Manager

Aircraft, motor vehicle, and boating accidents, hazardous waste and water contamination, dangerous employee working environments, work-site mishaps, contractor and vehicle fatalities...

The task of managing safety is one of the most complex and multi-disciplinary responsibilities in government. A day doesn't pass on 80+ million acres of the National Park System without some kind of incident that requires the expertise of a cadre of occupational health and safety professionals.

Keeping the safety staff up to snuff on the diverse issues of the profession — from understanding environmental law to the nuances of applied industrial hygiene — is a major task being addressed in a paradigm shifting training program.



Left to right, Dick Powell, Shirley Rowley, Don Singer, Jeff Mounce, and Ray Peterson.

It's an Interior-wide executive development program, the brainchild of Interior Chief of Safety Carl Bishop. It offers a comprehensive series of graduate level courses in 12 areas through the Safety Science program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"This program is expected to go a long way toward overcoming a shortage of qualified NPS safety managers and providing a career ladder throughout the Department," said Bishop. "The courses are aimed at creating and updating managers," said RMRO Director Bob Baker.

Bishop noted that there is no free ride with these courses, as is the case with many government training courses where everyone who attends gets a certificate. These are intensive, week-long courses, each equivalent to a

semester-long, three-credit-hour course. Students are expected to do homework and examinations of equal difficulty to those offered on campus.

The first two classes — accident investigation/analysis and management theory and practice — were conducted in Denver from October 26 - November 5 last year. The next two are scheduled for May 17-28 in Denver and will include Applied Industrial Hygiene and OSHA Standards.

The Department has contracted with Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Representatives from all bureaus within Interior are helping to coordinate these courses.

Four courses are offered each year. Participants may select individual courses or

elect to attend all courses in the series. Although the objective of the program is enhancement of professional expertise and to enhance career opportunity, it is possible for a qualified employee to work toward a graduate degree through the university.

NPS participants in the first course included Ray Peterson, safety manager, PNWRO; Shirley Rowley, safety specialist, DSC; Don Singer, safety specialist, SWRO; and Jeff Mounce, safety technician, Golden Gate NRA. Dick Powell, chief, RMRO division of safety management, was course instructor for the first session. ■

Cartwright Named Knife River Indian Villages Boss: He's Delighted to Be Near People Again

For some Americans, North Dakota might seem just the place to get away from it all. But, for Charles Cartwright, the new superintendent at Knife River Indian Villages NHS near the town of Stanton (population 623), North Dakota makes an ideal location to get back into it all.

As an archaeologist for the federal government since he graduated from Michigan State University in 1972, Cartwright has worked in some of the most isolated spots in the United States. In the late 1980s, while employed at Canyonlands NP in Southern Utah, he directed excavations at a 2,500-year-old campsite in the legendary Maze, a remote triangle of deep canyons that

can be reached only with a four-wheel-drive vehicle or by foot.

When he was appointed superintendent of Hovenweep NM, in the isolated country where Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado come together, he and one ranger composed the entire park staff. Together, they guided visitors and protected the park's ancient Anasazi Indian ruins at a park that sits 50 miles from the nearest supermarket.

To Cartwright, it seemed that in order to work among the remains of the Native American cultures that so fascinated him, he and his wife, Lynda, would forever live at the end of long, rarely-traveled roads. That's why he's so delighted about his move to Knife River Indian Villages. "Lynda and I can't wait to live among small communities again, to get to know our neighbors and coworkers," said Cartwright. "Although we love the beauty and wonder of Southern Utah, we've missed having neighbors and the sense of community found in small towns.

As the new superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages, Cartwright will not only find himself in the midst of several of the small farming communities that dot the prairie landscape, but also at a fine archaeological park. Scientists excavating the site learned that people have been living there for 11,000 years.

The most recent Indians to make their homes along the Knife River were the Hidatsa people, famous for their circular houses. Up to 30 people lived in each of these roomy earthen lodges. Cartwright looks forward to guarding the remains of these villages, as well as helping visitors enjoy and understand them.

Cartwright and his wife also look forward

to their free time in North Dakota. "We love winter," he says, and they can't wait to try out their cross-country skis in North Dakota snow. Back in Utah, Lynda's home state, Cartwright won races and wants to continue winning at his new home. What about the cold temperatures that the northern plains are famous for? "The colder the better," said Cartwright! ■

Return Accepted

A buckskin pipe that belonged to Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Tribe has been returned to Big Hole NB 20 years after it was stolen. Despite years of unsuccessful investigation, the pipe arrived via U.S. Mail, anonymously. ■

Let it Snow?

Charlie Peterson, chief ranger, Bryce Canyon, says winter 1993 brought a bit too much snow — 540% above normal and a recordbreaker since records started being kept in 1932. The snow forced staff to shovel roofs reaching dangerous snow loads of 100 pounds per square foot, which caused several buildings outside the park to collapse.

The park has had several avalanches this year, the first-ever in the park's history. Rainbow Road has been closed since January, with drifts higher than 14 feet. But, everybody is OK and Charlie says the skiing is great.



A Dream Come True

Frank Simpson, of Kosciusko, Miss., a Natchez Trace Parkway VIP, was honored December 13 in Philadelphia, Pa., as Mississippi's winner in "A Salute to Citizenship," a national award program honoring outstanding civic leaders.

Among other civic projects, Simpson has been responsible from closing the Kosciusko Museum and Information Center on the parkway for more than eight years.

He is one of the more than 400 volunteers who serve at the center year-round, except Christmas Day.

These volunteers, who work four-hour shifts, range in age from 15-89. They are a cross section of a community bonded together through pride and commitment to promote the Natchez Trace Parkway, Atalla County, and the state of Mississippi.

The Kosciusko Heritage Foundation has operated the center on the parkway since November 19, 1984. After more than eight years, this center still attracts visitors from an average of more than 41 states and nine foreign countries each month.

The town is named for the Polish General, Thaddeus Kosciusko. Inside the center are exhibits depicting his accomplishments during the Revolutionary War.

Visitors entering the center are taken aback as they are confronted with a life-size sculpture of the man in uniform. The museum displays a relief model of West Point plus an exhibit of other fortifications Kosciusko designed along the East Coast.

Funding to construct the Information Center came from donations of area businesses and industry, Polish foundations, area residents, and school children. About

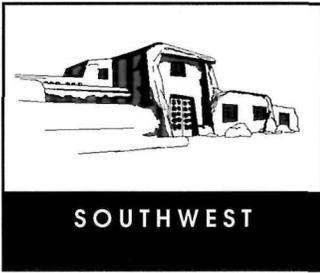


Frank Simpson, Natchez Trace Parkway VIP.

\$186,000 was pledged to build the facility.

The center operates under a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service and the Kosciusko Heritage Foundation.

Simpson represents many volunteers who take pride in their community and Natchez Trace Parkway. Hard work and dedication contributed to the reality of a museum and information center... a very real success story.



Partnerships with SWRO

"Beyond Park Boundaries" could be the theme title describing a host of activities underway in the SWRO. Common landscapes, resources, cultural themes, and management goals have prompted regional staff to cross area boundaries to form alliances with businesses, federal agencies, and international bureaus.

"Partnerships are a growth industry," according to Regional Director John E. Cook. "As today's world economy goes global, so must our management thinking processes," he said.

The Four-Corners Strategies Plan incorporates inter-regional partnerships in areas of tourism, communication and education, resource preservation, and NPS effectiveness. The partnership approach is not unique just to the four corners area, the Southwest Region has participated as a full partner in ongoing meetings with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

In an atmosphere of comradery, these agencies meet twice a year to share information and consider the dilemmas and problems affecting all land management agencies. In the "group-think" environment, joint projects are developed and public concerns are addressed within the context of the common mission of public service.

In another cooperative venture, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management are working together to safeguard a newly discovered world class cave (Lechuguilla Cave) located in Carlsbad Caverns NP. This cave, explored only within the last few years, has generated much controversy over its preservation and use.

Subsequent exploration has revealed that this cave dwarfs the better known cave after which the park is named. Lechuguilla is the deepest cave in North America and the fourth longest with a surveyed extension of more than 100 kilometers. Lechuguilla contains rooms of striking beauty, containing speleothems that were previously unknown. Even non-cavers agree that the resources of Lechuguilla are world-class and deserve the highest order of protection.

The cooperative venture between the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management was prompted when an energy company that holds leases on land immediately adjacent to the northern boundary of the park and in close proximity to the currently-mapped extension of Lechuguilla, applied for a permit to drill. "This is a case of a classic conflict," Cook said, "when two underground natural resources are in competition with one another... natural gas and a priceless cave." Petroleum experts from the private sector and oil and gas specialists from both bureaus have examined alternative drilling methods and tried to quantify the threat of contamination to the cave from oil and gas exploration.

Management officials from both agencies testified on March 2 before the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. They reported that the two agencies were ready to cooperate with the Committee and with others in the Congress to arrive at a solution that fully provides for the protection of Lechuguilla and related cave systems in the area. Such cooperation goes far to assure that the world class resources of Lechuguilla will be protected in perpetuity.

In the spirit of international cooperation (or going global), Superintendent Larry Belli of Chaco Culture NHP, a World Heritage Site, is on assignment to one of the world's newest World Heritage Sites, Angkor Wat, in Cambodia. Added to the World Heritage list in December 1992, at the committee's meeting in Santa Fe, N.Mex., Angkor Wat contains ruins of temples and palaces dating as far back as the ninth century A.D. The complex represents the entire range of Khmer art from the ninth through the 14th centuries. UNESCO officials invited Belli to participate

in an interdisciplinary effort to plan for the protection of the site in the midst of this war-torn country. ■

More Cave?

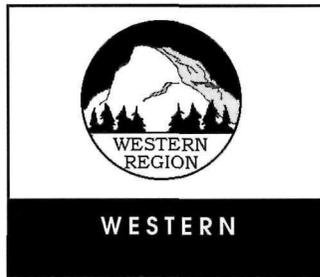
An eight-day expedition into Lechuguilla Cave in Carlsbad Caverns NP in January increased the cave's known length to 61.5 miles.

Six expeditions for exploration and survey will take place this year. The expeditions will be organized and led by cavers in cooperation with NPS and will be aimed at accomplishing specific goals. A new group, Lechuguilla Exploration and Research Network (LEARN) will work with organizing the expeditions. ■

Big Bend Gets a Spring Break

Big Bend NP experienced its busiest spring break ever. Record-setting entrance fees have been collected and cooperating associations' book sales. Lines of visitors extended outside the Panther Junction Visitor Center to obtain services. The waste water system at Panther Junction was overwhelmed, requiring emergency repairs.

Campsites were full. More than 350 groups camped in the Overflow Campground in the mid-March weeks. All primitive back-country walk-in and drive-in campsites were full. To accommodate as many people as possible, patrol staffers worked to find temporary solutions to problems before quickly moving on to other calls. ■



"New Area" Port Chicago National Memorial

by Mallory Smith, WRO Public Affairs

Planning is underway for the recently established Port Chicago National Memorial

between the Western Regional Office and the U.S. Navy.

The new affiliated area is located in the San Francisco Bay Area at the Concord Naval Station Center and is intended to recognize the critical role Port Chicago played in WWII, serving as the main facility for the Pacific Theater. An explosion that broke windows in houses 75 miles away occurred at the Naval Magazine on July 17, 1944, killing 320 people. Two ammunition ships and a pier, plus the nearby town of Port Chicago were destroyed. It resulted in the court martial of African Americans serving at the base, an unjust indignity only recently overturned.

A draft plan for the memorial and its interpretive exhibits will be available for review this spring. Construction will begin in FY 1994. Everything is intended to be completed for the 50th commemoration.

War in the Pacific NHP

Park staff hosted an open house at the Visitor Center to feature its new exhibit *War in the Pacific: Home Fronts of 1943*. Educator and pioneer Agueda Iglesias Johnston was one of many Chamorros who aided Navy men during the Japanese occupation of Guam. She also distributed war information inside soap wrappers to Chamorros, sometimes under the very eyes of Japanese soldiers. Her story is told in the exhibit at the visitor center. Copies of her third-in-a-series guidebook are also available at the visitor center. The free guidebook features Eleanor Roosevelt and Ikuko Toguri D'Aquino, better known as Tokyo Rose. ■

Coronado National Monument

A number of natural limestone caves are located in this mountain along the Mexican border. The park recently has instituted a free permit system to this area to protect the remaining cave features. ■

Petrified Forest National Park Rock

by Alison Moncieff, WRO Public Affairs

Scientists made a find in the Painted Desert recently. Granules of Red Sand. Yellow-orange pebbles the size of your fingernail — it's the Western Hemisphere's only known Triassic amber — 180 million to 220 million years old.

Ronald Litwin of the U.S. Geological

Survey and Sidney Ash of Weber State University Geology Department, Utah, discovered the amber early last year. They found two sites in the National Park — one in the Southern Painted Desert and one near Tepees just south of the Puerto River.

Not only is the fossil resin a valuable gemstone, but it has tremendous value as a preservation medium. Small flowers, vertebrates, invertebrates, and plants are found well preserved when entombed in amber.

This find opens an enormous door for researchers of the Triassic Period. Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley have already succeeded in extracting DNA from insects chipped out of the ancient amber, hoping to learn more about the dinosaurs on which the bugs once fed.

"Although the amber is abundant, many of the pieces are as small as sand grains. The largest piece, in the park visitor center, is 12 millimeters long and gives us hope that there are some pieces big enough to preserve something," said Park Paleontologist Curator Vince Santucci. ■

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

There won't be any facility for hydro-power development after all in one of the most pristine parts of Lake Mead's Arizona side. The Federal Energy Reclamation Commission (FERC) had already issued a preliminary (and questionable) permit to the Mead Energy Company to study the area for the proposed construction of the Spring Canyon Pumped Storage Facility. But, Superintendent Alan O'Neill anticipated tremendous damage to endangered species, big-

horn sheep lambing areas, and the backcountry experience — and the new Energy Policy Act does not allow for destructive hydroelectric projects in units of the National Park System. ■

Golden Gate National Recreational Area

Mountain bikers will be cited for riding on the wrong trails in the park beginning in March. Up to 60 percent of the available trails are open to bikers under a unique zoning program the park has designed to accommodate horseback riders, hikers, and mountain bikers. Bike enthusiasts were unsuccessful in their lawsuit to restrict implementation of the regulations.

Park rangers and volunteers are leading easy, moderate, and strenuous weekend rides to introduce bicyclists to the available Marin Headlands Trails.

Just beneath the Golden Gate, rangers and volunteers are teaching crab fishing — baiting, equipment, and regulations — in the San Francisco Bay. ■

Santa Monica Mountains NRA

Superintendent Dave Gackenbach reports that local scouts and several park volunteers celebrated Arbor Day March 7 by planting native Walnut Trees in Zuma Canyon and at Paramount Ranch.

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NPS PEOPLE

AWARDS

■ **BARR, Duke** — A ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway, Duke received the Boy Scout's Spurgeon Award from the Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council, Asheville, N.C., in February. His citation read:

Going 100% by earning eagle, bronze, gold, silver, and double silver palms is an indication of Duke Barr's dedication to scouting as a boy and foretold his dedication as an adult. Duke has been an assistant



scoutmaster and scoutmaster in the Blue Ridge Scout Council in Va. He presently serves as advisor for Post 87 sponsored by the National Park Service's Blue Ridge Parkway Division.

Before moving here in 1989, Duke also advised a Forestry Post in Waynesboro, Va. He founded the Scout Conservation Camporee, an event that has expanded into a national event that trains scouts and explorers in conservation techniques.

Under Duke's advisorship, Post 87 members gain first-hand experience in first aid, CPR, wilderness rescue, search and rescue methods, forest fire fighting, natural resource management methods.

Duke is a park ranger who also serves his community as a volunteer fireman and becomes Santa Claus for youth homes and hospital visits around the holidays.

■ **COLLIER, Dwayne** — Park Operations Specialist, Southern Arizona Group, received the 1992 WRO Director's Safety Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the National Park Service for protection of employees and visitors.

■ **COOK-KAYSER, Sheila** — Park Ranger, Boston NHP, received a superior performance award from Eastern National Park and Monument Association for her contributions to the facility upgrades at Salem Maritime NHS.

■ **DELAYED, Bill** — received a special achievement award from Yosemite Superintendent Mike Finley for his outstanding work as project manager for the park.

■ **HEFTY, Don** — DSC project supervisor, Don was commended by North Cascades NP Superintendent Bill Paleck for his remarkable job, extraordinary knowledge of the design, ability to deal effectively with a difficult contractor, and the integration of his efforts with the rest of the park staff in the construction of the Newhalem Visitor Center.

■ **HIETT, Kathy** — Biological Science Technician, Western Archeological and Conservation Center, received the WRO Director's Safety Award for her outstanding contributions to the National Park Service for protection of employees and visitors.

■ **MARTIN, Burnham** — Director of Maine and New Hampshire Projects for Rivers, Trails, and Conservation, received a Partnership Award for his contributions in supporting the New Hampshire Heritage Trail.

■ **MOSBY, Jack** — ARO Division of Planning and Landscape Architecture, recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. As ARO's Program Manager for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program, Jack was recognized for his outstanding service.

■ **O'TOOLE, Martin** — Park Ranger, Manhattan Sites, received the Herbert E. Kahler Award for the most efficient management of an Eastern National Park and Monument Association Agency for 1992.

■ **SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NPs** — The park was presented with the Glenn O. Hendrix Award in February for achieving the highest standards for planning/compliance, landscape architecture, engineering, and architecture that has led to the completion of high quality, multi-faceted, park development packages.

■ **SMITH, Rick** — SWRO Associate Regional Director, Resources Management, received DOI's Meritorious Service Award.

RETIREMENTS

■ **BERKLACY, George** — Retired April 2 as Chief of Public Affairs, WASO, after 35 years federal service. He and his wife, Gale, and son, Scott, will reside in Orlando, Fla.

■ **BLACK, Fontaine** — Retired March 3 from MARO after extensive sick leave. John Reynolds, MARO Regional Director, reported that Fontaine has been a powerful force for positive change in the diversity of [NPS] workforce for many years. Her impact was felt beyond the confines of the Mid-Atlantic Region and is best exemplified by the creation and administration of the seasonal law enforcement program.

■ **CARLSON, Betty** — Recently retired from MWRO, Operations Division.

■ **GOODMAN, Bernard "Bernie"** — Retired as assistant superintendent, Independence NHP, a position he held for 16 years. He'll join up with his old boss, Hobie Cawood, and become Vice President of Old Salem, a historic colonial-era Moravian Village in North Carolina. He had 30 years with NPS.

■ **ST. JOHN, Ken** — Ken served as the Sub-District Ranger at Grant Grove (Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs) prior to transferring into the Concessions Office two years ago as Concessions Management Specialist. Ken will make his home in Kentucky, near Mammoth Cave NP.

DEATHS

■ **Gertrude H. Benda**, widow of Frank Benda, who worked at Glacier NP from the late 1940s until the late 1970s, died January 25. She is survived by her daughter, Sheronne Cooke of Loma, Mont. Frank Benda passed away several years ago but his name still survives at the park as the man who created the "Benda-bucket," a device attached to the front-end loader that is used in opening the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

■ **L. Theodore (Ted) Davenport** died January 27 after suffering a heart attack. He had surgery for a right hip replacement, which was successful, when he suffered the attack. He retired in 1971 as superintendent of Castillo de San Marcos NM. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII in the Canal Zone. Ted joined the Service in a temporary position as timekeeper in 1932 at Great Smoky Mountains NP. His first permanent appointment was as a clerk in the Great Smoky Mountains in 1933. His career took him to

Shadow Mountain NRA, Prince William Forest Park, Ozark NSRiverways, and finally to Castillo de San Marcos NM.

He received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1970. He prepared the first Master Plan for Prince William Forest park and was the superintendent of the first national scenic riverway, Ozark NSR.

Ted was active in the First Baptist Church of Gatlinburg where he served as deacon, superintendent of the youth Sunday school department, and a leader in organizing and promoting youth and adult athletic programs. He also served as chairman of the American Legion Post committee obtaining the charter for Gatlinburg Rotary Club, trustee of the Gatlinburg Library, and once was very active in Toastmasters International.

Ted is survived by his wife of 64 years, Cecile Prince Davenport of 576 Parton Dr., Gatlinburg, TN 37738, a son, daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Burial services were held at Atchley's Chapel with interment in Shiloh National Cemetery.

Cecile asks that those wishing to remember Ted may do so by sending a contribution to the Education Trust Fund, c/o E&AA, P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, VA 22041.

■ **Jay DeBaun**, an interpretive ranger at San Francisco Maritime NHP, passed away February 8 from AIDS-related complications at a convalescent hospital in San Francisco. He was 37.

■ **Evelyn Edens**, who worked at the Anchorage Alaska Public Lands Information Center for three seasons (1989-1992), died February 11 in her sleep, as a result of breast cancer. She was diagnosed with the disease in 1992 and was undergoing treatment in Anchorage during her last season there last year. Evelyn was active with several environmental organizations; in lieu of flowers, her family has asked that memorials be made to the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society, or the Nature Conservancy in Evelyn's name.

■ **Cecil A. Garrett**, 84, died January 6. He began his NPS career in June 1945 as a park guide in Carlsbad Caverns NP. His career also took him to Petrified Forest and Big Bend, where he was a supervisory park ranger at his retirement in 1974.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Ruth, who retired from Big Bend NP in 1979 as a Park Technician, a daughter, a grandson, a great grandson, a brother, and a sister. Condolences can be sent to Ruth and her family at P.O. Box 782, Fort Davis, TX 79734.

■ **Carl Gatter**, a long-time seasonal interpreter at Independence NHP, died February 17, 1993. He had worked at the park from 1960

through the 1980s, summer and winter, while teaching for the Philadelphia School District. Carl was an avid amateur archaeologist, who donated architectural and archaeological artifacts to the park, and continually added to the knowledge of the staff. One of Carl's later passions was to introduce the public to William Penn by assuming the character, in full period garb, and participating in public events, as well as speaking for schools, youth groups, and civic organizations. The Independence NHP staff will remember his boundless energy, endless compassion, and wonderful sense of humor.

■ **Derek Hambly**, former superintendent of Bent's Old Fort NHS, Capitol Reef NP, and Fort Davis NHS died March 10 in Lubbock, Tex. Hambly had been hospitalized for several weeks after suffering a series of heart attacks. He was 62.

Hambly began his career in Great Smoky Mountains NP. From there he rose through positions at Catocin Mountain, Lake Mead, Colorado NM, and Padre Island NS, before becoming a superintendent.

After retirement, Derek and his wife, Aggie, built a home and began "Sun Runner Tours," a guide and shuttle service in the Big Bend area of West Texas.

Hambly is survived by his wife, and two daughters, Kathleen, who is a ranger at Big Bend NP, and Karen, of Lubbock, Tex.

A memorial was held on Sotol Vista within Big Bend NP. Family and friends attended.

Condolences can be sent to the family at Box 9, Terlingua Rt., Alpine, TX 79830.

■ **Elwyn (Bud) Heller**, died at his home in Ramona, Calif., February 8. He was born September 2, 1902, in San Diego and served for 19 seasons in Yosemite NP. His first seasonal job was in 1928! He retired August 18, 1962, as a management aid.

During WWII he served as a major in the Marine Corps and missed a few seasons in the park.

He was an ardent wildlife and park conservationist and a generous donor to national and state parks, zoos, the National Park Foundation, E&AA, and many similar causes. Until his death he headed a family investment corporation, which supported solely environmental projects.

Bud loved NPS and was proud of his Service career and a staunch supporter of our mission until the end.

He was a Founder Member of the E&AA, the highest membership E&AA offers.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife, Pearle, on September 23, 1971.

■ **Blythe Leidig**, 28, died of an apparent heart attack while on a ski trip with friends at

the Winter Park ski area, west of Denver, February 28. She started her government career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1986. In July 1991, she was hired as an administrative clerk in Rocky Mountain NP's auto shop and received a sustained superior performance award the following January. Park personnel leave this remembrance: *Blythe will be remembered as a positive, upbeat person who enjoyed people.* A memorial fund has been set up through the Rocky Mountain Nature Association in care of the park (Rocky Mountain NP, Estes Park, CO 80517).

■ **William L. "Buster" Lowder**, 82, died February 1. He retired from Hot Springs, where he spent his entire NPS career, in 1973 as a painter. He is survived by his wife, Lois, two daughters and sons-in-law, one son and daughter-in-law, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Superintendent Roger Giddings wrote: *I first met Buster in 1982. In this visit and various subsequent ones, he showed great pride in working for the park. His Maintenance Chief, Lewis May, who was also retired when I arrived in Hot Springs, has told me that Buster was the best painter he ever had and he never complained about anything. He could always be counted on to do the job that needed to be done the way it should be done.*

■ **John Matthias**, former Virgin Islands NP maintenance worker, died February 22 after a long illness. He was 83. He leaves his wife, Dolores Caiby Matthias.

■ **Kathleen "Merve" Neilson** died February 1993 in Santa Rosa, Calif. Her husband, Keith, died several years ago. They had no children.

Merve attended the University of Minnesota and served as secretary to Jack Haynes, the Yellowstone Photographer. While in Yellowstone, she met Keith, who was serving as the purchasing agent for the park. They were married in 1939. Both were Life Members of E&AA. Merve became a Third Century member after Keith's death.

■ **Gary O'Connor**, former helicopter pilot for Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, died during the first week of February after a long illness. Condolences can be sent to Mrs. Teri O'Connor, 2359 Kudu Pl., Ventura, CA 93003.

■ **Leo Rice** died November 28, 1992, from cancer in Las Vegas, Nev. He worked for Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs as a plumber from 1951 until his retirement in 1979. He is survived by a daughter, Judith Rice, of Las Vegas; a sister, Jeri Bruseau, of Visalia; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

■ **Bill Stephenson**, retired Lassen Volcanic NP superintendent, died February 5 at Mercy Medical Center in Redding, Calif. He was 71. A California native and U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, Bill began his NPS career in 1956 at Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs and had assignments at Yosemite NP, Lake Mead NRA, and Death Valley NM. He first came to Lassen in 1965 as Chief of Maintenance and returned in 1974 as superintendent until his retirement in 1985.

During his tenure as superintendent, Stephenson faced many controversial challenges, including the closure of the Manzanita Lake facilities in 1974, the snowmobile issue in 1975, building the ski area chairlift in 1982 and the continuing geothermal leasing program on lands adjacent to the park. His efforts were recognized when he received a Meritorious Service Award in 1984.

He is survived by his wife Doris, a son, Michael, and daughter, Carol Zavalney, and two grandchildren. Condolences can be sent to Doris at 2450 Forward Way, Red Bluff, CA 96080. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that any donations be made to the Lassen Volcanic NP Foundation, P.O. Box 8, Mineral, CA 96063.

■ **John Stewart**, 72, Kings Mountain NMP maintenance worker who retired March 3, died at his home March 8, just eight weeks after surgery for cancer.

Stewart had served 44 years at the park. He leaves his wife, Mary, a stepdaughter, several brothers and sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Condolences may be addressed to the family at 121 New St., York, SC 27945.

■ **Carl Schreiber** died January 8 at his home in Richmond, Va. "Carl was a special person," remembered his son David at memorial service at Fairfax Memorial Park in Northern Virginia, "a loving father, brave, and patriotic." He was a man who loved his family, his work, and the ideals for which the National Park Service stood. He was a man whose gentle humor and honest, straightforward approach brightened the places he worked.

Carl began his career as a park ranger in Shenandoah NP in 1941. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII, returning to NPS in 1947. He was a district ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway, then superintendent at Fort Necessity. In 1952, he became chief ranger at Acadia, then assistant chief ranger at Sequoia-Kings Canyon before moving to the SERO's Recreation Resource Planning Division in Richmond, Va. in 1958. Four years later he was promoted to the MARO as regional chief, branch of park protection. His last assignment was as a park planner in the Eastern Service Center in Washington, D.C. He retired October 31, 1971.

After his NPS retirement he served more than five years as chief of planning, Virginia Commission of Outdoor Recreation., retiring a second time in 1977.

Carl is survived by his wife, Natalie, 10311 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23233; his son, David Schreiber, his wife Mary, and their two daughters, Keriann and Joy; and his brother, Eugene G. Schreiber of Murrysville, Pa.

—Rock Comtock

■ **Phyllis Costella Tate**, 50, was killed March 4 in Washington, D.C. when the car she was driving was hit by a falling tree as she drove home from work. She was only a few blocks from her house. The car, a Jaguar, was a gift awarded to her by Washington's Tourmobile company in recognition of two decades of work.

She rose from tour guide in 1971 to executive vice president about seven years ago, said Tourmobile President Tom Mack. "She was the heart of Tourmobile. She was the chief operating officer of the company. She was here on weekends and weekdays and week-nights. She did everything."

Tourmobile was founded about 23 years ago to conduct tours along the Mall and around the monuments in Washington, D.C., for the NPS.

■ **Clifford D. Van Kirk** died March 9 of a brain tumor. He was 82. Cecil began his NPS career as a clerk in WASO in April 1934. His career took him to Carlsbad Caverns NP as chief clerk, to Roanoke, Va., Jefferson NEM, and MWRO. He retired in 1971 as the MWRO Budget Office with 40 years federal service.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 55 years, two sons, and two grandchildren. Services were held at the Boyd E. Braman Mortuary at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Omaha, Neb.

Donations in Clifford's name can be sent to Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th St., Omaha, Neb. 68131 or to the Education Trust Fund, c/o E&AA, P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, VA 22041. Condolences can be sent to 2355 N. 92nd Avenue, Apt. 23, Omaha, NE 68134.

Wallace Stegner, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who celebrated the spirit of the American West in his novels and nonfiction, died March 30 from injuries suffered in a traffic accident two days earlier. He was 84. Stegner, of Los Altos Hills, Calif., was in Santa Fe, N.Mex., to give a speech.

To many NPSers he is probably best remembered for his famous 1983 statement, "National Parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic. They reflect us at our best rather than our worst."

A theme of Stegner's works was the environmental damage that can be wrought by those who look upon the West as limitless. Stegner was active in the environmental movement years before it became fashionable. From 1962 - 1966, he was a member of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments (now the National Park System Advisory Board). From 1964 -1966 he was chairman of the board.

In a literary career that spanned more than 50 years, he celebrated the courage and optimism of the pioneer spirit and the beauty and vastness of the West.

In order to appreciate the West, he said, "you have to get over the color green; you have to quit associating beauty with gardens and lawns; you have to get used to an inhuman scale."

But he rejected the most superficial aspects of the Western myth: the idea that its inhabitants were all rugged individualists in chaps and Stetsons.

He won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize in fiction for *Angle of Repose*, a novel about an elderly, ailing man who gains acceptance of his family troubles when he researches the lives of his own pioneer grandparents and realizes that their lives, too, were flawed.

In 1977, he won a National Book Award for *The Spectator Bird*. He has been nominated several times for the National Book Critics Circle awards, including this year for his 1992 collection of essays, *Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs: Living and Writing in the West*.

Two of his most popular novels were *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*, a semiautobiographical work from 1943 about a man's unsuccessful efforts to succeed in the West, and *Crossing to Safety* (1987).

Besides writing and editing, Stegner had a long career as a teacher of creative writing and literature at the University of Utah, the University of Wisconsin, Harvard, and at Stanford University, where he worked from 1945 until his retirement in 1971.

Among his students at Stanford were a number who went on to become accomplished writers, including Larry McMurtry, author of *Lonesome Dove* and other Western novels.

Stegner is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Page, who is a professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz; and three grandchildren.

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■ **Robert G. Whistler**, who retired from Padre Island in 1989 as Chief of Interpretation has been keeping busy. He has been volunteering at the seashore putting the museum collection on the new computer system, as well as volunteering at the Corpus Christi Museum and at St. Mark's Church. While attending a three-month course for volunteers interested in the new Texas State Aquarium he met Max Hancock, who retired as chief ranger from Padre Island NS in 1989. Both now volunteer at the aquarium.

■ **Martin B. (Chris) Christenson**, who retired as assistant to the MARO regional director in June 1973, believes Secretary Bruce Babbitt has made a good impression on the NPS employees. Chris says that NPS has always been the best and remembers that years ago, while struggling with regional budgets in Washington, Chairman Julia Butler Hansen of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations said she was always happy when the NPS budget estimate came up before her as she knew that for every dollar NPS received, the Treasury got a dollar and a half in return to the General Fund!

■ **Charles E. Peterson**, FAIA, Founder of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), was in Tucson to confer with his publisher (new edition of his 1949 book *Colonial St. Louis*). He also met with Bob Vont and his wife, Kathy. Bob is the son of former NPS *Great Tom Vont*. Interesting that Bob and Kathy's son, Bob, is now a practicing architect working on historic buildings.

■ **Bill and Gertrude Bowen** wrote with their new address: 1613 Lakewood Dr., Elizabeth, KY 42701. They moved in Kentucky to be near their only child, Steven. Bill retired in 1971 as Director of the Western Service Center. They are Life Members of E&AA.

■ **Joe Windsor**, who retired in May 1977 as Chief of Park Maintenance at Yosemite NP, after 31 years of federal service, sent E&AA a copy of his original E&AA membership certificate that he and Faye keep in a scrapbook. It was a 1958 certificate with original signatures of Conrad L. Wirth as Director and Earl M. Semingsen as Organizing Director.

■ **Bev Bright**, Jay's widow, spent the winter in Mesa, Ariz., and reports it is an active community. She rode a bicycle to get around, took an oil painting class, sang in a chorus, and swam. All this kept her spirits up, she said.

■ Former Director Ridenour's Farewell party, March 1 at NCR Headquarters, was reported to be a grand time. About 150 people attended, including all regional directors, former Director George Hartzog, former Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Mike Hayden, former Deputy Secretary Bracken, and Acting Director Herb Cables, as Master of Ceremonies. Hartzog made a "very up Irish toast and short speech that set the tone for an evening that just went higher and higher," said Terry Wood, E&AA head. Each regional director presented Jim with a memento from their region.



Jim and his wife model Turkish bathrobes, just one of the many gifts he was presented with at his farewell party, March 1.

■ **Les McClanahan**, who retired as superintendent of Wind Cave NP and Jewell Cave NM in 1988, reminisced that when he was a ranger at Coulee Dam, Hugh Payton, after returning from the September 25, 1955 superintendents conference in Great Smoky Mountains NP and Fontana Dam, told the staff about the new organization founded at the conference — E&AA. Les sent in a copy of his charter membership certificate signed by Conrad L. Wirth (Director) and Earl M. "Tiny" Semingsen (Organizing Director).

■ An authorized biography of Sigurd F. Olson is in the works and its author, David Backes, is asking for help. Many of you either knew Sig or heard the inspirational talks he gave at NPS conferences in the 1960s and 1970s. Please share your memories with Sig's biographer so he can produce a book that does Sig justice. Any anecdote, no matter how simple it may seem to you,

can help. The author is especially looking for memories that describe or illustrate Sig's character and the impact he had on NPS employees and on the National Park System. Write: David Backes, Department of Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; or call 414/229-6273 (w) or 414/764-7298 (h). Backes would be happy to call you, too, if you prefer.

■ **WANTED:** A Volunteer to take over the duties as the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament Coordinator. This is not a life-time job, but one at which a volunteer could serve a few years before passing on the baton.

The Nationwide Kowski Memorial Golf Tournaments have raised nearly \$40,000 over the last 18 years for the Education Trust Fund, administered by E&AA. It is one of the largest donors to the Trust Fund, while also honoring an NPS great, Frank Kowski.

Dave Thompson, former Southeast Regional Director, has handled the job over the last few years, but due to personal reasons demanding more of his time and efforts, he must resign. Although he job is not difficult, it is strictly a volunteer job. Expenses, however, may be deducted from your taxes.

If you can help E&AA and the thousands of Park Service Families who come to the E&AA for an Education Trust Fund as their children seek a college education, call Terry Wood, 202/208-481 or write: E&AA, P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, VA 22041.

OOPS!

■ **FLEEGLE, Chuck** — Retired from SERO as a Realty (*not reality*) Specialist after more than 36 years federal service; 25 with NPS.

■ **ROBINSON, Stan** — Retired December 5 from SERO as computer analyst; 38 years federal service; 36 (*not 17*) with NPS.

■ In the February 1993 issue, p. 7, the Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS and Boston African American NHS was left off the list of sites in the National Park System associated with African American history.

■ In the February 1993 issue, p. 3, Cultural Resources Column, Jerry Rogers was identified as Chief, Cultural Resources Division. His title is "Associate Director, Cultural Resources," WASO.

AGENDA FOR THE E&AA REUNION YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 15 - 19, 1993

Wednesday, September 15

Arrive at Yosemite National Park.

5 p.m. — Sign in at East Auditorium (behind Visitor Center)

Voice your preference for:

- Tee times for golf, including participation in the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament. (Play to be arranged);
- Bridge at the Girls' Club (directly across from the Administrative Offices);
- Tour of Yosemite NP;
- Nature Walks;
- Meeting with various divisions in the park management offices (check with Norm Hinson, Reunion Coordinator, for the golf tee times, bridge schedules, nature walk schedules, and tour departure time).

5:30 p.m. — Meet and Greet Reception at the East Auditorium - Cash Bar.

Dinner on your own - places available include Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and Degnans. (Reservations required at the Ahwahnee. Yosemite Lodge and Degnans are first come - first served).

Thursday, September 16

6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Girls' Club for coffee and doughnuts.

Bridge at the Girls' Club (please bring your own cards, tallies and score pads).

Nature Walks.

Park division meetings.

5 p.m. — early E&AA evening meeting at the East Auditorium.

Raffle.

5:30 p.m. — Cocktail hour - Cash Bar.

Dinner on your own - Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, or Degnans.

Friday, September 17

6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Girls' club for coffee and doughnuts.

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Bus tour of Yosemite National Park including Tuolumne Meadows (Time may change and will be announced).

Golf on your own or play as part of the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament at Wawona.

Nature Walks.

Bridge at the Girls' Club.

Park division meetings.

5:30 p.m. — E&AA Barbeque - Residence I (Old Superintendent's house) (In case of inclement weather, at the East Auditorium behind the Visitor Center).

Saturday, September 18

6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Girls' Club for coffee and doughnuts.

8 a.m. — Join with Yosemite NP alumni (employees, alumni and concessionaires) for the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament at Wawona. Those wishing to play golf will be welcome at the Yosemite Alumni picnic in the Valley.

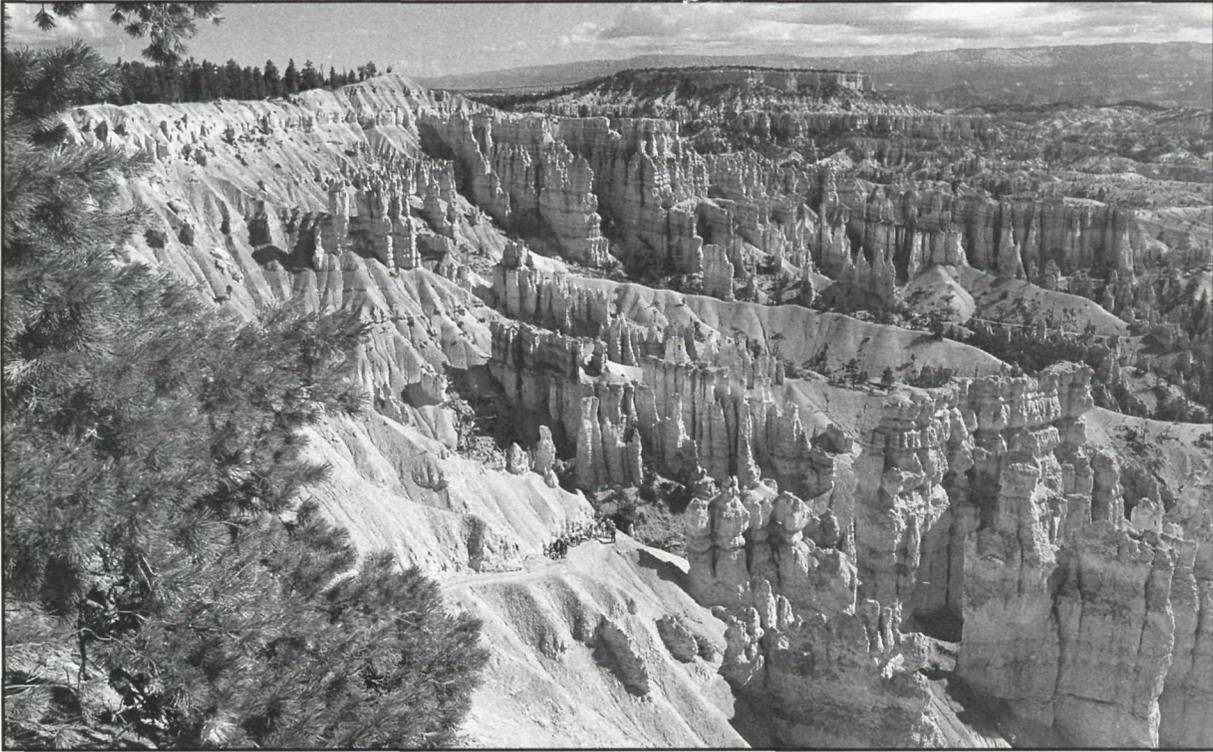
2 p.m. — In the Valley - Yosemite Alumni Picnic.

Dinner on your own.

Sunday, September 19

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(Those people who plan only to attend the Friday night barbeque must notify Norm Hinson before September 15 for a head count - 209/966-5387 or write to 5711 Bridal Veil Falls Street, Mariposa, CA 95338. Please send suggestions for additional activities to Norm at the above address or call him at the above number).



Innumerable highly colored and bizarre pinnacles, walls, and spires, perhaps the most colorful and unusual eroded forms in the world, stand in horseshoe-shaped amphitheaters along the edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau in southern Utah. This is Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah.

Established as a national monument in 1923 and later as a national park (1924), the canyon is believed to have been named after a Ebenezer Bryce, a Mormon settler, who lived in the canyon area for five years and described the area as, "A hell of a place to lose a cow!"

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