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BURT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS TRAINING SESSION



Pictures by S. Stuart

The photo of the house is on Campbell St. east side. Still stands, porch gone. It's just south of where Gerry Nobben lived. Don't know the people who own it now. They've done a lot of work on it. House to the left burned down. You can see back of old Wabash hotel on Brazel St. at upper left. Bldg in back at right is now Lake Superior Brewing Co. on Lake Ave., possibly original Masonic Hall.

Jim Carter

GRAND MARAIS LION'S CLUB NEWS



On Wednesday, September 17, Scoop Oglevie, Hungry Jim and Mike Enright went to Marquette to finalize the purchase of a food wagon from the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 380. The Lions plan to renovate it and use it as a fund raiser. Anyone want to help? If so contact Lou Bailey. The trip from Marquette to Grand Marais started off poorly. We discovered that there were no hooks on the safety chains and after a stop at Menards and Wal-Mart, we left with one hook and a padlock hooking the chain to the truck. Two more stops were made before the county line to resecure one of the side panels. After that the trip went okay except for the stop and detour at Shingleton for the gas station fire.

The eighth drawing for the Grand Marais Lion's Club Raffle was held Friday, September 19, 2003 at the Community Center. Ruth Snyder won the \$50.00 prize and Rayna Archibald and Garrison Pokela won \$25.00 each. On September 26, 2003 Beverly McCreedy won the \$50.00 prize and Tom King and Trudy McDonald won \$25.00 each. There is still \$4000.00 to be awarded between now and December 12th. On December 12th six tickets will be drawn to win one of the \$500.00 grand prizes. After each weekly drawing the winning tickets are returned to the pot, so you have more than one chance to win. Only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information contact Lou Bailey at 494-2553 or call the Gazette at 494-2492.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2003

Burt Township Fire Department personnel will be at the Burt Township School during the week to talk to the children and hand out literature on fire safety.



Burt Township Fire Department says "Two is better than one".

Our fire department is boasting that they have been notified that their applications for two (2) grants were successful, one from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and one from the National Park Service.

The DNR grant is a matching grant for \$7500.00 to be used to purchase a Dry Hydrant and some modern air pressure packs. The NPS grant is for \$5,850.00 will be used to purchase a slide-in pump unit. It appears that the mounds of paper work have paid off for this year.

GRAND MARAIS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

The Grand Marais Woman's Club began their new season with the September meeting on the eleventh.

Programs and projects for the coming year were planned with great ideas from everyone.

It was decided to give two hundred dollars each to the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, Beacon House of Marquette and Bay Cliff Health Camp. The club will be donating to other worthy organizations as we get further into the year.

Our immediate fundraiser is our annual Harvest Dinner taking place on October 12, 2003 from 2 p.m. til 5 p.m. in the afternoon. A full roast pork dinner will be served. We will be charging seven dollars for adults, four dollars for children under 12 and children under 4 are free. Please join us at the community center for this hearty and wholesome event.

Although beginning to look a little tired now, the flowers and planters around town are another ongoing club project. We plan to purchase six more barrels and plants in the spring. Club members take time out of their busy summer to water and look over the planters.

Another project coming up soon is a decorated pumpkin contest for the youth of our town. Pumpkins are to be brought to the Superior hotel starting Monday, October 27th and will be judged at noon on the 30th. Three cash prizes will be awarded and a treat will be given to each participant.

Our next meeting is October 9th at seven o'clock at the community center. (Always the second Thursday of the month). All women of our community are invited and encouraged to attend. Our annual dues are ten dollars. Come visit a meeting and decide.

If anyone has an idea for a club project please call the club president Mary Alice Johnson 494-2644

Woodland Park and the Grand Marais Airport will close on OCTOBER 15TH FOR THE YEAR.

WOMEN'S CLUB HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, October 12, 2003
2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

In the Grand Marais
Community Center

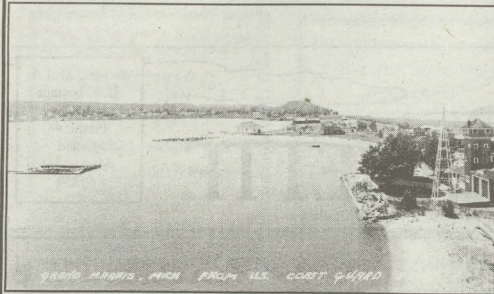
Pork Roast, Baked Potatoes, Baked Beans, Corn Casserole,
Hot Bread, Salads, Desserts, Coffee - Cider

Adult \$7.00 - 12 and under \$4.00 - Under 4 - Free

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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**Volunteers Needed for Summer Snow
Trail Maintenance**
Saturday, October 11, 2003
Start at 8:00 am
Meet at Wolf Creek Excavating
on M-77, approx 2 miles south of
Grand Marais



Volunteers needed to help with summer maintenance and brushing. A BBQ party will be held at the Green Haven Lodge for all volunteers - rsvp requested by October 5th so we can order food and drinks. To sign up, call us at: 494-2729

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The Grand Marais elementary school is seeking volunteers to read to, read with and listen to students. We need adults who are willing to mentor and work with one to four students. This individual should be able to commit to one to two days each week or so. We need you from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p.m. every school day. To volunteer or to obtain further information, contact Amy or Brenda at 494-2543 (school).

**BID
NOTICE**

Burt Township is accepting bids for snowplowing for the 2003/2004 season for it's vari-ous buildings.

Please contact Burt Town-ship Offices for complete information.

Submit bid to:
Burt Township
"Snowplow Bid"
PO Box 430
Grand Marais, MI
49839-0430
(fax 906-494-2627)

Bid to be received by 4:00 p.m., October 14, 2003, and opened at the regular monthly meeting of the board on the same date, 7:00 p.m.

Burt Township reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.
Lori Savage
Clerk

**Join The
Grand
Marais
Women's
Club!**

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Volunteers are needed, and will be greatly appreciated, to help with club projects. You needn't be a member to attend. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Call Mary Alice Johnson for information
494-2644

INVITATION TO BID

Burt Township School is accepting bids for snow removal for the 2003-2004 season. The area to be cleared includes the Colwell Street sidewalk, the entire south side (behind the school) and the entrance to the garage for the school vehicles. Clearing must be completed by 7:00 a.m.

Successful bidder must furnish proof of minimum \$100,000.00 liability insurance. Bid should specify Total yearly cost.

Payment will be made as follows:

1/3 of yearly cost on November 10, 2003

1/3 of yearly cost on January 12, 2004

1/3 of yearly cost on March 8, 2004

Bids will be accepted at the Superintendent's Office until 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 10, 2003. Please clearly mark the outside of your envelope "Snow Removal Bid". The bid will be awarded at the October 13, 2003 Regular Board of Education meeting. For further information or any questions, please call (906) 494-2521. The Board of Educations reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Need Nursing Home Information?

Making informed decisions about nursing home care can be difficult, but Medicare has information about Michigan nursing homes that can help.

Visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to learn more about the quality of care in nursing homes in your community.

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A Message from the Supervisor

By Lee Durrwachter, Burt Township Supervisor

Are We Prepared?

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to attend an Incident Command Course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama at the request of our former ambulance directors, Bob and Nancy Weston. Although created in 1998 and overseen by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), it wasn't until after 9/11/2001 that this training center became a part of the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) under Homeland Security. Since then they have stepped up their training efforts. This Alabama federal training center is designed to prepare emergency responders, emergency management officials and State/Local and Federal officials to respond to terrorist acts involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), including chemical, biological, and radiological systems. I noticed during my classes there were other courses going on at the same time in other areas of proficiency. Besides emergency management, classes were being conducted in advanced hands-on training for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel in responding to terrorist incidents of WMD.

Although, my purpose in attending the WMD Incident Command Course was to learn and understand what's involved, I soon was in a training session entangled with potential terrorist targets and protocols of response. Good lessons to draw upon when trying to implement their recommendations in our remote rural area Response Plan. Needless to say I became an oddity when they found out our closest mall and signal light was 100 miles away. Monikers abound, as I became known as Northern Exposure. Our most experienced firefighter on our team was known as Ocala Joe, who was from Florida. In fact, everytime the instructors would talk about a new piece of safety equipment, Ocala Joe had it. It seems Florida is equipped with all the latest equipment, first responder protection and hazardous materials protection gear. He became the envy of all the other firefighters. Does being the governor of Florida and brother to the president in anyway influence equipment dispersal? No, I didn't think so. It became an eye opening experience for me. Luckily, I found myself swimming in unfamiliar waters with Full Time Professional Responders. Classmates included full time firefighters, fire chiefs, paramedics, fire marshals, EMTs, state police intelligence officers, sheriff swat teams, RNs, 911 dispatchers, health care providers, and health emergency teams. They came together from all over the country to learn how to become even more effective. And they did.

An increased effort is being made from the top down to involve, educate, and equip local agencies to contain the threat of terrorist employment of chemical and biological agents and radiological material. With first responders better prepared, they will be ready to take early and effective action in the event of an incident involving terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction. To increase response capability at all levels, the U.S. Congress has instituted a nationwide preparedness initiative through the appropriation of additional funding,

creation of new coordinating organizations, and passing legislation regarding weapons of mass destruction.

ODP's traditional view of WMD has diminished with the proliferation of "improvised" high explosive, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear devices, which are no longer limited to superpower nations. As a consequence the "improvised" devices have become relatively easy to produce, hide and utilize. A "terrorist" incident now becomes the "area of operations" and is considered a crime scene, a hazardous materials site, and a disaster area. As such, this "event" may extend across jurisdiction boundaries and/or require response assets beyond the capability of affected jurisdictions.

The first line of defense against terrorism is community agencies and organizations comprising the first response infrastructures. OPD believes what these organizations are capable of successfully completing will make the difference between life and death for a large segment of its local community.

Any emergency created by a terrorism event requires an unexpected and heightened degree of coordination between internal and external response organizations, which includes organizing a complex on-scene operation. It also includes the aspect for operational boundaries to be clearly defined, and procedures to contain common, easily understood terminology.

Crammed into our last day of training was an exercise in real time of an emergency, which as it evolved became a terrorism event. Fifteen different situations were presented during that exercise which challenged our - "first line of defense". Operational boundaries were drawn and control access was assigned. Even targeted public information was included. Assignment of sectors of responsibility was implemented. Assessing the population, environmental and infrastructure impacts was incorporated, as well as the physical location of boundaries, which from time to time switched from fixed to flexible, depending upon the quantity and type of chemical or biological agents or radiological material that was released.

An emergency created by a terrorism event can present itself at any time and with minimum or no warning. The bottom line is when a terrorism situation occurs; it will likely be more challenging for response forces to manage than are most other emergency events. However, if we don't have a "workable" Response Plan in place, even a routine event can become an overwhelming emergency. Without a Response Plan in place, future funding requests to federal and/or state agencies won't even be considered.

Therefore in the next couple of months we will be putting together a Response Plan, fashioned after the Federal Response Plan and tailored to our assets, including: policy and leadership, incident response team, community emergency management plan, communications, and training, exercising and maintenance. We will also assess threats, vulnerabilities, and capabilities and needs related to terrorism incidents at our local level.

And on a personal note: In working with these full time first responders, I noticed at times they tend to make light of their situation among themselves. Here's an item they shared with me:

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Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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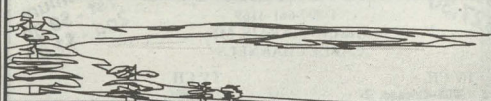
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Cooperative Weather Observer.

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Sept. 20	58	50	.09
Sept. 21	68	41	
Sept. 22	66	51	1.13
Sept. 23	55	48	.39
Sept. 24	61	45	.04
Sept. 25	54	42	.24
Sept. 26	50	40	.45
Sept. 27	52	47	.47
Sept. 28	52	43	.25
Sept. 29	47	38	

We have received 5.20 inches of rain in September.

**AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



Fall is coming quicker than we had hoped. With all the rain and cool weather it has stopped us from getting all that yard work done we promised ourselves we would do. I know I have lots to put away before the snowfall that they are predicting for this week. There have been lots of hunters in town this week. With bear season and bird season underway the restaurants and motels seem to be pretty busy. Still fisherman around too, though most say it too darn cold to fish the stream.

The EMS conference is coming up in Marquette this weekend. Most of our Corps members will be taking classes for continuing education at Northern Michigan University. It is always exciting to learn new things and to brush up on EMS skills.

It was nice to have family in for Sara (Morrison) and Ray Scaife's reception. In were Maggie (Bailey) and Greg Smith from Ithaca, along with daughter Allie and son Matt. Wendy (Morrison) and Steven Sohl from Hazel Park were in, along with son Johnny. Jenny (Morrison) and Ben Cooley from Ithaca were in too. Larry and Terri Morrison were also in from Calumet City, IL. Good friends, Cheryl and Sid Hull from Ithaca came in for the reception and helped with organizing. Penny Barney and Seth Hoopingarner were in from Marquette, along with Ryan and Brooke (Barney) Whaley, with their daughter Paige Marais.

A special thanks to Dick Casebeer and John Dettwiler for pulling off the LAST Morrison reception. Without their help and expertise, this would not have been the same. Thanks to all the helpers, Kay Wampler, Norm Geiger, Gerrie Bailey, (Mom), Barb Whaley, Dianna Bell, Nancy Connor, Sandee Sibbald and sister Candice, and Renee' Beaver. All the guys that helped get the chairs and tables and help clean up after the reception. You were so much help.

Renee' Beaver from Grand Rapids spent some time in Marquette with daughter Brooke. She was able to spend some quiet time with granddaughter Paige, while Brooke worked. Renee' says Paige was as good as gold the whole time she was there. Renee' came to Grand Marais and stayed with her folks, Neil and Ruth for the week, and Bob Stocking from Grand Rapids joined them for a long weekend. He was going to try and get some last minute fishing in while he was here.

Sidney and Rose Hermanson are in for the month visiting their mother Nelmi Hermanson. Hope you get better weather before you have to leave back to California.

Bruce and Yvonne Essex were in from Whitehall, along with friends Kelly and Regg that celebrated their 18th anniversary. Bruce and Yvonne will be back up in a few weeks and will be bring the grandchildren with them. I am sure they will have a good time exploring around the camp.

Congratulations on the new addition to the Capogrossa family. Another grandbaby to spoil in Grand Marais.

Happy birthday to Sarah Bell, Bill and Fran DeWolf, Bill Bailey, Stevie Nyman and Rick Capogrossa. Happy 25th Anniversary to Dianna and Dave Bell.

Hope to see you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling..... Evie
You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at:
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of their daughter,
Paitten Mackenzie
Butkovich on
September 26, 2003
at
Marquette General
Hospital. Paitten
weighed in at 7 lbs.
13.2 oz and stands
20 inches tall.

**GRAND
MARAIS
SENIOR MEALS
LUNCH
SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY Oct. 3
Shepard's Pie -
Cauliflower w/peas - Dessert

MONDAY Oct. 6
Roast Beef - Mashed potatoes/Gravy - Corn - Fruit

WEDNESDAY Oct. 8
Baked Chicken - Oven
Brown Potatoes - Baked
Beans - Bars

FRIDAY Oct. 10
Pepper Steak - Mashed Potatoes - Green Beans - Dessert

MONDAY Oct 13
Chili - Cornbread - Fruit
Salad - Cake

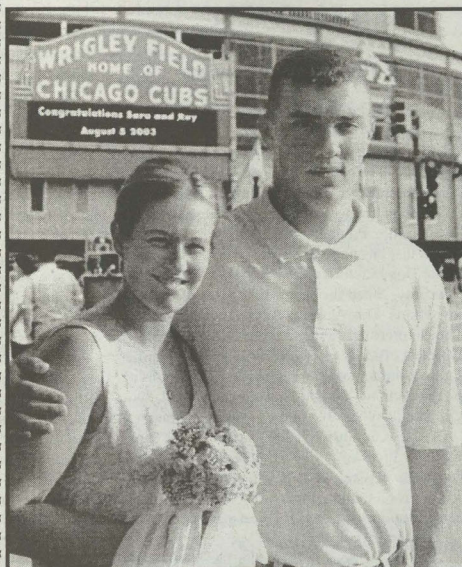
WEDNESDAY Oct. 15
Veal Cutlet - Scalloped Potatoes - Peas - Fruit

FRIDAY Oct. 17
Hamburger Steak w/Onions -
Baked Potatoes - Broccoli -
Fruit

(Items subject to change.)

Senior Nutrition Program
meals are provided by Alger-
Marquette Community Action
Board (AMCAB) for persons
60 or older & their spouses.

Morrison/Scaife



Ray and Sara Scaife were married August 5, 2003. Sara is the daughter of John and Evelyn Morrison, and granddaughter of Harold (Andy) and Gerrie Bailey, and Dorothy Morrison all of Grand Marais. Ray is the son of Tom Scaife of Grand Marais, and Pam Heidrich of Hamtramck. Ray and Sara are both graduates of Adrian College and are now living in Pleasant Lake. Ray is a Supply Operations Coordinator at CMS in Jackson and Sara is employed as a deputy treasurer in Napoleon Township. A reception was held in Grand Marais September 20. Many friends and family were able to attend which made it a very special occasion.

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School of Hard Knocks

By Ty Washell

The older one gets the more we wonder, why am I on earth? I'm sure everyone does not have this problem, because there are countless successful people around the world and this should be no problem for them.

Of late I've noticed a considerable amount of talk about "random acts of kindness". Many people I have met in my life so far are just plain kind, and there is nothing "random" about it. They seem to treat everyone nice, or kindly if you will.

Maybe it is time for more people to "practice" kindness, especially on the streets and highways.

I'm normally somewhat docile, but when I have drive downstate I have a tendency to drive unkindly. It seems you have to force yourself to be kind every time someone cuts you off, pulls in front of you, or invites you to stop and duke it out. Lets all hear it for kindness.



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Kindness

By: Ty Washell

It sometimes takes a kindness
To set a spirit free
When you're depressed or lonely
It's one good time to see

There's many that could use one
The need is very great
A simple act of kindness
Leaves little room for hate

Your spirit will be lighter
While lifting others too
It could be someone's happiness
Might just depend on you

Don't wait for one right moment
Don't hesitate to long
In acting out of kindness
You're seldom ever wrong

So start this very moment
To help someone to see
A simple act of kindness
Can set a spirit free -



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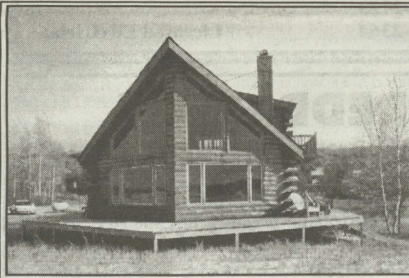
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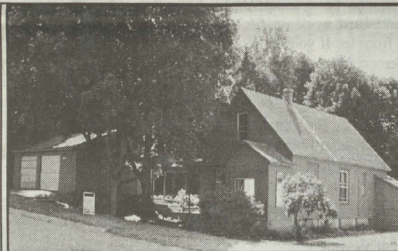
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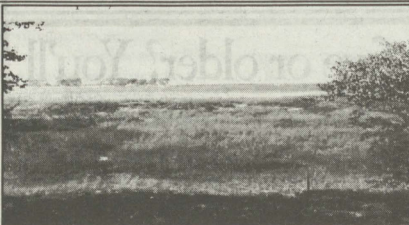
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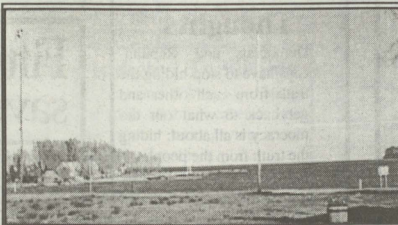
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**"HUNGRY"
BUTS & PASSES**
JIM

Ain't it amazing what our government can do if they want? It took only a few days for the Congress to almost unanimously pass a bill that would allow the "Don't Call List" law to go into effect. Most of the time it takes longer than that for them to be seated. The judges' rulings that blocked implementation of the law are yet another example of the judicial branch of our government overstepping its authority. Any idiot that overruled the law on the basis of it being unconstitutional should be in a loony bin. When the Constitution was written, Alex had not even thought of the telephone and I seriously doubt that the Constitution ever meant to impose the nuisance of telemarketers on the people. There does however exist a bigger problem underlying this issue and that is the fact that many judges are of the opinion that they should make law, the purpose of the legislative branch. This seems to be an ever-growing problem and one that should have everyone concerned. It is unconstitutional! I can understand the need to give some judges all but irrevocable tenure but there needs to be a way to impeach all judges. Make it tough to impeach them but not impossible; they like all government officers need to be held accountable, and we need a way to do it.

I see that some Senators and Congressmen from both sides are questioning "Crybaby's" request for \$87 Billion for Iraq. Maybe there are a few with some guts. Most are questioning the funds for the "nation building" only, probably because they think questioning the pork in the military expenditures would be bad politics. Well I don't. Prior to approval of an amount that size, a lot of research should be done and most of the pork eliminated. If some funding is needed immediately, approve a temporary spending bill to insure our armed forces do not suffer. The cost of this "war" is ridiculous and the cost of the "nation building" is worse.

How in God's name can this government and the Republicans in general mouth the words "Grateful Nation", spend what they are on the Bush Vendetta, and cut Veterans Health Care. Just this week I heard a report that Gulf War Veterans are contracting Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) at twice the rate of the average population. Has this grateful nation jumped up and said, "We'll take care of you"? The answer is of course no. What this government is saying is "Go to Hell until you can prove you contracted the disease as a result of Gulf war action. In the meantime you and your family will have to suffer and go bankrupt. After you and several more die of this disease and the facts are indisputable, we might take some re-

sponsibility just as in the Agent Orange and Gulf War Syndrome instances." Yes sir! Sure sounds like a grateful nation to me. Makes me want to recommend military service to the youth of this country as a give and get deal. Actually it is a give and get deal, you give your blood, sweat and tears and get screwed.

Move over Iraq! It looks like the warmongers have their eyes on Iran. I keep hearing how Iran's nuclear capabilities are on the increase thus the probability of weapons of mass destruction increase. If that doesn't sound familiar you have been out of the solar system for a few years. Maybe the new call ups of reserves and National Guard troops are for something other than replacements for the troops in Iraq?

Californians must be some kind of different animals; yes that includes you Terri and DoughBoy. First the "Asses" run a man that they don't like as their candidate for governor. Then the voters who don't like him vote him in. Then a rich Elephant gets enough of the people that don't like him to sign a petition to have a recall election. Then a judge postpones the election and another un-postpones it. Now there are one hundred plus people running for a position that is responsible for a bankrupt state. After a debate of the front runners, in which the questions were given to the candidates before the debate, a man with absolutely no experience in government is the leader in the polls. This guy, an actor, has positions that are in direct opposition to his party and at times appears to have no idea what his position is. Whatever they get they deserve.

And finally. Last issue while proofing the Gazette, I emulated Redd Foxx by shouting, "I think it's the big one". I was reading my friend "Right Way's" article and agreed with every word. After taking 385 nitro tablets, getting a dozen defibrillator jolts, and having an octuple bypass, I was able to carry on. Actually we do agree on quite a few things, it just is more fun when we disagree.

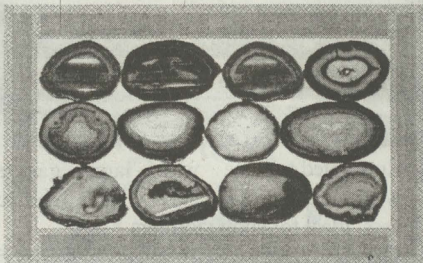
Sherri had a birthday Sunday September 28, I won't tell you how old she is but I'll give you a hint. It is somewhere between 56 and 58. I understand that some people thought that I wouldn't remember.

It was nice seeing the letters from "Papa Joe". It is amazing what can be accomplished with a lot of dedication and hard work on his part and a small contribution from us. If you are looking for a way to make a difference, make a donation to his mission fund at the bank. It is a great way to celebrate Christmas as it should be.

And finally, finally. Be a grateful citizen! Support our troops like Jim and Lois Leavenworth by letting them know that we appreciate their service to this country. Whether you are on the left, right or somewhere in the middle, we should all agree that they deserve our prayers, thoughts and gratitude. Till next issue.

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**Shallow
Thoughts**

- Democrats and Republicans have to stop hiding the truth from each other and get back to what our democracy is all about: hiding the truth from the people.
- Now that it's endorsed by the National Institute of Health, acupuncture is being used more often to relieve pain. The best way to use it is to hold the needles to your doctor's throat until he prescribes morphine.
- If I watch too much TV I have nightmares. Last night I dreamed I was being chased all night by one of those beer frogs. Talk about bad breath!
- The first thing a man does when he becomes a father is to change his mind about what he always thought he'd do when he became a father.

My Grand Father

He was a person, he always wanted to be. So loving, so wonderful, so full of memories He always got his way, whenever he could He was always on the go, and full of energy. He was a man who meant the world to me.

I'll always remember our trips to Church, and bingo trips too. But my favorite of all was fishing in the river, and off the pier too, even though I caught only 1 or 2.

He had neighbors who cared for him dearly They were so wonderful, they were there yearly. They helped him out whenever they could Even though he had Do's and Don'ts Some people didn't care, but he would.

Now he's happier than he'll ever be, he's with his wife again, in a place where there's always sun.

His smile, his laughter, will never be forgotten.

Sadly Missed
by: Grand Daughter
Susie Mitchell

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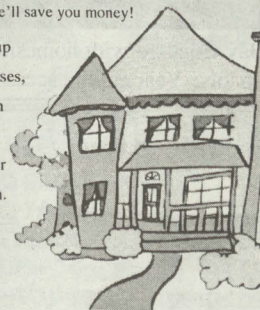
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DO THE RIGHT THING

"The mere existence of conservatives should be proof enough to liberals of the fallacy of their belief in the perfectibility of mankind."

Around 20 years ago a blue ribbon panel took a long, hard look at our educational system and produced a damning report entitled "A Nation at Risk." One of the panel members commented at the time, "If these things had been done to us by a foreign power, we would have considered them acts of war." Unfortunately for our children "These things" are still being done to us.

"These things" (things we'd consider an "act of war" if done to us by "foreigners") are also occurring in many areas other than education. Let us return to the matter of immigration, discussed in my last article, and consider the following facts concerning the 10 to 13 million illegal immigrants now believed to be within our borders:

- Open a U. S. Bank account, apply for a U. S. driver's license (and receive it), and all you need is a "matricula consular" document, provided to illegal Mexican immigrants by the Mexican government and accepted by the U. S. government and state and local agencies of all sorts.
- Apply for a U. S. driver's license and receive voting privileges here, as an illegal immigrant, under the 1993 Motor-Voter act passed by your U. S. "public servants." You can also use the license in getting hired or applying for credit.
- As an illegal alien, present your legally-acquired driver's license as "photo I.D." to board an airliner: The U. S. government screeners will accept it and wave you aboard.
- Present your legally-acquired U. S. driver's license and you, as an illegal alien, can qualify for entitlement benefits of social services programs, courtesy of U. S. federal, state and local agencies.
- As Fox News has reported, "In California, you can now obtain a gun, explosives, jobs in secure areas - even at the nuclear power plant", with the approval of state and local agencies, by merely identifying yourself with a driver's license, even though you are an illegal alien.
- Be an illegal alien and qualify for in-state tuition at institutions of higher learning, as approved by legislatures in nine U. S. states. Nine additional legislatures have similar acts under study. Be a U.S. citizen from another state and you will not receive this privilege.
- The U. S. IRS issues an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), willy-nilly, to foreigners who are engaged in business here so they may pay taxes. Six million cards are in current issue - only two million have been used to pay taxes. The other four million are being used by God knows who as a form of I. D. to secure whatever preferential treatment the "documented" illegal alien desires and the traffic will bear.

I could go on, but you get the idea, don't you? If you weren't sufficiently moved by my previous installment on this subject, perhaps this will turn the tide for you. You are paying for these services, on behalf of criminal lawbreakers, who may, indeed, be here as terrorists intent on doing us harm.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and tell your Senators, Representative and President that it is time to shut down immigration of all sorts, legal and illegal, until we've got our act together and our heads straight. As it is now, the lunatics are telling the attendants how to run the asylum, with predictable results.

To close on a familiar note, "If these things were being done to us by a foreign power, we'd consider them acts of war." Unfortunately, we're doing them all to ourselves.

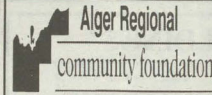
You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is to let your elected officials know what you believe and what you expect of them, in a courteous manner. You may reach these public servants at the following addresses; don't forget to include your name, address and phone number if you communicate by E-mail or snail mail:

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e-mail: senator@levin.senate.gov
Senator Debbie Stabenow, 776 Russell Bldg.,
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ARCF HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Alger Regional Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Elaine LeVeque has been hired to be its new Executive Director. Elaine will be filling the position previously held by Mary Bowerman, now serving as an ARCF board member.

LeVeque began her duties in mid-June and was immediately immersed in the ARCF Youth Memorial Golf Tournament fundraising project. "Her enthusiasm is wonderful for ARCF and our community," stated Bowerman. The success of the recent fundraiser has allowed the board to fill the executive director's position and assure that ARCF will continue to make a difference in the lives of Alger County residents.

Elaine is a lifetime resident of the area. She graduated from Munising High School and also currently holds a part-time position at the Munising Community Credit Union. Elaine and her husband, Tom, and sons Zachary, Alec, and Paul reside in Wetmore. "I am very proud to be working with the ARCF. I am excited to be part of an organization that does so many great things for our community," concluded LeVeque.

Addicted To Fishing

One man's hobby was fishing, he spent all his weekends near the river or lake, paying no attention to weather.

One Sunday, very early in the morning, he went to the river, as usual but, it was cold and raining, so he decided to return back to his house.

He came in, went to his bedroom, undressed and laid near his wife. "What terrible weather today honey," he said to her.

"Yes, and my idiot husband went fishing!"



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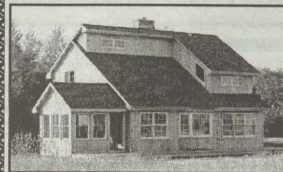
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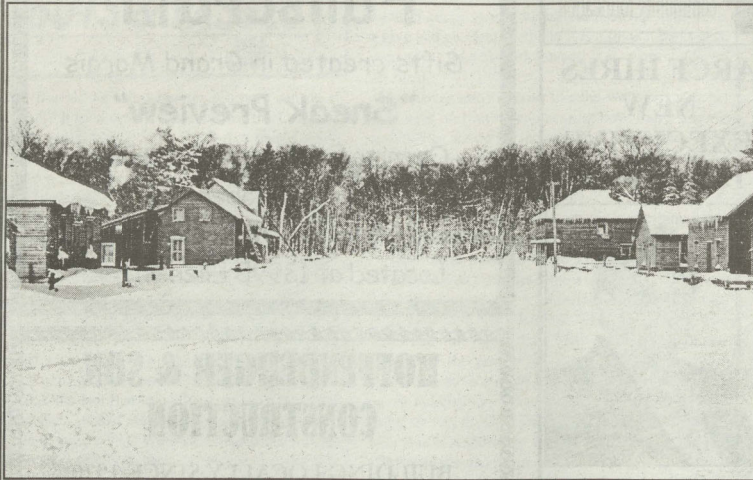
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FLOTILLA 28-12 NEWS

Flotilla 28-12 has had a busy summer starting with a visit to Auxiliary Aux Op Station Grand Marais from Admiral Ron Silva, Captain Gordon and Chief Kastner of Group Sault Ste. Marie accompanied him.

We were on the water in June with three safety patrols during the annual Splash-In, which included eighteen sea-planes on the bay.

On July 4th, five members of our flotilla provided the color guard for the Grand Marais parade.

In July the Kayak Symposium made it's annual visit and we had three safety patrols while they were on the water. Howard Baker and Sharon Cashin attended the Operation Workshop in Marquette and also attended the Fall Conference in Sault Ste. Marie.

The flotilla had two Search and Rescues (SARs), two Burial at Sea Ceremonies, and completed five Vessel Exams.

Congratulations to Dave Bell, Eugene Lepeak, and Frank Mead for getting the fifth year currency completed. Howard Baker also passed the Navigation rules and is working on Coxswain. We have a new member starting and another who may join in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Cashin, FC 28-12

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Oct 6 Neurology - Dr. Sweeny 906-253-9136	Oct 22 Podiatry - Dr. Hunter / Dr. Day 800-453-5750
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Oct 8 Podiatry - Dr. Hunter / Dr. Day 800-453-5750	OB/Gyn - Dr. Hedmark 800-628-3333
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Oct 13 Cardiology - Dr. Wood 800-628-3333	Oct 27 Allergy - Dr. Meneses 800-628-3333
Oct 16 Ophthalmology - Dr. Stevenson 800-824-2711	Oct 28 Oncology - Dr. Alkhalili 800-628-3333
Oct 17 Ophthalmology - Dr. Stevenson 800-824-2711	Oct 30 Ophthalmology - Dr. Stevenson 800-824-2711
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Burt Township School District Superintendent's Corner

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I am sitting in my office writing on this somewhat dreary Saturday afternoon. The weather has become increasingly cool and rainy over the past few weeks. Autumn is definitely upon us.

Despite the cloudy cool days, Grand Marais remains a most lovely location to be. It is amazing how beautiful it truly is here. The beauty shines through the foggy mist, because it lies in the people and surroundings. It is not dependent upon the sunshine to unleash it. There is no other place on the earth quite as special as Grand Marais.

Fall is especially nice in Grand Marais. The tourists have lessened their presence. The bugs have just about disappeared. The cool nights enhance the warmth of our days. The days remain long enough to enjoy the out of doors. The smell in the air is refreshing. The school is alive with laughter, learning and camaraderie. Indeed, fall has got to be one of the four best seasons to enjoy life here in Grand Marais.

We are currently in our fourth week of school and the emergence of autumn. Both are intriguing in their own way. The new students each add an element of 'color' and diversity to our school. The leaves in the forest are beginning to add the same to their surroundings.

Twenty five percent of our students are new to Grand Marais school. Predominately the new students are in grades 8, 9 and 10. Many of our new students were previously home-schooled. The adjustment for us and them is continuing smoothly. It is so nice to have these students join us.

We welcome you to join us, also. You are invited to join us for lunch, to visit our school or just to drop by to say 'hi'. We are proud of our school and the 'magic' that lies within. And welcome the chance to share that with you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding our school.

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Until next time,
Happy Living,
Happy Learning,
Happy Teaching
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Thespians Wanted

We are preparing to begin our fall theater season. We hope you will join in the fun! Our fall production will be on November 7th and 8th. We will be doing a one-act play, which proves to be entertaining for us all.
For additional information, contact Dorinda or Brenda at school.

Thoughts of the Season by Mrs. Smith's Language arts students: Autumn

It is autumn. In the fall, I like to . . .
... jump in the leaves. *Stormi*
... ride my bike through the leaves. *Jerry*
... ride my mom's four-wheeler, all by myself. *Jamie*
... run and jump in the leaves. *Austin C.*
... smooch the leaves. *Michael*
... jump in the leaves. *Kelcie*
... go hunting with my dad and Warren. *Elizabeth*
... play in the leaves. *Mike*
... rake up the leaves and play with my dog. *Gregory*
... jump in the leaves. *Nicole*
... go get candy with my mom and dad. *LeRoy*
... play with my toys and make leaf piles and jump in them. *Austin D.*

Burt Township School District 2003-04 School Calendar

October 10 th	Teacher Professional Development
October 17 th	End of first six weeks marking period
October 18 th	Autumn Festival
October 23 rd	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23 rd	Photo Retakes
November 7 th	Progress Reports Due
November 7 th & 8 th	Community Theater Production
November 14 th	No School
November 25 th	End of second six weeks marking period
November 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	Thanksgiving Break
December 18 th	Christmas Program (December 22 nd Stormdate)
December 19 th	Progress Reports Due
December 24 th - January 2 nd	Christmas Break
January 5 th	School Resumes
January 16 th	End of first semester marking period

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, October 2
Pizza - Salad - Dessert

Friday, October 3
Nachos w/Works - Refried Beans - Fruit

Monday, October 6
Chicken Legs - Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy - Veggie - Dessert

Tuesday, October 7
Hamburger - French Fries - Salad - Pudding

Wednesday, October 8
First Come - First Serve

Thursday, October 9
Turkey - Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy - Dressing - Cranberries

Friday, October 10
Pizza - Carrots - Cake

Monday, October 13
Hot Dog w/Bun - Tater Tots - Carrots - Pudding

Tuesday, October 14
Goulash - Cheese Bread - Salad - Dessert

Wednesday, October 15
Nachos w/Works - Refried Beans - Dessert

Thursday, October 16
Pizza - Salad - Fruit

Friday, October 17
Ravioli - Bread Sticks - Veggie - Dessert

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10/9 Munising Baptist at Grand Marais

10/16 Grand Marais at Bay De Noc

Bored with school jokes and humor

- **The brain is a wonderful thing**
Why do you say that?
Because it starts working the second you get up in the morning and never stops until you get asked a question in class!
- **Playing truant from school is like a credit card.**
Fun now, pay later!
- **Teacher: Class, we will have only half a day of school this morning.**
Class: Hooray
- **Teacher: We will have the other half this afternoon!**
- **Be sure that you go straight home.**
I can't, I live just round the corner!

YOOPERS IN COSTA RICA

BY TOM SCAIFE

Prologue/Disclaimer Part II

April 11-Jennifer and Ashleigh left early to go to their host families, and to our surprise Rigo's wife Hortensia showed up to transport them because he was having some stomach trouble. She was coming back to get Rachel and me at about 11:00. In the meanwhile Devan, Rachel, and I had breakfast on the terrace as a tremendous fire evolved at a paint factory about a half mile away. Tremendous billows of black smoke drifted away from us westward on a fairly strong breeze over the city. Simultaneously, the blaze was being broadcast over the local TV networks, and it was several hours before firefighters had it under control. Our breakfast consisted of a simple buffet featuring toast, coffee, juice, and fresh fruit, including watermelon, cantaloupe, pineapple, bananas, and papaya. The girls also tore into some mangos they had picked up at the grocery on the way home from the restaurant the night before. We now went back to this grocery, Mas X Menos, to pick up some items. When we were arriving back at the hotel, a car door popped open and there was Arlene, Devan's host sister from last year when Devan and Rachel went to Costa Rica in April. Arlene had left San Vito, way down by Panama, at 5:00 a.m. to come up and get Devan, who was so excited last week when she learned that she would be staying with them again. Arlene was accompanied by her mother and sister, and Devan and they were soon on their way. Hortensia was back to get Rachel and me shortly, and we bounced and darted along the San José streets in the rampant traffic while she described her new job as English Language Department Director at a private high school. I listened with interest, occasionally commenting on the similarities within the education community world wide. Rigoberto was sleeping, still sick, when we arrived at their home in a quiet residential zone on the southeast corner of San José. The three boys, Riri 13 (many of you remember him from his winter visit two years ago), Francisco 9, and Fernando 7 were highly shy about coming out to greet us, but soon enough they were enjoying our company, especially after we warmed them up with the gifts of some toys, all of which we played with while Hortensia prepared us a nice dinner. In the evening we accompanied Hortensia to a shopping center to pick up a wedding gift, the younger boys amusing themselves energetically in the aisles of a toy store.

April 12-José Delgado, who visited Grand Marais several years ago with his daughter Raquel and whom I have known for almost ten years, arrived at 9:00am to take me and Rachel for a two day visit in Santa Maria, a pretty town in the mountains an hour and a half from San José. His son Paul, a student in the Technological Institute in Cartago, and Raquel were with him. I have visited the Delgado's a number of times over the years: they are a close knit, spiritually oriented, fun-loving family. The other members are Cecilia, José's wife, and Rebeca, the oldest child, now married to Valerio Fallas. We stored some of our luggage and booty and hopped in José's 1998 dark green Subaru all-wheel drive station wagon with which he again demonstrated his mastery behind the wheel, picking his way with horn, brake, and throttle though the video game of city traffic and ultimately negotiating some hair raising mountain curves, up and down, before sliding gracefully past his remote-controlled sliding steel-barred portón and into the driveway of the well kept Delgado home. Cecilia gave us the bienvenidos and welcome back -- Rachel was there for two weeks last April --and were soon being shown José's latest home improvements, including a new shop where he makes furniture. He also does welding to keep himself busy. José and Cecilia both retired from teaching in the last couple years. We did a lot of visiting, and later we went down to see Rebeca and Valerio's house, which was not done when Rachel was last here. They are doing fine, not planning a family just yet, but LO! out back, the consummate gallinera (chicken coop) built by José and Valerio, complete with happily laying chickens. In the late afternoon Cecilia and José took Rachel and me up to the pavilion high above the town. This was where the wedding was held last December, one that Rachel had hoped to attend. As fate would have it, a friend had made a video tape of the affair and given it to Rebeca and Valerio only recently, and we would be watching it later that very night. As the sun set, we took a walk up the road through the darkening woods. Coyotes barked, strange birds made strange sounds, and bats wavered as the moon climbed the sky. José drove without headlights on the way down to preserve the ambience, and one stretch was illuminated by fireflies as we crawled back to the main road.

April 13-We were up and at 'em early this morning to head to a beach spot on the Pacific. This meant out the "back door" of Santa Maria, stopping to add Rebeca and Valerio's Suzuki to our excursion, and down toward San Marcos and up over the range to the Pacific. José assured me that the road had been improved considerably since the last time we tried it because someone was working on a hydroelectric project around there. Unfortunately, although the road was better, our path diverged from the one leading to the hydro project, and the further up we went, the rockier and muddier the road got and the more precipitous the shoulder got. Did I forget to mention narrow? At any rate, we crawled down the other side toward the Pacific, passing through an extensive oil palm

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CONDO: It is very rare that a condo on Coast Guard Point comes up for sale. This unit is an upper level, 2-3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with some furnishings including a stackable washer and dryer. It also includes a storage shed. It is in immaculate condition and priced at only \$110,000. (C-105)

TWO WOODED PARCELS CLOSE TO TOWN: Located on H-58 East of Grand Marais these parcels are 115 feet wide and several hundred feet deep. A new drive is being put in on each lot and they are being surveyed. They come with an on site septic approval from the local health department. These are nice wooded and dry and along a year round paved road. Electric and cable runs along H-58. This is a peaceful setting and the price is only \$25,000.00 each.

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ONE BEDROOM HOME WITH DETACHED GARAGE ON THREE ACRES: This home is only two miles East of town with over 400 feet of frontage on Highway H-58. It could be split into three parcels. Nice trees and a lot of recent improvements to the home. \$64,500.00

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YOOPERS IN COSTA RICA
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plantation before reaching the coastal highway and locating the right beach and the property of José's brother-in-law's brother-in-law, where we were greeted and welcomed by the family to the beach house with a roofed, open-air gathering place. The first item of business was swimming, and Rachel and I had a chance to practice our body surfing techniques in the fair-to-middlin' conditions. We later rinsed the brine off in the outdoor shower and took a walk up the beach, picking shells and feeling the breeze. Back at camp, we lounged and visited while lunch was prepared, most of it unpacked from insulated containers that were loaded before we left. After lunch we toured the grounds, checking out and eating whatever fruits we found to be ripe, including star fruit and cashew fruit. We also watched a long line of ants marching up and down one variety of tree. They were chewing off pieces of leaves and taking them back to their home to prepare a mushroom culture for a winter's food supply, as José informed us. He next got a ladder and a long board and began flicking hard-to-reach cashew fruits down to Cecilia, Rachel, and me on the ground. After another swim, we packed up our things and headed home via another route, this one blacktop all the way, over the fresh water crocodiles beneath the bridge, circling around to Santa Maria up above San José and the central valley, which was now brilliantly lit up in the late summer night. We stopped on the outskirts of San José for some KFC at a mall food court (per request by Raquel) and then chugged back up into the mountains and fog for the home stretch.

April 14-What a pretty morning in the valley - birds chirping, house cleaning, wash hanging, breakfast working, extended snoozing-- José knocked, telling me we were expected at Rigo's by 11:00. He, Rachel, and I went to the coffee plant and grabbed several kilos of coffee right where they were packaging it up. Then we went to Valerio and Rebeca's place to say goodbye and give them a couple gifts. Back at the Delgado's we snapped some photos, shared a nice blessing, and hopped back in the car, enlisting Paul for the ride back. Another pleasant stay. José chauffeured us back with typical efficiency, continuing his updates on the volcano and earthquake situations, among other things. He and Paul did not tarry long at Rigo's house, so we bade them a too hasty good-bye. Now Hortensia gave the kids a Spanish lesson/orientation to introduce them to Costa Rican culture, and then Rachel's dad Gerardo showed up, joining me and Ashleigh's dad Luis (already there) in a discussion about Costa Rican agriculture and the history of the coffee harvest. Both men work with Rigo at the high school. We soon piled into Rigoberto's van to "distribute" the kids to their host families, and Josh walked across the street to Gaby's house. The other three (Devan is still with her host family) live in or near Cartago in the next valley south. First we left Rachel in the middle of Cartago, then Jennifer halfway up the hill, and finally Ashleigh almost all the way up to the volcano Irazu, in the town of Tierras Blancas. Rigo and I had coffee and snacks with Luis and his wife before descending through onion fields to Cartago and then back to San José. Tomorrow we would recollect them all to visit the cloud forest some forty miles up the interamerican highway from Cartago.

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ORENT ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Munising, MI—The National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA), a non-profit exchange carriers association, has announced the election of Robert W. Orent to its 15-member board of directors. Election results were announced at NECA's annual meeting held in San Antonio, Texas on September 17, 2003. Orent's one-year term will begin on January 1, 2004.

Orent, the Senior Vice President of Industry Affairs for Hiawatha Communications, Inc. (HCI), will serve as one of six board members representing all local exchange carriers with less than \$40 million in annual revenues. On the national level Orent also holds board seats with the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC), a non-profit lending cooperative established in 1987 to serve the financial needs of the rural telecommunications industry, and with the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO), a national trade association representing more than 500 small, independently owned local exchange carriers (LECs) and their affiliate telecommunications companies.

On the state level, Orent is also a board member of the Michigan Exchange Carriers Association, which advocates for rural local exchange carriers in Michigan in matters of regulation and interconnection.

NECA, based in Whippany, NJ, administers complex regulatory and financial programs for telecommunications companies and is the administrator of the FCC's interstate access charge plan.

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