

# The Yellowstone News

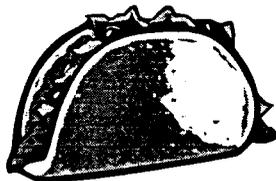


April 16, 2001

Next Deadline: May 11, 2001

## Last Chance....

Hurry into the Hamilton Store for one last Taco Tuesday or other favorite. The last day for lunch will be Friday, April 20th!



Also, the Hamilton Store will be closed from April 24 - 27, 2001 for some small interior renovations. They will reopen on the 28th.

## Personnel News...

### *Welcome:*

Matthew Vandzura Park Ranger (LE)  
Old Faithful from Grand Canyon  
Michael Hardin Park Ranger (LE)  
Old Faithful from Coronado NM

### *Transfers:*

Georgia Amundson Big Hole Canyon

### *Retirements:*

Joan Larsen 3/31/01

### *Permanent Appointments:*

George Ottenbreit Farrier

### *Promotions:*

Bette Cates Payroll  
Mark Hemingway Maintenance  
Mechanic Supervisor - Grant

### *Reassignments:*

Laura Dooley Fire & Emergency  
Dispatcher  
Laura Olofson Administrative  
Support Assistant CRO

## All Employee Lunch: April 26th

**The All Employee Pizza Lunch originally scheduled for April 12, 2001, has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 26th!**

**Same time - Noon**

**Same place - Canteen**

**Same menu - pizza, salad, desert, drink**

**Same price - \$2.00 per slice**

**If you missed the first reservation deadline, there is still time! Please email or call Judy Jensen at extension 2031 if you would like to attend. If you have already contacted Judy, there is no need to do so again.**

**Sponsored by the YFEA. A membership renewal/new membership sign-up table will be available at the luncheon. Hope to see you there!**



The Yellowstone News is a National Park Service employee newsletter, published monthly by the Public Affairs Office. To submit articles, notices of events, classified ads, or announcements please email [yell\\_public\\_affairs@nps.gov](mailto:yell_public_affairs@nps.gov), call 344-2013, or send via interdepartmental mail or fax to 344-2014. Please include your name and phone number with all submissions.

## Special Notes...

- ◆ Special thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Don Unser who passed away on April 6, 2001. Memorials may be made to Bridger Ski Foundation/Nordic Division, P.O. Box 1243, Bozeman, MT 59771.
- ◆ We, the Grant Ranger Staff, would like to express heartfelt thanks to everyone for their concern, support, and prayers over the loss of our sub-district ranger, Don Unser. Times like this remind us how the Yellowstone Family really comes together, and how important we are to each other. We could not have made it through this week without your help. We are so grateful to you all.
- ◆ Hi Everyone, Jackie and I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful retirement gift - a beautiful, framed art piece of Yellowstone falls and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. It takes your breath away.

The picture will remind us daily of the wonderful people and times we had at Yellowstone. To spend our last years at Yellowstone was truly a blessing.

Give us a call or stop by at 2002 Chism Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81008, (719) 545-6927. Cell phone in case we are traveling (719) 250-1984. Again, thanks for your kindness, love, and thoughtfulness.

-Jackie and Si Nelson

- ◆ Aloha Friends!

We are so blessed! After 22+ and 25+ years we just assumed that we would retire from Yellowstone. It was our home...it was our life. The park was in our blood and our friends were our life-line. Thank you all for the great send off and the wonderful gifts. It truly was a memorable, aloha filled evening. We love the Yellowstone photo album, framed antique postcards from Amfac, the original Mike Cloghessy watercolor of the Old Faithful Inn, and the his and hers survival knives from the Special Operations Team.

Barbara Bush and her crew did a tremendous job on the decorations and food. A special Mahalo to you all. Thanks to Tim Reid as the M.C. and to Joan Marty and the nine cute hula dancers. What a special treat!

A belated thank you goes out to our O.F. friends who threw us a party when we moved from Old Faithful in the fall. With your gift of money we bought a Fred Howie glider swing before we left the park. We can't wait to try it out on our lanai (deck). Of course, we have to purchase a home first! (However, we're on the verge of making an offer...)

Hugs to you all. Let us know if you are ever in paradise. Aloha!

-Les, Dawn, Miyeko, & Niki Inafuku, P.O. Box 4507, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745-4507. 4ofus@e-mailhawaii.net.



## ***Community Notes...***

**-May Day! May Day! Come to the MAY MADNESS FLEA MARKET at the Emigrant Hall on Saturday, May 12th from 9am to 1pm. To be a vendor, call 333-9360. Flea Market shopping at its best! Anything and everything goes! See you there!**

**-Dr. Murray, DVM will be at the Gardiner Exxon on 4/27 from 2 pm to 5 pm - no appointment necessary.**

**-Attention all quilters, wannabe quilters, and anyone who can hold a needle and thread!**

Last fall a call went out from the Southwest region to all employees of the National Park Service to contribute a quilt to families whose homes were burned in the Cerro Grande fires in New Mexico. NPS units from all over the country have responded and they are expecting hundreds of quilts.

About 25 talented women here in Yellowstone responded to the call and have assembled one of the most original and beautiful quilts you'd ever want to see. It is now in the process of being quilted. We need two things to help us finish by the deadline in May:

1. Help with the quilting. We aren't fussy about perfect stitches and are happy to provide guidance. The quilt is set up in the Backcountry Office on the 3rd floor of the admin. bldg. There's usually someone there at lunchtime or after 4:30, Mon. through Fri. to give guidance.
2. Financial support. To assemble and finish the quilt we have spent a little over \$100 on supplies and some final commercial quilting of the borders. YFEA has generously donated \$50 towards this quilt but we still need about \$65 more. If you would like to help us out financially, we have a donation jar in the Backcountry Office. Pocket change is great

Join in on this heart and home-warming project. Questions?

Call

Tammy Wert - 2115

Anita Varley - 2160

Dayna McClure - 2304

Bobbie Foster - 2482



## ***Classified Ads...***

**For Sale** - Entertainment Center - solid oak made by Montana Furniture. Holds a 27" TV, Cd storage (150+ cd's), storage drawers and leaded glass door. Asking \$700.00, paid \$1400.00. Come see to appreciate! Call 344-7475, leave message if no answer.

**For Sale** - Four Uniroyal Laredo S/R tires and 6 bolt pattern rims that came with 4x4 Nissan truck. Size: 31x10.50 R15LT. \$350.00 Please call 344-8532.

**For Sale** - Yakima towers and bars for gutters, with a bike rack attachment- \$80.00. Karhu telemark skis with cable bindings 207 cm -\$75.00. Free tires - 4 size P19575R14. Call 848-7513 - leave message.

## ***Employment Opportunities...***

How would you like to spend an entire summer in the Lamar Valley? The Yellowstone Association Institute is looking for one female volunteer to help operate the Buffalo Ranch field campus from May 19 through August 31, 2001.

The selected applicant will work in a team of four resident volunteers under the supervision of the Institute Program Manager. Primary responsibilities include registering students, supporting classes in the field, driving 15-passenger vans, staffing the Institute store, and cleaning all vehicles and facilities daily. Volunteers are expected to provide staff support for a standard 40-hour week, with two days off to explore the park.

The Institute will provide \$7 per day for expenses plus a 12-foot by 16-foot cabin shared with one other female volunteer. We will also arrange for participation in Institute courses on a space-available basis. Volunteers must provide their own food and personal transportation.

Commitment to the Institute's educational mission, excellent interpersonal skills, a valid driver's license, good physical condition, and a desire to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness and hospitality are required for this position. First Aid certification, maintenance skills, and a background in environmental education are desirable.

To apply, please call Jim Williams at (307) 344-2292. Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2001.



# Mother's Day

*"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."*

*- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)*

*"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral intellectual and physical education I received from her."*

*-George Washington (1732-1799)*

*"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."*

*-Jewish Proverb*

*"By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class."*

*-Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1907)*

*"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."*

*-Author Unknown*

## Wonderful Mother

*God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining  
stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.*

*-Pat O'Reilly*

## The Truest Friend

*A mother is the truest friend we have,  
when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon  
us; when adversity takes the place of  
prosperity; when friends who rejoice with  
us in our sunshine, desert us when  
troubles thicken around us, still will she  
cling to us, and endeavor by her kind  
precepts and counsels to dissipate the  
clouds of darkness, and cause peace to  
return to our hearts.*

*-Washington Irving (1783-1859)*



# Mother's Day

# SAFETY TIPS...

## The Dishwasher Exploded

By Ron Cook



That's the call a fire department received last winter from a base-housing inspector. The inspector had been doing normal bi-monthly checks of vacant units when this happened.

The inspector's usual procedure was to run the cold water in the kitchen sink, turn on the dishwasher, go upstairs to flush the commode, and run the water in the bathroom. About three minutes after she started the dishwasher, it exploded. The blast propelled the dishwasher (which was installed under the kitchen counter) across the kitchen. The cabinets, plumbing and walls were damaged.

The concussion splintered the face of the rear door to the housing unit and blew it open, destroying the lock. Pieces of the dishwasher and cabinets were scattered over 20 feet. The access panel to the attic on the second floor was dislodged, and the front door was blown open and damaged.

At first, investigators thought water in the "s" trap had evaporated, allowing sewer gas to seep into the dishwasher and explode. The next day, Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) technicians tested all kitchen-sink drains in vacant units for signs of sewer gas. The results were negative.

During the course of the investigation, a maintenance worker in the housing department pointed out a paragraph in the dishwasher-owner's manual to the NAVOSH specialist. It read, "...under certain conditions, hydrogen gas may be produced in a hotwater system that has not been used for two weeks or more. If the hot-water system has not been used for such a period, before using the dishwasher, turn on all hot-water faucets and let the water flow."

The safety specialist returned to three of the vacant housing units and ran the hot water to test for emission of hydrogen gas. The meter readings went off scale in these units. Then he ran hot water in three occupied units and got zero readings. When he ran hot water in an upstairs bathroom in the unit where the dishwasher exploded, he got an extremely high reading.

After NAVOSH personnel made several calls to the Frigidaire Company about the incident, a person from their legal department returned his call and told him that Frigidaire was sending two engineers to investigate the exploding dishwasher.

The engineers and NAVOSH personnel tested hot water in two vacant units. They placed clear garbage bags over the faucets to sample for gas contents. The first test resulted in the bag filling with about one to two quarts of water and a cubic foot of gas. They suspected the bulk of the gas was a combination of hydrogen and oxygen, which was generated by electrolysis in the hot-water heating systems.

One of the engineers explained that there is no way to stop hydrogen gas from forming in hot-water heaters because of the metals used in constructing the tanks. Hydrogen gas isn't soluble in water, so it

remains in the water-heater plumbing system as a gas under pressure. In most homes, the gas will migrate to the upper levels of the house, where it harmlessly is expelled from water faucets there. However, occasionally, it can end up trapped in the plumbing lines. In that case, when a lower level faucet (or dishwasher) is turned on, the gas is pushed through the outlet rather than finding its way to the upper level.

Hydrogen gas has one of the broadest flammable ranges of any gas. Just about any mixture will be enough to result in an explosion. The engineer theorized that the gas was forced through the dishwasher, and the timer or starter relay had enough heat to ignite the gas. However, the dishwasher was destroyed, which made it impossible to determine the exact source of ignition.

The engineer said this was the first time he had heard of a dishwasher exploding, but he had heard stories of small fires at faucets because people had cigarettes in their hands when they opened a hot-water faucet that had not been opened for some time. Later, in a telephone conversation, he told the NAVOSH person that he had talked to a few old-timers in the water-heating industry, and one of them had reviewed a mishap about a washing machine blowing up in the '60s.

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### **What This Means to You**

When you move into a house or apartment that has been vacant, hydrogen gas may have built up in hot water lines, which could cause an explosion. The same is true when you return home from a vacation or open up a vacation home that has been shut.

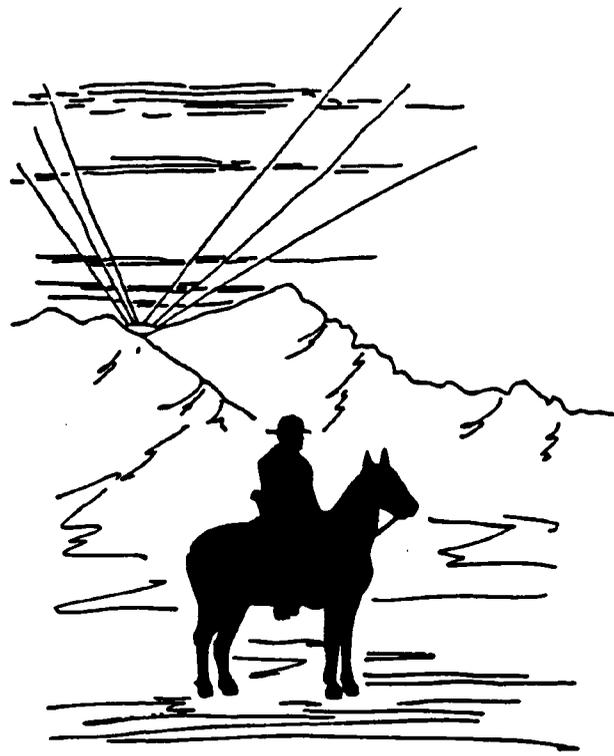
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### **ORM Lesson**

Appliance manufacturers can do nothing to prevent this type of thing from happening again, but you, as a resident or housing inspector, can do a short ORM assessment to prevent such a recurrence. You need to know that hydrogen gas can accumulate in hot-water systems that have not been operated for a period of time. You figure the risk of something going wrong when you turn on a dishwasher to either check it or operate. If you have been using it daily, there is hardly any risk.

When you go to start the dishwasher, ask yourself how long the unit has been vacant. If it's more than a couple of weeks, you need to think about getting rid of the gas before you turn on the dishwasher. If you suspect hydrogen gas may have built up in the hot-water system, flush it by turning on all hot-water faucets in the building and letting them run for several minutes. **And don't smoke while you're doing it. Make it a habit of doing this every time you inspect a building.**

If you live in the home and are away for a vacation, do this every time you return home.



*After thirty-two years of service with the National Park Service,  
Mike Finley is hanging up his flat hat.  
Please join us in Yellowstone National Park to bid  
Mike & Lillie farewell.*

*Where: Mammoth Hot Springs Recreation Hall  
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*

*When: May 18, 2001*

*5:30 p.m. - Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres*

*6:30 p.m. - Southern Style Buffet (\$20.00 per person)*

*To R.S.V.P. or to make a donation for the Finley's parting gift,  
please contact the Superintendent's Office by May 4th.*

*Jan Laye at (307) 344-2002, or by e-mail at [Janice\\_Laye@nps.gov](mailto:Janice_Laye@nps.gov), or  
Kerrie McCartney at (307) 344-2003, or by e-mail at  
[Kerrie\\_McCartney@nps.gov](mailto:Kerrie_McCartney@nps.gov)*

*A block of rooms has been reserved at the Mammoth Hotel.  
Please contact Jan or Kerrie if you need to reserve a room.  
Hope To See You There!*

# *Spring Health Screen*

**Gardiner School Cafeteria  
Wednesday, April 25th  
6am - 9am**

## **Lab Blood Profile Testing \$35.00**

Diabetes, Thyroid, Kidney, Liver & Cholesterol Screening.

Includes: ●Glucose, ●TSH, ●Creatinine, ●ALT/SGPT,

●Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, ●Triglycerides,

●Hematocrit, ●Uric Acid, ●Potassium, ●Sodium

## **Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) \$17.50**

(Optional Blood Screening for Males)

## **ColoCare Kits \$3.00**

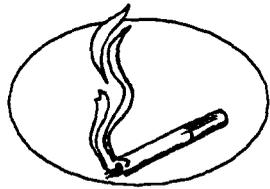
**This is a fasting blood test.  
Nothing but water after 8:00 pm the night before!**

*For more information contact  
LivingSteps Wellness Center  
112 West Lewis 222-8252*



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# Secondhand Smoke Hurts Kids



Children exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes can experience many health problems including:

**Bronchitis and croup**

**Asthma**

**Ear and sinus infections**

**Allergies**

**Impaired lung function**

**Don't hurt your kids with your secondhand smoke!**

*For information on the dangers of secondhand smoke  
or help with quitting tobacco, call:*



**MAMMOTH CLINIC**  
Yellowstone National Park  
(307)-344-7965

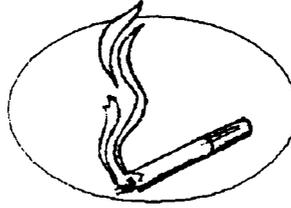


**LIVINGSTEPS**  
*Wellness Program*  
(406) 222-8282  
112 W. Lewis St.  
Livingston

**MONTANA  
TOBACCO  
QUIT LINE**

call toll free  
**1-877-612-1585**

# Leading Causes of Death



SMOKING.....	430,700
Alcoholic Beverages.....	100,000
<b>SECONDHAND SMOKE... 53,000</b>	
Car Accidents.....	43,000
AIDS.....	37,500
Homicides.....	24,926
Cocaine.....	4,202
Heroin & Morphine.....	4,175
Fire.....	3,200

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or help with quitting tobacco, call:*

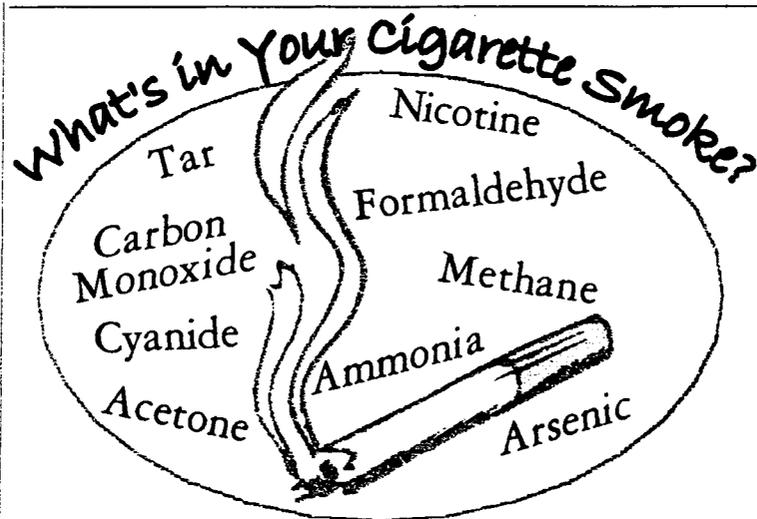


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There are over 4,000 toxic substances in cigarette smoke. Many of these CAUSE CANCER!

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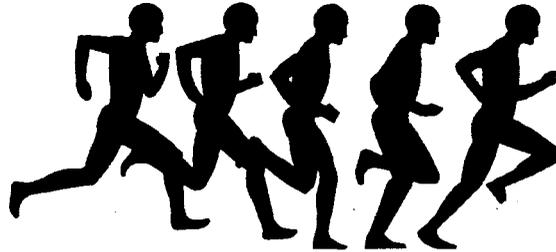


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# Park to Paradise Triathlon

Saturday May 12, 2001



***Boat (8 miles) \* Bike (18 miles) \* Run (5 miles)***

## 6 Team Categories:

Racing - men, women, and mixed (people who "train" for the race)

Recreational - women, men, and mixed (people who laugh when you ask if they "train")

## 2 Solo Categories:

Women and Men (people who really "train")

**Registration:** Carbella Fishing Access (Tom Miner turnoff); 9 to 10 am

**Cost:** \$8 for each team member ; T-shirts \$12

*Race begins at 10:30 am with boating from Carbella's to Meditation Point Rest Area, then biking from Meditation Point south on Highway 89 to the 5 mile marker, then running from there to Roosevelt Arch in Gardiner.*

*Cookout (food and drink provided), ribbons awarded, and door prizes after the race at the picnic area near Roosevelt Arch.*

For more info call Lauryl Mack (307-344-9243 in Mammoth) or  
Ann Rodman (406-848-7033 in Gardiner)



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**Boaters must wear life jackets and bikers must wear helmets**

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# Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program

## Summer 2001 Program Survey

The Employee Recreation Program invites you, the employee, to participate in recreational activities during your employment in Yellowstone Park. If you work for the National Park Service, Hamilton Stores, Yellowstone Park Service Stations, Medical Services, Amfac, Quest, or Montana Power Company you are included in this program. Listed below are just some of the activities planned for this upcoming summer. Please indicate which activities you are interested in by checking off the box before the activity listed. We value your input!

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1) Aerobics / Exercise Classes     | <input type="checkbox"/> 20) Open Mic Nights                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2) Art / T - Shirt Design Contests | <input type="checkbox"/> 21) Outdoor Skills Courses                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Arts & Crafts Workshops         | <input type="checkbox"/> 22) Outdoor Travel Seminars / Slide Shows  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4) Backpacking / Camping           | <input type="checkbox"/> 23) Photography Classes                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Basketball                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 24) Photography Contests                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6) Bicycling Clinics / Races       | <input type="checkbox"/> 25) Ping Pong (Table Tennis)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7) Bingo                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 26) Pool (Billiards)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8) Cards / Poker / Gambling        | <input type="checkbox"/> 27) Rock Climbing                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9) Cookouts / BBQ's                | <input type="checkbox"/> 28) Scenic Van Trips                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10) Dance Lessons                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 29) Seeing Live Bands / Live Music         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11) Disc Golf                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 30) Skydiving                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12) DJ Dances                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 31) Soccer                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13) Employee Talent Shows          | <input type="checkbox"/> 32) Softball                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14) First Aid / CPR Classes        | <input type="checkbox"/> 33) Volleyball                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15) Fly Fishing Classes & Outings  | <input type="checkbox"/> 34) Watching Big Screen Movies             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16) Fly Tying Classes              | <input type="checkbox"/> 35) White Water Rafting Trips              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17) Geology Seminars / Slide Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> 36) Wildlife Seminars / Slide Shows        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18) Hiking                         | <input type="checkbox"/> 37) Yoga Classes                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19) Jogging / Running Events       | <input type="checkbox"/> 38) Sitting in my room or trailer relaxing |

As indicated on your employment agreement, where in the park will you be working this summer (1 only) and please write in your division (NPS). Please send this to the Parkwide Recreation Office in Mammoth when completed.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A) Mammoth Hot Springs / Gardiner                 | <input type="checkbox"/> F) Lake Area (Inn, Lodge, Marina) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B) Madison Campground                             | <input type="checkbox"/> G) Fishing Bridge                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C) West Yellowstone                               | <input type="checkbox"/> H) Canyon Area                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D) Old Faithful ( Inn, Lodge, Snowlodge & Stores) | <input type="checkbox"/> I) Tower Falls                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E) Grant Village                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> J) Roosevelt                      |

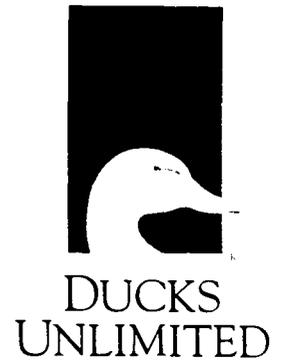
THANK YOU!

**THE MAMMOTH RECREATION HALL  
WILL BE  
CLOSED SATURDAY, APRIL 21  
THROUGH  
THURSDAY, MAY 3**

**DUE TO EXTENSIVE FLOOR REPAIR.**

# MONTANA 2000/2001 WATERFOWL PRINT

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Soul Mates  
by Joseph Thornbrugh

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Dear Ducks Unlimited Supporter,

## PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2001 GARDINER DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET

Where: **Gardiner Eagles Hall**  
When: **April 21, 2001**  
Time: **Open Bar 5:30 to 6:30pm**  
**Cash Bar 6:30 to Close**  
**Dinner at 6:45pm**

You will receive:

1. A delicious Prime Rib buffet dinner.
2. An evening of fun, prizes, raffles, silent auction, door prizes, and a live auction! Some of the items featured include:
  - Fabarm "Red Lion" 12 Gauge Shotgun by Heckler & Koch.
  - *The Terry Redlin print "The Colors of Spring"*.
  - "The High Life" Bronze a figure of a Big Horn Sheep by *Big Sky Carvers*

For a preview of all our artwork that will be available at the banquet, please stop in at the First Interstate Bank, or the North Entrance Food Farm.

*All for only \$45.00 for a single ticket, \$65.00 for a couple.*

*Tickets are available from any of the Gardiner DU committee members or by calling Dan Mahoney at 344-7712 or Eric Robinson at 344-8948 or from any one of the Gardiner DU committee members. Please get your tickets early, limited seating available*

**1 GREAT CAST + 1 AWESOME DIRECTOR =**

**Jeremy Jerla**

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**Stephanie Cole**

**Alexis Hudson**

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**Stephanie Goss**

**Sadie Hoe**

**Maurine Cole**

**3 NIGHTS OF HILARIOUS ENTERTAINMENT**

## **RUMORS**

**By Neil Simon**

**Thursday, April 26**

**Friday, April 27**

**Saturday, April 28**

**7:00 pm**

**Gardiner School**

**Mark your calendars!! Don't miss this opportunity!!**