



Tuckie White rehearses for "Les Miserables" in the MFAA Variety Show

Fine Arts, Fine Show

by John Wenstrup

Imagine – students, alumni, parents, teachers, and grandparents, all putting their best foot forward to build a show that will knock people's socks off. From beginning to end, the Mariemont Fine Arts Association show, *Telethon: Night of the Pod People*, set out to showcase as many people as we could – singers, dancers, artists and musicians, knowing that the resulting variety of performance would create a depth and richness that was really something to behold. With sell-out performances Feb. 27, 28 and March 1, I hope you agree.

Thanks to all the Terrace Park folks who pitched in on the show. Glenn Lindahl, musical manager and Pat Matchette, choral director, drilled and rehearsed us until we knew the songs in our sleep. When it came time to condense four hours of practice into two hours of show, David Park was the man for the job. David cleaned up all the little details, making our show smooth, seamless and flowing. Please join me in thanking Glen, Pat and David for their selfless commitment to this MFAA project. Under the direction of Pam Henley, The Mariemont Showstoppers also made a major contribution.

Our stage was beautiful thanks to the tireless efforts of Amy Hadjian and Grace Holmes. They spent time painting, sewing, making wimples for nuns, glittering stars and "on the air" signs. It was very comforting to know Amy and Grace were on the job getting things done. Equally reassuring was Greg Hadjian's involvement in the many technical aspects of the show. David "Toolman" Park and Larry "Al" Austin got all the credit for our fog machines, which set the mood for several numbers. If you liked Dino's Rat Pack entrance, sliding down the firepole, you can thank Dan Davis and the people at Mills Fence. We also owe a great deal of thanks to Doug Bosse and Midwest Sound and the capable sound director Stock Keffler. As a matter of fact, do the fine arts a favor and tell Dan, Doug and Stock that you loved the show and you want to buy a fence, get some sound equipment or build a house! Also, I was really happy to see Michael Stephan come home to Mariemont from Miami University to pull together a very promising light crew, which included Chad Keffler and Alex Cobb. We are proud you felt it worth your time to come back and help us. Thanks!

If you can't tell, I love our performers. There are behind the scene stories of courage, betrayal, faith, disappointment, determination, humor and sadness that made us all a family. Our respect for one another made the show all that it is, and our love to perform will bring us back to you next year in spite of any obstacles. I am glad to involve so many parents, teachers and coaches in our show. It is great for everyone to see how much you care about the kids, the school and the community. You are the ordinary heroes our kids will remember as extended family. We hope to have an even bigger and closer family next year.

The family and community spirit of the production is evident from the number of Terrace Park residents involved in every aspect of the performances. Additional participants include Brian and Lin Bollinger, Eric Brengle, Molly and Steve Cobb, Tom Crosby, Judy and Lindsay Deeter, Albert, Maggie and Polly Duplace, Paula and Steve Early, Mark Eberhard, Diane Fisher, Paul Gibby, Julie Gould, Jenima Hadjian, Taylor Heilbronner, Will Hillenbrandt, Chris Hogue, Steph Jones, Katie and Sue Keffler, Mike Leming, Miles Lindahl, John Maggard, Katie Moorhead, Alison and Tucker Park, Jim and Wendy Peterkin, Sue Porter, Anna Proctor, Cody and Jesse Rogowski, Kathy Schubert, Marcie Schutte, Jim and Sara Singler, Jacob Starks, Bill, Leslie and Linda Swenson, Alison, John and Ryan Wenstrup, Tuckie White, Scott Williams and Katie Woolsey.

For those of you who missed the show, I have an option for you. Buy a video for just \$10.00. MFAA is selling a video, and the proceeds go to fine arts. Call Lin Bollinger @ 831-7454.

County Health Commissioner Pitches Drywell Study to Council

by Katy Wood

At Council's invitation, Mr. Tim Ingram from the Hamilton County Board of Health, attended the March 10 meeting to assess Council's interest in a grant supported ground water study in Terrace Park. The proposed grant is a \$250,000.00, 30-month, matching grant. The federal government would pay 50% of the cost and the Hamilton County Board of Health would propose matching the funds, not with dollars, but with staff-time devoted to carrying out the study.

According to Mr. Ingram, there is currently movement to draft legislation for the state of Ohio that would write drywells out of the state sewage code. As explained in the last issue of *Village Views*, this change could have a significant impact on Terrace Park and lead to the replacement of our drywell septic systems with other forms of sewage treatment. Mr. Ingram stated that there are surprisingly little data available addressing the impact of drywells on the aquifer. This would be the primary purpose of the proposed study; the lack of current data apparently explains why funding for the study is available. The study would also look at the impact of our drywells on the Little Miami River. Mr. Ingram explained that the results of the study could be used "to mold" the new legislation, implying if the study showed a lack of negative impact on the aquifer and the river from drywells, this information could be used to convince legislators to allow the use of drywells in the future.

Council members had many questions and comments regarding Mr. Ingram's proposal, suggesting a range of opinion about the appropriateness of the study. This is the same study that was presented to Council in April 1997, so there was familiarity with the details of the proposal. Steven Holmes challenged what seemed to be Mr. Ingram's implication that the Board of Health would function as an advocate for keeping drywells in Terrace Park if the research proved favorable, given that the Hamilton County Board of Health has already written drywells out of their code. "If he truly has neutrality on the issue," asked Holmes later, "why has the county already enacted an ordinance against [drywells]?"

John Finnigan, who made it clear that he has previously represented Mr. Ingram and the Board of Health, stated his support for the study, noting in response to Mr. Holmes' question, the county board's liberal granting of variances to residents who have requested to construct or repair drywells. (Variances are permitted because drywells are still permitted within the state of Ohio's sewage code.) Finnigan went on to argue that drywells "seem to have a presumption of guilt" and that as responsible citizens, we need to find out if drywells actually do pose a health hazard. Julie Rugh posed specific questions regarding the nature of the study and provisions for up and downstream testing, as well, to rule out contamination from other neighborhoods. Mrs. Rugh and Dan Keefe also questioned the cost of the study and raised the issue of whether Terrace Park might eventually become liable for some of the costs involved. A resolution regarding the study was postponed until March 24, when a public discussion of the issues, followed by a special Council meeting, will be held.

Following this lengthy discussion, two residents sought permission to address Council. Village Views Board President, Shelley Cowan, read a statement clarifying the board's recent request to have Chief Bacon participate in its Ethics in Journalism Forum (see related article) and expressing the board's disappointment in Council's response. As the forum was planned to create a dialogue regarding the paper's obligation to balance the reporting of news, with its obligation to minimize harm to innocent parties who might be affected, it was considered that Chief Bacon's professional opinion on this matter would provide valuable insight. The board felt that in its communications with Safety Director, Julie Rugh and Mayor Jennifer Comfort, they received an unnecessarily delayed response regarding Chief Bacon's attendance and contradictory messages regarding Council's final decision to allow Chief Bacon to speak only on matters of procedure. Council finally reported their concern that as the Police Chief was the only public employee on the panel, his personal comments might be perceived as public word.

Ricki Schmidt questioned Council regarding its annual pay increases, asking if they were considering adopting a policy of merit pay. Jack Brown, Finance Committee Chairman, replied that his committee is currently examining current pay increase practices.

Stephen Holmes, Buildings and Grounds Chairman, proposed resolutions, subsequently passed, regarding tree stump removal and spring tree planting. He also reported that Randy Haller, Terrace Park arborist, has proposed a reforestation of the Elm Road overpass area. The Ohio Forestry Fellowship has donated trees to be planted by the Boy Scouts under the supervision of Steve Smith.

Public Safety Chairman Julie Rugh proposed ordinances, also passed, to increase the monetary compensations for EMS and Fire Department volunteers.

Ethics in Journalism Forum Held

On March 12, the *Village Views* Board of Trustees held a forum to discuss the paper's role in reporting public record, enhancing public safety and protecting the privacy of Village residents. According to VV Board Pres. Shelley Cowan, the purpose of the forum was to provide insight to Trustees as they prepared to write policy for the reporting of police incidents and other sensitive issues. The Board asked Village residents with professional expertise in the area to serve as panelists. The panel included prosecution and defense attorneys, a court administrator, a psychotherapist and a journalist. Police Chief Bob Bacon was invited but did not attend, as Mayor Jennifer Comfort and the Village Council Safety Committee would not permit him to participate fully in the discussion.

Panelists were asked to provide insight on two questions: Which matters of public record, because of their impact on the safety and well-being of Village residents, present a compelling reason for the public to know? Of the matters that present a compelling reason to know, how much information is necessary? Participants were told that the Board wanted their insights and wisdom only; they were not being asked to write or approve *Village Views* policy. The new policy will be written by the Board, but Board members will not make editorial decisions in the monthly production of the paper. Editorial decisions will be made by Managing Editor Gillian Littlehale. A full report on the forum will appear in the April issue of *Village Views*.

Village Views Board Elects New Trustees

At its annual meeting, the Board elected Dick Forbes and Suanne Luhn as new Trustees. Dick is retired from the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he worked as a sportswriter for 43 years. He has lived in Terrace Park for 39 years. He looks forward to contributing his knowledge and experience to *Village Views*.

Suanne Luhn is a 12+ year resident of the Park. Previously active in the Terrace Park Players, Suanne holds a BA in foreign affairs and MBA in finance. She looks to *Village Views* as a way to reconnect with Terrace Park and share her vision of our unique village. The board expressed thanks to Sally Gilchrist and Jane Egasti for heading the nominating committee that suggested Forbes and Luhn.

The Board also announced that founding Trustee Ellis Rawnley has assumed Emeritus status. Said Board President Shelley Cowan, "Ellis' insights, suggestions and support have been invaluable to us through our recent transition. We're very happy that he is going to stay involved with the paper."

From the Board

The *Village Views* board of trustees regrets to say goodbye to faithful, longtime member Sue Troller. When her term expired in March, Sue decided not to seek re-election because of "too many other commitments." In addition to her job at the U.S. District Court, where she is career law clerk for Judge Herman Weber, she is the wife of Dave, the mother of three children, a member of Kindervelt and Junior League and the valley area representative for the PTA. Whew! We wish her peace and success in her other ventures. Her seat on the board was filled by Suanne Luhn.

My Point of View...

"Everybody Counts" Equals Hope

by Ellen Jordan

Having just participated in my first "Everybody Counts" program at Terrace Park Elementary, I was touched by the sensitivity and interest the children showed when learning about people with special needs. As a parent of a young child with developmental challenges, I have worried for years about how he would be received by his classmates, school and community.

I vividly recall the day my older son came home from kindergarten, talking about Martin Luther King Day. He said, "Mom! Can you believe they made black people sit at the back of the bus and go to different schools because of their skin color? That is so mean!" A familiar pain in my gut returned as I wondered how he would feel if one day his brother were segregated because of his learning disabilities.

Happily, I can say that has not happened. Our son has been fully included in TPES this year. The faculty has done everything to provide the assistance he needs to get around his challenges. The students and parents have shown patience and empathy towards him. Because he goes to our neighborhood school, he has friends who live nearby and come to play often. He has been invited to more than six birthday parties this year. As we walk down the street, children I don't even know say hello to him. You can't imagine how wonderful that makes me feel.

While presenting my portion of "Everybody Counts" to his class, I had child after child ask me when he or she could come to our house to play. It floored me. I realized at that moment they accepted our son and liked him regardless of his challenges. This is what inclusion is all about.

We all have our differences, but one thing we have in common is feelings. Thank you to TPES faculty, students, parents and the many friends we have in this village, who have all helped to make our son's life as normal as possible. He has every chance to succeed because of you.

Ellen Jordan, a registered nurse, is a village resident and mother of two boys.

The *My Point of View* column is reserved for guest commentary. Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words. The column does not necessarily reflect the views of the Managing Editor, Staff or Board of Trustees of this paper. Anyone interested in contributing a column should contact Gillian Littlehale @ 831-6248.

Dear Editor,

I recently had the privilege of attending the "Night of the Pod People" at Mariemont High School. For those of you who do not know what I am referring to, "Night of the Pod People" was a community variety show; created, produced, and presented by the Mariemont Fine Arts Association. The objective behind this 5th annual fundraiser was simple and selfless: to raise monies for the Fine Arts within the Mariemont School District.

Background information aside, my purpose for writing is to publicly acknowledge and applaud all the individuals that participated in this production. The quality of the program was stellar, the depth of talent extraordinary and the diversity of performers was both vast and refreshing. It was an evening packed with poignant, hysterical and inspiring moments. However, what impressed me the most was the spirit that flourished throughout all phases of the production: from backstage, to downstage, within the box office as well as throughout the audience. From start to finish, "Night of the Pod People" was both memorable and inspiring. It was a great example of the philanthropies; people giving the best of themselves because, they care.

Emily J. White



Class VI managing directors Jeff Proctor, Doug Proctor and Dave Arnold.

The Class VI Whitewater Runners

by Midge Proctor

The importance of what you can learn in kindergarten is evident in the success of three men from our area. Jeff Proctor and Dave Arnold first met at Terrace Park Elementary as kindergarten classmates. Along with Jeff's younger brother, Doug Proctor, they are the founders and operators of Class VI River Runners Company in Beckley, West Virginia. As a West Virginia business reporter stated, "Class VI is one of the most successful and established whitewater rafting companies in the state."

Founded twenty-one years ago, the company grew out of the love the three men have for the outdoors. After all three graduated from Mariemont High School and completed college, they went to West Virginia to be whitewater rafting guides. They decided to stay and make a career in the rafting business. They have been featured in *USA Today* as part of a feature on the growing family-orientation of the sport. Still feeling challenged by his rafting experiences, Jeff offered this description, "After twenty years I still feel the power of the river, the adrenaline pumping in my head and the cotton in my mouth and the beauty in my eyes."

The "Proctor Boys," as they were called in Terrace Park, have explored many challenging whitewater runs in Costa Rica, Chile, Alaska, the Grand Canyon and Idaho. Both men have worked to develop a love of athletics in their children. The partners also want to share their love of rafting with their guests. "At the end of a river day I know how our guests feel," comments Jeff. "A renewed feeling—life is worth carrying on. I am in touch with my senses. And I am glad for whatever reason I climbed off the merry-go-round and floated one more time down the river."

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Announcement

The April Council meeting will be held on April 21 instead of April 14 due to spring break. A public discussion to review the issues regarding the proposed ground water study for Terrace Park, will be held on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. A special Council Meeting will follow.

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March Landscape Notes – Spring Weather Related Plant Problems

by Steve Smith

Weather background

To date in 1998, we have yet to experience temperatures as low as zero, and have only slipped below twenty degrees once. This single dip below twenty degrees occurred only because we had nearly eighteen inches of snow on the ground, forcing the mercury to plummet to its lowest point this season. During February, temperatures reached our normal average, or above, each day. The most recent predictions for spring call for continued El Nino related weather for approximately the next two months.

What effects will these weather patterns have on our landscape plantings and community street trees? More than likely, the effect will be twofold, with greater insect infestation and continued increase in plant related blighting and disease. If predictions hold true, wet weather this spring will further the spread of several different moisture related diseases.

Spring street tree diseases

Anthrachnose is most noticeable in our street trees such as Ash, Maple and particularly Sycamore. There are many varieties of Anthrachnose fungi, each specific to particular plants. Several seasons ago, during an abnormally wet spring, Anthrachnose was most obvious in our village Sycamore trees when severe infection provided the groundwork for near complete defoliation.

Typically during cool wet springs when temperatures are below 55 degrees, Anthrachnose will infect the tree, down into the twigs, causing dieback. A mild wet spring with temperatures above 55 degrees will trigger leaf defoliation only, followed by refoliation. This disease will rarely kill a plant, unless it occurs in the same plant over several seasons. The stress of back to back disease outbreaks can deplete winter stored nutrients to the point where the only natural response left might be to shut down and die.

As with most other blights or diseases, Anthrachnose can be controlled by applying a specific fungicide, which acts as a blight inhibitor. Few fungicides are true eradicants that eliminate the disease. Most merely inhibit the disease and halt further spreading but must be routinely spray applied as long as moist damp conditions prevail. In most cases, it isn't cost effective to schedule street tree spray applications of fungicide. Only dry weather conditions will force this disease into dormancy.

Pine blighting

Over the past twenty years, Austrian Pine has been used extensively as a substitute or replacement for native White Pine. The Austrian Pine is similar to our native Red Pine in both growth habit and appearance and has the advantage of adapting well to our southwestern Ohio alkaline soil conditions.

Recently though, we have noticed the rapid advance of a disease known as Diplodia Tip Blight in many Austrian Pine plantings. As with the previously mentioned disease, this blight is moisture induced and has become most noticeable locally, due to the extremely wet springs of '96 and '97. Mature Austrian Pines in the 12-14 year range, begin experiencing lower limb dieback that spreads in an upward direction over several seasons. If left unchecked, the disease continues its spread, finally reaching the crown of the tree. Diplodia Tip Blight attacks new spring growth just as shoots open, and can only be inhibited through a series of three fungicide spray applications, every 10-15 days. The initial application must be applied prior to spring growth, before dormant disease spores attack opening new bud growth.

Dogwood blighting

Powdery Mildew is a common moisture/humidity triggered blight traditionally infecting plants such as Lilac locally. As with Anthrachnose, each variety of Powdery Mildew is specific to one particular plant. Over the past four years, this disease has become more prevalent in native Dogwood plants, and seems to become more pronounced each season. Powdery Mildew is a late season blight, having a direct relationship to moisture laden stagnant air. Symptoms include limp hanging curled leaves with dead patches along the outer leaf edge. The definitive sign of Powdery Mildew infection is the white or light shaded powdery growth on the leaf surface. Although most individual plants will survive, chronic repetitive infections will kill a plant.

Powdery Mildew can be inhibited by way of foliar spray applications. Homeowners have a limited selection of products available to spray treat this disease. One recently developed product is Immunox, and is available to the home gardener. This product should be spray applied beginning in early June when symptoms first occur, and continued every three weeks until weather conditions improve and humidity levels fall. As with Anthrachnose, a change in weather conditions is the best temporary remedy for inhibition of this blight.

Dormant oil insect control

As mentioned in a previous article, our mild winter will translate into higher than usual insect populations. During the second half of February, I noticed insect swarms and even some mosquitoes. An early season application of dormant oil is an easy, safe and environmentally friendly method of controlling insects.

True dormant oil is a highly refined petroleum based product that should be spray applied to plant material prior to budbreak. This biodegradable product smothers overwintering insect eggs and larvae. There are varieties of horticultural soap sprays that can also be used as dormant spray treatments. Additionally, there are the more recently developed "summer weight" oil sprays, that can be applied following leaf establishment.

All of the above mentioned products are available to homeowners. A word of caution - if using a true dormant oil spray, do not apply to blue tint evergreens, such as Blue Spruce, or to Red Maples. Dormant oil will eliminate the waxy tissue that protects the blue color in such evergreens, turning them green. Red Maple bark may be damaged by dormant oil. Most other plants are safe to spray, providing the application occurs before the opening of new leaf buds. During most seasons, March is our month for spray applying dormant oil. To be safe, contact your local nursery or landscape consultant prior to working with dormant oils.

Last of all, I would recommend sticking with a good time proven rule of thumb for planting most of your annuals. Even though the winter has been mild, I would still follow the fail-safe suggestion of installing your annuals after Mother's Day or the middle of May. By then, we are normally past the point of having killing frosts. If you are eager for spring color earlier than mid-May, I suggest installing Pansies or Flowering Cabbage.

TERRACE PARK GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER SALE by Terre Voegeli

It's time to forget about March snow showers and wind-chill temperatures and think SPRING! The Boy Scouts are selling mulch, and the Garden Club is once again offering a wide range of flowers and hanging baskets - two sure signs that spring is just around the corner.

The flower order forms have been included in this edition of *Village Views*. In addition to the flowers on the order form, torenia (mixed), lantana, and coral nymph will be available during the days of the sale. You can order your flowers immediately by sending the forms in to the club or wait until your friendly Garden Club member knocks on your door to discuss your selection options. You may pick up your pre-ordered flowers on the Village Green on Friday, May 8, 1998 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, 1998 9:00 a.m. - noon.

The T.P. Garden Club uses the proceeds from the flower sale for community projects. A major project is new landscaping for the Community Building. Landscaping plans have been on display for review at the township office and during elections. The club has selected the winning proposal, and it has been approved by the Village Council. The work on the new landscaping is scheduled to start during March, weather permitting. In addition, the club has also purchased a new stove for the Community Building.

The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 12:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Any resident of TP is welcome to come. Call Terre Voegeli @576-1394 to RSVP.

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MSF Commissions Ruthven

The Mariemont School Foundation has commissioned prominent local artist John Ruthven to create a series of four prints to be used as a major fund-raiser. The first in the series will incorporate a Native American and a passenger pigeon at a local Indian Mound. The successive prints have yet to be determined. The limited edition prints will each be numbered and signed by Ruthven.

Proceeds from the Ruthven sales will be used to fund the School Foundation. Projects the Foundation is tackling include fine arts programs and facilities, technology throughout the district schools and athletic facilities renovation.

For information or to reserve your print call **Tim Zaring @561-6176** or send a check for \$130.00 to the Mariemont School Foundation, 8032 Ashley View Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45227.

My Fair Lady Comes to MHS

My Fair Lady is coming to the Mariemont High School stage! Filled with the pageantry of beautiful costumes and sets, this popular musical is sure to be sheer entertainment pleasure for the whole family to enjoy. Performance dates for the show are Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mariemont High School Auditorium. Mark your calendars now, and be sure to get your tickets when they go on sale the week of March 6. Tickets for adults are \$6, students and senior citizens are \$4, and may be obtained by calling the high school office @ **271-8310**.



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Workshop sign up and/or questions call **Nancy Seward @248-2018**. Sponsored by Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. Workshops will be held at St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park

Terrace Park Volunteers Honored

Several Mariemont City School District volunteers were honored at the Board of Education's regular meeting on February 17. Each school recognized volunteers with thanks for their dedication and hard work. The following Terrace Park residents were honored: Terrace Park Elementary recognized Laurie Baird and Betsy Porst; Mariemont Junior High honored Grace Holmes; Mariemont Elementary honored Matthew Nickum; Mariemont High School recognized Lin Bollinger.



Matthew Nickum honored at Mariemont Junior High School for his volunteerism.

Men & Boys Choir Seeking New Voices

by Tom Seward

The St. Thomas Choir of Men & Boys announces current openings for both youths and adults, as the Choir continues its second season. On Sunday, March 22 at 5 p.m., an "Interest Meeting" will be held at St. Thomas Church in the Undercroft. The meeting is designed as an introduction to the program and will feature a video, slides and a narrative presentation. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to schedule audition-interviews.

Boys ages 8-12 with unchanged voices, are invited to explore their potential in the Choir, as are adult male singers with choral experience. Boys are admitted to the Choir on the basis of natural aptitude, such as pitch-matching ability and sensitivity to rhythm; previous training is not required.

In addition to musical activities, the organization offers regularly-scheduled social events and recreational opportunities. Director Charles Olegar states, "Although the boys enjoy being together, and can have a great deal of fun as a part of the Choir, ours is a serious program with a serious purpose, which the boys and their parents recognize and support." As choirmaster, Olegar has observed, "Music is one of the few activities in which children can hold their own with adults—these youngsters experience real joy and thrill from reaching high levels of accomplishment, which influences their general outlook on life."

For more information, or to schedule an audition, contact **Charles Olegar @ 381-2052**.

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Queen of Angels Montessori School

Queen of Angels Montessori School will open its doors to the children of Cincinnati for the 1998-99 school year, according to an announcement by the school's Board of Directors. The school will open in Newtown at 6830 School Street.

In its first year of operation, the school will offer half-day preschool and kindergarten classes. The school will then expand to include first grade in 1999-2000, and will continue expanding one grade level per year through sixth grade. By 2004, Queen of Angels plans to serve 150 children ages, 3 to 12.

Board President Stephen Albainy-Jenei remarked, "We are excited about the kind of education that Queen of Angels Montessori will offer for children in this part of the city." The school will combine the Montessori method of education with a Montessori-based approach to religious education known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The school's administrator and teacher for the first classroom is Dan Teller. Teller is a veteran Montessorian who opened the first public Montessori preschool program in Cincinnati (and the second in the nation) in 1984. After teaching three- to six-year olds for eleven years, Teller has served as a Catholic school principal for the past three years.

Queen of Angels has begun enrolling children ages three to five for its preschool/kindergarten classes. The school is hosting two Open Houses later this month. They will be held on Wednesday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. More information is available @ 248-9055.

PTA Update

by Cyndy Finnigan

Dr. Gerald Harris, Mariemont School District Superintendent, spoke at the March 3 evening meeting held at Terrace Park Elementary. Introduced by Noel Jules Dehner, coordinator of the evening PTA meetings, Dr. Harris acknowledged Rick Koehler, village resident and school board member, and members of the team who will be helping to sponsor the upcoming May school levy. Stephanie and John Jones of Terrace Park and Peggy and Carl Braun of Mariemont head the team. Jane and Jamie Egasti and Cathy and John Borchers are our local levy representatives.

Dr. Harris spoke mainly about the upcoming levy. Community residents will be receiving more information in the mail about this issue. Any questions may be directed to Dr. Harris @ 272-2722.

Following committee reports, TPES Principal Jerry Sasson announced the elementary school will hold an Open House on Thursday, March 26 from 9-11 a.m. All are invited to attend!

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE MAY 1998 DISTRICT SCHOOL LEVY WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF VILLAGE VIEWS.

Award Winning Musician to Offer Workshops

Mark your calendar! David Schnauffer will be featured teacher and performer of the spring Workshop and Concert Series of the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society. In addition to winning competitions, traveling and teaching at mountain dulcimer workshops, David is presently adjunct associate Professor of Dulcimer at Blair College of Music, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. You may remember hearing dulcimer music in the TV series "Christy"—that was David. We hope you will be with us on Saturday, April 25 at the Terrace Park Community Building to hear and learn from this dedicated musician!

Workshops are open to the public at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 25, and will run an hour and a half each. Tuition for each session is \$15.00 per person—bring your dulcimer tuned to DAD, a capo and a music stand.

David Schnauffer will be in concert at 8 p.m., the same day. Donation, \$5.00 at the door; children under twelve, free. For more information and to register for classes contact Fran Booth @ 891-7037.

Each One Teach One — Volunteer Tutors Needed!

The Literacy Council of Clermont and Brown Counties is seeking area tutors for adult readers. Anyone with previous tutoring experience, in need of a refresher course or interested in becoming a first-time Laubach reading tutor, please call the Batavia Literacy office @ 732-6683.

Once trained, volunteers will work with beginning adult readers in tutoring sessions held at Stepping Stones. All twelve-hour tutoring courses are held on Saturdays, 9a.m.-3p.m. at Clermont College, Batavia. Upcoming 1998 volunteer training will be held March 7 & 21; April 18 & 25; Oct. 3 & 10; and Nov. 7 & 14.

Come Swim With Us!

Stepping Stones Center is conducting Parent/Child swim classes every Wednesday from 11:15a.m.-noon. This inclusive class is designed for children six months to five years of age, of all ability levels, and their parents. The classes promote water adjustment and comfort, exploration and parent/child interaction. Stepping Stones, a non-profit, United Way Agency, serving persons with disabilities and their typical peers, is located at 5650 Given Road in Indian Hill. Call 831-4660 for more information.

New 1998-99 TP Directories

If you are not currently listed in the TP Directory, or if your listing has changed or was printed incorrectly, please tear out the yellow cardboard insert in your current directory and send it to the address printed on the back. If you need a change card, please contact Cyndy Finnigan @ 831-5121. We are nearing completion of this project and hope to have the new directories available in May. Interested advertisers should contact Bob Donnelly @ 831-7586.

This is a biannual project brought to you by the Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc.

Mulch, Mulch and More Mulch

The very successful, third annual Boy Scout Mulch Sale is set for Saturday, April 4 from 9:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. at the log cabin. The three cubic foot bags will sell for \$3.25 each. It is 100% hardwood mulch, very dark, aged, and uniformly shredded to provide a smooth cover. The supplier is the same as last year.

The funds raised are used for high adventure trips. Last year the Scouts went canoeing, kayaking and climbing in West Virginia. This year an Appalachian Trail backpacking trip is planned.

March 29 will be the last chance to pre-order. Call the Mulch Hotline @ 831-4321 to place an order.

CCDS Academic Honors

Cincinnati Country Day School senior Adam Parrish was inducted last month into the Cum Laude Society, a national organization founded to recognize academic excellence in high school students. Parrish joins fellow Village resident, Anna Yokel, who was inducted last year as a junior.

Middle School Musical

Eighth grader Rebecca Parrish performed in Cincinnati Country Day School's winter production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," a musical based on the comic strip "Peanuts."

Questions About Your Water Utility?

Indian Hill Water Works has a free brochure available to its customers, *A Guide to Your Water Utility*, containing helpful information about services provided by the department, water quality and water in general. The brochure may be picked up at the Village of Indian Hill Administration Building, or by calling the Water Works business office @ 561-6679.

Book Donations Needed

The Terrace Park Police Department currently is accepting any used books for a book drive, sponsored by the Wood & Lamping law firm. The book drive, titled "Books For Kids," will be donating books to programs that promote family literacy and the importance of reading to children. Please drop off donations at the Community Building. Thank you in advance for your support!

April AARP Meeting

A catered lunch will accompany a talk by Jim O'Brien on "Card Playing Capital of the World" at noon on April 9. This meeting is open to all and will be held in the Undercroft at St Thomas Church on Miami Avenue.

This is to inform our customers of an upcoming name change. Previously D & R Framing, Inc. did business as Frame & Save. Effective April 1, 1998 we will begin doing business as Gold Leaf Framing Designs. The use of the Frame & Save name will completely cease on or before May 21, 1998.

There will be no change in the name or structure of the parent corporation, D & R Framing, Inc. There will only be a change in the trade name from Frame & Save to Gold Leaf Framing Designs.

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Police Blotter

The following are summaries of police reports representing a sample of incidents that have occurred in Terrace Park since Village Views was last published:

2/11/98: A resident called to have police check on a suspicious vehicle and occupant which had been sitting near her house for over an hour. When questioned by a police officer, the driver reported that he was reading, waiting for his daughter, who was attending pre-school at St. Thomas. The driver moved his car nearer the church at the officer's request.

2/16/98: Officer Chin received a call regarding two juveniles who jumped out in front of traffic, causing a hazardous condition, then hid behind the stone wall at Fieldstone and Indian Hill Roads. When the complainant approached them, one of the juveniles reached inside of his jacket and made threats that suggested the presence of a handgun. Subsequently, they both ran into the woods between Indian Hill and Old Indian Hill Roads. Upon his return to the station, Officer Chin received calls indicating that two mirrors used by residents to pull out of their driveways onto Indian Hill Road had been broken. Officer Chin searched the area but did not find the vandals.

2/21/98: A complaint of a loud party led to 8 juvenile arrests on charges of being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or in possession of a drug of abuse. Twenty-one juveniles were released with no charges. While dealing with the eight arrested subjects, one became combative and verbally abusive toward the officer. After warnings, the disorderly conduct continued, influencing the others to become disorderly. The original offender had to be taken to the ground and handcuffed. He was later charged and taken to jail. As the others continued to be disorderly, they were also handcuffed before being transported to the station and released to their parents.

2/23/98: An employee of Hinner's Ashland station called to report that 100 tires had been stolen from behind the building.

2/26/98: A parent called to report that her two daughters were missing. They were discovered at a neighbor's house.

2/26/98: The department responded to a concern that a call for donations to a charity was actually part of a scam, as the caller planned to come to the house to pick up the donation. The resident was advised to stop payment on the check after further concerns were expressed to Chief Bacon. An investigation found the call to be legitimate.

3/2/98: Officer Pruitt responded to a "lock-out" call from a resident who was watching her neighbor's house over the week end. Having let the dog out the front door, the caller was unable to reopen the door with the neighbor's key. Finding a small 14 by 14 inch door open on the side of the garage, Officer Pruitt was going to attempt to squeeze through when yet another neighbor offered the services of her three and a half year old son. The little boy went through the small door, opened the front door and earned a Junior Police badge.

February 1998: Terrace Park police made a total of 76 incident reports, including 23 help runs, 14 mutual aid runs, 11 investigations, 13 reports of arrests or citations involving 19 misdemeanor arrests and 4 felony arrests (non-TP drug charges), 7 alarm drops and 8 properties found unsecured. There were no accident reports.

Safety Skills For Children

by Officer Doug Sowders

Would your child know what to do if...

- *He got lost at a shopping mall?
- *A nice-looking, friendly stranger offered her a ride home after school?
- *She was at home alone and the doorbell rang?

While most kids pass through childhood without ever experiencing physical harm, some are frightened or hurt by crime. As parents, one of our responsibilities is to teach our children how to protect themselves and respond to threatening situations. In addition, we should always take this time to listen carefully to our children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them uncomfortable. What else can we do?

*Rehearse with child his or her full name, address, and phone number and how to make emergency phone calls from home and public phones.

*Tell children never to accept gifts or rides from someone they don't know.

*Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated at the store or shopping mall. Tell them never to go into the parking lot alone.

*Encourage your children to walk and play with friends, not alone, and to stay in well-lit open areas where others can see them.

*Invite the crime prevention officer of your police department to talk about children's safety to a neighborhood meeting of parents and children.

*Copies of these and other safety tips are available at the Terrace Park Police Department.

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Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services Planned

Palm Sunday Services at the Milford First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Main Street and Maple Street, Milford, will be held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Altar Choir of the congregation will present a Cantata with selections from Handel's "The Messiah." The choir is under the direction of Christine La Ferrara.

Easter Sunday Services will be held at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The early service will be presented by the youth of the congregation with Pastor Brad Olson presiding. Senior Pastor Richard L. Thomas will be preaching at the later services. For more information please call the church office @ 831-5500.

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Carbon Monoxide Awareness Needed

Submitted by Dave Glassmeyer

Terrace Park Fire Department would like to bring the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning to the attention of Terrace Park residents; prompted by several recent CO poisoning scares in the village. While all but one run were false alarms, the chief feels Village residents need to review CO poisoning guidelines.

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion. A major source of CO in homes is malfunctioning appliances such as furnaces, gas stoves, ovens, dryers and water heaters that use natural or liquefied petroleum gas, oil, wood or coal. When malfunctioning appliances are not ventilated adequately, the amount of carbon monoxide may reach dangerous levels, risking illness or even death.

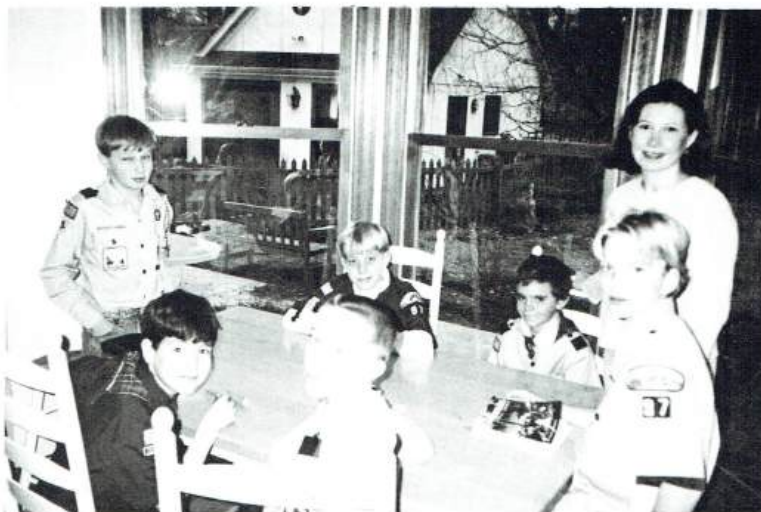
Other sources of CO include vehicle exhaust, blocked chimney flues, fuel-burning appliances used for heating purposes, and charcoal grills used in unventilated areas such as kitchens, tents, campers or garages. CO poisoning victims may initially suffer flu-like symptoms including nausea, fatigue, headache, dizziness, confusion and breathing difficulty. Because such poisoning often raises blood pressure, victims may appear flushed. Seek medical attention immediately if CO poisoning is suspected.

Preventive measures are simple but vital. Have fuel-burning appliances inspected annually and repaired as necessary. Make sure all such appliances are ventilated. Avoid using charcoal grills inappropriately, keep chimneys swept and do not allow vehicle exhaust to enter your home.

Carbon monoxide detectors look similar to smoke detectors and should be used simultaneously for home protection. Install UL-listed CO detectors according to manufacturers instructions near sleeping areas and fuel-burning appliances. If your CO detector does go off, evacuate your home immediately. Once all household members are outside, contact the fire department immediately. The malfunctioning appliance should be identified and repaired or replaced.

Troop 286 Scout works with Pack 97 Den

Jenifer Cleary, Terrace Park Cub Scout Den Leader, asked for help from Boy Scout Troop 286 to introduce knife safety to her Den. C.J. Humler, Eagle Scout in 286 volunteered to assist. At Cleary's next Den meeting, she and Humler discussed the do's and don'ts of using a Scout knife. Jenifer reports all digits are present and accounted for as of press time.



From Left to Right: C.J. Humler, Will Cleary, Erik Debbink, Ben Schneider, Nick Sexmith, Nick Hader and Jenifer Cleary

On Tap For 1998

Submitted by Indian Hill Water Works

The Indian Hill Water Works has two new features and several new projects on tap for 1998. One of the features that the customers will see early in the year will accompany their next water bill – a water quality report. In the latest revision to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Ohio EPA will be requiring all water purveyors to provide a breakdown of water quality, effective as of January, 1999. However, the Indian Hill Water Works will be providing such a report immediately in anticipation of the requirement and in response to their commitment to providing customers with comprehensive service. Later in the year, customers will see a consumer confidence report, which will further outline the services of the Water Works.

The Water Works also has several capital projects and equipment upgrades under consideration for the upcoming year. Water Works personnel will be working with a consultant, Panterra of Dayton, Ohio to develop a wellhead protection plan. The intent of the three-year project is to reduce the likelihood of pollution to the water source located within the Little Miami River aquifer.

Customers may address any questions regarding any of these matters to Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, @ 576-8460.

HOME SWEET HOME

by Noel Julnes-Dehner

What does the phrase "Home, Sweet Home" mean to many Terrace Park residents? Construction!

The February issue of *Village Views* noted the building/remodeling boom in Terrace Park. The story behind this activity is that of meeting 1990's lifestyle expectations, and also of making a house into one's special home, "to make it mine," as one resident stated.

Architects who have drawn plans for TP residents cite the desire for a master bedroom/bath suite, and for a (sometimes larger) family room as the two leading reasons for construction. Other popular features sought include: more bedrooms, a front porch, a screened porch, a more interesting or more traditional exterior, a mud room, a kitchen that opens to the family room, more closets, and garages that are attached or hold three cars.

A random, non-scientific poll of resident remodelers elicited the psychological aspects of remodeling. Comments such as, "I want a house that has more of a flow from room to room," "I want a house better for entertaining," "This house hasn't been touched since the 1950's, and it needs updating," reveal that people want not only square footage, but also to create a certain ambience in their homes. In addition, some residents mentioned their remodeling was a way of positioning themselves for a profitable resale.

Construction is costly, in terms of finances, material, time and convenience. In light of the constant building activity in the village, this cost is viewed in Terrace Park as a worthwhile investment in one's family, living space and property.

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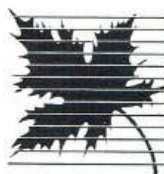


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