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The first group of riders from "Ride for a Reason" enter into Lakewood from Rocky River on their return from a great Saturday morning run.

## Lakewood Rides For A Reason

By Stan Austin

It rained all week and it was foggy early this past Saturday morning, but slowly the sun came out and the group of motorcycle riders on their big showroom shiny bikes took off from Lakewood High School in a line reminiscent of many of a biker movie from the 50s. But this group were out for a morning ride at 9:50 to raise support for the Lakewood Safety Forces Memorial Fund.

Proceeds will be used to restore a 1957 Harley Davidson 3 wheeler that was used in parking and traffic enforcement and the Firefighters' Memorial.

With the Lakewood Police waiting to escort the rally riders, the engines fired after an unspoken command.

Starting in the Lakewood High School North parking lot. The heavy metal thunder headed north on Bunts to Clifton and headed west to Vermillion, then back in time for a lunch held back at Lakewood High School.

Rally director Nancy Ingrassia picked up the end of over 50 riders for this first annual rally.

## New Access Opens At Lakewood Park



Photo by Rhonda Loje

Council President Robert Seelie leads the ribbon cutting on the new access at Lakewood Park that leads down to the lake. Also taking part from left to right; F. Buddie (Construction Company), Mayor Tom George, former Councilman Dennis Dunn, Dennis Albrecht, Jr. (City Engineer), William J. Corrigan (Project Manager, Lakewood Division of Engineering & Construction), Nicki Antonio (Councilperson), Bill Grulich (Planning Commission) and Louis McMahon from the Lakewood Lakefront Coalition.

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# Lakewood News



Photo by Rhonda Loje

Elaine Hearn (Animal Control Supervisor), Mike Stewart (Animal Control Officer) and Laurie Calvey (Animal Control Officer)



Photo by Rhonda Loje

Nickie Antonio, Katherine Butler, Lisa Ellis, Shawn Andrews and Kevin Butler

## “Hair Of The Dog” Fundraiser For Lakewood Animal Shelter

By Mike Deneen

CCLAS held its second annual “Hair of the Dog” fundraiser on Thursday, May 25th at the Winking Lizard. Over 70 visitors braved the stormy weather to enjoy an evening of music, food and cocktails. Local performer Kristine Jackson provided the music, and 32 packages of items were auctioned. The event raised a net of \$3,100 which will benefit the Lakewood

Animal Shelter and its spay/neuter program.

CCLAS would like to thank the numerous volunteers and donors that made the event a success. Key volunteers included Catherine Butler, Councilman Kevin Butler, Donna and Amanda Blakesmith, Dot Gillberg, Elise Goldie, Lisa Ellis and Sean Andrews. For more information on CCLAS and its programs, please visit their website [www.cclas.org](http://www.cclas.org)



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Lakewood Observer donation winners: Rodney and Sebastian Desilets and Jennifer Roche-Desilets

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Where Lakewoodites Go To Hang Out And Talk

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Where do I live?	11	Dick Powis	215	Tue May 30, 2006 5:23 am
An option for Lakewood...	4	Donald Farris	372	Mon May 29, 2006 9:01 pm
Memorial Day, not just sales and picnics.	7	terry batdorf	169	Mon May 29, 2006 2:52 pm
Photo Blogs	3	Bryan Schwegler	31	Mon May 29, 2006 11:37 am
Venizia: Lakewood on the Cusp of Heaven?	1	Kenneth Warren	90	Mon May 29, 2006 11:12 am
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# Lakewood City Hall

## The Minuet Of Municipal Finance

5•15•06

Stan Austin  
Lakewood Observer City Council Reporter

Council president Robert Seelie called the May 15, 2006 meeting to order at 7:38 PM. The meeting began with a resolution presented by Mayor Thomas George and passed by council commending Captain James G. Petz of the Lakewood Fire Department for his many years of service.

Lakewoodites have a keenly-developed appreciation for excellence in property renovation and maintenance. This is recognized annually by the Heritage Advisory Committee. In a slide presentation, chairman Rick Sicha used his architect's skills in describing the category winners, pointing out the details that make a project noteworthy. It is, in effect, a tutorial which outlines elements of quality and authenticity in home and business restorations. Michael Fleenor of the Cleveland Restoration Society briefly described his organization's capabilities and how they can advise prospective renovators to achieve quality restorations.

The most significant portion of the meeting involved the City's finances. It centered on ordinances of issuing notes, fiscal officer's certificates, bonds and many terms of which the reader might have memories from a college economics course or watching the business channels on television. The mission of the Lakewood Observer is to help citizens know more about ourselves and our city. Occasionally, that entails a basic primer in different functions of local government. Adding to our collective knowledge base can only help promote vigorous civic debate. With that in mind, the Lakewood Observer sat down with Acting Finance Director Jennifer Pae for a class in municipal

finance—notes and bonds.

The best way to understand why notes and bonds are issued is to follow the timeline of the capital budget. The definition of a capital item has been determined by the Government Accounting Standards Board to include projects and equipment that have a cost of over \$5,000 and have an expected life of over one year. An obvious example would be a police car. The vehicle costs about \$25,000 and has a service life of five years. Another example would be the reconstruction of a street that could cost one million dollars and has a life of 30 years.

Department directors begin to assemble their capital budgets in June, based on year-to-date expenditures and the identification of capital needs for the upcoming year. Each item must meet existing criteria such as a new police car replacing one that has reached the end of its useful life. A director might want an entirely new and different piece of equipment. That director must justify its need. Large capital projects like street resurfacing are scheduled years in advance based on ongoing infrastructure assessments.

In August, the upcoming year's tax budget is prepared and submitted to the County. This certifies estimated revenues for the Finance Department, and sets the parameters for next year's budget. The Finance Department works with its bond counsel to determine what will be the size of the upcoming year's capital program based on what can be financed within the legal direct and indirect debt limits. The capital budget is then developed with various departments for submission during the

January and February budget hearings with Council.

The City typically uses short-term financing, or bond anticipation notes, since it only knows the budgeted/estimated costs of capital projects at the time of issuance, which is based on the amounts in the annual capital budget. This short-term financing tool helps the City because if a project does not occur, or comes in over or under budget, it is not locked into long-term debt. The anticipation notes give the City time to make the purchases or have the engineering phases completed so only the true cost is captured when the bond is issued, and this has been done in a two-year cycle. By selling notes for capital expenditures the city can receive the total amount and thus regularize its purchasing. It also makes the money more liquid or available than waiting for tax receipts which can fluctuate.

In January budget hearings are held where the individual departments present, explain, and justify their budget requests to council. After these hearings, council adopts the annual budget which is passed in February or no later than March 15. Lakewood uses A.G. Edwards to underwrite or sell the notes. Observer readers may have a brokerage account with that firm and recognize as one of its offerings different state and municipal financial instruments.

Last Monday's council meeting in relation to the time-line was the third and final reading to approve issuance of notes. Proceeds of the note sale will arrive in the city account in about a month and then money will be avail-

able to pay for the capital expenditures. The notes are typically due the following year, plus interest. After a year the notes can be reissued, or "rolled over," or it might be decided that it is advantageous to issue a bond to replace the note. A bond typically has a maturity of five to thirty years.

That is the process by which capital purchases are made and financed, or paid for. It calls for a clear and common agreement between the administration and council as to the longer-term needs of the city. It requires expert advice from a skilled finance department along with advice from outside counsel. If you purchase a municipal bond fund, you are part of the cast that completes the play or production of municipal financing. That's how new police cars start to patrol city streets or how that paving machine shows up in front of your house.

The theme of finances was continued with a communication from council member Edward Fitzgerald (at large) who proposed a "rainy day fund" or a reserve fund that would be the first item of consideration in making the annual budget. Fitzgerald indicates that surpluses have declined in recent years and having a reserve would be prudent.

While not disputing the benefit of having a reserve or carry-over balance, finance director Pae would like to see that fund level determined within the overall budget process. "I am afraid it would tie the hands of the city if we started with a fixed number," Pae said. She added, "My experience tells me that a reserve fund, just like any other budget item, is dependent on the predicted situation of the City. Therefore, it is best determined within the budget process, not at the beginning."



Photo by Rhonda Loje

Lakewood residents and officials enjoy the new walk down to the lake. In this photo is Fire Chief Larry Mroz and the Lakewood Observer's own Stan Austin.

### CORRECTION

In the last Council article, it was reported that, "A small working group including Jordan, Coutris, and Butler drew up a plan which would include demolition of two houses on the lots, building the parking lot, and leasing it to Coutris' holding company to operate." Council member Butler was not part of this group.

Saturday, June 3, 2006

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## Lakewood Schools

### The Templar Tuesday Project with Grant Elementary School

By student Julia

The students in Ms. Bluemel's 2nd and 3rd grade Discovery Class are working with Mrs. Mazie Adams, the Director of the Lakewood Historical Society, to research the Templar automobile which was built in Lakewood in the early 1900s. Once a week, Mrs. Adams comes to Grant Elementary to help the children use primary and secondary sources for research, take notes, organize information, create timelines, and produce a documentary movie about the Templar Company and automobile.

Mr. Dave Buehler, a Templar enthusiast and collector, has brought car parts, stock certificates, advertisements, and his expertise to the classroom. In the spring he will bring several of his Templar cars to school so the children can get an up close look and even go for a ride.

The Templar was built right here in Lakewood, Ohio. You are probably wondering why there was a car factory in the middle of Lakewood. There was a plant right up the road that made frames. There was also a train to carry the cars and tools.

The Templar factory started during World War I. Before they could start, they needed some money, so they sold stocks to raise some cash. The first stock was sold in 1915.

Templar built six models: Touring, Roadster, Coupe, Victoria-Elite, Sedan, and Sportette. You had to climb over the side panel to get into the Roadster. The Victoria-Elite was only sold in 1919.

There were no TVs and getting a radio was a big deal back then, so there were a lot of advertisements in magazines. The Templar company asked Cannonball Baker to set some land speed records in one of their Templar cars. His times were: New York to Chicago - 26 hours and 50 minutes, New York to Philadelphia- two hours, New York to Indianapolis- 19 hours and 55 minutes, and New York to Los Angeles- six days, 17 hours, and 33 minutes! The records were written in many advertisements.

On December 13, 1921 there was a fire in the Templar factory. There was \$200,000 worth of damage. Most companies would have gone out of business, but not Templar.

In cars today, the speed gauge and



The picture was taken on a field trip with Mr. Buehler, Ms. Mazie Adams and the students to the current Lake Erie Screw Factory, where the Templar Car factory was formerly located.

all of the instruments around it are on the dashboard. The gas gauge in the Templar was on the gas tank so you had to get out of the car to check how much gas you had. The Templar cars came

with a camera so you could take pictures of your travels. They also came with an air compressor to fill up your tires. The Templar really was a super-fine car.

### Lakewood Students Perform with Mike Garson and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra

By Indira DeJarnette

If you missed this concert, I can't begin to express the emotion felt in the room. Liza Grossman, the Contemporary Youth Orchestra's founding music director, did it again. Her first Jazz & Blues meets Orchestra explosion. Over 100 students from all over northeast Ohio played to perfection with professionalism and enthusiasm. Mike Garson graced us with not one but seven world premieres. With special guest Bill Ransom on drum set and Glenn Holmes on bass, this performance was an absolute blow-out.

Included in this concert was a beautiful choir of angels directed by Rita Klinger, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Music Education at CSU, and by Chris Clark, also of CSU and an educator for the Edgerton local school district in Defiance. The Blue Notes concert held March 18th included WP-Metropolis, Blue Rondo a la turk, WP-Avant Garson Suite, WP-Space Oddity, Chopin Prelude in c minor, WP-Peace for Audience, Orchestra and piano, WP-CYO Blues, WP-Oneness with All and WP-Gershwin Medley (1898-1937) with four

world premieres orchestrated by Paul Leary.

Garson states he almost always ends his concerts with Gershwin because of his love for improvisation. He played portions of "Rhapsody in Blue," with three new arrangements of "Summertime," "I Got Rhythm," and "Fascinating Rhythm." Many tunes were improvised with varying styles including bass, drum or piano solos. Requests from the audi-

ence were masterfully carried out by Garson, Ransom, Holmes, CYO and the choir. Requests included "It Ain't Necessarily So," "The Man I Love," "Embraceable You," "American in Paris," "Our Love is Here to Stay," and "Someone to Watch over Me" in which Garson's piano melts your heart.

I often found myself with my eyes closed just trying to feel every sound and not miss a note. I felt like there

were moments I forgot to breathe, maybe holding my breath so that each song would last longer. I can't help but giggle when I remember Garson saying the music was arranged so beautifully that he almost forgot to play. Genevieve Gilbert and Renee Blackburn (Violin 1), Megan Grimm (Violin 2), Samantha Givens (Viola) and Shutha Cree Khalil-DeJarnette (Soprano 1) of Lakewood High are members of CYO

### While Others Performed at Blossom Music Center with STYX

By Indira DeJarnette

It's time! Last Thursday, May 25, Lakewood students in The Contemporary Youth Orchestra performed for the first time at Blossom Music Center with none other than STYX. This was a great way to start your holiday weekend one day early; invite out-of-town guests. This was a concert to remember.

The entire band of STYX joined CYO for its annual Rock the Orchestra festival. Concert Three, "One With Everything", featured STYX and the Contemporary Youth Orchestra. STYX was excited to work with our students. Most guest artists don't realize how

professional this organization is, nor how talented, dedicated and focused our students are.

"STYX gets it," said music director Liza Grossman. They realized how important music education is, especially when funding is being removed at an alarming rate. Education workshops for music students were held on Tuesday, May 23. College professors who specialize in classical music and its convergence to Rock and Roll were a part of this workshop. The members of STYX joined in for a question/answer lecture.

Also, PAA presented a Professional Development Workshop For Educators (Using Popular Music in the High School Music Classroom) at the IDEA Center at Playhouse Square from 4:30-6:30 pm. This workshop was free, and was accompanied by refreshments and food.

For more information visit PAA-Live.org or CYORCHESTRA.ORG To register your student(s) contact Santina@paalive.org (Progressive Arts Alliance). For educators call 216-556-

0337, ext.1, or email Rock@PAALIVE.org to register. IDEA Center is located at 1375 Euclid Ave.

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# Lakewood Schools & Sports

## Meteors Crash into Rangers Tournament Run

By Mike Deneen

A Hollywood screenwriter could not have come up with a better script. After a solid season and tournament run, the Lakewood Rangers were scheduled to play Midpark on Monday, May 15th in the baseball district semifinals. The game was part of a tournament doubleheader, with St. Edward playing

St. Ignatius in the first game. Winners of the two games were scheduled to play each other the following day for the district championships. Many fans were hoping to see an all-Lakewood matchup.

Everything was great until Mother Nature interfered. Rain postponed the games until Tuesday. Then Tuesday's weather was even worse, pushing the

games to Wednesday. Although the rain subsided later in the week, the fields at Tri-C's Parma campus were so waterlogged that they were unplayable. So the games were rescheduled for Saturday, May 20th at Lakewood's field. The Rangers field, one of the finest in the state, was playable due to its modern artificial surface.

When it came time to pay, St. Igna-

tius squashed any chance of a crosstown Lakewood game by eliminating St. Ed's 6-3. Then Midpark jumped to a 2-0 first inning lead in the second game, going on to win 9-2. The loss ended the Rangers season, which ended with a record of 18-11.

## And In Track & Field...

photos by Ivor Karabatkovic



Sisters Sara Mason and Chelsea Mason after their race



The Districts record for pole-vaulting was 14 ft. St. Ed's Mark Schaffer added another foot to the new record!

### NEWS IN BRIEF *(send in your school's news and stories)*

#### McKinley Students Clean Up Their Neighborhood

By Kit Hoffert

On May 4th after a long day of school, approximately 50 McKinley Elementary School students volunteered their time cleaning up the neighborhood surrounding their school. The clean-up was spearheaded by Carol Mulready and some other PTA members. Prizes were awarded for the most unusual, heaviest, largest, and most colorful pieces of litter. Donato's and Nature's Bin generously donated pizza and soda for their efforts. Thanks to all of those cool kids who helped beautify their school neighborhood. Maybe this could be an annual event involving participation by more schools.

#### Lakewood High School Choirs Excel In State Contest

By Anne Palomaki

On Friday, May 5th, the Symphonic Mixed Choir and the Symphonic Treble Choir participated in the Ohio State Contest in Berea. The Symphonic Mixed Choir entered in the most difficult class and received all 1's which are Superior ratings. Comments from the judges included, "Simply an outstanding, flawless performance. Bravo! Congratulations to you and be sure to thank your director." They also commented, "Super! Some of the best singing I've heard all evening."

The Symphonic Treble Choir also qualified for State and participated in the event. They were awarded an overall rating of 2 which is Outstanding. They were complimented on their musicality, attention to detail, and interpretations of the music. Congratulations to these fine ensembles and their director, Dr. Lisa Hanson!

#### Lakewood Freshman Football Camp Announced

By Mike Deneen

The Lakewood Freshman Football staff will be holding football camp for all incoming freshman boys to LHS who are interested in playing football this fall. The camp dates are June 12-16 from 10-12 a.m. The camp will be held at Lakewood Stadium. The cost is \$20. Contact Head Coach Tedd Bruening at (216)780-0822.

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## Lakewood Health News

# New Physical Therapists on the Block

12221 Madison Avenue

By Stephanie Pritts

The grand opening of Rehab Professionals of Cleveland will take place on Friday, June 9 from 3-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to meet the therapists, ask questions and enjoy refreshments. There will be ball exercise instruction, postural screenings, and other fun activities.

Rehab Professionals of Cleveland, now located at 12221 Madison Avenue, is set amongst the Lakewood Senior Center, Sts. Cyril and Methodius church and school, Charter One Bank, and Family Dollar. All of these contribute to the vitality of this neighborhood.

Did you know that you can go to a physical therapist without a doctor's order? In 2004, Governor Taft signed into law a new practice act for Ohio physical therapists that allows consumers access to physical therapy (PT) without a physician referral. The good news for the public is that they can see a physical therapist directly for their strained back or shoulder when they don't feel they require a doctor visit first. The therapist will contact the doctor with the findings and plan of care. The new PT practice act is good for consumers and their physical therapist.

Rehab Professionals of Cleveland is a physical therapist-owned outpatient physical therapy practice with offices throughout the Cleveland area. Being the "neighborhood therapist" is an appealing option for an inde-



photo by Rhonda Loje

Stephanie Pritts, PT, has over 20 years of physical therapy experience.

pendent, therapist-owned practice, especially in a community-oriented city like Lakewood. As families become comfortable with the services at Rehab Professionals of Cleveland, the practice expects that their patients will refer family and friends who need physical therapy. Indeed, this neighborhood PT practice is able to provide care for student athletes, "weekend warrior" strain

and sprain problems, women's health, senior citizens, and most of the "physical function" needs of the family.

The Lakewood PT office is one of four locations for this Cleveland-based rehabilitation company. Other locations are in Broadview Heights, North Olmsted and downtown Cleveland. The Lakewood office is special because

it is the home of The Center for Women's Health, a practice devoted to the special needs of women. Although the practice of women's health physical therapy is recently growing, the Rehab Pros staff has over 15 years of experience in this area and has established a standard of excellence which attracts women from as far away as Sandusky, Middlefield, and Youngstown.

Pre and post-partum problems, gynecological problems, and bladder and bowel problems are all successfully treated at the Lakewood office. Indeed, men who have had prostate-related surgical procedures can also benefit from this specialized care.

The office is located in a completely remodeled storefront. The waiting area is filled with daylight. The walls are painted bright colors. High ceilings provide a pleasant environment for exercise as well as throwing and golf swing programs. There is a balance between the gym area and the comfortable individual treatment rooms where clients have an opportunity for relaxation and careful focus on creating positive change.

Three staff members are long-time Lakewood residents with strong ties to the community. Stephanie Pritts, PT, the developer of The Center for Women's Health at Rehab Professionals of Cleveland, expresses an ongoing commitment to the education of local women regarding their choices for health care and interventions across the lifespan. "This is the right place for us to be," states Pritts, "because we need the community and the community needs us."

## Lakewood Resident Receives Mental Health Award

By Fred Weller

Lakewood resident Karen Unsworth has been chosen by the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB) as this year's recipient of the Helping Hand Award in the Consumer Involvement category for her volunteer work helping the mentally ill. Karen was nominated for the award by a member of her Lakewood Recovery, Inc. self-help support group. The woman wrote that Karen had helped her and had given her a message of hope which helped her to make progress and to have confidence in herself.

The CCCMHB is one of 50 boards coordinating the public mental health system in the State of Ohio and has presented the Helping Hand Awards in several categories for the past 10 years. Recipients are recognized "for their excellence in assisting people to better control their illness and achieve their personal goals; developing, conveying, and providing skills and supports to help people live constructive and satisfying lives, reaching above and beyond the call of duty, striving to alleviate

the stigma associated with mental illness, and serving the mental health community in a culturally competent manner."

Karen will receive her award during the Annual Meeting and Awards Brunch of the CCCMHB on May 31st at the Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center.

Karen has been a member of Recovery, Inc. for 15 years. She has led the Lakewood Recovery, Inc. meeting for 6 years and is also the Assistant Area Leader for Area 145 which consists of 17 Recovery, Inc. support groups located mainly in western Cuyahoga County. Karen is also active in the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and speaks concerning mental health issues at universities, hospitals and churches. She regularly visits patients in hospital psychiatric wards and continues to try to alleviate the stigma of mental illness by bringing hope and a helping hand to those who attend her Recovery, Inc. support group meeting in Lakewood.

Recovery, Inc. is a member-managed, self-help, nonprofit mental health program founded in 1937 by Chicago

neuropsychiatrist Abraham Low, M.D. Participants at Recovery, Inc. meetings learn coping tools and life skills which help them deal with temperamental behaviors, nervous symptoms and fears. Recovery, Inc. is an international organization with over 600 weekly support group meetings throughout North America, Ireland, the United Kingdom,

Spain, Israel and India. There are 31 Recovery group meetings in the greater Cleveland area including the 7:30 pm Wednesday Lakewood meeting at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Avenue. Additional information about the program is available at [www.neorecovery.org](http://www.neorecovery.org) or by calling 216-267-1674.

### Lakewood Kiwanis Is Reactivating "Senior Citizen Of The Year" Award

After several years' absence, The Lakewood Kiwanis Club is reactivating the "Senior Citizen Of The Year" Award with the cooperation of the "Lakewood Observer". This Annual Award recognizes the volunteer activities and contributions by Lakewood's senior citizens. It is designed to express the community's appreciation to seniors who contribute to the community's welfare in a significant way.

Nominees must be 60 years or older, retired and in community groups. The winner will be honored at an upcoming Lakewood Kiwanis Club meeting and in the "Lakewood Observer" with his or her picture.

To nominate someone, fill out the accompanying ballot and attach a note explaining why your nominee deserves this award. Mail the ballot and note to :

**Harold B. Mathiot, Secretary**  
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# Lakewood Politics

Club Prepares for "Lakewood to Play Important Role" With Ohio Again in National Spotlight

## Lakewood Democratic Club Looks Forward to "Opportunity-Filled" 2006 Election Season

Early May brought to Lakewood not just spring flowers, but also a new political season; the completion of the Primary Elections marked the launch of a campaign year which could bring to Lakewood the same flurry of activity seen during the hard-fought presidential contest of 2004.

One group of Lakewood residents is already busy preparing and says it sees an opportunity for Lakewood to play a pivotal role in the changes that may come with Election 2006. Dozens of Lakewood Democratic Club members gathered earlier this month to ramp up plans for the 2006 election season. "The Lakewood Democratic Club is one of the largest and most active local political organizations in the state, and we look forward to playing an important role in electing a new slate of Ohio leaders," said Lakewood Democratic Club President Ed FitzGerald.

Both Ohio analysts and Washington pundits say the Buckeye state will be as important a national battleground in 2006 as it was in 2004. This

By Tom Powell-Bullock  
Lakewood Observer Political Editor

November, Ohioans will elect a new Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor and many state legislators and state senators. Voters will also decide whether to reelect U.S. Senator Mike DeWine and all Ohio Members of Congress.

FitzGerald says voter dissatisfaction with the Ohio economy, concerns about the Iraq war, and anger at Governor Bob Taft's conviction for failing to publicly disclose 55 golf outings paid for by lobbyists could lead to sweeping changes. "2006 will be a change year, and the extraordinarily active members of the Lakewood Democratic Club will be organizing precinct-by-precinct to let voters know there are better alternatives they can support," said FitzGerald.

### Lakewood plays a leading role in a leading state

The Lakewood Democratic Club "is one of the most important Dem-

ocratic Clubs in Cuyahoga County because of its vitality and strong membership," according to Club member Jay Starkoff, who has attended many other Clubs across Northeast Ohio. FitzGerald agrees and notes that Lakewood is on the statewide candidate speaker circuit thanks to several factors: high population, high activity level by community volunteers, high voter participation rate and its Northeast Ohio location--the state's most populous region. "Lakewood residents participating in the Club have had the chance to meet and pose questions to many statewide candidates," said FitzGerald. "Our voices are heard earlier and louder than those of many other voters."

Another factor that wins Lakewood lots of political attention, according to Joe D'Angelo, the Club's 2nd Vice President, is its canvassing-friendly neighborhoods. Lakewood's densely-packed houses and grid-like streets make it efficient for door-to-door knocking by candidates and volunteers, whereas voters who live on cul-de-sacs in far-flung exurbs like Bay Village and Olmsted Falls can only be contacted by phone. "Our walkable neighborhoods mean Lakewood voters enjoy old-fashioned neighbor-to-neighbor politics, and it also means more statewide campaigns ask our opinions on more issues. We

have a bigger say and we get to say it in a more personable way," said D'Angelo.

FitzGerald says the Club plans to build on 2004 successes by again opening a Lakewood-based campaign office which can serve as a Western Cuyahoga Democratic campaign headquarters this summer and fall. A similar headquarters based at Detroit and West Clifton in 2004 brought nearly 2,000 volunteers through Lakewood's West End. The Club was also busy earlier this year, making endorsements of primary candidates and activating dozens of volunteers to talk to voters on front porches and at polling places.

### Lakewood Democratic Club Officers

- Ed FitzGerald, President
- Daniel Brennan, 1st Vice President
- Joe D'Angelo, 2nd Vice President
- Gayle Wellman, Treasurer
- Geraldine Nelson, Secretary

#### Want to Get Involved?

The Lakewood Democratic Club meets every month on the first Thursday evening at the Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park (Lake and Belle Avenues). Yearly dues are \$10, with a discounted senior citizen rate of \$5.

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## Rokakis Warns Lakewood Democratic Club About Predatory Lending In Lakewood

"A rash of predatory lending and foreclosures is affecting Lakewood and all of Cuyahoga County," said Cuyahoga County Treasurer Jim Rokakis at a Lakewood Democratic Club meeting earlier this month. Increasingly aggressive lending by financial institutions has lowered safeguards for borrowers and dramatically increased foreclosures. Slavic Village, for example, has 490 vacant homes today--hard-hit by predatory lending. Rokakis noted that while "the problem started in Cleveland, it's now increasingly affecting inner-ring suburbs," such as Lakewood.

According to Lakewood State Representative Michael Skindell, predatory lenders in Lakewood often target the elderly and single mothers with lots of medical or education expenses. They market "cash back" loans that pretend to ease money pressures by offering short-term help to make medical or education payments.

Rokakis was sharply critical of the state government's lack of action to stop predatory lending. He noted Ohio is one of only two states which does not protect borrowers put into bad loans by corrupt brokers. "The reason this is going on in Ohio is because Ohio is doing nothing about it," said Rokakis. "Ohio is an anything-goes state." Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Attorney General Jim Petro could have taken action to increase protections but "have looked the other way," said Rokakis.



Lakewood Democratic Club President Ed FitzGerald looks on as Cuyahoga County Treasurer Jim Rokakis speaks to the Club members.

Rokakis has teamed up with Cuyahoga County Commissioner Tim Hagan to curb predatory lenders in Cuyahoga County by setting up a mortgage foreclosure prevention office and hotline to help people caught in unfair lending arrangements. Residents across Cuyahoga County can now dial "211" for a 24-hour hotline to help stop predatory lenders and to provide foreclosure assistance. Rokakis stressed that homeowners should dial 211 before their home is foreclosed. "You can't beat these guys in Columbus because they have too much money. You have to put them in jail locally," Rokakis said.

Representative Skindell has worked for years to curb predatory lending in Lakewood, first introducing protective legislation while a Lakewood City Councilman only to have the protections stalled by state actions in Columbus by predatory lenders' allies.

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**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 1, 2006**

# Lakewood Public Library

## Summer Reading Club 2006: Wild About Books!

By John Guscott

The Lakewood Public Library is Wild About Books, and we're inviting you to join the fun. All you have to do is read 30 books or complete 30 hours of

reading from Monday, May 8 through Saturday, August 12. Upon completion you will receive a certificate, a nameplate and a very special reward.

You can read any type of reading materials you like; for example you

could read adventure, books, graphic novels, newspapers, biographies, poetry, etc.

Visit the Reading Club table at the Main Library or Madison Branch once a week to collect animal stamps and

tickets toward cool prize drawings.

Don't forget to check out Reading Club Rules and Prize Drawing Dates. Show everyone how Wild you are About Books!

### Library Events Calendar

#### Tuesday, May 30

##### THE NEW FOOD GUIDE PYRAMID

Familiarize yourself with portion sizes and healthy eating tips from the New Food Guide Pyramid. Nutritionist Marisa Warrix will also address the importance of physical activity for children and adults.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Thursday, June 1

##### KALAHARI ORIGINATIONS

In this experiential lecture from Stephen Calhoun, the most ancient history of music is traced as well as imagined. Does our modern encounter with music evoke a sense of what its role was over 30,000 years ago?

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Friday, June 2

##### FILMS ON FRIDAY

*Trouble in Paradise* (1932) Directed by Ernst Lubitsch NOT RATED

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7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Saturday, June 3

##### WORD PROCESSING BASICS

Find out for yourself why everybody is getting rid of their typewriters. For more information, please visit our Computer Instruction Page.

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month. To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Technology Center

##### WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Renew your creative energy and get positive feedback from fellow writers. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just have a hankering to write, everyone is welcome to join this workshop.

4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

##### SATURDAY NIGHT VARIETY -- DRAMA MAMA

Sadie Grossman and Kim Brown bring their thespian antics to the LPL.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Sunday, June 4

##### SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS

Favorites for Violin and Piano

Mary Beth Ions and Guytano Parks play the classics.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Monday, June 5

##### TOP TEN MISTAKES OF ESTATE PLANNING

Candace M. Pollock of Hahn & Pollock, LLC will provide an overview of the legal and financial issues involved in six topics of interest to all Lakewoodites. These lectures are intended to give attendees a general idea of what is involved in securing their futures in the most efficient and responsible manner. For more information, visit <http://www.hahnpollock.com>.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Tuesday, June 6

##### ITALIAN HILL TOWNS OF UMBRIA

Explore picturesque Umbria with world traveler Lois Wheeler. We'll meet the locals, attend their celebrations and enjoy the surrounding countryside.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Saturday, June 10

##### INTERNET BASICS

Get familiar with online basics and find out what the Internet is all about. For more information, please visit our Computer Instruction Page.

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3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Technology Center

##### SUMMER STAMPING & MORE

Beth Scina will show you how to use rubber stamps to create personalized greeting cards and more. Space is limited. Please call (216) 226-8275 ext. 127 to register.

4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

##### SECOND SATURDAY FOLK MUSIC-- 20TH CENTURY CABARET

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7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Sunday, June 11

##### SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS

Fathers, Sons and Baseball

Author Wayne Stewart discusses bonding and the great American pastime.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

##### MANGA CIRCLE

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4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

##### ANIME CLUB

We're back for a new season of Anime theatre and fun with classic and new-release Japanese animation like Irresponsible Captain Tylor, Black Heaven, El-Hazard, Magic Users Club, Bubblegum Crisis, Generator Gawl and more. We'll have trivia and music competitions, too!

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

#### Monday, June 12

##### SAFE LEGAL HAVEN FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

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## Glimpse of the New Library on DVD

By Ben Burdick

On Sunday, May 7 the Lakewood Public Library celebrated its 90th Birthday with a groundbreaking to kick off the two-year renovation and expansion of the Main Library. Nearly 300 people

showed up to enjoy the warm words, delicious cookies and cute little shovels that were given out. The most eagerly anticipated offering of the afternoon, by far, was the Architect's Overview, presented by Alex Lamis, Project Lead for Robert A.M. Stern Architects.

For everyone who's curious about what the new Library will be like, the entire afternoon has been preserved on a slick DVD available for check-out at the Main Library and the Madison Branch. Produced by the Library's Technology Center with professional

production techniques, "Celebrating 90 Years & Digging a New Beginning" contains an enhanced version of the presentation that provides a better seat to the home viewer than those who actually attended.

# Chef Geoff

## Wings Of Wonder

By Jeff Endress

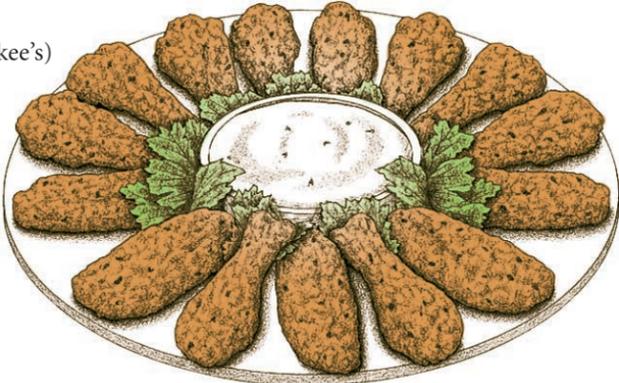
In anticipation of the "Best Wings in Lakewood" competition to be held on June 18, 2006 at Lakewood Park, I thought it might be appropriate to give some information and insight on that staple of bars and pizzerias, the "Buffalo" wing. Credit for discovering this tasty treat is generally given to the Anchor Bar, in (where else?) Buffalo, New York. While there are a number of versions to the legend, my favorite version starts on dark and stormy Friday night in 1964. A number of Catholic patrons of the Anchor Bar were waiting for the stroke of midnight when they could once again enjoy meat and asked for a snack that could be passed around. Cook Teresa Bellissimo was trying to figure out what to do with a shipment of chicken wings the bar had received by mistake, and decided to cut the wings in half, so they'd be easier to eat. She deep fried them, and whipped up a mixture of Frank's Hot sauce and margarine to coat them. Left over celery and the Anchor's house dressing (blue cheese) rounded out the snack platter. I don't know the truth of the legend, but frankly who cares how the Buffalo wing came to be; let's simply be thankful that it's here.

Like so many of our foods, the Buffalo wing has seen a good deal of change and modification in the past 40 years. It seems that the one constant, no matter where you get your wings, is the accompanying celery and blue cheese (although at some establishments, those are "extras"). People have not avoided attempts at improving the original coating of pepper sauce and margarine. Everyone is always trying to create a better mousetrap, so in addition to levels of sauce heat, based simply on the ratio of pepper sauce to margarine, we now have an incredible array of flavors. Wings can now be found sauced in flavors ranging from

### Recipe for "original" Anchor Bar Buffalo wings

Ingredients:

- 30 chicken wing pieces
- 6 tbsp (3 oz) of FRANK'S Louisiana Hot Sauce (now Durkee's)
- 4 tbsp margarine (not butter!)
- 1 tbsp of white vinegar
- 1/8 tsp of celery seed
- 1/4 tsp of Cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp of red pepper
- 1/8 tsp of garlic salt
- A dash of black pepper
- 1/4 tsp of Worcestershire sauce
- 6 cups peanut oil for frying



Prepare the wings for deep frying, as described above. In a sauce pan, melt the margarine, and when bubbling, whisk in all the remaining ingredients. Turn down to a very low simmer to maintain warmth while the wings are frying. Fry the wings in small batches, in 350 degree peanut oil for 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown and crispy. Drain briefly, and toss in the prepared sauce just to coat. Serve along with cold celery sticks and chunky blue cheese dressing.

barbeque to Szechwan; from Cajun to Thai, and just about everything in between. It is enough to cause a Buffalo wing purist to cry "uncle," before someone concocts a green curry and coconut sauce. Not that the varieties are bad, they just aren't Buffalo wings.

But regardless of whether you're a purist trying to recreate the Anchor Bar's classic taste, or you like the sauce variations now available, there are still two overriding concerns which are common to excellent wings. As in any cooking endeavor, the end result is highly dependant upon the ingredients used. Plump, meaty and fresh wings are far preferable to frozen. The fresh wings should be divided at the joint and the wing tip cut off. Poultry shears or a sharp cleaver will do the job in no time. Next, the wing pieces should be thoroughly rinsed, patted dry and allowed to drain, overnight, on paper towels in the refrigerator. Since authentic wings are deep fried, make

sure they are patted dry again, just before cooking. Which segues into the other important concern.

Buffalo wings are deep fried, which means, in essence, that they are boiled in oil. But beyond assuring that the meat is dry before immersing in the oil, it is also critical to maintain the proper cooking temperature to assure that the end product is virtually oil free. The mistake that is likely to occur is the result of a lack of patience. We want those wings now, and so we plunge several pounds of wings into a small pot of hot oil. In so doing, the oil temperature plunges, the pot is overcrowded and instead of the meat being sealed by the high oil temperature, and fried to a crispy brown, it soaks in tepid grease, absorbing the oil. Always deep fry in small batches and while it is best to serve the fried food immediately after draining, there isn't a huge sacrifice in quality if a batch rests in a warm oven

while the remaining food is cooked. A thermometer is a real help so that the oil remains at 350 degrees.

After the wings are fried, they should be briefly drained on paper towels, then tossed in the hot sauce mixture to evenly coat. Properly prepared wings will not leave a pool of excess sauce on the plate and if more spice or heat is desired, do not increase the amount of sauce used to coat, but rather the ratio of pepper sauce to margarine. The traditional accompaniments are cold crisp celery sticks and blue cheese dressing. For those who love their wings in the suicidal range, it is important to remember that water (or beer) only spreads the capasin oils further and makes the burn worse. Bread will absorb the oils and turn down the furnace. I'm also told that milk relieves a spicy burn, but somehow, as a purist, a glass of milk with my Buffalo wings just doesn't seem right.



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# Lakewood Writes

## The Pulse of the City

# The Music of Lakewood

By Gary Rice

There was dead silence. Then, the applause began to build. Applause is not unknown in Lakewood Park, particularly in the area surrounding the Lakewood Bandshell. That day however, the applause grew to a stunning volume. So much so that the very leaves above the bandshell seemed to quiver with the ongoing concussions of red-dened, clapping hands.

Gene Krupa rose from his drums, and gave a little bow. He had just finished a solo where he had played his sticks on the strings of his bass player's upright bass viol. The Gene Krupa Trio had indeed come to town, and Lakewood-ites were in awe of the stunning display of music performed before them.

As the trio stepped down from the bandshell, my father called out, "Hey, Gene!" The great drummer turned, and smiled.

Lakewood has a tradition of great music, whether offered on the various stages of our city, or taught in the classrooms of our schools. Today's column would need to be book-length, if I were to try to include anything close to a fair representation of the many people in this community who have enriched our lives with music. Still, I'll give it a try.

I'll start (with an admitted bias, of course) with my dad, Robert R. Rice.

Dad was surrounded with music as a young man in the Pennsylvania hill country. Between his own father's fiddle, and his mother's classical and parlor piano music, he became an accomplished trumpet and violin player. When he was in his early teens, he started giving music lessons and playing out with jazz groups. He had begun to teach high school when he was drafted into the Army before World War II. It was in the Army Special Services that Dad met and played with many luminaries of the jazz world. Soon after the war, Dad completed his degree and we moved to Lakewood, where Dad became a teacher at Harding Middle School. Among his many musical innovations were a giant musical slide rule and a magical illuminated keyboard for classroom instruction.

All of this meant little to me as Gene Krupa turned around to face us. As a young drummer myself, just seeing him was like an epiphany, but I was soon to have an even better experience. As Gene and Dad talked about the days of Swing and the people that they knew in common, it was not long before I had received a few tips from the Master himself!

However, let us stay with these great Lakewood music teachers, like Dad, for a bit, shall we? Who could forget the great Richard Strang, Director of the Lakewood High School Band, and his last trip to Canada with the band where Mr. Strang, suffering from the terminal illness that would soon claim his life, got up on stage to direct the band for one last time.

"Lakewood High, we're proud of thee..." Oh yes, we were! There was not a dry eye in the house!

Or what about the outstanding Lakewood High School Choral Directors; T.R. Evans, and B. Neil Davis? Hundreds of Lakewood young adults will have memories forever of their time in the choir with these magnificent mentors.

What about the Lakewood High School Orchestra? A man whom I remember well was Fritz Schaufele. This classical master demanded nothing but the best from his students, and the best they delivered! Some of the finest concerts ever held in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium were held under the direction of Mr. Schaufele's experienced baton. We are fortunate to continue to enjoy Mr. Schaufele's help at the Lakewood Library, where he has been involved as the Curator for Folk Music Arts. The library holds many musical programs there each month.

Let's not forget about the elementary teachers, either. I'll mention just two here, out of a great many innovative teachers who touched the lives of the little children with song, dance and memories. Lorraine Compeau and Marjorie Mason were two such teachers who brought innovation and inspiration to those whose lives they transformed with the beauty of music.

Of course, every fall, the tradition of Lakewood musical excellence continues through the baton of Director Brian Maskow and the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band. The fact is, even after graduating, old band members hate to leave. That's why the Ranger Alumni Band, under the direction of retired Director Tom Selby, continues to meet, march and

play whenever they can.

We also need to recognize the fine musicians and directors, past and present, of St. Edward High School and the former St. Augustine Academy. They too, have enriched our community with great music for years!

Moving past the great music teachers who have enriched our lives in Lakewood (and my sincere apologies to those left off the list) I'd like to give you one example, of many, of a great Lakewood musician. That would be Melvin Falke: a master of the Theremin.

In the early Twentieth Century, a Russian, Leon Theremin, invented a radio-like device with two steel rods protruding from its cabinet. By manipulation with one's hands, the electronic tones could be controlled and made to sound beautiful.

Melvin Falke had an RCA, American-made version of this contraption, and he played it like a fine violin. There is a January 29th, 1931 edition of The Lakewood Courier with 19 year old Melvin on the front page, playing this thing. By that time, he was already a WHK radio talent and a Lakewood community star. At a Lakewood estate sale years ago, I picked up his Theremin, along with a copy of the article. Over the years, in my Special Education classes, I often talked about Melvin's fantastic career with his electronic marvel.

In those days, before there was a great deal of help, or understanding for those who faced physical challenges, Melvin was quite the pioneer. In addition to being a musical genius, the boy was blind.

Today fantastic groups like the Lakewood Project continue the innovative path of electronic music so well pioneered by Mel Falke. On the bandshell, at the Civic, at the Beck Center, and on the many stages around town, the music of Lakewood continues to provide the pulse of the city, even as Gene Krupa's magnificent Slingerland Radio King drums did, so many years ago.

It probably would be well for all of us to remember, particularly in these days of proficiency testing, and academic priorities, that we need to continue to demand that music, and indeed the arts in general continue to be vital to the lives and the futures of our children.



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# Lakewood Activities

## Lakewood Garden Club

# 3 year Renovation of the Isaac Warren Park Completed

By Susan Godfrey  
Treasurer of the Lakewood  
Garden Club

The Lakewood Garden Club capped off a three-year renovation of the Isaac Warren Park with the planting of three new Cleveland Select Pear Trees. The planting of the trees is part of the Garden Club's 30 year commitment to the City of Lakewood. This park, located just north of Detroit Road on the east side of Warren Road, was a city-owned vacant lot 30 years ago. Several visionaries from the Garden Club envisioned a downtown park there instead. The Lakewood Garden Club raised the funds to have the park built and maintained over the past 30 years.

In August of 2003 renovations began to restore the park, which was named after Lakewood pioneer Isaac Warren, who once owned several hundred acres of farmland near what is now the intersection of Warren Rd. and Madison Avenue. The Club installed new fencing and an irrigation system (as a gift to the city), re-designed the planting scheme, removed some trees, and trimmed others. Today, this small oasis in the heart of Downtown Lakewood is a beloved spot for many downtown workers. Garden Club workers report that they are often thanked for their efforts as they work - one regular visitor tells the ladies "I want to thank you ladies for doing such a wonderful job, it's a great way to begin my day!"



photo by Rhonda Leje

Workers putting in the new pear trees.

## Jaycees Wing Cook-Off

By Rachel Zinn

Not sure what to do on Father's Day? Just wing it.

Local restaurants will bring their wings to Lakewood Park on June 18 for the inaugural Lakewood Wing Cook-Off. The event offers activities for many tastes, including softball and volleyball tournaments, a skate park competition, live music, a variety of games and competitions for kids of all ages, and chicken wings from eateries vying for the title of Best Wings in Lakewood.

The bragging rights for best wings are up for grabs, but the event will have one sure winner: youth programs in Lakewood. Proceeds from registration fees and refreshment sales will benefit recreation and education programs for local children and teens, and the judging panel will include residents who support these programs.

The cook-off is being organized by the Lakewood Jaycees, the local chapter of the junior chamber of commerce. It is a group for young professionals who want to develop new skills through community service. This vibrant organization, which has a rapidly increasing roster, hopes that the cook-off will

become an annual event.

"It'll be like a family picnic, but you don't have to bring the potato salad and your crazy Aunt Edna won't keep calling you the wrong name," said Shawn Juris, Jaycees president. "Who wouldn't want to spend an afternoon at the park, eat wings, listen to some great local musicians, and have fun, all while showing your support for the kids in Lakewood?"

The cook-off will include wings from Carlucci's, Crazy Rita's, Cronies, Harry Buffalo, Kenilworth Tavern, Lakewood Village, Pug Mahone's, and McCarthy's. Invitations were sent to over 30 bars and restaurants in Lakewood.

Wings will be sold at a special price of \$3 for a basket of 10. They will be judged in several categories and visitors will have a chance to weigh in with the people's choice awards.

Patrick Corrigan, manager of the Harry Buffalo, said he is looking forward to dazzling cook-off visitors with "the plumpest, juiciest wings in town."

"I think we're going to win it," he said.

Friendly competition will extend beyond the grill with co-ed softball and

volleyball tournaments. The volleyball games will be played on the Lakewood Park courts, which are scheduled to be refurbished by mid-June. The Jaycees are in negotiations to donate \$5,000 to the city to assist with costs of renovating the courts.

Those who would rather groove to the beat than work up a sweat can enjoy performances by Elephants in the Living Room, Chris Allen, and Jim Tigue and Marysa. Elephants in the Living Room is a local high school band that has competed in the Scene Magazine high school Rock-Off. Jim Tigue, who was honored for children's song writing by the John Lennon Songwriting Foundation, has been a prominent guitarist and performer in the Cleveland music scene for over a decade. Singer and songwriter Chris Allen, former frontman for the critically-acclaimed rock band Rosavelt, will be at the House of Blues the night before for his CD release party.

The cook-off also will feature a competition at the skate park and a variety of games and activities for kids of all ages.

Top sponsors for the cook-off include MCA Marketing, Lucas Auto

Center, Westerly/Barton Center, Lakewood Hospital, and the Lakewood Recreation and Education Department. Additional support is being provided through the Lakewood Observer and WBWC 88.3 FM.

There are still opportunities available to get involved in the event. In return for your donation to help support the Youth Programs in Lakewood, you will receive advertising leading up to the event. There are also a few seats open for our judge's panel.

Teams can register for the volleyball tournament for a fee of \$80 per team and or can join the softball tournament for \$150 per team. T-shirts will be provided to each of the teams, and the winner of each tournament will receive a trophy.

"The city of Lakewood has so much to offer," said Steve Bajko, a Jaycees member. "Other organizations have not taken advantage of this, but the Jaycees are raising the bar for community events."

For more information about the event, email [jurislev@hotmail.com](mailto:jurislev@hotmail.com).



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# Minding The Issues

Organized Perplexity:

## Thinking about the Immigration Controversy

By Gordon Brumm

I don't have any good answer to the immigration problem. I can sympathize with arguments for every position; I even agreed with Bush's guest worker-plan, until I learned more about its implications. But from what I can see, the immigration controversy is a confusing tangle of conflicting claims. It doesn't offer any clear solution.

What it does offer, however, is a way of understanding how to think – and how not to think -- about a controversy. What we see is a decidedly negative example. The arguments we hear come almost exclusively from partisans committed to one policy or another, and like the proverbial blind men examining the elephant, each gives us a partial account of what the problem involves, selecting the considerations most favorable to their case and ignoring those that will hurt their cause. They bring up only those issues that will lead them where they want to go, and they answer those issues with flat assertions, seldom showing the evidence their claims rest on. It is a situation in which "ignorant armies clash by night," as Matthew Arnold put it.

By contrast, the proper way to resolve a controversy is to take all claims and all considerations into account, define the issues they raise, then decide on each issue separately, in

the way that is appropriate to that issue -- factual issues to be decided by finding the relevant facts, value issues to be decided by reflecting on our values.

There are a number of considerations involved in the immigration controversy, some pointing to one policy, some to another. Some are value issues (e.g., whether toleration of illegality, per se, is a significantly undesirable course of action). Some are factual issues which have well-defined and ascertainable answers (e.g., what are illegal immigrants paid). And some are factual issues whose answers are diffuse and subject to speculation (e.g., what effect would the failure to assimilate immigrants have on national unity)?

Before looking at the issues raised, we should recognize two basic but elementary distinctions: 1) between legal and illegal immigrants; 2) between illegal immigrants already in the U.S. and illegal immigrants that might enter in the future. These distinctions may seem obvious – and they are obvious – but to a surprising degree they get swept up and cast aside by the passion and the rhetoric.

Here are the considerations, and the issues raised, as I see them:

1) Border security: To what extent

can the U.S. prevent illegal immigrants from crossing the border? What would be required to reduce the flow to an acceptable level? These are factual issues, and there is also a value issue: Would the prevention of illegal immigration be worth the cost of the required measures?

2) Internal security: To what extent can illegal immigration be reduced by eliminating the incentives to immigrate illegally? The two most obvious ways of accomplishing this are reducing illegal immigrants' chance of getting a job (e.g., by forcing employers to get legitimate documentation from employees) and reducing their chance of getting benefits (e.g. hospital care). Is the result of increased security worth the methods required to attain it (universal identity cards, perhaps)? Again, a mixture of factual and value issues.

3) Prevention of terrorism: How great is the threat of terrorists entering the country under cover of the flow of illegal immigrants? How much would that threat be reduced if the border was sealed?

4) Economic effects: What are the economic benefits to the U.S. from illegal immigrants? And from legal immigrants? What do illegal immigrants, and legal immigrants, take

from the economy? What, from an economic perspective, is the ideal number of immigrants per year? Who benefits from immigrant labor – business? consumers? Are immigrants (especially illegal immigrants) "doing work that Americans won't do?" And would non-immigrant Americans do these jobs if wages were higher?

5) Legality and reality: Illegal immigrants have, by definition, broken the law. How undesirable is the illegality of their condition, in and of itself? Is it unfair to all those U.S. citizens who have entered as legal immigrants? Does the illegality of these immigrants set a harmful precedent? Would strict enforcement of the law be unrealistic -- could all or most of the present illegals be rounded up? What would be required to do so, and would the roundup be worth the cost?

6) Assimilation and national unity: How well are illegal immigrants assimilated into U.S. culture? And if they are not assimilated, what effect will this have on the cohesiveness of U.S. culture? How can the assimilation of present and future illegals be insured?

Settling these issues, one by one, each in the way appropriate to it, will allow us to get a clear picture of the positives and negatives of the various proposed policies and thereby put us on the road to a well-justified choice among them.

### Arguments and Issues: a Reasoning Puzzle

Or what you should have learned in school but probably didn't.

In order to think clearly and effectively, you must be clear about the structure of your thought, that is, the claims you are making plus your reasons for the claim, as well as the crucial point(s) of difference between your thinking and that of others in the discussion. Most basically, this means explicitly recognizing the arguments on all sides (an argument consists of a conclusion and the reasons or premises that back it up), as well as identifying the issue or issues (questions that must be answered in order to arrive at a justified conclusion).

In this puzzle we ask for the issue raised in the following controversy.

**George: We ought to take the scenic route, and Valley Vista is the scenic route, so we ought to take Valley Vista.**

**Herbert: Well, yes, we ought to take the scenic route, but that means we ought to take Forest View, because that's the scenic route.**

Answer on page :15

(MEANWHILE, IN BAGHDAD...)



# Lakewood Arts

## Gallery Watch

By Ruth A. Koenigsmark and Christine A. Kazimer

Spring has sprung! Time for parties everyone! Isn't it great when you can start a season with a rhyme? Sadly, there were no gallery openings to recount, but still plenty of reasons to visit our Lakewood galleries this time of year; for instance, bachelorette parties, baby showers, barbecues and birthdays to name a few. These events come into full bloom this time of year, and it takes some ingenuity to come up with that perfect gift or as in our case, gifts.

We had shopping to do, so we started at bela dubby so that we could enjoy our new favorite treat, a Hazelnut Steamer, and formalize a game plan. While sipping, we did some speedy calculations and realized that we had four gifts to purchase with only a few hours to do it. So, wasting no time, we bolted out the door and down the street to Wobblefoot Gallery. Luck was with us as we quickly settled on our first purchase, a book "The Journeys of Wobblefoot". And then off to Pop Shop we went, deciding that homemade candles made by owner Rich Cihlar would

make a fantastic hostess gift for the barbeque we were attending.

Now that gift number two was securely under our belt, our next stop was Local Girl Gallery to find that something special for the girl who just graduated. With so many choices, and much debate, we finally agreed that a pair of crystal earrings by Crystal Creations would be fabulous.

With one gift to go, and feeling pretty confident, we were off to the Beck Center where we settled on another form of art—Theater Tickets. We were done, and under three hours!

We ended our shopping spree at Rozi's Saturday wine tasting where we toasted our great finds and our fabulous Galleries.

*Wine to me is passion. It's family and friends. It's warmth of heart and generosity of spirit. Wine is art. It's culture. It's the essence of civilization and the art of living.*

---Robert Mondavi

"Harvests of Joy" Autobiography

Art gallery news and event information should be forwarded to gallerywatchgals@yahoo.com. Every effort will be made to include it in our next column.

### Benefit Concert And Silent Art Auction To Aid The National Alliance Of Mental Illness

By Brandon Stevens

Parish Hall Cleveland and the Phoenix Coffee House present both a silent art auction and not-so-silent musical performances, as a benefit for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) with 100% of donations being made in the honor and memory of Benjamin Webber Anderson (October 4th, 1976-April 15th, 2006). Although Ben was only on this earth for 29 years, he touched the lives and hearts of countless people. At Ben's memorial service, the Anderson family requested donations be made in his name to NAMI, an organization that had assisted them and their son in the past; and it was this request that prompted Ben's friends at Parish Hall and the Phoenix to organize this event.

The evening of June 3rd, 2006 will begin with a silent art auction from 7pm to approximately 9:30pm and musical performances to follow (auction winners will be determined at the end of the night). There is a \$5 minimum donation for the event which will be held at Parish Hall Cleveland. The building is located directly east of the Cleveland Public Theater (6205 Detroit Ave), and has secured on-site parking. Artists confirmed for the event range from established Cleveland and National artists, to those that were friends of Ben and wanted to donate a work for the benefit. To date, the confirmed are: Glenn Baskin, Dave Cintron, Stephe DK, Dana L. DePew, Russ Jones, Nora Hartlaub, John Howitt, Bryon Miller Lance Paladino (NYC), Scott Pickering, Robert Rhoads and Ryan Weitzel.

Musical Performances are by The Dreadful Yawns, who have been described as an indie-rock version of the BYRDS, as well as The New Lou Reeds and Harlem Airshaft.

For further information on the event, please contact:

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### Gallery Events for May 30, 2006 through June 12, 2006

#### Beck Center For The Arts

17801 Detroit Avenue  
216.521.2540

"Bold Intentions" an exhibit by local Cleveland photographer Greg Terepka from June 21 - July 23. Bold Intentions displays an intimate viewpoint of ten relatively common flowers to highlight their intense depth of color, fine texture and remarkable lines from an uncommon perspective

#### bela dubby

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216.221.4479

Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-10pm, Fri-Sat 10am-12pm.  
Next Opening: bela's Bi-Annual Group Show on Saturday, June 3rd, 6pm-Midnight

#### Local Girl Gallery

16106 Detroit Avenue  
216.228.1802

Hours: Tues-Thurs 12-5pm, Fri-Sat 12-6pm.  
Artist Linda Goik will be conducting mini-workshops where students will complete a hand-painted tie for Father's Day. Call gallery for details.

#### Pop Shop Gallery and Studio

17020 Madison Avenue  
216.227.8440

Hours: Monday through Friday from 4pm-8pm and Saturday from 2pm-6pm or by appointment. Pop-o-Matic Saturday, June 3, 2006

This Anniversary Show entitled "Pop-O-Matic" will feature over twenty artists to celebrate the Pop Shop's first birthday. The Gallery Opening will go from 6pm-9pm, with an after party at Mullen's (next to the Gallery) from 9pm-2am.

This show will run until July 15th.

#### Wobblefoot Gallery and Frame Studio

1662 Mars Avenue  
216.226.2971

Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm.  
"Celebrating Life" Juried Art Exhibit through June 3rd.

### Fourth Grade Students Oppose Demolishment of Hall House

Dear Editor:

We are fourth grade students at McKinley School. We have been reading with interest the articles about the future of the Hall House. We think the Hall House should not be demolished! It is a piece of Lakewood history from the 1860's and there are very few historic homes and buildings left in our city. As kids, we can learn from the Hall House, especially if it was turned into a museum. That would be very cool! Lakewood citizens could help raise money or start a petition to save the house. We believe the Hall House is a historical landmark and parking lots DO NOT become historical!

Cordially,

Students Who Care (Mrs. Rolfe's Class)

### Upcoming Tea Tree Tuesday Charity News Release

The Carabel Beauty Salon and Store will help raise money for the Lakewood YMCA on July 11, 2006 with "Tea Tree Tuesday." The Carabel Beauty Salon and Store is hoping to be joined by other salons in their cause. The more salons that join, the more money they will raise for the YMCA. The clients also benefit from the cause with proceeds from scalp massages and shampoo with Paul Mitchell Tea Tree products going towards the charity. The Tea Tree products contain 48 beneficial organic compounds. The products are available for in-salon and home use. To join your salon in the cause, call Culeen Carey at the YMCA at 216.263.2684; or for information on Tea Tree products, call Hedy at 1.800.251.8227 ext. 370.

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## Local Couple Adopt Older Dog From Rescue Center

By Terri Pedace-Burns

Our dog's name is Shiloh. She is now a resident of Lakewood, but spent the first 18 months of her life on a farm in eastern Ohio near the Pennsylvania border. She was to be a herding dog, but instead angered the farmer by scaring the chickens.

He deposited her in his local shelter, one of Ohio's high-kill county kennels that is monitored by the Animal Rescue Center here in Cleveland for adoptable animals. Due to Shiloh's sweet disposition (and good looks), she was displayed on the Rescue Center's website.

My husband and I had attended many fundraisers for the Cleveland City Kennel, where we met some of the Rescue Center's volunteers. We had just had our 13-year-old dog, Razzle, put to sleep due to a terminal illness, and our large home was way too quiet with just two cats in residence. My husband visited the Rescue Center's website and saw Shilo's photo (a beautiful Collie mix). We notified the group that we were interested in meeting her.

Soon a network of volunteers sprang into action. Shiloh was transported to a foster home in Cleveland, and we were invited to meet her. She was very friendly, fully housebroken,

and had been spayed. We decided to adopt her. After a trip to the groomer and several sessions with an in-house trainer to stop her from jumping on people, Shiloh settled very nicely into our wonderful old Victorian home here in Lakewood. As you can see from this recent photo of her, she appears most lady-like now.

We encourage others to adopt adult dogs. Often they just needed a second chance in a more suitable environment.

right: Shiloh relaxing at home.



## Why You Should Consider Adopting an Older Pet

By Whitney Callahan

Having worked with various shelters over the years, it is hard not to fall in love with those sad puppy eyes peeking through the cage. But, many times an older dog or cat is overlooked in favor of a puppy or kitten. What many people do not realize is that the older dog in the next kennel may be a better fit for their home.

Older pets are often house trained and out of the puppy energy stage. Potty training can be a lot of work; and in our world of two income families where no one is home during the day, it can also be difficult. An older dog often comes from a home where the work has been done for you. Any new pet to the household will have to learn rules and boundaries and may test them at first. Kind and consistent reassurance and training can go a long way. However, with an older dog or cat, that period may be far shorter.

People may wonder how much time they may have with that pet if it is older. The truth is we never really

know how long we have with our pets. For many of us, it is never long enough. But, an older pet often has a lot of life left to live and love to give. Nothing is sweeter than a pet grateful to have a new home.

Currently, one of my employees is fostering an 8-year-old Collie/Australian Shepherd mix, named Skeeter. For an old lady, she is relatively healthy. She may have a little arthritis in her hips, but she is sweet and gentle and can show the young guys a thing or two. She may even have five years or so left in her wonderful life. Her previous owners decided they just didn't want her anymore. In our disposable society where we do not respect our elders, this is unfortunately not surprising. So, Skeeter is looking for a new home. A home where she will be loved as much as she loves and owners who understand a 8-year-old still deserves a good home to live the rest of her years.

If anyone is interested in Skeeter, please contact me at Inn The Doghouse (216) 651-0873.

## Business Alert! Lakewood Shopping Experience

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photograph prints one print at a time.

If you already have a website it will plug-in just like a LSE website. If you work out of your home, we can list you separately, or put you into the Lakewood General Store. This section is dedicated to everyone who sells items out of their home online and do not require a full website. From carved ducks, to cushy coat hangers, from candles to cosmetics. There is a place for everyone at the Lakewood Shopping Experience.

To quote Emril Lagasse, it is time to kick the Lakewood Observer up a notch. BAM!

Any and all businesses that are interested in joining the Lakewood Shopping Experience please drop us a line at: LSE\_Sales@lakewoodobserver.com

We build the community together.

## Dog Days of Summer

By Whitney Callahan,

Lakewood Observer Pet Expert

Summertime is coming to Lakewood, so here are some Ideas to enjoy the season with your dog or cat.

### 1. Camp and explore Hocking Hills State Park.

There are plenty of dog-friendly campsites, and for those who demand a more pampered lifestyle, both Hocking Hills Homestead and Getaway Cabins offer pet-friendly lodging, romantic retreats and hot tubs. Visit [www.hockinghillshomestead.com](http://www.hockinghillshomestead.com) and [www.getaway-cabins.com](http://www.getaway-cabins.com) for more information.

### 2. Go to the beach.

While there are beaches in Northeast Ohio that allow only the two-legged type of visitors, Edgewater Park has areas which are pet-friendly and Rocky River beach is a haven for water-loving dogs. Please remember to clean up after your pooches, and don't allow your pet to run up to strangers who aren't interested in wet dogs and kisses.

### 3. Forget the A/C!

Put in the screens and open a window. What indoor cat doesn't want to smell the flowers and pretend to hunt the birds and chipmunks? What could be more fun?

### 4. Join Hiking Hounds.

This is a Northeast Ohio hiking club for dogs and their human companions. Explore the Metroparks and meet some friends. Visit [www.hikinghounds.com](http://www.hikinghounds.com) for more information.

### 5. Protect your pets from parasites.

Put your pets on monthly preventative flea, tick and heartworm medicine. Nothing will ruin you or your best friend's spirits more than getting sick or trying to get rid of a flea infestation in your home. Visit your veterinarian for product information.

### 6. Some dogs (and cats) love to garden

Read [Dog Friendly Gardens](#), [Garden Friendly Dogs](#) by Cheryl S. Smith to learn how to create a safe garden and animal-friendly yard. This book combines horticulture and positive training techniques and includes a comprehensive list of plants and ground cover that are toxic to your furry friends and should be avoided.

### 7. Fun in the sun.

Why not turn your backyard into its own water park? Baby pools and sprinklers are sure to attract both water dogs and your children.

### 8. What pet doesn't like a ride in the country?

Okay, so a few cats I know. But if they do, why not take a long Sunday drive down to Amish Country. Remember never to leave your pets alone in the car on hot days.

### 9. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.

Ice cream in small amounts is a delicious treat for your pet. Sit outside Dairy Queen and order a kid's small vanilla in the cup, or buy “Frosty Paws,” a frozen treat made especially for your four-legged companions. Your pet will adore you forever.

### 10. Cap off your summer with a nice swim!

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## A state champion in stroke care.



Lakewood Hospital's stroke center team is a state champ when it comes to providing care and treatment for Cleveland's stroke patients! Lakewood Hospital is one of the few Ohio hospitals to be named a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Our team is dedicated to providing the latest treatment and care options for stroke patients. Best of all, Lakewood Hospital is quickly accessible from anywhere in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties. Because when time is of the essence, it's good to know superior care is close by.

**To receive a FREE stroke information kit, visit [lakewoodhospital.org/stroke](http://lakewoodhospital.org/stroke) or call toll-free 877.234.FITT (3488).**

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**Be a team player. Know the warning signs.**

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body
  - Sudden dimness or loss of vision in one eye
  - Sudden severe headache
  - Loss of speech or trouble understanding speech
  - Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls
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Your life is our life's work.