



St. Thomas variances approved

By Cyndy Finnigan

The Zoning Board of Appeals met at 7:30 p.m. October 2 at the Community Building to consider the variances requested by St. Thomas Church in its bid for expansion. At the ZBA meeting of August 24, St. Thomas was asked to meet with Village Council concerning traffic congestion, safety and parking issues, which have continued to plague the Church in its attempt to obtain variances, and thus be one step closer toward getting a building permit from Hamilton County.

Village Council referred the matter to its Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by Al Duplace. At the ZBA meeting, Mayor Startzman, reporting for Building and Grounds Committee, stated that, in the Committee's opinion, the Church had shown a positive response concerning the parking, safety and congestion problems. Mayor Startzman stated that Council would review the Church's recommendations when the Church finishes presenting its plan to the Committee.

Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Elliot voiced concern over the ability of mutual aid trucks to help in case of a fire stating, "the fourth story may be past the limbs of apparatus and can only be hit from the top." Bob Doran, architect for the project, responded that the Church was addressing this by using sprinkler systems, hose hook-ups on stairwells,

an additional center stairway and an elevator on the Terrace Place side of the building.

Village Engineer George Kipp said he would work closely with Building Inspector Bill Fiedler on potential stormwater retention problems and flood plain issues. "We are in the preliminary stages but will work closely together to monitor plans," asserted Kipp.

Lisa Wharton, Church Warden and spokesperson, said that during the construction phase, the Church would maintain good quality control, have 'neighborhood friendly' construction and an accessible on-site construction manager. Parking, safety and traffic issues have begun to be addressed, according to Ms. Wharton with meetings, discussions with the police force, in house announcements to members of the congregation to drive and park responsibly and the use of crossing guards. Ms. Wharton mentioned that the Church had offered to purchase the residence at 110 Terrace Place at "full value" but that Mr. Souhrada had declined its offer.

Ms. Wharton further stated that the Church felt that it was only required to obtain a variance for front yard setback and a variance for number of stories, because a small portion of the new building may be considered a fourth story. The Church felt that the third dimensional variance applied by the Board was not legally required. She

concluded by saying that the standard questions used to address variance issues (set forth in the September Issue of VV) could all be answered in a manner that demonstrated no negative effects would result from the granting of these variances.

Village Solicitor Bob Malloy said the third dimensional variance was required and that the entire facility should be looked at since the current Church is not in conformity with codes. He also affirmed that while the ZBA will consider the seven questions used to address variance issues, it was not limited to considering these issues in deciding whether or not to grant the variances.

Attorney Don Mooney, speaking on behalf of John Souhrada, contended Mr. Souhrada "did not want to move nor be driven out." He felt that application of the zoning code ordinance 1127.04 B3 (available at the Village office) "should give the best possible result." He argued that variances are generally granted to persons working within extreme confines such as an irregular or shallow lot, exceptional narrowness or shallowness or difficult topographical conditions. "Variances should alleviate a demonstrable hardship," he continued. "If the Church would scale back its plans, it would eliminate the need

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Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

Mayor Startzman presents Butch Stouder (left) with a Proclamation honoring his years of Village maintenance work.

Time to find fishing pole

By Cyndy Finnigan

After a quarter of a century, Butch Stouder of the Village Maintenance Crew has decided to call it quits. "Time to hang it up. I'm tired," he states matter of factly. Mr. Stouder is one of two people who have the distinction of serving on the T.P. Maintenance Crew for 25 years, the other being Marvin Alexander, who retired two years ago. Mayor Startzman, co-workers, police and residents gathered at the Community Building for a luncheon September 29 to honor Mr. Stouder's years of service and to wish him well.

"I'll take some time off until my wife tells me to get busy," he muses. "I'll probably work in my garden and fish. I'll miss the people but not some of the work; battling that bliz-

zard several years back was rough." His favorite work was mowing the grass. "There's a kind of freedom to grass mowing," he says. Lunch looked good to Mr. Stouder; he usually brown-bags it and eats quickly. There were trays of cold meats and cheese, salads and homemade brownies.

"My wife Betsy was one of the brownie makers," confides resident Buz Ecker. "Butch is a great guy who has worked hard for this Village."

Mayor Dan Startzman presented Mr. Stouder with a proclamation stating that September 29, his last day on the job, would officially be Butch Stouder Day in the Village. Mr. Stouder summed it up: "My thanks to the people of Terrace Park. I like to think I've done mostly good for most of the time."

Effie has relished her sixty-three years in Terrace Park

By Robin Pendery

On October 26, a very special Terrace Park resident will celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Stanley Miller of 714 Miami Avenue will turn 98 years of age. Mrs. Miller still lives in the home that she and her late husband Stanley built in 1937. Their moving day posed a particular challenge as the Great Flood of '37 made Wooster Pike impassable without a boat. Their furniture and belongings had to be re-routed through Indian Hill over higher ground. As the waters receded, Mr. and Mrs. Miller saw that Terrace Park was a wonderful community to raise their two boys, Dale and Lee.



Mrs. Miller has seen many changes here in the Park over the years. She has been an avid gardener and a fifty-year member of the Terrace Park Garden Club and was accredited as Judge of Floral Arrangements by the Federated Garden Club in 1941. The great highlight in the Miller family's history was their selection in 1940 as "The Typical American Family" from Ohio in a contest sponsored by *The Cincinnati Post*, Sears & Roebuck and Ford Motor Company. (See photo reprinted from *The Post* on page 8.) They were treated to a trip to New York City to visit the 1940 World's Fair. They were driven there in a shiny new 1940 Ford Motorcar and were treated like royalty, being housed in a Federal Housing Authority model home, complete with chauffeur, cook and maid. The Miller's were one of the first to hear their own voices on the "Voice Mirror" at one of the exhibits and were permitted to make long distance telephone calls to folks back home. A big moment of the trip for the Miller

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Council reviews safety and maintenance

By Suanne Luhn

At a meeting largely focused on "housekeeping" details, Council learned that the Emergency Medical Service staff has expressed concern about the lack of immediate and unimpeded access to Drackett Field. There are trees and other obstructions that could delay their prompt emergency response. The Building and Grounds Committee agreed to bring these concerns to the Recreation Commission for further discussion. Lieutenant Hayhow informed Council that, in the past, Stanton Field has been used for emergency air-care landings without any difficulties.

Chairman Al Duplace, of the

Building and Grounds Committee, reported that he and Chief Bacon have had discussions with Bruce Long and the Boy Scouts about needed improvements at the Log Cabin. Specifically, some electrical work is needed for additional outdoor lighting. The Scouts have suggested a proposal for installing two new lights by the basketball court with an appropriate night timing system. In their proposal, the Scouts are offering to contribute to the cost of the project. Mr. Duplace submitted a resolution to authorize the initiation of the upgrade within compliance of the existing Village code.

Additionally, Building and Grounds Committee resolutions

were passed concerning the fertilization and pruning of over one hundred-fifty trees in the Village. Authorization also was requested and approved for a 15 - 17 foot Norway spruce (a.k.a. "Village Christmas Tree"). Work on the Norway spruce will begin soon.

Finance Committee Chairman Jack Brown proposed a resolution to update budget authorization for EMS agreements with Miami Township, for fire hydrant repair, the water main contract and routine maintenance for the Log Cabin.

Rules and Law Committee

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Letters to the Editor

September 23, 2000

Dear Editor,

My decision not to recuse myself from any vote on St. Thomas matters before the Planning and Zoning Commission was taken only after considerable discussion and exchange of thoughts with other members of that Commission and the Village Solicitor.

On May 30, Chairman Wachterman sent me an e-mail asking whether I was a member of St. Thomas, and that, if so, I would not be able to participate in consideration of the matter. We exchanged e-mails on the subject in which Mr. Wachterman outlined his thinking on the matter.

On June 6th, I sent the following e-mail to Chairman Wachterman: "Thank you for your thoughtful and responsive reply to my questions. You are indeed coherent, and the principle you educe is clearly applicable to matters before public forums. Any lack of coherence is in my own thinking on this question: to what degree of affinity or relationship between one person and another does the public interest require a recusal from judgment?"

"Clearly, if one is financially involved with a party to a judgment, there can be little question that there could be a biased interest in the outcome. This principle is clearly evident in the practice of our political leaders and government officials to put their financial holdings in blind trusts, to avoid the appearance of partiality in their governmental dealings. The reality, of course, is questionable, but that's another matter.

"The same principle obtains in the awarding of contracts in both commercial and public life. At P&G, for example, conflict of interest policies require both disclosure of any potential conflict situations as well as that any manager or executive so situated refrain from any actions pertaining to business relationships with the parties so indicated. One does not award cleaning contracts to one's brother in law, nor accept gifts from vendors, etc.

"And, I think fairly clearly, much the same would apply in the St. Thomas situation to those in the Church organization who have either a direct financial interest or control of financial interests, such as the Rector, the Board of Vestrymen, or Trustees. Those individuals, with control of Church funds and Church interests a responsibility, should clearly not exercise any public discretion pertaining to Church interests, as their differing responsibilities to the Church and to the public interest they might equally represent would then conflict.

"Equally, the owner of a small business in our Village, seeking a public grant or license, would not be able to exercise the responsibility of a public office responsible for such matters without being subject to conflicting interests.

"But what of the citizens of the Village who enjoy the benefits (or drawbacks, depending on one's views) of business and other interests in the Village. Can they exercise responsibility for a public decision on matters pertaining to such businesses without conflict of interest? Can the cell phone user make public judgments on transmitter towers in the Village? Can the gas station customer make judgments about regulations for such businesses? Can the UDF customer decide on zoning matters for that business?"

"I think it's fairly clear that in such instances such person could responsibly exercise a public office and make judgments without suffering any conflict except so indirectly as to be meaningless, and certainly in any event not personal.

"And, so, here I am. Still in a muddle. Is a parishioner of St. Thomas a customer, as one might be of the UDF or Bill Krummert's BP station? Or, is he a party at interest, as he would be if he were an owner, or a manager appointed to control, or otherwise exercising personal responsibility for the affairs of the institution in question."

I cannot see myself as a party at interest in this situation.

Furthermore, this e-mail was responded [to] by Chairman Wachterman with the advice that he had found in his Commission files an opinion of the Solicitor that members of the Swim Club could participate in consideration of a matter before the Planning and Zoning Commission, and that the two situations being analogous provided a basis for members of St. Thomas to participate in the matter at hand.

Since you chose to publish Mr. Chapman's frustration with my decision not to recuse myself, and his opinion about what the "right thing (for me) to do" would be, you should also to publish these reasons for my decision, which I firmly believe was "the right thing to do". I might also note that no attempt was made by your reporter to solicit my views on this subject at the time of the meeting reported upon, nor at any time subsequently.

Sincerely,
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Subscriptions are available for only \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @831-2388.**

October 7, 2000

Dear Editor:

With the help of many people, my Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project was completed on September 30 and October 7. The project involved the heavy cleanup and landscaping of the Rawnley property adjacent to the Village offices. The property, which is owned by the Village, is the former home of Ellis and Bonita Rawnley. Mr. Rawnley is a local historian and author of "A Place Called Terrace Park" [and founding editor of *Village Views*]. Among other potential future uses for the property, it will hopefully be a much-used addition to the Village's public green spaces.

If it were not for the help of the Village, members of my Scout troop, Scout leaders and my family, this project could not have been brought to a successful completion. I would like to thank publicly the Village of Terrace Park for making the project possible, in particular Council members Al Duplace and Steve Holmes. Special thanks go to my Scoutmaster, Steve Smith, who advised me from beginning to end and for providing, through Camargo Landscape, many of the resources for the project, to Sy Swart and Riley Humler for their hard work on both Saturdays, and to my dad, mom and sister, who were there for the whole project. I would also like to thank my fellow Scouts for their hard work: John Austin, Sam Cowan, Nick Crosswell, John Debbink, Chris Egasti, Phil Egasti, Mickey Humler, Sam Hyer, Kirby Kirby, Evan Kokoruda, George Myatt, John Olson, Ben Richart, Ben Seeley, Zac Smith, John Alan Srofe, Alex Swart, Henry White and Matt Wilson.

Andrew Knox, Troop 286
800 Park Avenue

Dear Friends,

Forty-three years ago, I moved to 831 Douglas Avenue in Terrace Park from Westport, Connecticut with two small children, aged 2 and 4. It turned out to be the best move I could have made, since we lived only one block from one of the finest schools in the state. Another big plus was, and still is, that all of the people who live here are so friendly, caring and helpful.

Sadly enough, because of the many changes in our lives, we find it necessary to downsize and are therefore moving in to a townhouse. It is on a golf course called Legendary Run, next to Nine Mile Road. My wife Jackie has a health problem, and we wanted to live somewhere with one floor living and pretty, carefree views. Living on the 17th fairway is ideal at this time in our lives.

Jackie and I want to thank all of the people in Terrace Park for their support, meals and prayers as Jackie fights cancer. This community offers a wonderful support system, of which you all can be proud.

Terrace Park also has so many people who possess so many hidden talents in the arts and writing. It has been my pleasure to have created some of the sculptures in our Village and area, a few of which include the weather vane on top of the gazebo, the "Tencon" sign on Wooster Pike and the "M" for the new entrance for the Mariemont High School Stadium.

On November 9, we will be moving to Legendary Run. Jackie and I are hoping that all of our many friends in Terrace Park will visit us frequently. It's only a 25-minute drive, and we are only a phone call away. Our new telephone # will be 513-947-9543.

In closing, thanks for the memories, your friendship and your love.

Sincerely,
Stan and Jackie Thomson
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Ladies of Lifesquad

By Cyndy Finnigan

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If you are interested in learning more about Lifesquad please call **Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166**.



Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

Maggie Tobergte (left) and Mary Kipp in front of the EMS ambulance, ready to roll.

Village Calendar 2000

OCTOBER

27 Terrace Park Elementary PTO Pumpkin Festival. Games for all ages, Pumpkin Patch Café, silent auction, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

28 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society Music Festival featuring Paul Andry. Workshops offered at 10:00 a.m., 12:45 and 3:00 p.m. with pizza lunch. Buffet dinner at 5:00 by reservation; \$10. Open stage at 7:00 p.m. Evening concert at 8:00 p.m.; \$5 donation. For details **contact Pam @ 860-5539 or Fran @ 891-7037**

31 HALLOWEEN! Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. to indicate the start of trick or treating ends at 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Village curbside leaf collection continues through November 22. No large brush collection at this time

7 ELECTION DAY. Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

7-9 Terrace Park Elementary Book Fair. **Contact Jane Egasti for information @ 831-7637**

7 TPES PTO meeting, cafeteria, 9:30 a.m.

7 Terrace Park Newcomers "Ladies Night Out", at The Kiln in Hyde Park, 7:30 p.m. Pottery painting, carpools can be arranged. **Call Missy Osgood @ 831-2637**

8 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting, potluck supper, luminaria kit making, community building, 7:00 p.m. For information **contact Louann Mauk @ 831-4655**

11 Terrace Park EMS Annual Pancake Supper, TPES cafeteria, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Adults \$4, children \$2. New phone directories also available

13 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

13 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Garden Club holiday workshop with Karen Ballinger, Community Building, 12:00 noon. For membership information **contact Marilynne Chapman @ 248-4705**

17-19 Mariemont High School fall play, "The Taming of the Shrew", MHS auditorium, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2. For information **call 272-7600**

21 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m., public welcome

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Saturday Children's Program 5:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
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THANKSGIVING SERVICES

St. Thomas has **two** Thanksgiving Services!

Wednesday, November 22,
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Thursday, November 23,
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Eagle Scout Service Project

By Steve Smith

On September 30 and October 7, Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop #286 engaged in a two weekend community service project at the former Rawnsley residence, directed by Life Scout Andrew Knox. Andrew, an active member of our Terrace Park Troop, is currently working to fulfill the requirements for Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. One of the many requirements for achieving this noteworthy rank is to devise, develop, manage and document a service project of benefit to a religious institution, non-profit organization, government agency or community.

Andrew selected a project based upon site cleanup and improvement at the former Rawnsley home, currently owned by the Village of Terrace Park. Initially, his outlined and documented plan was presented to Troop #286 leadership and the local Dan Beard Boy Scout Council for approval. Following their endorsement, he then presented the plan to the Village of Terrace Park Council and received Village support with some minor provisions. Additionally, he was responsible for recruiting the manpower from within

our Troop necessary to execute his project, procuring adult leadership and any required tools, equipment and materials.

This project, consisting of a complete cleanup of the grounds, included removal of several large dead and dying trees, along with undesirable wild vegetation on the property, removal of dead and overgrown foundation plantings and trimming and pruning of desirable plant material. Additionally, a debris filled garage was emptied, old greenhouse dismantled and old walkways removed. With the amount of debris generated, the Scouts managed to fill a forty cubic yard dumpster during each Saturday session!

Troop #286 would like to thank Terrace Park Village Council for approving the project and providing the dumpster both weekends. Likewise, we would like to thank pub-

licly Riley Humler, Bob and Lois Knox and Sy Swart for their adult leadership during both weekend sessions. Last of all, the following Scouts are to be commended for taking time to participate in the project: John Austin, Sam Cowan, Nick Crosswell, John Debbink, Chris and Phil Egasti, Mickey Humler, Sam Hyer, Kirby Kirby, Evan Kokoruda, George Myatt, John Olson, Ben Richart, Ben Seeley, Zac Smith, John Alan Srofe, Alex Swart, Henry White, Matt Wilson and, of course, Andrew Knox.

By participating in this service project, most of these Scouts have fulfilled specific requirements needed in part to advance towards the next higher rank within the Scouting program. We welcome interested visitors to the Rawnsley site to see first hand the positive results generated by your local Boy Scout Troop!



The Rawnsley property, now well maintained thanks to Boy Scout Troop # 286, basks in the autumn sunshine.



Photo: Steve Smith

Pictured from left to right, Sam Hyer, Henry White, John Olson, Evan Kokoruda, John Austin and John Alan Srofe.



Photos top left, right and above: Bob Knox

In addition to serving his community, Andrew got to work a front loader - a boy's dream come true.



Andrew Knox surveys the hard work he and his fellow Scouts put in on two consecutive Saturdays.

Council continued from page 1

Chairman, Jim Peterkin, reported on the result of proposals for waste collection. A four-year contract renewal with Rumpke was authorized. The renewal contract once again does not include recycling collection, which is still the responsibility of the Village residents.

Julie Rugh, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, confirmed that the committee met on Oct 4. They again discussed options for calming devices on Park and Western Avenues. At this time there are no recommendations for speed bumps, additional stop signs or a "no through traffic" zone in this area. Many possibilities have been explored to address the problem of speeding and road safety on these streets. The Village Police force will continue to strictly enforce existing laws in this regard.

Community concerns have been brought to previous Council meetings about the safety of the Elm Street hill going south toward Drackett Field. The Public Safety Committee has recommended "rumble strips" on the inside pathway as well as more delineators (reflector lights). These additional devices will serve to alert drivers who may cross into the pathway. Village Engineer George Kipp informed Council that the rumble strips are relatively inexpensive and easy to install.

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If you are interested in learning more about Lifesquad please call **Maggie Tobergte @ 831-7166**.



Photo: Cyndy Finnigan

Maggie Tobergte (left) and Mary Kipp in front of the EMS ambulance, ready to roll.

Village Calendar 2000

OCTOBER

27 Terrace Park Elementary PTO Pumpkin Festival. Games for all ages, Pumpkin Patch Café, silent auction, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

28 Cincinnati Dulcimer Society Music Festival featuring Paul Andry. Workshops offered at 10:00 a.m., 12:45 and 3:00 p.m. with pizza lunch. Buffet dinner at 5:00 by reservation; \$10. Open stage at 7:00 p.m. Evening concert at 8:00 p.m.; \$5 donation. For details **contact Pam @ 860-5539 or Fran @ 891-7037**

31 HALLOWEEN! Village siren sounds at 6:00 p.m. to indicate the start of trick or treating ends at 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Village curbside leaf collection continues through November 22. No large brush collection at this time

7 ELECTION DAY. Polls open in the Community Building at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

7-9 Terrace Park Elementary Book Fair. **Contact Jane Egasti for information @ 831-7637**

7 TPES PTO meeting, cafeteria, 9:30 a.m.

7 Terrace Park Newcomers "Ladies Night Out", at The Kiln in Hyde Park, 7:30 p.m. Pottery painting, carpools can be arranged. **Call Missy Osgood @ 831-2637**

8 Terrace Park Kindervelt meeting, potluck supper, luminaria kit making, community building, 7:00 p.m. For information **contact Louann Mauk @ 831-4655**

11 Terrace Park EMS Annual Pancake Supper, TPES cafeteria, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Adults \$4, children \$2. New phone directories also available

13 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.

13 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9:00 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.

14 Terrace Park Garden Club holiday workshop with Karen Ballinger, Community Building, 12:00 noon. For membership information **contact Marilynne Chapman @ 248-4705**

17-19 Mariemont High School fall play, "The Taming of the Shrew", MHS auditorium, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2. For information **call 272-7600**

21 Mariemont Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m., public welcome

23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please submit calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

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Village Views
deadline
November 13,
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If You Need a Baby-sitter call Sarah Swart at 248-2055. I am 13 years old and I took a baby-sitting course. I have experience with little children and babies. I love to have fun and play with children of any age. I am available on weekends.

What's Happening at St. Thomas?

St. Thomas Church, Terrace Place and Miami Avenue in Terrace Park
Phone: 831-2052 Email: stthomas@one.net Web: stthomasepiscopal.org

Worship: **Saturday 5:00* p.m.; Sunday 8:00, 9:15*, 11:15* a.m.; Wednesday 11:45 a.m.**
Saturday Children's Program 5:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
*(*nursery care available)*

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

St. Thomas has **two** Thanksgiving Services!

Wednesday, November 22,
at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23,
at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us!

HEALING PRAYER

What: Individual prayer for the healing of mind, body or spirit—healing of relationships—healing for yourself, or for another.

When: At the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. service of Holy Communion

(Individual prayer offered as an option)

Neighbor to Neighbor

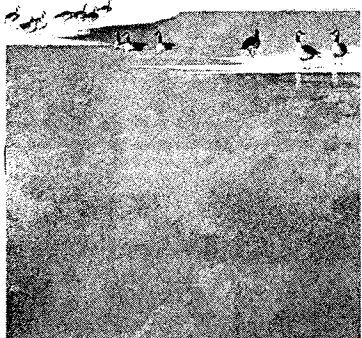
Mariemont High School presents Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew"

Enjoy a bit of Shakespeare at Mariemont High School. The students will present "The Taming of the Shrew" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. All tickets are \$6 - call 272-7600 to order. Carrie Dattilo directs.

Wealthy father (junior Stephen Carley) refuses to allow his youngest daughter Bianca (senior Lauren Smith) to marry until his oldest daughter Katarina (senior Katie Woolsey) is married. Unfortunately for the suitors who wish to marry Bianca, Katarina is a shrew and no one will marry her. However, when rich Petruchio (senior Matt Hampton) comes to town, he vows to marry and tame Katarina, thereby freeing Bianca for the suitors. Meanwhile, the suitors: Gremio (sophomore Ben Cober), Hortensio (junior Ryan Jennings), and Lucentio (senior Mike Hall) all come up with various plans to be the man Bianca marries.

Made in America

The Great American Artists Exhibition, Sale & Gala will be held at The Cincinnati Club on November 11-18. Benefiting the Taft Museum of Art, the "Made in America" event will allow individuals to purchase original works of art by the nation's most important representational artists. Terrace Park resident Mark Eberhard is among the more than 70 artists whose work will be exhibited and offered for sale. For reservations or more information contact David Bowen @ 831-9004.



"Canada Geese," oil on board, by Mark Eberhard, is one many paintings and sculptures available for purchase at the Exhibition, Sale & Gala.

Two TP students named National Merit Semifinalists

Officials of the National Merit Corporation have announced that four Mariemont High School students are Semifinalists in the 46th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Mariemont seniors and Terrace Park residents Matt Amis and Jeremy Schubert. The seniors were among 16,000 Semifinalists and will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,900 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over \$31 million, that will be offered next spring.

Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors were named Semifinalists. More than 1.2 million students in over 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2001 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the 1999 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The next step for Semifinalists is to fulfill requirements to advance to Finalist standing. Finalist awards will be announced in 2001.

Make a Difference Day

On October 28, Mariemont City Schools will join millions of Americans in the nation's largest day of helping others - Make a Difference Day. The school community will walk to raise awareness for the fight against ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease.) Village students will meet at 10 a.m. at TP Elementary School, and a car caravan will drive them to join everyone at the Mariemont Bell Tower on Pleasant Street at 11 a.m. for a celebration. Junior High students may prefer to walk with their schoolmates; in that case, they meet at Mariemont Junior High and walk to the Bell Tower as a group.

The walk is being held in honor of Mariemont Junior High Principal Judy Schmitz's husband, Jerry Schmitz, who has ALS. Weather permitting, the Schmitzes will be at the Bell Tower along with other ALS patients. Prior to the walk, Mrs. Schmitz met with elementary and junior high students to discuss ALS. All schools are selling paper baseballs for \$1 to support the ALS Association.

ALS is a degenerative disease, in which the motor neurons (nerve cells in the brain, brain stem, and spinal cord that control movement of the skeletal muscles) gradually degenerate, resulting in progressive weakness and functional loss of involved muscles. The cause and cure of the disease remain unknown, although vigorous research efforts and clinical drug trails are being pursued in exploring possible causes and treatments of the relentless disease.



Baltimore Orioles

Foundation Gala scheduled

The Mariemont School Foundation will hold its Fall Gala 5-7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 29 at the Terrace Park Country Club. At the gala, the third in a series of four prints by nationally renowned wildlife artist John A. Ruthven will be unveiled. (above) The original painting, titled Baltimore Orioles, will be auctioned at the event. Individually signed and numbered prints are available for \$130 each. Proceeds benefit the Foundation's work, which includes technology, the arts, scholarships and endowments throughout the Mariemont City School District. Tickets are \$150 per couple and include a signed and numbered print. For ticket information or to purchase a print call Val Garber @ 271-6917.

Village tree relieved of duty

The tall pine on the Village Green lived a good, long tree life, but its time had come. "It had about every ailment known to befall trees," said Randy Haller, Village Arborist. "It had caught fire from holiday lights and been struck by lightning; its branches were worn thin."

We loved it anyway, as it was the center of many cherished holiday festivities. As the tree was cut down, residents Linda Swensson and Midge Proctor reminisced about this faded comrade. "We're sad to see it go," stated Linda. "As childhood friends in the Village, we watched the tree grow up too. We came to all the tree lighting ceremonies."

The pine was about 67 years old, with a 22" trunk diameter. It was planted in 1940, when it was a 2-3" caliber sapling. It will be replaced

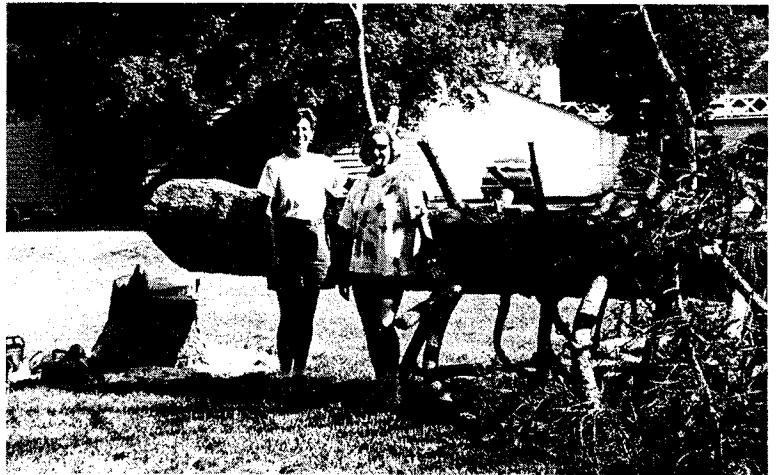


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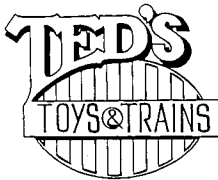
Linda Swensson (left) and Midge Proctor are with the Village Green "Christmas Tree" during its final moments.

by a sturdy, 16-17 foot Norway spruce this fall. Our annual "tree lighting" celebration will be held on December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Ted's Toys and Trains teams up with Kindervelt

Terrace Park Kindervelt and Ted's Toys and Trains have hooked up to make it easy to both do your toy shopping and to give a donation to Children's Hospital of Cincinnati. Shop at Ted's Friday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., mention "Kindervelt" (you do not need to be a Kindervelt member) and Ted's will make a donation to Children's Hospital of 10% of your total order.

This is a great way to do some early holiday shopping and support a wonderful organization. Your local Kindervelt Chapter is looking forward to the Terrace Park community supporting this fantastic fundraising event. If you have any questions, please call Kindervelt President Louann Mauk @ 831-4655 or Ted's Toys and Trains @ 248-1999.



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Repeated soundings of the sirens indicate additional warnings are being issued. Radio or TV will give ALL CLEAR.

Siren Signals are tested at noon throughout the County on the first and third Wednesday of the month. For test purposes each sound will last for one minute.

Detailed information on the siren and on Terrace Park Emergency Services can be found in the Terrace Park Directory, pp.3-4.

FYI: Due to the Winter Holiday season, the December issue of Village Views will be published one week earlier, to allow for holiday ads and staff schedules. Please submit all calendar information to Jenny Whitaker, all ads to Gerri Kennedy and all articles to Gillian Littlehale by Monday, December 4. Thank you for your attention to these details.



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Mutual Aid Runs	16	7	124
Alarm Drops	6	8	55
Property Found Unsecured	6	2	50
Animal Complaints	3	1	32
Domestic Disputes or Violence	1	0	10
Accident Reports	5	4	25
Traffic Arrests or Citations	72	44	671
Other Traffic (warnings, etc.)	53	27	264
Other Arrests (including outstanding warrants)	8	8	104
Investigations (not otherwise covered)	14	3	89

FirstTuesday

By Noel Julnes Dehner

Terrace Park residents are on the cutting edge of business and technology. Hard to believe? Last month Rob Cottrell, Joe Dehner and John White attended a FirstTuesday meeting. FirstTuesday is an international organization that brings together entrepreneurs, service providers (accountants, lawyers, technical consultants) and investors. Meetings are by invitation and are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month, hence the name. Frost, Brown, Todd (formerly the

law firm, Frost and Jacobs) and Grant Thornton are the two founding sponsors of FirstTuesday, Cincinnati, which is one of about one hundred chapters in the world.

Rob Cottrell, Director of Marketing at Cohesia Corporation, is in a business that offers infrastructure software for supply chain management. He believes that "the whole high tech start up movement is in its infancy in Cincinnati. When you are growing a company as we are, you must have the best level of contacts of funding, new suppli-

ers, partners, future employees. At FirstTuesday these people are easy to meet."

Rob and Louise Cottrell know first hand how valuable FirstTuesday has been for so many businesses. FirstTuesday's CEO is Reade Fahs, Louise's brother, who lives in London in order to direct the operation.

At the meeting, Joe Dehner, of Frost, Brown and Todd, spoke about the legal issues in starting up a company and in running an ongoing one. Joe comments, "It is excellent that Cincinnati recognizes that it has a deep, diverse group of talented people, and that these people can meet. I like the energy at these meetings. You don't need to live in Silicon Valley to have a technologically progressive community."

Bowne Cincinnati, where John White is VP of Sales, was a corporate sponsor. Bowne deals with time sensitive financial printing and the filing of documents for public companies with the SEC. He explains that through FirstTuesday, "We were able to meet quite a number of principals, people who make business happen." Bowne's Internet division, Immersant, designs web pages and is involved with Internet design and functionality. John adds, "We also like to meet companies that are in the early stages of development, so that when they do go public and there is an IPO, we could provide the printing services."

Besides a monthly meeting, FirstTuesday offers matchmaking events where entrepreneurs have an opportunity to present a business plan to investors, and to receive feedback and perhaps further consideration.

Terrace Park residents who are considering following in the footsteps of Bill Gates and Microsoft should contact FirstTuesday at www.firsttuesdaycincinnati.com.

Book Fair at Terrace Park Elementary School

The Terrace Park Elementary PTO, along with Scholastic Books, is proud to launch this year's Book Fair: "Rocket into Reading". The Bookshelf of Maderia will complement this year's book selection with additional books for adults. Also, look for holiday books and thousands of the most popular books and software titles suitable for ages pre-school to adult. This provides a great opportunity to acquire books as gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Please note the times and days on your calendar! The Book Fair will be held at Terrace Park Elementary School. The dates are:

Tuesday, Nov. 7th 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8th 8:00 a.m.-7 :00 p.m.
Thursday Nov. 9th 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Will Hillenbrand, Terrace Park Resident and outstanding children's book illustrator, will be at the Book Fair on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for a special book signing opportunity.

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for variances. The ordinance promulgated in 1988 is not one of entitlement; it was not enacted to allow existing buildings to construct something much larger than what they have." Mr. Mooney suggested the Church "should go back to the drawing board or take this building configuration to a commercial street. It does not fit in with the footprint of the Village."

Residents spoke in support for and in opposition to the project. The threat of worsening parking, safety and traffic issues is a continuing concern to residents who remark that they have not yet seen or been presented with an effective means of dealing with these issues and that they remain unresolved. Resident Jerry Koszycki, an architectural designer, stated that in his 35 years of work experience, involving over 70 Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and making numerous presentations requesting variances, he has never seen the granting of variances when such pertinent issues remain undecided. "It's unheard of," he claimed.

Attendees in favor of the expansion, some of them non-residents but members of the Church, expressed dismay at the conflict but stated that the Church was antiquated and clearly in need of ex-

pansion, ADA adaptations and extensive modernization. They also mentioned the good works the Church does in the community and will continue to do.

The ZBA concluded by voting on all three variance issues as a whole. Barb Howland (Chair), Russ Wilson and Dick Wachterman voted unanimously to grant the variances (fourth member, John Bowers, was out of town), requesting certain conditions be met: that the Church expansion will be subject to all building and fire code requirements and that there will be placed a non-revocable deed restriction on parking at the Village Center Parking Lot allowing 'over-flow' parking for weddings and other large functions. Landscaping, approved by the Board, must be installed to minimize privacy loss to resident John Souhrada and must be maintained at the Church's expense.

The next step is for the landscaping plan to be approved by the ZBA. The Village Solicitor will then confirm that the deed restriction has been recorded by the Hamilton County Recorder's office. At that point, the Planning Commission must meet to approve the plans as being in compliance with the Terrace Park Zoning Commission and with a list of policies and procedures that relate to the construction process.

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Kindervelt #76 Presents Terrace Park's 14th Annual Luminaria Sunday, December 3, 2000

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Luminarias can be placed along your sidewalk, driveway or street. The fire siren will sound at 6:00 p.m. to signal the lighting of the candles. If the weather is poor, no siren will sound, and the lighting will be postponed for one week. Festivities on the Village Green will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Don't miss this magical start to the holiday season in Terrace Park! Please complete the order form below and mail by November 5 to Holly McCormack, 706 Park Avenue, Terrace Park, OH, 45174. Please make checks payable to Kindervelt #76.

Kindervelt members will also be taking phone and door-to-door orders for Luminaria Kits from October 20–November 5. If you have questions, please call **Holly McCormack @ 576-0884** or **Julie Morgan @ 248-1488**.

All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Luminaria Order Form

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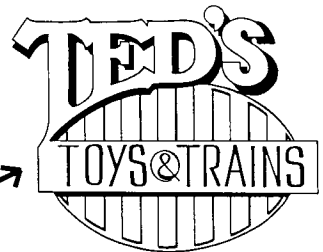
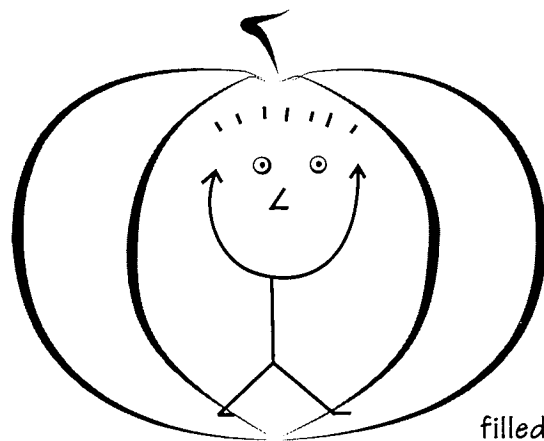
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Volunteer groups invited to terracpark.com

By Tim Mackey

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If you belong to a volunteer organization that you feel would benefit from being on the Terrace Park website, or if you have an idea for information that you would like to see on the site, please give the committee contacts a call. They will send a representative to

your organization's next meeting and help you design a section within the website. Any group, regardless of size or area of interest, is eligible for this assistance. Just provide us with the information, we will take it from there. The sooner, the better!

If you would like to participate in the website design, but aren't sure how you can help, there are plenty of computer and non-computer related tasks. We want to make this community site a first class information and relationship building tool. Your website contacts are **Gregg MacMillan @ 248-2121, Dan Neal @ 831-9095 and Tim Mackey @ 831-0024.**

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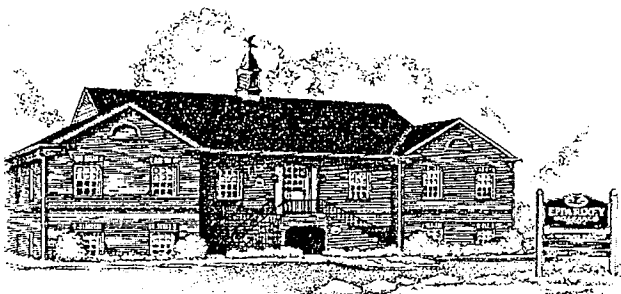
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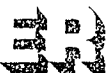
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Ten years later, in 1950, Mrs. Miller became Postmaster of Terrace Park. At that time our postal service consisted of small "boxes" in the front room of a residential building on Terrace Place. When the Postal Inspector came to swear Mrs. Miller in, he noticed Terrace Park was growing rapidly, and the system that had been in place was becoming inadequate. At his sug-

gestion, the Millers decided to purchase the land adjacent to the then post office and build the building that is our current wonderful Terrace Park Post Office. Mrs. Miller remained Postmaster of the Village until her retirement in 1972. She has seen her fair share of Valentines, Christmas cards, letters to Santa and, of course, the mad dash on April 15.

Thank you, Mrs. Miller, for many years of service and community involvement. You are far from typical. Happy Birthday, Effie Miller!

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By Jim Fox, Superintendent Indian Hill Water Works

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Pancake Supper 2000

By Dennis Elliott

The annual Pancake Supper for the benefit of the Terrace Park Fire Department and Emergency Medical Squad will be at the Elementary School cafeteria on November 11, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 10 & under. The door-to-door advance sales will begin on Sunday, October 22.

In addition to supper tickets, the EMTs and Firefighters are selling their newly published Village directory. They are \$5 each or 3 for \$12. Directories can be purchased along with the advance tickets, at the door of the Pancake Supper or at the Village office during business hours.



Leaf collection has begun - there is no brush collection at this time.

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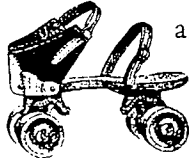
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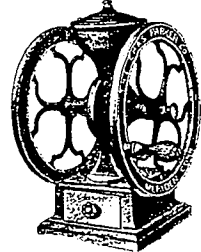
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Homes have been collapsing in your neighborhoods at an alarming rate. The cause is thought to be overcrowding of furniture, antiques (old stuff) and collectibles. Why just last week, the Ferdmeyers brought home a seemingly harmless lamp. Next thing they knew, their walls had buckled, the floor caved in, and now they're living at the Inn. To prevent calamities like this, the Marielders have unselfishly planned the **2nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Auction and Sale**. November 4, 2000, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, at the Mariemont Parish Center, 3908 Plainville Road.

Save your homes and your sanity by donating any suspicious looking items: furniture you haven't used in a while, presents you never did like, collectibles you wonder why you collected, and all those dusty things in the basement that your children don't want. Err on the side on giving too much, because your generosity is tax deductible. And just when you thought this couldn't get any better, we have 2 Marielders and a truck just waiting to pick up your treasures.



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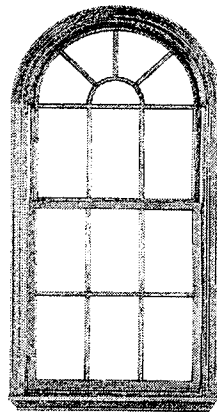
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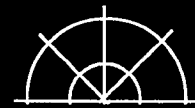


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Terrace Park Sports

15 Questions with Skating Champion Elizabeth Brewer

By Paul Pendery

[I recently caught up with local skating whiz Elizabeth Brewer, who is a member of The Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati and the Queen City Figure Skating Club. Her parents, Stephen and Jessica Brewer, sat in on my discussion with nine-year-old Elizabeth as we proceeded through a small list of questions. The great thing about Elizabeth is she is a wonderfully gifted athlete who also happens to be a really nice person. Perhaps there are a few college and professional athletes across our country that could take a few pointers from the young skater.]

Plus, Melissa Donahue, called and asked me if I wanted a coach to coach me. So I asked my mom and she said "sure!" I've had two other coaches, Marcia Chaffe and Dorothy Cassini, who have helped me a lot. **VV:** I watched a tape of you skating in competition in mid-August. What was the name of that event and how did you place?

ELIZABETH: It was the Queen City Tall Stacks Competition, and I got four gold medals.

VV: I guess four gold medals are good enough. I notice in the skating programs, you do all kinds of spin moves and come out of them without falling over. Don't you get really dizzy?

ELIZABETH: Ever since I was really little, I always liked to spin. I would just spin really fast all the time just for the fun of it.

VV: How do they decide who skates against whom? Is it done by age, grade or what?

ELIZABETH: There are a lot of different levels, and you have to be tested to move from one level to the next. I skate at the pre-preliminary level. The next level is the preliminary level, where I can start doing Axials and other spin moves.

VV: Have you been competing against girls that are older, younger, or your same age?

ELIZABETH: Mostly they are all older than me. In this competition, I was the youngest.

VV: How many kids were you competing against at this event?

ELIZABETH: Probably around 10.

VV: You look remarkably composed



Sue, Dave, Drew and Katie Troller soak up le soleil in Paris.

Trollers do the Tour

By Paul Pendery

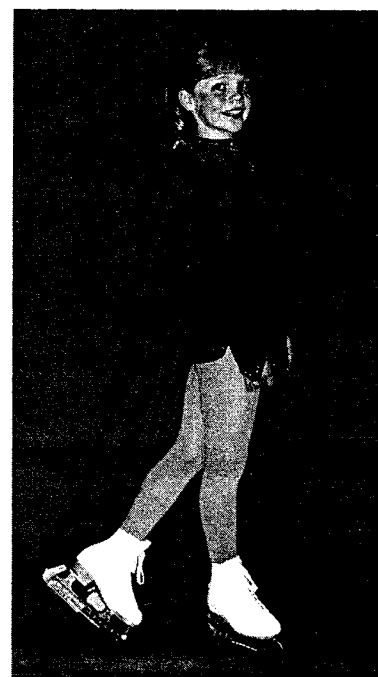
Dave Troller was totally amazed when he won an Internet drawing last May that nearly 10,000 other people entered. The drawing was billed as an opportunity to "Take a Trip to France with Lance", referring to the two-time Tour de France winner, American Lance Armstrong. A more appreciative and deserving winner could not have been hand-picked by the sponsors. As many of you may know, Dave is a cycling enthusiast of more than modest proportions. Just to give you an idea, he is hoping to mark the year 2000 by cycling 2000 miles.

When asked how he found out about the contest he said, "one night I was just bouncing around looking for some information on biking and came across this prize offering. It was incredible that I won, considering I would have been happy to receive some token like a signed book or a jersey, but I actually won the whole thing! I was caught so off guard, I called the sponsor when I received the notice that I had won and asked what my prize was." After a few questions from Dave, the young lady replied, "Sir, didn't you read the affidavit? You just won first prize, a trip to France and a new Trek racing

bike". Of course, Dave thought there was still a good chance his cycling buddies set this whole ruse up.

As it turned out, this little contest really did provide air travel to France and room accommodations in Paris for the final week of the Tour de France. Dave also won a Lance Armstrong Special Edition Racing Bike, which he just received in early October. With a Carbon fiber frame that weighs 2.4 lbs. and Rolf Vector wheels, this thing is just a little more than your average 10-speed. The Troller family was able to take in many of the magnificent sights, including the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. Just don't ask them about the Catacombs, which Dave described as "incredibly grotesque". The week ended on the Avenue des Champs-Elysees, where they witnessed Lance Armstrong's celebratory conclusion to this year's ultimate cycling event. In Dave's words, "That guy is just incredible. He is the most compelling figure in sports today. I still can't believe I was lucky enough to be there with my family to see him finish. Just incredible!"

We agree. And almost all of us are more than a little jealous!



Elizabeth Brewer, competitive skater

on the ice for someone so young. How do you stay so calm?

ELIZABETH: I eat lemons before I skate. That seems to help a lot.

VV: You have got to be kidding. What do you think about when you're skating in a competition? Do you think about what moves are coming up and whether or not you are doing everything technically correct?

ELIZABETH: Not really. I usually just try to focus on what my coach tells me and go from there. I also try to smile a lot because that helps in the scoring.

VV: Do you fall much in practice?

ELIZABETH: Oh, all the time!

VV: Who's your favorite skater?

ELIZABETH: Michelle Kwan.

VV: What would you tell any young kids to help prepare them for amateur skating?

ELIZABETH: You have to love it. Be prepared to work hard and be organized.

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