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GRAND MARAIS LION'S CLUB NEWS

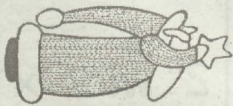
The tenth drawing for the Grand Marais Lion's Club Raffle was held Monday, October 17, 2003 at the Community Center. Vicki Petruske won the \$50.00 prize and Lou Bailey and Lou Bailey (You can win more than once) won \$25.00 each. On October 24, 2003 Cobina St. Martin won the \$50.00 prize and Vicki Petruske and Mary & Bing Mendoza won \$25.00 each. On October 31 Janna Baker won the \$50.00 prize and Nick Dongvillo and Dave Bell won \$25.00 each. There is still \$3500.00 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.

HALLOWEEN IN GRAND MARAIS



ROSE HILL CEMETERY NOTICE

The Rose Hill Cemetery ordinance provides that all flowers, wreaths, papers and flower containers must be removed prior to November 15. Other material that you may wish to retain should also be removed at this time. All remaining material will be removed by Township employees and discarded beginning November 16. If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, call the Township Office at 494-2381



Starry, Starry Night

Annual Grand Marais
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Friday, November 28
4 to 9 p.m.

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Find some unique Christmas gifts.
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Crystal Pinecone, Creative Enterprises,
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Bay Shore Market, and Fallscrafts.

**Regular Meeting of the
Burt Township Board**
Grand Marais Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
October 14, 2003 7:00 P.M.

Present: L&C Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenworth Twenty-five visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:04 p.m. Closed at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda with additions. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Petitions/Applications/Appointments/Resignations: Correspondence was read. No Petitions. One application for employment. Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to place Rob Harbaum on list of eligible employees. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. No appointment. One resignation - Sheri Shafer resigned from Greenspace Committee. Sheri to stay on until December 2003.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2003, and the October 2, 2003 Special Meetings. 4 - ayes/1-abstain. Motion carried. Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2003, Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board as presented. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor and subject to audit.

Payment of bills: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to pay bills as funds become available. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Airport - Sandee Sibbald reported on the vandalism of the runways. Cemetery - Jim Seibert announced that the cemetery is closing for the winter. Planning Commission - next meeting October 20th. RLF - Tim & Deborah McKinstry and family introduced themselves. They have applied to borrow money from the RLF to purchase Wilson's Grocery and Superior Hardware. Librarian - Edna Jean Johnson announced a Friends of the Library group. DPW Manager - announced that the Fuel System needs repairs. Motion by Seibert and seconded to make the recommended repairs to the fuel system. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. Park Manager - water is off - bath house #2 will have water for two more weeks. Supervisor - Supervisor discussed - Homeland Security Response Plan, sinking of Burt II, Sandee Sibbald's 25 year anniversary and Jim Islep's tree report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1) Woodland Park Proposed Upgrades a) Old Bath House: Motion by Savage and seconded to contract with Colburn Plumbing and Heating Company to upgrade the shower area in Bath House #2 at Woodland Park for up to \$8500. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. b) Electrical Hookups Motion by Savage and seconded to contract with Hungry Jim to upgrade the electrical requirements to accommodate changes in Bath House #2 at Woodland Park for up to \$700. 4 - ayes / 1 - abstain. Motion carried. c) Stone for Road and Walkways: tabled until spring d) Commercial Riding Lawnmower: Motion by Savage and seconded to purchase a commercial riding lawnmower from Hyde Equipment for Woodland Park for the price of \$6000. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. 2) Water Department Policy / Ordinance Changes: a) Motion by Savage, and seconded, to request that the auditor perform audit on Water Funds only during week of October 27 2003 to meet RDA Bond Requirements. Motion Withdrawn. Complete audit will be scheduled for week of October 27th. Motion by Savage and seconded to establish a meter fund fee of \$1.00 per month per customer for the ongoing installation of water meters. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. All other water discussion was tabled until Special Meeting. C) Snowplow Bid: Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept John Monache's bid. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. D) Land Split Request: Tester #2003-03 Lee to get more information. Special Meeting scheduled for October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office. E) Vacation of Charles Street - Lee to do some checking. Schedule a public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS: A) Grand Marais Snow Trails Association - no motions. B) Schedule Meeting with Chamber - UP 200 & Music Festival - Lee to contact. C) Homeland Security Response Plan - Future. D) Other

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Lori Savage, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the October 14, 2003 regular meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

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1. Corrections to the 2003 tax roll.
2. Approval of eligible homesteads.

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- Let me tell you about my vow of silence
- Learn from your parents' mistake - use birth control.
- I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
- A day without sunshine is like night.
- Be nice to your kids. They'll chose your nursing home.
- Forget the phone. Concentrate on driving.
- I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

**APPLICATIONS ARE
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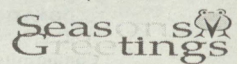
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A Message from the Supervisor

By Lee Durrwachter,
Burt Township Supervisor

Water Department

The Burt Township Board held a lively and informative special meeting on October 28th at the Community Center. The meeting was to update the business owners, since their water meters were installed, and to listen to their concerns and/or proposals about future users fees based on their consumption. The data collected from the monthly meter readings established, with a few exceptions, a volume consistent with businesses using water year around. This increased demand needed to be addressed by the water department. Although the original scenario of usage rates was based on a RDA formula, it became apparent that a more fair and equitable usage rate would be required. Establishing a basic "ready-to-use" rate must take into account residents as well as businesses. Instead of a 2,000 gallons per month minimum as its base rate, 8,000 gallons per month may be more realistic, especially with teenage children at home. In addition, regulation pressures from the state and federal clean water guidelines are compelling us to comply with their new expensive requirements. These requirements along with the need to replace the water's aging infrastructure as it approaches the end of its useful life, including its contaminated well, must be addressed, if we are to continue to have quality water. The ongoing higher year around demand has accelerated the need to upgrade. As such, the Township's capital replacement funds have to be maintained through adequate user fees. We cannot be shortsighted and defer maintenance. We assure you, it is a "Pay as You Go" program. The water system is totally maintained by user fees, not tax dollars. It is a challenge to the Township. Your understanding of these requirements goes a long way towards the necessary costs to maintain the quality water you expect and received.

1877, A Harbor of Refuge Resolution

Thanks to the alertness of Evie Morrison, and her ever vigilance to shop long distance, a bidding sale was discovered on the Internet for a "true" copy of an 1877-state resolution on the designation of Grand Marais Harbor as a Harbor of Refuge. Her tip started us on a search and rescue mission to begin combing the archives both here and on the state level to procure all copies of both state and federal documents, which pertain to Grand Marais Harbor. Stay tuned, for I've already encountered on our quest a reference/instruction librarian and government documents coordinator, named Joan Goodbody. Oh, thank you Evie!

Trick or Treat

I want to thank all of those inspired parents out there that dressed up their little goblins and ghosts last Friday evening. The facial make-ups and choice of costumes were fantastic. Your enthusiasm for Halloween was well received.

Baseball, a Metaphor for Life

I know a lot of people here are disappointed the Cubbies didn't make it to the World Series this year. They were so close. But we have to think back of why baseball is our national pastime to come to grips with our displeasure. Baseball is a metaphor for life itself. As George Will put it: "In life, as in baseball, we must leave the dugout of complacency, step up to the home plate of opportunity, adjust the protective groin cup of caution, and swing the bat of hope at the curveball of fate, hoping that we can hit a line drive of success past the shortstop of misfortune, then sprint down the base path of chance, knowing that at any moment we may pull the hamstring muscle of inadequacy and fall face-first onto the field of failure, where the chinch bugs of broken dreams will crawl into our nose." Yes, baseball is very deep, although this is not obvious from looking at it. As Dave Berry points out: "If you don't grasp the nuances, baseball appears to be a group of large, unshaven men standing around in their pajamas and frowning. Yet show the same scene to serious baseball fans, and they will see a complex, fascinating almost artistic tableau." There's always next year to once again, dream, even in pajamas.

Editorial Policy

We encourage our readers to use these pages as a community forum for a free exchange of ideas. Your letters are welcome.

The one stipulation is that letters to the editor must be signed. Pen names will not be accepted. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, and we will publish your comments as space allows.

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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DNR to Answer Questions

MARQUETTE - Soon there will be beautiful, white snow on the ground, rosy cheeks and noses and the sound of discharging rifles in the air. The 2003 Firearm Deer Season is rapidly approaching, and to answer questions sportsmen and women have, Public TV 13 is hosting "Ask the DNR."

Thursday, November 6 at 8 pm (ET) the public will get a chance to phone in their hunting questions during the live, one hour broadcast of "Ask the DNR" at 1-800-227-9668. The public is also invited to e-mail questions in advance to w13@comcast.net.

Guests from the DNR will be Menominee County Conservation Officer Jason Niemi, Escanaba Wildlife Biologist Craig Albright and Big Game Specialist Rod Clute.

Hosted by Scott Seaman, "Ask the DNR" is made possible with funding from the U.P. Whittails Association Inc. of Marquette County.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by
Karla Bugg.

Cooperative Weather Observer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.	Sn
Oct. 15	48	41		
Oct. 16	46	38	.10	
Oct. 17	45	38		
Oct. 18	51	36		
Oct. 19	47	41		
Oct. 20	64	42		
Oct. 21	53	40		
Oct. 22	42	35		
Oct. 23	40	34		
Oct. 24	39	30	.15	
Oct. 25	52	37		
Oct. 26	47	35	.03	
Oct. 27	39	31	.06	
Oct. 28	39	32	.12	
Oct. 29	46	34	.05	
Oct. 30	43	33	.08	
Oct. 31	45	41	.06	
Nov. 1	42	37		
Nov. 2	41	28		
Nov. 3	41	35		

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11 ESPN 2	32 TV Land
12 ESPN--Ent. Sports Network	33 FAM--The Family Channel
13 WNNM--Marquette PBS	34 Home & Garden
14 The Movie Channel... Premium	35 Hallmark
15 TNT--Turner Network TV	36 Home Shopping
16 WKYC--Detroit (ABC)	37 QVC--Shopping Channel
17 A&E--Arts & Entertainment	38 C-Span
18 The Discovery Channel	39 CHS - Country Music Videos
19 The Learning Channel	40 The Weather Channel
20 TNN--The Nashville Network	41 FOX News
21 WWJ - Detroit (CBS)	42 Court TV
22 USA Network	43 The Disney Channel

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According to the weather report, we are to get some snow this week. I still have to get some yard work done and put things away for the winter. I would like it if we had another month.

Soccer is over and basketball and volleyball will be beginning soon. We wish you a good season this year. Go Bears!

Sara (Morrison) Scaife came in from Pleasant Lake. She was able to visit with many friends and relatives that came in for the baby shower at North Shore. In for the shower was Jenny (Morrison) Cooley from Ithaca, Wendy (Morrison) Sohl and son Johnny from Hazel Park. Maggie (Bailey) Smith and daughter Allison from Ithaca were in for the shower and visited with Mom and Dad, Gerrie and Andy Bailey. Good friend, Tish Mallory from Alma was able to make it and played in the hair salon for the day. Brooke and Paige Whaley and sister Penny Barney came in from Marquette. Grandma Heidrich was not able to attend but sent a fire truck for baby Scaife. Sara and Ray received some wonderful gifts.

Sidney Hermanson and wife Rose have returned home from a month long visit with Sidney's mother Nelmi Hermanson. Rose and Sidney drove in this time from Banning, California so they could bring their dog Phoebe. Being here for nearly a month gave them enough time to get lots of work done along with hunting, with some luck too!

Scott Hermanson, with his wife Karla and children, Marko, Matias and Annika were able to spend a week with his Grandmother, Nelmi. They have been able to come up every year for a visit. Scott was previously transferred from San Diego to Plano, TX. Don and Alice Benson, of Lansing were able to get up here for a few days to visit relatives and spend time at Nelmi's.

Bob Erickson from the Soo came over to visit with his friends while they were in town. Bob, Sidney, and Don were great friends during their summer vacations through out the years.

Dale Thomas of Sister Bay, WI, in Door County, and Gary Thomas of Florida and Fish Creek, WI, near Sister Bay, spent several days with Nelmi. Norma Thomas of Escanaba, spent some time in Grand Marais at Nelmi's and visited with all that were here. Sounds like everyone had a great time. Nelmi will be able to relax now the house is empty!

You can see all the snowbirds packing up for the winter. With all the orange fencing around trees and plants so the deer and other critters do not eat all the greens.

Doe camp was held out at White Pine Camp over the weekend. Lots of fun, food and good friends.

Crap Orchard had a gang up over the weekend. I am sure getting ready for the big hunt in a few weeks.

Bucksnot Resort had a few of their guys up scouting out the area. We will see who gets the buck this year.

The girl scouts sponsored a Halloween party over the weekend. Nice to see the kids get together for all that fun.

Happy birthday to Renee Beaver, Brooke Whaley, Bob Beaupied Jr. and Mom Gerrie Bailey. Happy 2nd birthday to Johnny Sohl. Happy Anniversary to Mom and Dad, Gerrie and Andy Bailey.

See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling.....Evie

You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at: morriso3@jamadots.com



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Thank you! Thank you! There aren't enough thank yous to accommodate all those who helped make Nancy's and Craig's wedding day so perfect. We want to express our gratitude and affection for all those wonderful people who went out of their way to make the day so spectacular. The love and caring was almost palpable from beginning to end and the Grand Marais Spirit was showering his special sparkle throughout the community the whole day and into the night. Thank you! Thank you!

The Parents of Nancy and Craig Winnie

GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS LUNCH SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY Nov. 7**
Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes - Beets - Fruit
- MONDAY Nov. 10**
Boiled Dinner w/Potatoes - cabbage & Carrots - Green Pea Salad - Apple Sauce
- WEDNESDAY Nov. 12**
Shepherds Pie - Cabbage/Carrot Salad - Upside-Down Cake
- FRIDAY Nov. 14**
Chili w/Crackers - Fruited Salad - Cake
- MONDAY Nov. 17**
Roast Pork - Parslied Potatoes - Savory Carrots - Apple Sauce
- WEDNESDAY Nov. 19**
BBQ Chicken - Oven Brown Potatoes - Mixed Vegetables - Fruit
- FRIDAY Nov. 21**
Salisbury Steak - Mashed Potatoes - Cabbage - Dessert

(Items subject to change.)
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GRAND MARAIS NATIVE WINS MUSICAL COMPETITION

Shirley Bustos, a 1968 graduate of Burt Township School and daughter of Willard and Mary Handrich, recently wrote the music for a song and won \$1,000.00.

Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va. became Eastern Mennonite University in 1999 and it was decided to have a new school song. The text was written by Jean Lanzen, a poet from Fresno, Ca. The university held a competition for composers to set the text to music. Sixty entries were submitted and Shirley's was the one chosen.

Shirley is a graduate of Goshen College, Goshen, IN with a BA in music education. Her music compositions have been performed in schools, churches and universities. She directs the adult choir and children's music ministry at Valpariso Mennonite Church, Valpariso, IN where her husband, Mario is pastor.

Shirley also holds a degree in guidance and counseling from Indiana University at South Bend. She is currently working at Portage High School, Portage, IN as a guidance counselor.

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School of Hard Knocks

By Ty Washell

Maybe it is time to stop categorizing people as to their mental capacity, or lack thereof. While recently reading a book by an otherwise intelligent author, I found a statement he had made offensive. He stated that a certain group of college students he was writing about "Had never seen a real mental patient."

The range of behaviors and or attitudes that comprise a psychiatric label such as "mental patient" are for all intents and purposes, endless.

I have seen new fathers with a baby acting like complete idiots; people babbling insanely to their pets; and some so called entertainers gyrating like a Tasmanian Devil.

For purposes of law I realize that some determination must be made if someone does something illegal, but once a label is put on a person, it will be there for life.

Why not just admit we're all a little crazy and forget the labels. This way more people who really need help might ask for it, rather than toughing it out 'till it's too late.

Beggars Everywhere
By: Ty Washell

Sin comes in many guises
And some think money's one
Or should I say the lack of it
Can make one come undone

The struggle for survival
Dominates our life
Without sufficient money
We sometimes suffer strife

Some believe their talents
Deserve the highest pay
And look down their noses
At beggars in their way

How foolish is a man's pride
While things are going well
He rides the crest of glory
While others go to Hell

Wealth comes in many guises
Much the same as sin
But sharing is a key word
When letting beggars in

Very few like begging
If they can do their share
So don't look down your noses
There are beggars everywhere

ANOTHER TRUE STORY

BY PICKLE
Seagull Island

It was around the year of 1935 when we had an abundance of white fish in the bay, the reason this happened is that a freighter sunk off of Sable Point and it had a cargo of flax seed and the fish were having a feast. I hung around with the Masse boys and we did many things together. Their dad John Masse, owned Seagull Island and had a large tent on the island and three vicious dogs that lived on the island to keep strangers away.

John had a large seine that we pulled for white fish, this one time we got hung up three of us on one end. We got John from his perch on the top of the dune directing us so the seine came in ok. We got John and he wrapped the line around his waist and backed up pulling the seine, just like a Mack truck. He was very strong, the seine came in as fish were going over the top in a steady silver stream. Finally a log reared up from the seine, we lost our catch of fish and had to take the seine in for repairs. John loved omelets made out of seagull eggs; he would take a chalk, drive the seagulls off their nest and mark the eggs with his chalk. The next morning he would again check the nests and make his omelet. It tasted fishy to me, the whites were green and the yolks were a deep orange.

One night we seined more than a ton of whitefish. When we got done eating our meals we would have a great dessert, as the island was full of delicious sand cherries.

We had many fine times together as we grew up.
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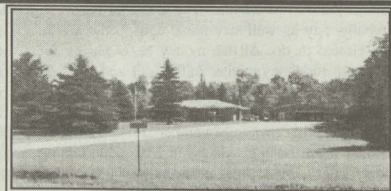
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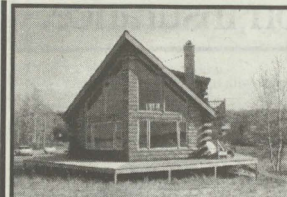
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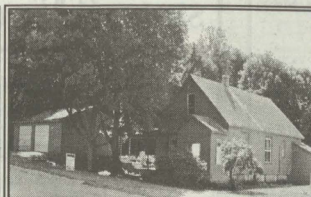


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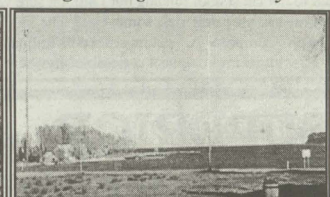
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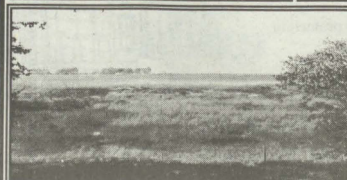
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

We have reached a few milestones in the war with Iraq. First and by far the most important, there have now been more American Armed forces killed in combat since Bush did his cute little victory dance on the flight deck of a carrier than were killed during what he calls the war. If one listens to the Administration and his war mongering lackeys, one would believe that things are going well in Iraq. Every time one of these people talk they blame the media for all the bad news and state that "they" don't talk about all the progress that has been made. I am not a defender of the biased media whether right wing or left wing and do agree that most times the media distorts the facts so that they support the point that the media wants to make. However, when the right wing reporters follow their statement that tremendous progress is being made by a report on yet another attack, another American killed, Iraqis and Red Cross staff killed, one begins to wonder if one is open-minded at all. If one wants to do one's own thinking, one might question why all the additional money is needed if things are going so well. It appears to me that our presence in Iraq as nation builders has our troops in precarious positions and makes them "fish in the barrel" for anti-American Iraqis and terrorists from many nations. This must be what is meant by opening Pandora's Box.

The second milestone is the exorbitant amount of money that we are spending on this attempt at nation building. Despite the unprecedented spending, stories that our soldiers lack crucial equipment continue to surface, this is inexcusable. A story about a make-shift hospital ward/barracks for troops returning from Iraq recently hit the news. The place would not pass requirements for occupancy for anyone, anywhere in this country. Yet this "Grateful Government" keeps Veterans there for months waiting to see a doctor. At the same time that our Commander in Chief is denying our veterans minimum health care, he is building, equipping, supplying and paying to staff several hospitals in Iraq; and I'll bet they are showplaces.

On a brighter note, there were some good signs for the economy, or so I am told. I still don't see the good jobs with benefits coming back; in fact unemployment is still at record levels for the recent past. If the economy does not show at least a partial recovery, Crybaby may as well stay home and do the job he was elected to do. All the money he is raising for campaign funding (another milestone) and the lack of the asses to come up with a credible opponent for Bush won't be enough to get him reelected if the economy is still down in November 2004.

I understand that j.g. will be in Marquette talking about budget cuts. I imagine by now she has fully realized the mess that "Adolph" left her. I wonder how long it will take Arnold to begin to question his decision to replace Davis in California. Word is that "Revenue Sharing" is on the block for additional cuts, along with just about everything. She has promised to not cut school funding but I am not sure what that means; all categories, some, one? The fact that Adolph's "Proposal A" put most schools in financial straits with no improvement noticeable anywhere has

apparently not hit home with her or many in the state government. Although, like some of us warned, this "dictate" caused further erosion of our public school system. I don't hear much talk about amending or throwing it out. With the tremendous cuts in the Marquette Sheriff's Dept., it will be interesting to hear how she plans to provide the police protection for that area while making reductions in the State Police budget. I look for deep cuts in Revenue Sharing and many state funded programs.

And finally, Sherri and I went to Marquette for Halloween this year. Prior to going I had talked to Dizzy and Too about their costumes and told them that I was dressing up as "Bana" (Sherri's nickname). When I told them, they didn't believe me, hard to understand why. Well I got a wig and Poo picked up a dress and purse at Goodwill (I wasn't sure that dresses that big were made). When I came out of the bathroom with my costume on, the whole crew had a good laugh. Several pictures were quickly taken and it would not surprise me to see one circulate locally. Lizzard was a hippie, compared to the ones that I saw in San Francisco during the mid-sixties, she was too clean and didn't smell like a pigsty; the costume however was good. Justin was some Bloody Monster from a current movie; he had a mask that filled with blood when he pumped it. Doc was a witch; she arrived at the party on her mother's broom. Dizzy was rather unique, dressing up like an American Flag. Too was the incredible Hulk. The kids had already started trick-or-treating by the time we arrived. They got quite a haul. That night we played some cards and I took the booby prize, fifth and sixth in the two games with six playing. Boo told me that he had put a curse on me and that is why I did badly; I told Boo that he was my curse.

On Saturday afternoon we all went our separate ways. Sherri went shopping with Poo and my young daughter-in-law, Angie. Angela is known in the world of shoppers as the "shop till they drop and I have just begun" woman. She and Mrs. Ross would make a good contest. I made a quick trip to Menards and was back in an hour. When Boo left for work it was me and Jackson (the dog). We watched a little TV and after Jackson took a trip outside, we indulged in our favorite pastime, taking a nap. I was getting a bit concerned when the women got back around 5:30 p.m.; that is a record length of time for Sherri to shop. Poo looked a little beat too but Angie hadn't even broken a sweat. That night at cards I won both games.

This coming weekend is brother-in-law John's wedding. He and Jen will get married at St. Michael's in Marquette on Saturday. I heard that the wedding march will be "Another One Bites the Dust". I wonder about whom that refers. I have been asked to read one of the scriptures; if John picked it, it will probably be "Woman, Obey your husband!" M.O.M. has cleaned places in her house that haven't seen daylight since she was a newlywed. Both of them have roots in Grand Marais and I am sure they will visit once in awhile. In a few months they might even bring an addition with them.

And finally, finally, Tuesday the eleventh is Veterans Day. Take some time out to pray for those who have served and are serving our country. Tell our government to stop paying them lip service and to step up to the plate as we did. Stay well Josh, Mike, Jason and Jeff. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING THRU CHRISTMAS

HUNTERS' DINNER

Friday, November 14th,
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Lutheran church

SENIOR APT. THANKSGIVING SUPPER

Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 4:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE.

Wednesday, Nov. 26th, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church

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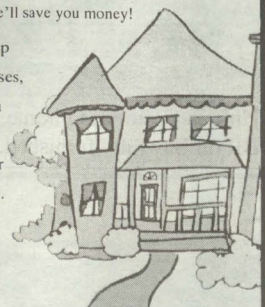
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Shallow Thoughts

- You're probably no longer middle-aged if you used to pay the same price for a gallon of gas that you now pay for a stamp.
- Did you ever wonder if NBC realizes that a peacock is nothing but a turkey in drag?
- It's hard to relate to this high-tech world when your kid says her Tinker Toys need more memory.
- Today's cloning question. When you clone a cow from another cow, and the two cows meet, does the cloned cow experience *deja moo*?

DO THE RIGHT THING

By Lee Goewey

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

Two weeks ago I was listening to a talk-radio discussion as to what we are to "name" the first decade of the 21st century in which we now live. Last century, for example, we had the "Roaring Twenties," the "Swinging Sixties," the "Decade of Greed," and so forth. Proposals for naming the years 2001-2010 were uninspired, to say the least. Someone suggested "The Zeroes." Aargh!

I, however, was inspired. 2001 and 9-11-01 in particular issued in the War On Terror, or WOT. We have come to understand that the WOT will be lengthy, likely involving several generations of us in the struggle. This first decade features nine years, numbered with double zeroes or double naughts: What better name for them than the "WOT-NAUGHTS?"

Now that's settled, on to more serious things. This morning's news (11-1-03) from Iraq told of the shoot-down of one of our Army *Chinook* heavy lift helicopters. Up to nineteen GI's lost their lives and over 20 more are injured. Compounding the horror and grief is the fact that the soldiers were being flown to Baghdad airport for a flight home and two weeks' R and R. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE GIVEN TO HAVE HAD FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENEMY ATTACK AND TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT IT?

One of our soldiers was recently presented just such an opportunity to short-circuit the enemy and save the lives of his comrades. Here is his story, taken from articles written by Rowan Scarborough of the *Washington Times* on 10-30-03 and Thomas E. Ricks of the *Washington Post* on 10-30-03.

The U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division (4th ID) is based in Saddam Hussein's old home town of Tikrit, in the heart of the infamous "Sunni triangle" where much of the guerrilla activity aimed at coalition forces is experienced.

Lt. Col. Allen West was an artillery battalion commander for the 4th ID, assigned additional duties as a liaison officer with the town council of Saba al Boor. Scarborough reports that "His unit learned through an informant of impending attacks. "The next day, some of his soldiers were attacked on a road leading to the town."

"The informant said an Iraqi police officer was involved. "Col. West had the policeman detained. "When two interrogators failed to gain any information, Col. West went to the detention center, brought the detainee outside and fired his 9mm pistol twice to scare him into talking." Ricks reported that West "didn't manhandle the detainee or point the pistol in his direction." "Col. West said the detainee then provided the names of two accomplices and told of another planned sniper attack the next day."

According to Ricks, "After the incident, West reported his actions to his immediate commander. "No actions were taken then, but when his boss was placed under investigation himself, this interrogation suddenly became a big deal."

Scarborough reports that "The staff judge advocate for the 4th ID has charged Col. West with communi-

cating a threat and aggravated assault for firing his pistol to scare a detainee into divulging information."

Two days short of the twenty years' service needed to qualify for his retirement pension and associated veteran's benefits, the Army has relieved West of his command and has offered him two choices: Immediate resignation and forfeiture of his retirement or institution of criminal proceedings which could end in a court-martial. Conviction in the court-martial could mean a prison sentence of up to eight years. Col. West's wife is a "cancer survivor" and without retirement benefits, her insurance and potential treatment costs would be prohibitively expensive.

Responding by e-mail to Scarborough, West stated, "I have never denied what happened and have always been brutally honest. "I accept responsibility for the episode, but my intent was to scare this individual and keep my soldiers out of a potential ambush. "There were no further attacks from that town. "We further apprehended two other conspirators (a third fled town) and found out one of the conspirators was the father of a man we had detained for his Saddam Fedayeen affiliation. "The (Iraqi policeman) and his accomplices were a threat to our soldiers and the method was not right, but why should I lose 20 years of service or be forced into prison for protecting my men?"

Good Question! Have we become so very Politically Correct as to have completely lost our minds? The old saying, "All's fair in love and war" certainly applies here. Witless application of "the rules" is rightly condemned until our own ox is gored. Then we forget our condemnation of the "sundowner" and insist on rigid adherence to "the book." We don't have Lt. Calley and My Lai here; we have a situation which cries out for an intelligent senior officer or administration official (if that's not an oxymoron) to make a decision in favor of the courageous and gutsy Lt. Col. West.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and contact your President, the Secretary of Defense, your senators and representative and request them to decide this matter in favor of Lt. Col. West by whatever means are appropriate. Surely we would not have forbidden West's actions, had they prevented the attack on our helicopter today! Remember always, THESE ARE THE WOT-NAUGHTS!

You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is to let your public servants know what you believe and what you expect from them, in a courteous manner. You may contact these individuals at the following addresses; please remember to include your name, address and phone number if you employ e-mail or snail mail:

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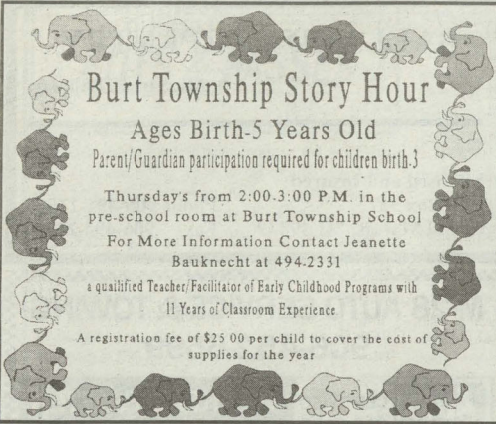
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Grand Marais Girl Scouts Set Plans For 1st Annual Sleepover at Marquette Children's Museum

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We are proud of you, MRS. Wilson !!!
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Love,
 The students and staff of Burt Township School.



Oswald's Bear Ranch
 By The Elementary Students

On September 30, 2003 we all went on the bus to Newberry. We got to eat at McDonald's. Then we went to the Bear Ranch to see the bears. It snowed while we were there. We saw about twelve bears and six kittens and four dogs. The bears and the dogs were in cages. The kittens were in the garage. We held the kitties but not the bears or dogs. The day was fun. We really liked the cubs. They were cute.

Wouldn't it make more sense to pick up the trash along the highways before they mow over it and chop it into millions of pieces?


Girl Scouts 1st Annual Halloween Party A Great Success

The Girl Scouts would like to thank everyone for their support and donations, without you we would not have been able to do it. The following is a partial list of those donating time and supplies:

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- Lutheran Church
- Mrs. Mustatia
- Amy Ross
- Brenda Smith
- Winnie Family
- Lundquist Family
- Scaife Family
- Musselman Family

Their were also many anonymous donations to which I don't know who to thank. If you donated and don't see your name on the list be assured that we greatly appreciated each and every one of you! A big thank you to the person who donated all of the gummy worms!!!

And finally to the community who came out to support us, it was such a wonderful feeling to have you with us. We look forward to next year's event and the girls are already planning for a bigger haunted house. The money that was raised will be used to purchase playground equipment for the school and other community projects. Thanks again for all of your support Troop Leader Jeanette Bauknecht.



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Thursday evening we were presented with a visual delight as the Northern Lights presented themselves in splendor. I was mesmerized by the lovely display of brilliant lights dancing across the Northern sky. I remained in trance watching the ever changing light show which would be the envy of those attempting to mimic the lights' natural flow with electronics, lasers and the such. It is so wonderful to live where such sights are a natural occurrence. Those living amongst the light pollution of the city, seldom see the Northern Lights in their natural state, but rather must visit planetariums to view them. The earliest settlers were in awe and related stories, folklore and spirituality to the lights appearances. I am also in awe and feel the strength of such occurrences. They indeed are an ominous sight.

Just as the Northern Lights shine in a brilliant display when conditions permit, so do students. Students attending Burt Township School have the opportunity to shine in such a manner. The teachers are adept at helping ensure the conditions are right for just such an event. The teachers emphasize the strengths in students in order to help students reach their highest potential. The board and staff have recently reviewed the school's mission statement and felt it should be rewritten as follows:

Everyone in the Burt Township School District will ensure that all students learn, achieve and succeed to attain their personal best. This is based on the philosophy that: Burt Township School District believes that the purpose of education is to facilitate the development of the potential of each student. We believe that the thought and action process involved in making intelligent, ethical choices and decision can be learned, provided students are given consistent, appropriate opportunities. We are committed to providing these opportunities to attain the District's mission.

I am convinced that we have the best and brightest students in the world. I am convinced that our students reach their potential due to the dedication of our staff. Our parents, work closely with the staff and school to see this happens. Our students are provided with the guidance and information to attain their personal best. The students, just as the Northern Lights, provide a brilliant display of wonderment, due to the conditions for success, created by each and every adult involved in the process.

Until next time,
Happy teaching
Happy learning
Happy living,
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FIRE!!!

By
Austin Chamberlain

Today I came to school. We had to leave class because there was a fire across the street. We went upstairs to read to the big kids. Mr. Scaife isn't here because he is a firefighter! I had fun.

Today's Fire

By
Elizabeth Scaife

I got up and rode my bike to school. I went into the cafeteria and got cereal. Then the bell rang and I went to my classroom. After that we went upstairs and had class with the bigger kids because Mr. Scaife had to go to a fire across the street. Mr. Scaife is my dad. He put the fire out.

Fire Day

By
Nicole Rutherford

Today at school there was a fire across the street. We read to the high schoolers, because Mrs. Smith watched high schoolers. I had fun. Mr. Scaife had to leave because he's a firefighter and they needed help. Lou helped too.

Fire, Fire, Fire

By
Michael Desmond-Coles

I rode my bike to school. I put my stuff away in my locker. I went to the cafeteria and went to my room. We went to come up here. I read three books. I read Football and The Foot Book. Lou went to the fire and put it out.

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Prologue/Disclaimer Part IV

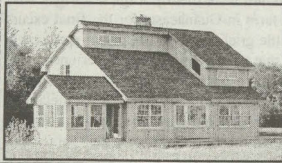
April 19-Well, we rendezvoused in Cartago early in the morning and returned to Rigo's, where we in turn were met by Jorge Madrigal, who would also be taking us to his farm in Guanacaste for the final excursion of the trip. I gave him a little grief about his supply of spare tires, because the last Spanish Club that traveled with him experienced two flat tires, one going and one coming back. Today we would have no such problems. We crawled up out of San José, through Alajuela, and further up the slopes of the volcano covered with small farms, many of which produce strawberries known for their sweetness. The park was a little busy when we reached the gate, but after we parked and walked up the crater, we were in for a treat. The previous time I had visited Paos in the early nineties, everything was obscured in mist and sulfur fumes. Helen and I did catch a quick glimpse of the top once as we flew out of Costa Rica on the way home. Today it was all clear up at the top, a huge open crater with a turquoise pool surrounded by a number of steamy fumaroles. Very pretty indeed. While we were standing at the rail gaping and snapping photos, we heard a cry-- and -- Devan! She showed up with her host mom, sister, and assorted maternal relatives right out of the blue. They would be spending the night in San José together before leaving Devan to accompany us to Guanacaste. We next hiked up to the old crater, now a blue lagoon surrounded by trees. On the way home we stopped halfway down at a small restaurant featuring strawberry frescos and casados, typical combination plates. We said "Hasta mañana" to Jorge at Rigo's house, then Rigo and Riri took the girls back to the Cartago area. I stayed behind to start sorting my luggage for Guanacaste and, eventually, the trip home on Wednesday.

April 20 & 21-Rigo went to get the girls at the roundup in Cartago, and within the hour Don Jorge showed up, followed by Josh and Devan and her family. I finished my substantial breakfast, of which we have eaten a number down here, and we piled into Jorge's well-seasoned van, a grey, eleven-passenger vehicle that "roared to life!" after Jorge pushed the fuel pump primer for several seconds. Our route took us northwest past the airport and up out of the central valley toward Puntarenas and our ultimate destination, Guanacaste. But before we got too high up in the pass, the van overheated and we had to stop and add some water to the radiator after it stopped fizzing in its location under the front seat. This was to be one of several stops both going and coming for radiator checks. We stopped again on the other side of the mountains, feeling the climate change to the dry Pacific heat. We went out of our way to cross the Taiwan Friendship bridge over the Gulf of Nicoya, where Helen, Elizabeth, and I had once ridden the ferry. The pretty new structure kind of a mini-Mackinac, is a real time saver for some travelers to Guanacaste, but for us it was a moment of engineering interest followed by an extra hour of toasty travel. We hooked around and headed north toward Sardinal, where we stopped at a small store for ice and supplies before going out of town through the dry and dusty countryside. It is the trail end of the summer or dry season, and even through the "winter" or wet season is reputed to becoming a bit early, everything is still extra crispy, if a shade greener than it was a couple years ago when we came here with the previous Spanish Club. At that time there was no electricity or running water, and this time there was still none of the former, but we could now shower when we returned from swimming in the ocean. There is a small family of three campesinos living there as caretakers. They also prepared our meals on an outside fire at counter top level in the small bathroom/kitchen "complex" apart from and behind the main house, a 12x12 room with a roofed porch on two sides. We moved our gear in, wandered around the house and grounds, and enjoyed a visit with my Costa Rican son, Guehinder Villafuerte, who was waiting with his wife, one year old son, and parents when we got there. He was an exchange student during 1990 in Grand Marais; he now is a grade school English teacher in his small, rural home town. At one point he and I drove to town, the excuse being to buy his son a soft drink, the real reason (I suspect) being a chance to share some one on one. On the way home, he let me drive his Toyota truck, a gesture of camaraderie. I readily accepted. When we got back both groups went to the Playa Panama. Playa means beach, and there are hundreds of them in Costa Rica, Atlantic and Pacific, and many of them are extremely beautiful. This one is sandy and somewhat protected by an extension of land, so the surf was not too outrageous, but we still had some fun body surfing as the sun went down. We said goodbye to Guehinder and his family -- he had a grade school soccer match to coach at 9:00 a.m. the Monday after the Easter Sunday. Back at the shack we dined in the dark by candlelight, then played euchre until the candle burned out and we discovered that the batteries in the flashlight were dead. I poked around in my dopp kit and found a crummy plastic one which I used to help me get my contacts out. The girls slept inside, Josh was in one of the tents, José put a foam pod on the ground in front of the door and I slept on a tall cot in the middle of the front yard, watching the stars and wondering about some of the night sounds... I woke up a bit chilled before dawn, curled up in my sheet and listened as the bird chorus began, with

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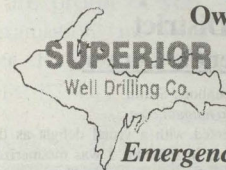
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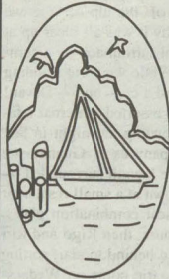
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LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 323 feet of beautiful beach with no bluff. This 3.79 acre parcel is high and dry and located on a year round road. Priced at only \$175,000. VW-140

TWO TEN ACRE PARCELS IN THE "BOONDOCKS". These parcels are high and dry and heavily wooded with pines and hardwoods. Located off a seasonal road with deeded access eight miles East of Grand Marais. These would make a great hunting or snowmobile camp. \$19,500. Each. VL-133

LARGE RESTORED HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This famous home was built back in the late 1800's and has been remodeled with new plumbing, roof, kitchen, bath, electrical, and much more. Located on a corner lot in the quiet area of town this is a real show place. \$189,500. R-153

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.

VIEW PARCEL: This is located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile East of Grand Marais. This heavily wooded site has acreage and a lot of privacy with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. the width of this parcel is 150 feet. It is priced at \$65,000.00. VW-131

ONE BEDROOM HOME ON WOODED LOT: Located two miles East of town, this cottage has had a lot of improvements done to it. Steel roof, vinyl siding, new bath and laundry room, new paint and new carpeting. Would make an ideal retreat at the edge of town. Priced at only \$62,500.00.

SEASONAL CAMP SEVEN MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS: This is a tiny cabin located on #416 which is the East snowmobile trail #8. The road is not plowed in the winter and there is no electricity. It has a partial view of Lake Superior and is on a 1.9 acre lot. It is really cute!! Only \$28,500.00

MAGNIFICENT VIEW PARCEL OVERLOOKING THE GRAND MARAIS HARBOR: This is unbelievable. The land is very deep and heavily wooded. It's 200 feet in width and the driveway is already in. Standing where a building site could be you can see downtown Grand Marais and the break wall. It looks like it could be on a post card. \$149,500.00

100 FEET OF VACANT SANDY WATERFRONT BEACH ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This is located right downtown and would allow an owner to walk to all stores and restaurants. Grandchildren can walk to the ice cream store! \$119,500.00

400 FEET OF BEAUTIFUL FRONTAGE ON A SMALL INLAND LAKE: This parcel has lots of pine trees and a sandy beach. Located five miles from Grand Marais with underground power at the site. The road is a seasonal road offering lots of privacy. \$200,000.

NICE HUNTING OR SNOWMOBILE CAMP WITH TWO CAR GARAGE: This is located two miles from Grand Marais and has a partially finished great room for a large group. Nice trees and plenty of room to roam. Priced at only \$64,500.00.

MOBILE HOME ON DEEP LOT IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: Located only three blocks from downtown and a short walk to the beach.. This is in excellent condition and would make an ideal second home in Grand Marais. \$58,500.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 597 feet of sugar sand beach on Lake Superior. This 10 acre parcel has mixed hardwoods and evergreen, in one of the most beautiful developments in the midwest. Underground electric and phone, paved plowed road, a full time caretaker, and only 32 home sites over 1 3/4 miles make this unique property a dream location for privacy. The drive is in and permits are in place for a home on the waterfront. \$299,500.00

THREE VIEW PARCELS: These are located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile east of Grand Marais. All of these heavily wooded sites have acreage and a lot of privacy, with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. Two of them have a nice stream meandering across the property. The stream tumbles and falls over a rock bottom with several waterfalls. One parcel has a spectacular waterfall that is registered in the book of Michigan Waterfalls. The parcels vary between 100 feet, 150 feet, and 175 feet. Prices are \$65,000 and \$75,000. The large waterfall is on a 175 foot parcel for \$75,000. The two parcels with the streams are side by side and can be purchased together.

GORGEOUS HOME ON LARGE LOT IN TOWN: This ranch style home is on five lots with a two car garage. Full basement, new carpet and decorating, and a beautiful yard with flower gardens and trees. Located across from Woodland Park it is in the quieter area of town. \$108,000.00

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

NEWER CABIN ON A 100 FOOT LOT WITH NEW POLE BARN: This would make an ideal rental where you are not visiting Grand Marais. Located three miles out of town it offers a lot of peace and privacy. \$64,500.00

HILLTOP CABINS IN GRAND MARAIS: This resort has it all. Located one mile east of town, this beautiful vacation paradise sits on top of the Grand Marais ridge that follows the Lake Superior shoreline. The views are spectacular. Several of the year round cabins and motel rooms have been completely remodeled. The three bedroom, two bath home has also been remodeled. There are sixteen rental units and they all have a new sewer and water system. Close to snowmobile trails, hiking trails, and public beaches. Nice trees and plenty of room to roam make this one of the nicest vacation spots in the Grand Marais area. Reasonably priced at only \$450,000.

TEN ACRES WITH GARAGE, MOBILE HOME, AND OUT BUILDINGS: This is a beautiful piece of property, full of good deer hunting and close to snowmobile trails. The mobile home is 17 feet by 60 feet and is only 10 years old. Very good condition. Two miles Southeast of Grand Marais. \$72,500.00

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

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a one note, pause, one note, pause by some lonesome chorister, who would later be joined by numerous others in a swelling crescendo, including the roaring woof woof woofing of the Congo monkeys until the parrots flocked through with their screechy chatter, after which it was ridiculous to even contemplate a return to slumber. I brought some binoculars this time, because there is a spectacular array of birds in Costa Rica, and previously I had difficulty getting good looks at them. Now I was scouting, and I saw some that I remembered and some new varieties. Jorge has a couple fish tanks on the porch, and from these come the very audible hum of insects seeking relief from the drought conditions. After coffee and breakfast, we drove to Playa Ocutal, about twenty minutes away, where we swam and scoured the tide pools in the rocks at either end of the beach. In these pools was a nice assortment of marine life, and while we were more or less bathing in one with several species of fish, a wave came charging into a large crevice behind us, suddenly slamming into the rock and instantly dousing the stunned naturalist with a quick, hard, salty shower. Quite amusing, especially to Devan who witnessed the approach facing seaward, but who had no time to warn us. We picnicked on tuna fish sandwiches and sweet lemons, then lazed in the shade for a good while before some more serious body surfing. Don Jorge now joined us in the brine as the tide moved in and the surf slowly built up, the nice waves coming occasionally for a while, a time for working on the technique and having a few laughs. By the end of the afternoon, however, the waves had grown large and powerful, tossing us toward shore in crazy surges that sent us rushing and spinning, pounding us into the churned up shore water, which we called "the mud pit" because of the swirling black sand that filled our eyes, ears, mouths, and bathing suits. To get back out in the water often involved another merciless bashing, one wave taking my feet right out from under me when I turned my back to brace myself for its impact. Blind sided and carried away again. Tired and happy, we finally surrendered and went back to camp, where we had left a family of Congo monkeys snoozing in a big shade tree behind the house. They were now gone, so the higher primates were able to have supper in relative peace, play euchre in the spirit of relative aggression, and prepare to retire for the night under the gaze of a merluza, a nighttime raptor who perched atop a skinny sapling right over my bed.

April 22-Rachel and I took a short tour at dawn, visiting a few different tree species and heeding the call of the monkeys, who were feeding in a tree in a dry river bed, fascinating to watch in their agility. The rest of us monkeys gathered our grubby gear together and piled into the van for our return to San José, where four hours later we found the traffic slow going back into the city. We got out at the hotel CACTS, our final resting place before putting this year's trip to bed, but first: more shopping! After tidying up a bit, we hoofed it uptown to finish our gift lists with more coffee, T-shirts, etc. It rained a bit, looking extremely threatening, but we made it back no problem to find Gaby and a friend waiting at the hotel. I talked to Rigo and we made plans for a farewell dinner at his place about 7:00, at which time we piled into a couple of taxis and went to San Francisco Dos Rios. The food featured chicken with rice, ground beans, chips, and tossed salad, topped off with lemon custard and chocolate ice cream pie, both created by Gaby's mom. After dinner we exchanged gifts with Rigo and Hortensia, and we were joined by Ashleigh's host parents, who brought her a package from her folks in Grand Marais, one that just barely caught up to us before we left. After dinner it was gracias y adios, and Rigoberto chauffeured us back to the hotel. It is so kind of him to sacrifice so much of his time and energy making arrangements for us before and during what is a one week school break during Holy Week. Thanks again, Rigoberto and Hortensia. I am concluding this journal on the flight from San José to Miami, where the customs folks will probably wonder why in the world anybody would be lugging around thirty plus pounds of coffee. Well, it's this way... The end.

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- Sometimes I feel so inept. Like when there's a baseball player who's worth \$250 million, and I can't remember his or her name.
- It's better to be poor than to be rich. The rich always have to fear becoming poor, but the poor never have to fear becoming rich.
- Older people are more likely to live in the past because it's already paid for.
- Why do they call it a pick-up truck if you have to load it?
- I was going to quit smoking, but I heard that secondary smoke is worse.

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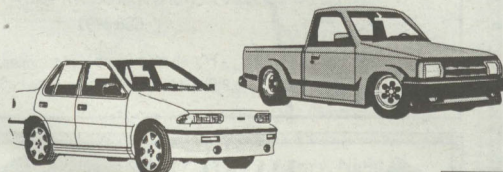
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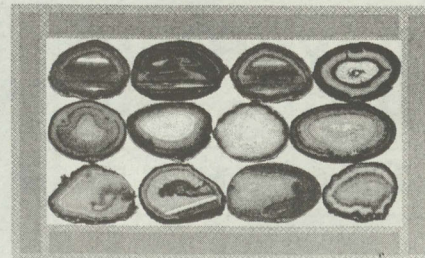


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