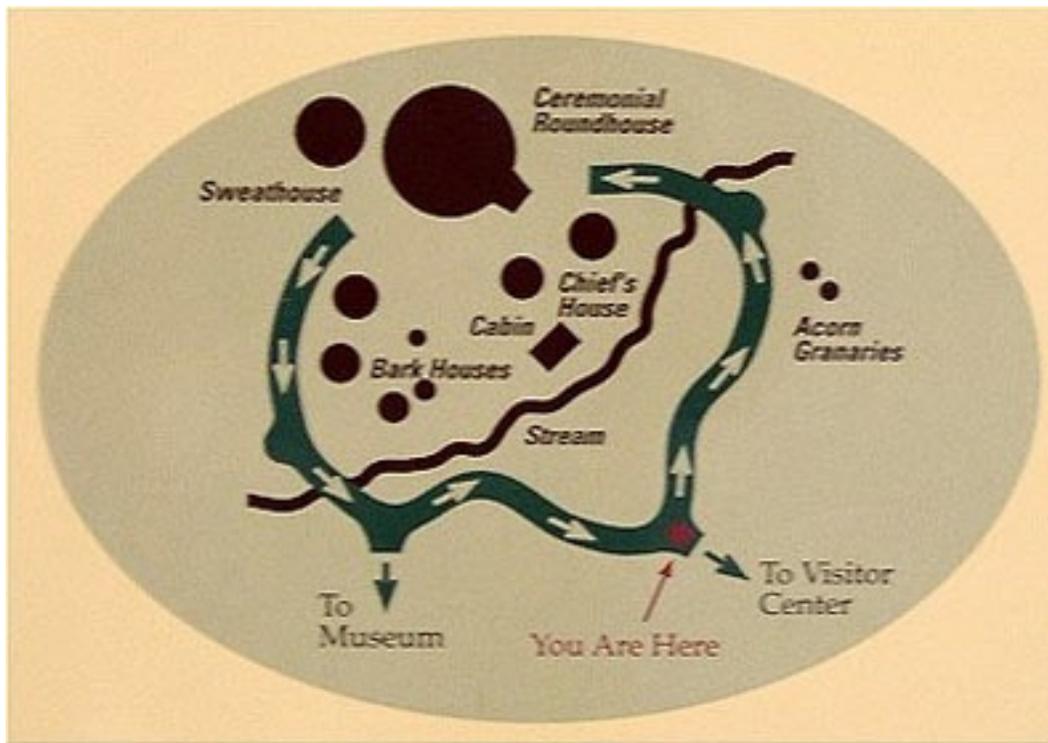


# Half Dome Happenings!



A Regress Report  
for the Ahwahnee Con  
2009 Westcon Bid

OK, OK, we've run into a problem. You see, Camp 4, that beautiful location beloved by climbers, couldn't guarantee us the proper number of room nights we needed. It seems that summer is a very popular time for climbers. Who knew? So, as we had to do before, the AhwahneeCon bid is moving into the heart of Yosemite Valley. While we considered Yosemite Lodge and Camp Curry, there was really only one choice: The Ahwahnee Village behind the Visitor's Center!

That's right, we're going to runnin' a con in an authentic(-ish) Ahwahneechee village out back of the Visitor's Center. There's plenty of great reasons that you should be most excited that we're relocating. There's the fact that no one ever stays at the place, so we've got the run of the joint (after the tourists leave around 6 or so). Parties in the open air, no need to worry about corkage fees, lots to eat (if you can trap it) and so many other great amenities that one the village can provide!

The con will have some unique advan-

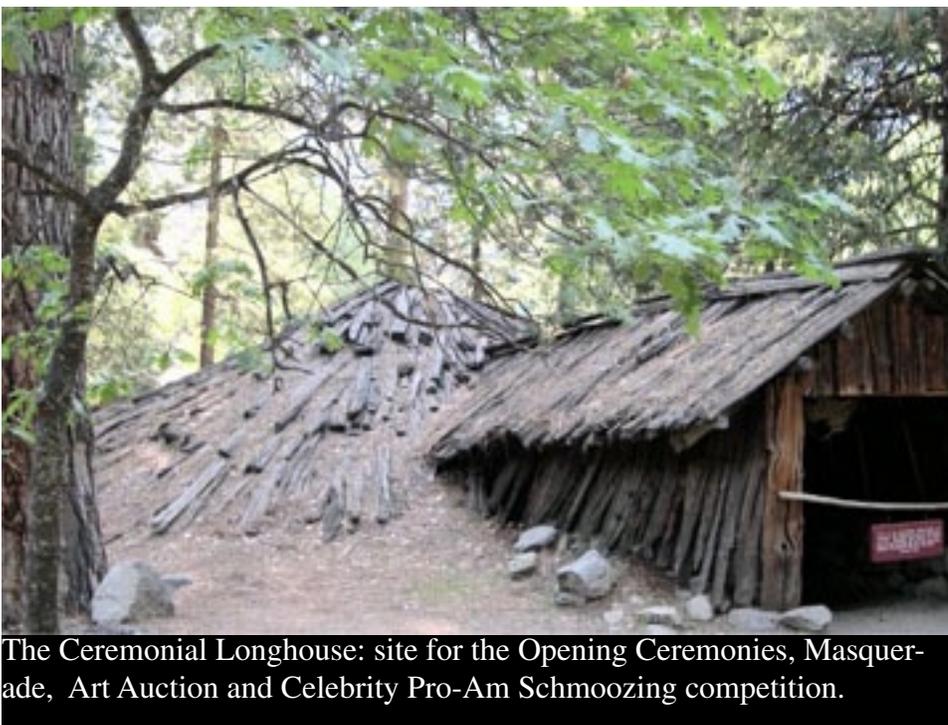


The Chief's House at the Ahwahnee Village. To be used as InfoDesk

tages. There's the Sweat Lodge, which will be a wonderful place for gathering and people watching. There's the Acorn Granaries where you can finally have a place to store you acorns while you're at con (a MAJOR problem this writer had when he attended the WesterCon 2003). There's even an actor who plays the role of John Muir who has agreed to alter his show so that Muir is actually talking about saving Hetch Hetchy from the Alien Horde instead of Pacific Gas & Electric. I'm sure it'll make for a much more entertaining performance.

But wait, what WesterCon would be complete without the traditional pounding rocks? And what about all the potential fun our costuming attendees could have reenacting various Cavalry Raids on the Village? There's nothing that's not possible if you have a re-creation Indian Village and a little gumption!

So, we announce our move and we're 100% sure we won't have to move again. I mean really...who'd think of something to do with an Ahwahneechee village in the middle of summer?



The Ceremonial Longhouse: site for the Opening Ceremonies, Masquerade, Art Auction and Celebrity Pro-Am Schmoozing competition.

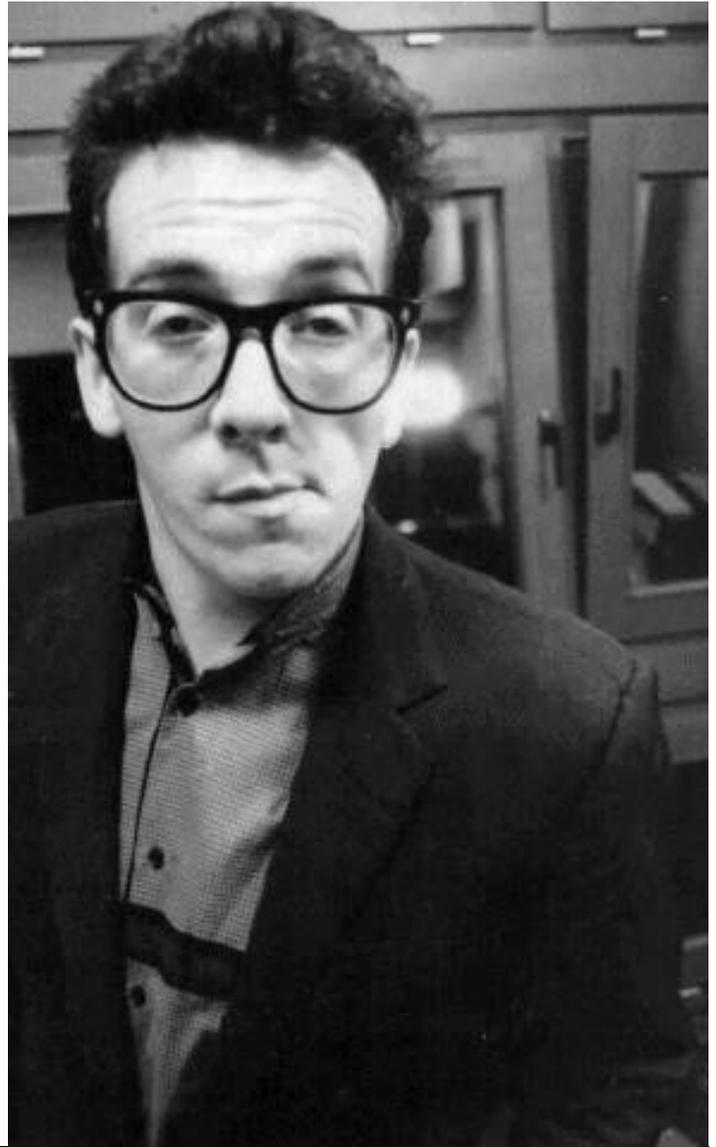
# Elvis Costello To Record EP in Support of AhwahneeCon!

In a stunning announcement, Elvis Costello has begun work on a Special Limited Edition EP in support of bringing the WorldCon to Yosemite Valley. Costello, the greatest rock 'n roll songwriter in history (and to all those who claim that Bob Dylan holds that honor, I say 'PIPE DOWN!') has been a great admirer of Yosemite Valley and with glasses like those, how could he not be a fan?

The songs have not been chosen yet, though there are many theories that Elvis will attempt a rare piece of self-filkitization and give us a parody of one of his own classics. The leading guess is he'll record "I Don't Want To Go To Phoenix".

There is speculation that Costello will be named either Musical Guest of Honor for AhwahneeCon, though many point out that the lyrics to God's Comic on his album Spike would seem to make him eligible for the Writer Guest of Honor, and since he lives in LA now, he meets the living in the Western portion of North America clause.

While this is not the first recording star to talk about doing a record in support of a bid. The Hollister in 2008 bid had an offer from Toby Keith to record an album about the city he loved so, but the committee said in no uncertain terms that would not be needed and if he went ahead and did it, there'd be serious legal action taken.



Once again, the Society for the Restoration of Half Dome has sent out calls for papers to the biggest names in the sciences to find the best way to restore Half Dome to it's fully domal state. Sadly, science has said that such an attempt is, in fact, insane. While so-called'science' may believe that, we're not convinced. As the old saying goes, when life gives you science, make pseudo-science!

So, a new call for papers was issued and posted at every New Age Healer and Psychic Eye Bookstore, which yielded a lot of response, some of which were written in an ancient script that has been long lost to the rest of humanity.

Of the remaining pieces, the ones not written in crayon were considered and the latest technique is outlined below having come from Baroness Leila DeVam, Mistress of the Lights.



## **New Plan**

**First- Stare Deeply into the Candle**

**Second- Picture yourself floating inches above your own body.**

**Third- Picture yourself flying to Yosemite Valley**

**Fourth- Send your life energies to the Dome until it is whole again.**

**Fifth- Repeat.**