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THE WINTER HOLIDAYS ISSUE

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

LET IT GLOW,
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It is in the silence of winter that California's favorite national park reveals its soul. In this second of four parts, photographer Mark Boster offers an intimate portrait of the playground that few people see. **Pages L4-L5.** Also in this issue: Changes are afoot at ski resorts in California. **Page L3.** Schuss, little baby: In Colorado's backcountry, a snowy childhood fantasy gallops to life. **Page L6.** Snowshoeing? It's really a walk in the park. **Page L8.**

Calendar

VENTURA
Olivas Adobe Holiday Tour

When, where: Sunday, Olivas Adobe Historical Park

Highlights: Experience an 1860s-style rancho holiday celebration with costumed docent-led tours and historical reenactments.

Cost: Free; reservations recommended

Info: www.olivasadobe.org

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
Bracebridge Dinner

When, where: Dec. 13 to 25, the Ahwahnee Hotel

Highlights: This 84th annual event re-creates an old English Christmas feast. Expect to be entertained by about 60

singers, court characters and performers — and to be sated with a gourmet seven-course dinner.

Cost: Dinner tickets are \$391 for adults; \$244.15 for children ages 6 to 12.

Info: (801) 559-4903, www.yosemitepark.com/bracebridge

SAN DIEGO
The Grand New Year's Eve Party

When, where: Dec. 31, the Grand Del Mar

Highlights: Ring in 2011 at this Mediterranean-style resort with the help of a deejay, a six-piece band, dancing and a dramatic countdown.

Cost: \$35; lodging and dining packages available

Info: (888) 314-2030, www.thegrandelmar.com

NAPA
Wine Train New Year's Eve

When, where: Dec. 31, departing from the Napa Valley Wine Train station

Highlights: Partake in a Venetian-style masquerade ball on rails; offerings include a wine-and-seafood reception, a twilight dinner and an after-party in the train station with dancing and a midnight toast.

Cost: From \$55 (for just the after-party) to \$255 for the entire evening, including dinner, in the upscale Vista Dome car.

Info: (800) 427-4124, www.winetrain.com/holiday/new-years-eve

PALM SPRINGS
Palm Springs International Film Festival

When, where: Jan. 6 to 17, various venues

Highlights: More than 200 films from 70 countries will be presented at this event. Amid screenings and social events, Robert Duvall, Colin Firth and Natalie Portman will be honored during the black tie awards gala.

Cost: Prices vary by event; the opening night gala is \$60; the black tie awards gala starts at \$350

Info: (800) 898-7256, www.psfilmfest.org

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