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Lakewood Schools Score Higher

Lakewood City Schools received some good news in the “Local Report Card” for student performance given by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). While the entire district scored an “effective,” with 14 of 23 standard satisfied, moving up from “continuous

improvement,” there were two individual schools standing well above the rest. Lakewood High School and Lincoln Elementary School both achieved an “excellent” rating.

“Effective” rating were achieved by Franklin, Grant, Hayes, McKinley and

Taft elementary schools, along with Emerson and Horace Mann Middle Schools.

Garfield, Harrison, Madison and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, along with Harding Middle School, were rated “continuous improvement.”

Taken as a whole, Lakewood City Schools is now one of 297 districts statewide now rated “effective.”

Lakewood civic leadership tried to draw meaning from the results of the high stakes testing game. In the process, Lakewood’s moral and practical focus on children, strong public schools and economic development surfaced as themes articulated by both Mayor Tom George and LakewoodAlive’s Vice President Jay Foran.

Mayor Tom George scanned Report Cards for ratings, noting on the Observation Deck: “In the ever-changing ODE ratings system, Lakewood scored an “effective” along with Berea, Fairview Park, Independence, Parma, Richmond Hts., Shaker Hts. and South Euclid-Lyndhurst. Scoring below Lakewood with a “continuous improvement” were Bedford, Brooklyn, Cleveland Hts.-University Hts., Garfield Hts., Maple

Hts. and North Olmsted. A notch below, scoring “academic watch” were Euclid and Warrrensville Hts. Rating “academic emergency” were Cleveland and East Cleveland. Cuyahoga County public school districts rating “excellent” were Bay Village, Beachwood, Brecksville-Broadview Hts., Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Hts., Mayfield, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, Orange, Rocky River, Solon, Strongsville and Westlake.

“Most of these school districts are considerably smaller than the Lakewood City School District. None of these schools are located in a city that approaches the size of the city of Lakewood. Among those cities comparable to Lakewood in size, the following scored: Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. (continuous improvement), Euclid (academic watch), Elyria (continuous improvement), Lorain (academic watch), Cuyahoga Falls (effective) and Mentor (effective).

“Public schools are an important part of community life, and good schools, among other things, are important economic development criteria,” said George.



Why else is this woman smiling?

Turn to page 4 to see why.

Lakewood Looks at Wi-Fi Options

by John Guscott

On Wednesday, August 10, Lakewood Public Library hosted the city’s first Technology Summit, entitled “Wireless Lakewood.” Lakewood City Council members Ed FitzGerald and Mary Louise Madigan had arranged the meeting at the library for the purpose of jump-starting a civic conversation about the feasibility and potential benefits of municipal wireless network services in Lakewood. Wireless networking technology is fast advancing, and cities around the world, large and small, are seeking to build high-speed, publicly available wireless networks to improve city services and public works, or to attract and retain residents and businesses by providing free or low-cost access to the Internet.

The evening featured statements from Councilman FitzGerald, as well as Mike Fischer, Lakewood resident and CEO of ThinSolutions, a Lakewood-based information technology solutions provider, George Nemeth, chief technology officer of Cool Cleveland and founder of BrewedFreshDaily.com, a well-known blog that focuses

on economic development and civic affairs in Northeast Ohio, and Kenneth Warren, director of the Lakewood Public Library. John Guscott, manager of Electronic Services of Lakewood Public Library, presented a PowerPoint overview of potential implementations of wireless networks and their applications in a civic space.

The speakers laid out a visionary scan of the environment and sought to align interests among city government, local industry, service and retail businesses. A spirited discussion of the technology and its possibilities followed, with input from citizens and representatives from the business community. There were approximately 25 people present for the discussion, including Councilman Ryan Demro.

Councilman FitzGerald indicated that Lakewood City Council is increasingly viewing technology as a potential tool for civic improvements. A few years ago, council began asking the city’s information services department during its annual budget review to look into ways the city can broaden its use of technology, outside the confines of City Hall. FitzGerald stated that a new

approach to looking at technology was becoming necessary. He drew parallels between wireless municipal networks and the city’s street maintenance program, stating that both physical and virtual systems provide critical infrastructure for Lakewood in the new century.

FitzGerald imagined that there might be three possible roles that the city can take to implement wireless network services. The first option would involve a new city department that would run it, control it and fund it. However, he said that the city “is on a very, very tight budget and it makes additional expenditures difficult, though not impossible. We have a lot of streets that need fixing, and we need to focus on that.”

The second possibility is that the conversation about municipal wireless networks at the Technology Summits would take on a life of its own, and then it becomes “completely, 100 percent run by private individuals,” which would fund and control the wireless services.

The third possibility is a public-private partnership in which the city



Councilman Ed FitzGerald

would participate in an advisory or directive role, or perhaps as a partial funding partner.

FitzGerald pointed out that there would be direct benefits at City Hall as the result of wireless networks, and that the productivity and efficiency of city employees would increase as the result of the better connectivity. FitzGerald also acknowledged that individuals, interest groups or significant players within the community might be opposed to the idea—some objecting on the grounds of public pol-

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Lakewood News

Murder Suspect Arraigned

by Stan Austin

Lakewood Municipal Court is usually the scene of life's everyday irksome problems. Speeding tickets, code violations, small contract disputes and minor crimes fill up the docket.

Then, upon occasion, the Court becomes the starting point in the judicial system for the most serious of all crimes—murder of another human being.



This morning, August 18, 2005, at 8:38 a.m., Brandon A. Jones was brought into the Lakewood Municipal Court to appear before Judge Patrick Carroll. The Court bailiff escorted him followed by two Lakewood Police detectives.

A cameraman from a local TV station came in with a tripod video camera. Jones turned to the bailiff and asked, "Do I have to be on view?" "It's open to the public," was the bailiff's reply.

Judge Carroll entered the courtroom. He stated that the court had appointed local Lakewood attorney Timothy Gauntner to represent Jones. Jones indicated that he understood. He then muttered something whereupon Judge Carroll instructed him to reply with a yes or no answer.

Jones pleaded not guilty to the murder of Danny Neal, and with the concurrence of the Lakewood Prosecutor, bail was set at \$1 million and a preliminary hearing was set for August 24, 2005.

When asked if he understood, Jones replied "I didn't hurt no one your honor." Whereupon Judge Carroll once again said, "I am trying to protect your Constitutional rights. Please reply yes or no." Jones said yes.

On Thursday, August 11, 2005 at approximately 1 a.m., Danny Neal was severely beaten near his home on Brockley Avenue. He died three days later as a result of that beating.

It is Brandon Jones that Lakewood Police believe beat Neal so severely as to cause his death.



Photo by: Jim Rowell

Lakewood Y Entertains the Past and Invites the Future

The hopes, dreams and memories of Lakewood schoolchildren from the 1950s will be revisited when the Lakewood Family YMCA opens the recovered time capsule placed in its cornerstone during construction of the building in 1956.

The Lakewood Family YMCA has been part of our community and enriching the lives of residents for over 50 years. The Y's current development project will also entail a new time capsule. Perhaps you have a story to share on how the Y has touched you and your family in some memorable way. Whether

your remembrances are present day or of days gone by, we'd like to hear from you. We will publish these memories on a biweekly basis.

Send your memory to Lakewood YMCA Capital Campaign, 2200 Prospect Ave., #900, Cleveland, OH 44115. If you prefer to share your story verbally, call Culeen Carey at 216-263-6854.

Our community is what makes our Y strong. We look forward to your contributions to this project. Lakewood Family YMCA: building strong kids, strong families and strong communities—one memory at a time.

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Lakewood People



Dottie Buckon, 2005 Distinguished Women In Healthcare Award Winner

by Melissa Garrett

Lakewood Director of Human Services Dottie Buckon is the recipient of a 2005 Distinguished Women in Healthcare Award presented by The Visiting Nurse Association Healthcare Partners of Ohio. Buckon received the award in the advocacy category for her public health work in identifying needs and affecting change for long-term solutions.

One such project was the creation of the Lakewood Hospital Teen Health Center which is located on the corner of Madison and Westwood Avenues. She was one of 13 women honored at a dinner and presentation on June 16 for their commitment to quality healthcare in Greater Cleveland.

Based upon a 1998 community needs assessment Buckon conducted in collaboration with Lakewood Hospital Community Nurse Manager Susan Grimberg, Lakewood leaders identified four primary health issues to address that included mental health in an action plan called Project H.E.A.L. (Health

Emerging Around Lakewood). According to Buckon, “Lakewood has a long history of strong civic volunteerism and advocacy. Our residents wrap their arms around issues and work to develop and implement solutions that create a stronger community. Establishment of the Lakewood Hospital Teen Center is a primary example of a need identified, namely the mental and physical health of our adolescents, and an action taken to address the need.”

Director Buckon has over 29 years of professional and managerial experience in the areas of nursing, public health and human services. She joined the Lakewood Department of Human Services/Division of Health as assistant director in 1993 and became director of the department in 2003. A former Lakewood Hospital intensive care unit clinical nurse manager, Buckon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of South Florida and a Master’s degree in Business-Health Care Administration from Cleveland State University.

Run Rachel Run

by Chuck Greanoff

When you think of great, local high school athletes, Rachel Zubricky probably doesn’t come to mind. She should. A three-time all-Ohio runner, she quietly racked up an impressive record at Lakewood High. Repeating her act at the University of Akron, she is a testament to what hard work, a positive attitude, dedicated parents and a solid education can produce.

At Lakewood High, Rachel was not quite a state track champion like her good friend and 2003 classmate Michelle Sikes, although she came agonizingly close. At the University of Akron, she hasn’t yet qualified for the nationals. She’s getting closer.

To focus on what Rachel hasn’t (yet) accomplished would be to miss all that she has. At LHS, Rachel ran her way to 10 letters—one in soccer, three in cross country, two in basketball and four in track.

At the 2003 state track championships, Rachel sprinted past four runners on the backstretch of the 800-meter run, but couldn’t quite catch Beaumont’s legendary Maggie Infeld, who edged her by less than .5 seconds. Rachel laments not starting her kick a bit earlier.

In 2002, Rachel ran the second leg of a 4x800 relay with Claire Roach, Julia Schlenkerman and Sikes. The team scored the sixth fastest time in the nation that year and the third fastest time ever in Ohio. Again, however, Infeld was the villain, leading Beaumont to the second fastest time in Ohio history.

Rachel was a finalist in the 800 meters in 2002, but didn’t place in the top eight. She ran in the state cross country meet in 2001 and helped her team to a 13th-place finish, although she recalls running miserably.

As a basketball player, Rachel was a solid, if not spectacular, starting point guard on teams that lost more than they won. But anyone who saw her play will tell you that she absolutely tormented her opponents with her tireless defense; that girl just never stopped running. “I counted on wearing them down,” Rachel explained. She counted correctly.

No one should be surprised, then, that Rachel is at it again, piling up letters in track and cross country (four to date) at Akron. Among her highlights: anchoring the winning medley relay at the 2005 Mid-American Conference (MAC) championships, won by Akron; sixth place in the 1500-meter run at the 2005 MAC outdoor championships; and sixth place in the mile at the 2005 indoor championships.

Rachel is putting in about 50 miles a week these days. But she does more than run. She’s in the Honors College at Akron, majoring in, no surprise, exercise physiology. She is planning on being a physical therapist and no doubt will apply the same passion and hard

work to her chosen profession. Busy and driven as ever, she is working at a runners’ camp this summer with Sikes and some other friends.

So, what the key to Rachel’s success? Again, no surprise here, it starts with her family. Rachel notes that her parents, Scott and Barb, are dedicated, loving parents who rarely miss a meet, traveling far and wide to Philadelphia, Notre Dame, wherever. Her brother and sister, Joseph and Rebecca, proud and supportive, couldn’t have been more helpful in searching for a photograph to accompany this article.

Rachel has very positive memories of Lakewood High School, both in class and on the track. She is particularly grateful to former LHS trainer Tim Blair for not only helping her stay healthy, but also for the generosity with which he offered support and encouragement. She cites him as a major



Rachel Zubricky

influence on her career path. She is also grateful to her many fine coaches, to U.S. history teacher Gerry Stupiansky, who pushed her to learn beyond the textbook, and to Ms. Karen Lorenz (now Ms. Karen Disch), for being an excellent and inspiring freshman geometry and AP calculus teacher.

Rachel reports being a tad overwhelmed, at first, upon entering LHS after nine years at St. James, but she quickly adjusted and had a very positive social, academic and extra-curricular experience. Regarding LHS, she recalls fondly the diversity, the wide range of classes, and her involvement in athletics, which she credits as a source of motivation and discipline.

Rachel Zubricky might never be remembered as the great athlete she is. You get the feeling that she doesn’t mind much. Busy training, attending honors classes and planning for her future, Rachel, a rare combination of fierce competitiveness and humility, has always been about working hard, having a positive attitude and enjoying life. That’s a formula for greatness we could all use.

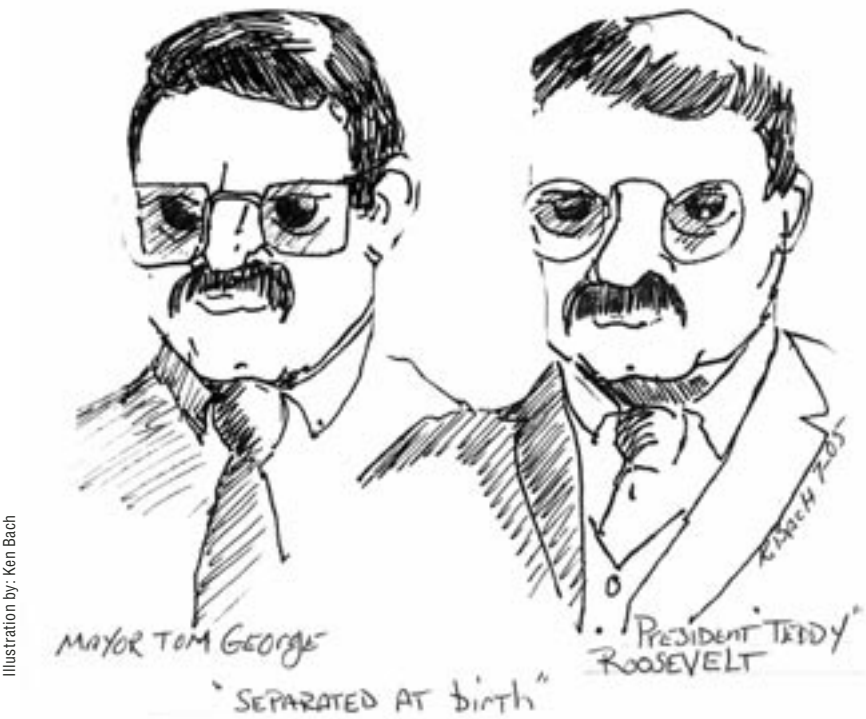


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Lakewood Schools



Here's why ...
Linda Beebe is running the steam shovel during the kick-off of Lakewood Schools' rebuilding program. Linda, who has been a member of the school board for many years and a teacher before that, has dedicated her life to building up Lakewood Schools. But on this day she got to knock one down.

Lakewood Schools Tear Down To Kick Off Rebuilding Years

Dr. Estrop's Remarks

"Today we celebrate a community's continuing commitment spanning many years. A commitment evidenced by this, the largest construction project in the history of the Lakewood City School District. A commitment made by the people of Lakewood to build a stronger community and a better school system. A commitment to educational leadership in Northeast Ohio built on a solid foundation of years of dedication and experience.

Without a doubt, this commitment goes well beyond the bricks and mortar that will become our new schools. This is a commitment that includes building the new programs that will help us meet the changing needs of the children, families and adults of Lakewood.

This is a commitment to a new district vision that expands opportunities and supports learners of all ages.

This is a commitment to the Lakewood Cares Coalition representing agencies and organizations working together to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of services to our students and families.

This is a commitment to partner-

ships with higher education that will expand adult learning and cultural opportunities in Lakewood.

This is a commitment to the Lakewood City Academy, a conversion charter school sponsored by the Lakewood City Schools, housing the first digital school in Cuyahoga County, the Lakewood Digital Academy, and the Alternative Programs for Lakewood that will create more options for students and parents then ever before in the history of Lakewood.

This is a commitment to expansion of the program offerings in the West Shore Career and Technical School that will include the latest in medical technology and advanced manufacturing.

This is a commitment to the Lakewood Graduation Guarantee, another first in Ohio, demonstrating the confidence we have in the work of our students, parents and staff.

And last, but certainly not least, this is a commitment to provide the very best opportunities for lifelong learning for all of the residents of Lakewood.

This is Lakewood! A community committed to celebrating the past as we build our future. This truly is Lakewood's Time!"



School Board President Ed Favre and Superintendent Dr. David Estrop addressed the crowd at Madison School, prior to Linda Beebe knocking down the wall.

Lakewood Catholic Academy: Labor of Love Bears Fruit

by Paul J. Nickels

It's hard to imagine any place less appealing to a kid than school in the middle of July. But don't tell that to the multitudes of children, along with hundreds of parents and other community volunteers, who have spent a great deal of their summer vacations roaming the halls of Lakewood Catholic Academy armed with paintbrushes and pushcarts. The massive outpouring of volunteer support has put a sheen on the beautiful lakefront campus—inside and out—and when the doors open for the first day of class on August 30, nearly 600 will take their chairs in the newest Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland.

"I am amazed at the energy we've seen in these halls," says Mark Dudek, who will serve as principal of the new school. "We didn't take possession of the property until July 1, and we expected to spend the entire month of July painting and cleaning, and most of August preparing the classrooms. Instead, our volunteers had painted nearly 80 rooms by the middle of the month, and now, with two weeks to spare, we're finishing up moving furniture into classrooms."

"I am humbled by the sense of sacrifice we've seen," echoed Vice Principal Maureen Arbezniak, like Dudek a longtime Lakewood resident. "We literally had parents who devoted their entire week, or two, of their personal summer vacation to the task at hand, and they did it during some pretty hot weather."

A walk through the facility, long the home of St. Augustine Academy, confirms the results. With paint and tools donated by Sherwin-Williams and support materials—including food and drink—from a long list of contributors from the community, classrooms and common areas that have hosted students of various ages for more than 80 years look bright, fresh and inviting.

"This is a magnificent facility and we were all proud to help out," said one volunteer who will have three children

at LCA in the fall. "We feel as if we are literally building the future for our children, and what's more important?"

The enrollment total of 594 is higher than the combined total of students who previously attended the three institutions that joined to found LCA—St. Clements, St. James and St. Lukes. Additionally, the school has attracted enrollees from as far west as Vermilion, as well as Bay Village, Avon, Westlake and Cleveland. This was precisely the vision of the pastors and committee members who worked so hard to pull together the school after the merger was announced just last September.

Arbezniak promises that the school will be more than just a beautiful place, though. "We have worked hard to take everything about an LCA education to a new level of excellence," she said recently in her campus office from which one can see the lake in the background after a massive landscaping project opened the view.

"We have brought together the very best of what each of the schools had to offer, and we've even taken it farther. Our students, for example, will be able to choose between two foreign languages, and we'll have top-notch music and art programs as well."

Mark Dudek also pointed out how cooperative the city of Lakewood has been. City inspectors have worked closely with the school to assure that the facility meets all code requirements and have also developed a traffic plan and installed flashing school lights and painted crosswalks.

As other Diocesan schools in Greater Cleveland and beyond cope with the familiar litany of decreasing enrollments and increasing costs, Lakewood Catholic Academy will continue to gain a reputation as a model for the right approach to bringing Catholic education into the new century. And that's something of which Lakewood residents of all faiths can be proud.

For more information about Lakewood Catholic Academy, visit www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com.

5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk to Kick Off LCA Open House

Lakewood Catholic Academy will officially open its doors with a day full of special activities on Saturday, August 27. The day begins with a run/walk race at 8:30 a.m., co-sponsored by Lakewood Hospital. The race is open to the public and will benefit the school. Interested parties can sign up for the race at: <http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/pdf/files/5kraceform.pdf>

After the race, there will be a picnic for LCA families on the campus grounds from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Following the picnic, all teachers will be in their classrooms for an Open House from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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Lakewood Sports

Lakewood Observer:

The Best Place for Ranger Coverage

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood Ranger football team is hoping that history finds a way of repeating itself. After finishing the season with a losing record in 2002, the team bounced back in 2003 to a winning record and a state playoff appearance. Last year's team dropped to 4-6 (including the St. Ed forfeit) under new head coach Jim Slagle.

Now the Rangers hope to once again regain the winning edge and make the playoffs.

The kids spent a lot of time in the weight room in the off-season to build size and strength. They have also been working very hard during this month's two-a-day sessions, despite the heat and humidity. "I've been very happy with their work ethic," says Slagle, "they've been working hard every day ... and it's really hot out there."

In addition to traditional off-season rituals such as weightlifting and practices, this year's team participated in a new exercise. The team spent a weekend at the high school participating in a motivational retreat. The program is designed to build a sense of togetherness and leadership in the team. Similar programs have been

used by many successful organizations, including some National Football League teams.

Coach Slagle has also been pleased with the turnout for this year's team. Over 70 players are participating, an increase over recent seasons. There has also been tremendous improvement in the freshman program over the past couple of seasons, a trend that Coach Slagle expects to pay dividends in the future. The team returns six starters on offense and five on defense.

Here is a quick look at this year's team:

Offense

After being shut out in five of 10 games in 2004, the offensive unit has been working to improve dramatically in 2005.

Although lacking a veteran starter at quarterback, the team does have lots of returning experience in the offensive line, and some solid skill position players.

Offensive Line: Although never receiving glory or attention like their offensive teammates, every good football fan knows that a good offense starts up front on the line. Fortunately for the Rangers, they return four play-



Coach Slagle addresses the team.

ers with starting experience.

Senior co-captains Andy Sanford and Paul Gadelsayed lead the unit.

Sanford was named an all-Lake Erie League selection at center for his outstanding ability to both run and pass block. Gadelsayed shows similar abilities in the offensive tackle position. Senior Mike Danner, a National Merit student, will play at tackle while senior Dan O'Donnell has gained 20 pounds in the weight room to play at guard. Junior tackles Mike Gugar and Nick Porach, as well as sophomore Billy Snyder, will round out the line. Tight ends include senior Jon Staley and junior Joe

Lucko. Staley, an honor roll student, is a two-way player that also has experience at defensive end.

Quarterback: The Rangers will be starting a new quarterback this fall, and the starter will likely be sophomore Jim Guzay. Although young, Guzay has shown a lot of potential, and by gaining experience this year, can provide veteran leadership in 2006 and 2007.

Running Backs and Wide Receivers: Two experienced running backs return this year. Senior Chris Kenney, who is also a Ranger baseball player,

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Girls Soccer Team Ready to Kick It Up a Notch



by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood High School Girls' Varsity Soccer Team has been working hard to deliver a breakout season in 2005. After a 6-7-3 season in 2004, the team has been diligently preparing in the off-season to climb the standings in the Lake Erie League. The league has been dominated in recent years by Mentor, which reached the state regional final in 2004.

Second-year head coach Randy Martin likes what he has seen from his team. "This is going to be a good year," says Martin. "We've learned a lot in the last couple of years." Coach Martin feels that this year's team has strong depth. "We've got 15 players capable of starting for only 11 spots." Fortunately for the coach, high school rules allow unlimited substitution, so lots of players will be able to get playing time.

The team has six experienced seniors in the starting lineup, including Victoria Thomascik, who transferred this year

from Avon Lake. Returning seniors from last year's squad include Aly Endress, Erin Norton, Katy Racy, Kelly Moran and goalkeeper Danielle Rusnak. Seniors Liz Gazdick and Kerri Sullivan will provide experience off the bench.

In addition to the seniors, junior Nicky Lee is returning for 2005. Lee was the team's leading scorer in 2004.

Other underclassmen in the starting lineup include Jessica Rosul, Rachel Niemi, Jamie Meggas and Danielle Pusateri. Chelsea Ringler, Alex Krueger, Hillary Vigh and freshman Lauren Rosul are also expected to contribute.

The season will be highlighted not only by contests against LEL rivals such as Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights, but also by the annual match-up against nearby rival St. Joseph Academy. Many of the Rangers are looking forward to the September 26 match, since many of them have played on the same team with St. Joe's players in elementary school.



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"A working class hero is something to be. They hate you if you're clever. They despise you if you're a fool."
—John Lennon

"There is that matter of nostalgia for the past which, more and more, the hard and arty person will come to need," reads the last sentence of Lakewood novelist Herbert Gold's story, "Paris and Cleveland are Voyages."

If novelists ceaselessly return again and again to their pasts—Joyce never wrote about anything but Dublin, and Dostoyevsky St. Petersburg—they may do so for different reasons. In some way, Joyce and Dostoyevsky could not write about anything but home, because home never left them. Even though a place (Joyce) or a way of life (Dostoyevsky) had been lost, their loss is of a different order than those who lost something they could not have had in any case. For Joyce and Dostoyevsky, home remained the center of their lives.

For others, it is a yearning, sometimes sentimental, for the home they had no choice but to escape and have not replaced. In this sense, their nostalgia may cover the site of trauma—why they had to turn their back on home. At the same time, their nostalgia may be necessary to help them live in a world in which they have no home. To survive, after all, is the Old English root of nostalgia.

Gold has written five books about Cleveland, three fictional memoirs of his family, one a novel of Prospect Avenue in downtown Cleveland, and a coming-of-age novel set in Lakewood. He has also written several stories

about Cleveland, "Paris and Cleveland are Voyages," about an English teacher at Case Western Reserve University, and "Susanna at the Beach," a re-working of the Biblical story of Susanna and the Elders at Edgewater Park.

Dan Berman, editor of the *Lakewood High Times* in *Therefore Be Bold*, comes from an immigrant family, like Gold does, one of the thousands which settled in Lakewood in the first half of the 20th century and who sacrificed their lives so that their children would have more opportunities. Berman would much rather read than work in his father's store. He wants to fall in love with a Clifton Park/Lake girl, who would be a sign of having left his neighborhood. At one point he thinks, "Europe is far from Lakewood, Ohio, insists Lakewood, Ohio," and he has no doubt where he will be.

For Berman's father, money is everything (Gold's father named himself Gold, because of the gold he would find on the streets of America), and his friend Tom tells him that economy is the principle that runs Lakewood, "because of the fact of money, which signifies space in the suburbs." But Berman fails to see what he means.

His girlfriend's father talks of his family's six generations in Lakewood and adds, sarcastically, "Don't like the quiet life here, do you? ... Maybe you ought to go to New York, eh? Feel at home there? A one-generation city?" He adds, "We can still choose between the gentlemen and those who want the power—their kind of power."

by Robert Buckeye

Berman will never be a gentleman. His life is not that of his father. "I hate you!" he screams at him one day. "I hate the store and the buildings and what you think of me." He cannot speak up to his girlfriend's father when she wants him to stand up against what he believes. "What can I do? I thought. Nothing. Nothing opens that lock."

Because Berman does not say anything, she loses interest in him. At the end of the novel, he leaves for college in New York with the girl he was in love with before Eva, another Clifton Park girl, who he later marries. In a brief postscript, Gold says the novel was begun in Paris.


In his memoir about his father, Gold asks, "Why did [Lakewood on Christmas Eve] come to be my model of isolation, separation?" He adds that his father knew that he was a foreigner, but Gold thought he was an American, and had to discover that America saw him to be a foreigner. It is the wound he must always touch, feel, massage, what Richard Sennett calls the hidden injuries of class.

Love is his answer, and if he can find one of those girls who silenced him with their perfection, he can escape the

world he has no place in. However, lovers know the more they shut the world out the more it comes in the door. The English professor in "Paris and Cleveland are Voyages" has an affair with a student, but does not see that he is the innocent one.

In an afterword about the story, Gold notes that "in his invincible nostalgic misery he might still be incapable of protecting himself from a cleverly predatory child." The lustful prurience of the men on the beach at Edgewater Park causes Susanna to lose her self-sufficient innocence. Gold's protagonists always have to return to the original sin, as it were, as if, this time, if they do it right, start over, they can. They believe nevertheless. As we do too. Our nostalgia carries us back to class reunions, divorced now, and we see our high school sweetheart, who is also divorced, and we think what a mistake we made, if we had only ...

In his afterword for "Susanna at the Beach," Gold writes, "I finished the story in an air-conditioned ice cream parlor near Lakewood High School. ... The manager asked if I could do my homework elsewhere." He is pleased he has been mistaken for a student, and, it is clear, not left Lakewood.



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Lakewood Mail

More Thoughts on the Lombardo Mansion

The current resident of the Neoclassic mansion at 13405 Lake Ave. wants to auction off to the highest bidder the architectural details of the house, including 22 stained-glass windows, the wrought-iron fence surrounding the property, and a 16-column walkway pergola, along with 14 rooms of furniture and a \$10,000 stereo system. He claims his motive is to raise funds to maintain the remainder of the property and its grounds so that he can continue to live in the stripped-down, furniture-bare mansion and eventually leave it to his children, most of whom reside out of state. Others have suggested that the auction is just the first step in the eventual demolition of the house, the subdivision of the grounds, and the construction of cluster homes on the site. Motive notwithstanding, is the auction a legitimate community concern? Is this anyone else's business?

I think the answer is a resounding yes, for three reasons. First, it is our business as law-abiding citizens. The resident has tried to equate his interests with those who opposed the use of eminent domain to take westside properties in connection with the proposed but failed West End development. This comparison is not well-founded. Those opposed to the use of eminent domain exhibited their respect for the goal of hardworking, bill-paying, home-owning citizens to protect and preserve their homes. They opposed the City's use of a legally recognized and constitutionally permissible procedure that would have deprived Lakewood homeowners of their chosen living location. To the contrary, the auction is our business as citizens because the resident is using the auction mechanism to fight a foreclosure proceeding that has been pending since 2001, a foreclosure proceeding initiated because the resident did not honor his contractual commitments to make his mortgage payments and to pay other debts. And the idea of auctioning off the details of the home is an idea that did not come to the resident until after six attempts to take advantage of the stay imposed by the filing of a bankruptcy petition had been rejected by the courts. Numerous liens encumber the property. Because of these liens and the pending court proceeding, it is not "his house" to do with what he wants. Those

who have supported the resident of the mansion because they feel he is somehow like them must question whether that support is deserved.

Second, the auction is our business as neighbors because the resident of the mansion isn't seeking to protect any ideal or any memento or any choice. He is seeking to spoil something of which he is merely the temporary steward by deliberately taking action that will reduce the mansion's beauty, value and character. He cannot strip an asset of its value when to do so would injure his neighbors and the community as a whole. Just as we have a moral obligation to throw out our trash so the neighborhood doesn't smell, we have a moral obligation to refrain from inflicting damage on our neighbor's assets. And we have a moral obligation, as members of the community of Lakewood, to promote, and not to denigrate, the town in which we live.

Finally, the auction is our business as members of the larger community that sets appropriate standards of conduct, the social norms and mores that guide our behavior. The resident is attempting to solve his financial problems irresponsibly. Others in his situation, and there are many, have disposed of their burden (though usually far less majestic) by selling it, lock, stock and barrel, to a willing buyer. It is a lesson in life that when you have overreached and have taken on more than you can handle, either physically, psychologically or financially, you must learn to scale back. How disturbing would this be if the pillaging of the pieces and parts of our homes were the start of a trend? There may exist numerous potential purchasers who are willing to buy the property and make it their home, but this has not been fully explored. The resident's actions, and not those of the City or anyone else, have given him no choice but to say yes to one of those potential purchasers. Either that, or the sheriff can sell the house for him.

Anthony J. LaCerva
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Lakewood Library

Public Library Rolls Out the Film with “Friday Night Flicks”

by Matthew Charboneau

Do you have an insatiable itch for independent films or forgotten cinematic gems? Do you enjoy the camaraderie and socialization of going out to see movies, but can’t stand the increasingly steep prices, interruptions or frustrating commutes to the art houses or multiplexes located all the way on the other side of town? If so, Lakewood Public Library is the place to be the first Friday evening of each month as we present Friday Night Flicks, a new film series in the Fall-Winter 2005/2006 Library programming calendar. The films are free of charge and open to the public, and will be projected digitally onto the screen of our main auditorium starting at 6 p.m.

The genesis for showing independent and underground classics at the public institution level originated where so many great modern thoughts or theorems begin—with chitchat and idle banter among co-workers during coffee breaks. Many of us in the Electronic Services department at the library are movie-buffs, cinephiles or otherwise oases of useless pop-culture information, culled from years of obsessively collecting and deconstructing records, films and books. Sadly, many of us don’t stray very far from the proto-nerdy library stereotype. As a result we have often audibly lamented the fact that there was no public place in Lakewood to view cult classics. We considered approaching the local second-run theater in Lakewood to start a midnight cult movie series. These showings, we hypothesized, could be similar in programming and vibe to the Cedar Lee Theater or Cleveland Institute of Art’s Cinematheque—but without the frustrating lateral commute necessary to transcend Cleveland’s sprawling suburbia.

Rather than give away a good idea, we decided to incorporate film into our

existing arts programming. This would afford us the personal enjoyment of selecting, previewing and debating choices for the monthly program, all with the added maddening challenge of narrowing our favorite films down to the half-dozen or so for the inaugural Friday Night Flicks series. As an added bonus, the presentation of each month’s film will be paired with a discussion-based social event following the showing. These events, to be held at the Phoenix Coffeehouse, will give patrons the opportunity to meet with other movie buffs and discuss the evening’s film.

Thus was born our schedule for Friday Night Flicks, to commence Friday, September 2, with a showing of Jim Jarmusch’s classic 1986 black-and-white film *Down By Law*. This glimpse back into Jarmusch’s canon of edgy bohemian works will serve as an interesting experience for those who haven’t seen any of Jarmusch’s films, or may only be familiar with his newer, more mainstream films such as 1999’s *Ghost-dog: The Way of the Samurai*, and this year’s breakout success, *Broken Flowers*, starring Bill Murray.

In an attempt to appeal to as many film tastes as is feasible in a short film series, Friday Night Flicks plans on spanning many eras, genres and styles of cinema. As such, the upcoming season will feature movies ranging from the throwback film noir of Roman Polanski’s *Chinatown* (1974), to Stanley Kubrick’s politically loaded *Paths of Glory* (1957), to the bizarre and surreal vision of bureaucracy in Terry Gilliam’s *Brazil* (1985). For a complete and more detailed schedule of events, or any additional program information, please visit the Friday Night Flicks page on the library’s website at www.lkwdpl.org/calendar/flicks. Information may also be obtained through our Fall-Winter program mailer or by phoning the Electronic Services department at (216) 226-8275 ext. 127. See you at the movies!

Upcoming Program Series: Your Lakewood Home

by Ben Burdick

Lakewood Public Library is teaming up with the Lakewood Historical Society and the Cleveland Restoration Society to provide a series of practical, how-to lectures to help you on your next home improvement or home restoration project. All programs are free and open to the public. Please call 216-226-8275 ext. 127 for more information.

Free Color Consultation for Older Homes

If you’re looking to paint your older home, the Cleveland Restoration Society has advice on paint preparation, picking a contractor and the pitfalls of siding. They’ll also provide consultations on color schemes. Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Maintaining Your Lakewood Home

Do you know what to look for on your home’s exterior to make sure it stays energy efficient? The Cleveland Restoration Society has the answers.

Monday, September 19, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

House: A Memoir

Home renovation author and Cleveland Heights native Michael Ruhlman wants to meet you, answer your questions and sign your book at the Lakewood Historical Society. Wednesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. at Lakewood Park Woman’s Pavilion.

Everything You Need to Know to Renovate Your Home

The Cleveland Restoration Society will outline everything you need to know about planning a construction project, hiring a contractor and deciding on an appropriate bid. Monday, September 26, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Healthy Homes

Sandra Santoro from Mold Across America will discuss the potential health hazards posed by chemicals and biological contaminants commonly found under the sink, in the furniture and within the structure of your home. Monday, October 3, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

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Lakewood Gallery Watch

Greetings! I would like to introduce you to Lakewood’s new art scene. The four galleries in Lakewood are all recent additions to our city, all opening within the past year. Each of the galleries offers something different. Let’s begin by getting acquainted with all of them.

Bela Dubby Art Gallery and Beer Café, located at 13321 Madison Ave., was inspired by the Brooklyn Brewery in New York. Bela Dubby owners John and Jill Crino, while living in New York would visit the brewery in the warehouse where people would meet for a few drinks, bring the kids, order a pizza and hang out. Bela Dubby mines the same idea, but adds art (Jill holds a degree in art) and a few other perks.

The name Bela Dubby comes from Crino’s two-year-old daughter. From her baby talk with the family’s pet dogs the name Bela Dubby was born.

The gallery serves a wide selection of micro brews, Phoenix Coffees, pizza bagels from the West Side Market, cakes and cookies from their friend Traci Morrison, along with baked goods from the Breadsmith Company. Its atmosphere is “open, comfortable, and practical.” There are kitchen tables with chairs and couches from the 1950s for sitting and chatting with friends and neighbors.

Bela Dubby features a kids’ corner where children can occupy themselves while mom sits down with a good read and a cup of coffee. Organizations like the Ohio City Near West Moms Group meet at Bela Dubby. The gallery will provide a meeting place for everyone. For an organizations meeting, just call 216-221-4479 to let them know you’re coming.

Even though some alcoholic beverages are served, Bela Dubby always remains a family-friendly environment, even on weekend nights.

by Chelsea L. Waschek

The Crinos welcome musicians who perform on weekends for tips. One Friday night in July they had Tango Night with dancing and live accordion music. John says they are open to ideas about what to offer its community and patrons.

Now let’s not forget about the art! Featured artists personally contribute their own ideas on how they want their works displayed. Bela Dubby is also open to new artists and works unless a piece is blatantly obscene.

The next gallery is Wobblefoot Gallery and Framing Studio located

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Bela Dubby, 13321 Madison Ave.

featured at Cafe Aroma, a healthy place to eat in downtown Cleveland across from the Cleveland State University campus. Goik and her gallery have also been featured in *Lakewood Magazine’s* current issue. Local Girl hosts shows that benefit local organizations like the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, The Lakewood Family Room and others.

Local Girl Gallery opened in May 2004 and welcomed local artists. Linda Goik lives in Lakewood and is an artist herself. She opened in Lakewood to give back to the community she loves living in. She invites everyone to come, “... from ages nine to 82 years old. People who may not know a stitch about art, but like what is hanging on the wall.”

Local Girl Gallery is located at 16106 Detroit; the phone number is 216-228-1802.

Last and certainly not least is

Lakewood’s newest gallery, The Pop Shop Gallery and Studio located at 17020 Madison. Their phone number is 216-227-8440. This place is truly worth seeing. Indeed, The Pop Shop is unlike anything ever seen before! Owner Rich Cihlar took the name from his favorite artist, Keith Haring, who did a series of works called The Pop Shop.

The Pop Shop has a Rock-n-Roll feel with a permanent mural of an Andy Warhol Elvis. The gallery plays punk music and is dedicated to showing contemporary works considered avant-garde by art traditionalists. New as well as established artists who are trained and skilled are wanted. All media is considered, especially non-conventional ones.

The Pop Shop’s uniqueness is evident not only in the design of the actual gallery, but in the fun, innovative things you’ll find there. For example, some art is sold through vending machines; yep, put in a buck 50 and you have yourself a pin designed by real artists. Cihlar knows that, “People who come here won’t just see some art, they’ll have an experience.”

In the three months The Pop Shop has been open, it has hosted two art shows. The Pop Shop is Lakewood’s only gallery with a working studio where professional artists like owner Cihlar and friend Jeremy Mann create their art.

The art galleries in Lakewood are all gems that contribute something special to the people of our community. At last, Westsiders have choices to make about what kind of art they’d like to see without having to travel to the east side. If you like art, stop by a gallery near you! If you hate art, visit a gallery you can tolerate so at least you’ll know what people are starting to talk about!



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Minding the Issues

Supreme Court Watch: “Activist” Judges

by Gordon Brumm

All right, class, here is your citizenship quiz. Who said the following: “Whosoever shall be guilty of rape, polygamy, or sodomy with man or woman shall be punished, if a man, by castration, if a woman, by cutting through the cartilage of her nose a hole of one half inch diameter at the least.” I’ll give the answer a little later, after I show why I asked the question.

It’s the season for hiring new Supreme Court justices, and the job description is on everyone’s mind. In particular, Bush and company insist that the Supreme Court, and lower courts as well, be free of “activist” justices who “make new law from the bench.”

“Activist” can mean several things, depending on what it is contrasted with.

In the most important sense, “activist” judges are opposed to “strict constructionists” or those who adhere to “textualism” or “original intent.” The latter are said to look to the actual words of the Constitution or, when those words do not decide the question at hand, they look to the intent of the Founders who wrote the words. Activists, by contrast, are said to disregard the wording of the Constitution and the Founders’ intent in order to implement their own views (e.g., in allowing for regulation of industry or environmental protection laws, to give just two of many possible examples).

In a second sense, an “activist” judge is one who is too disposed to override the will of the Congress, the states or the President.

In a third sense, an “activist” judge is one who tends to disregard precedent in favor of his or her own views.

So, here is our first question: Should Supreme Court justices strictly adhere to the text of the Constitution in making their decisions? (And should justices be criticized for going beyond that text?)

Let’s take as an example “cruel and unusual punishment,” prohibited by the Eighth Amendment. What kind of punishment is cruel and unusual? (Beheading? Death penalty in general?) The Constitution doesn’t say, so if we’re going to adhere to that document, we’ll have to look at what the Founders intended. This may seem perfectly reasonable—but is it?

Here enters the answer to my question above: The author of the passage quoted is none other than Thomas Jefferson. (Source: *Henry Adams and The Making of America* by Garry Wills, p. 399.) Jefferson was a leading Founder, of course, and he clearly did not believe castration and mutilation to be cruel and unusual punishment. Do you agree with him? If not, you’re in no position to say that our present justices should follow the intent of the Founders.

In all, there are at least three reasons for disregarding the Founders’ intent:

(1) We don’t know what the Founders’ intent was, either because we don’t have the required information

or because different Founders had different intentions but agreed on specific language, hoping that their disagreements would be ironed out afterward.

(2) We can’t know what the Founders’ intent was, because the case at hand involves conditions that were not in existence when the Constitution was written (e.g. biotechnology).

(3) We don’t want to know what the Founders’ intent was, because their intent is morally repugnant, as in the case of Jefferson’s view on punishment. In fostering myths about the Founders, we forget how imperfect our government was at the beginning—it condoned slavery, excluded women from most important areas of life, etc. We have progressed, but we deny our progress if we slavishly try to enshrine the views of the Founders in our present-day policies.

So it is futile and foolish to focus on the wording of the Constitution or the intent behind that wording.

But if the function of the Court is not to faithfully apply the text of the Constitution, then what is its function?

Its proper function is to apply the purposes inherent in the Constitution. To get a better grasp, let’s look at an analogy from sports.

Each sport is driven by a purpose, or, better, a bundle of purposes. The purposes of baseball are to compete in hitting, pitching, catching, running, etc. The purposes of football include competition in running, throwing, catching, and—unlike baseball—overcoming one’s opponent by force, though only in limited ways. And so on.

In baseball, deceiving the opponent is not a basic purpose. It is allowed—indeed, it’s inevitable—when it’s an intrinsic part of some activity (e.g. the pitcher deceiving the batter about the location of the pitch). But it is not allowed when it would interfere with some basic skill such as base-stealing. This is why baseball has the balk rule, without which base-stealing might be next to impossible.

The balk rule is a bundle of specific rules minutely describing what the pitcher may and may not do when delivering a pitch with a runner on base. It has evolved for the purpose of preventing excessive deception on the part of the pitcher. (The major league rule book declares that “Umpires should bear in mind that the purpose of the balk rule is to prevent the pitcher from deliberately deceiving the base runner.”) But it is still imperfect. In particular, it has a complexity that some umpires find maddening.

When we look at the balk rule we see an imperfect attempt to realize the purpose of preventing excessive deception on the part of the pitcher.

Likewise, when we look at the U.S. Constitution we see an imperfect attempt to realize a certain set of purposes which I will attempt to describe

shortly.

Of course, the difference is that the purposes of baseball spawned the balk rule, and the other rules of the game, without the benefit of anything like the U.S. Constitution. (In this respect, baseball is comparable to the British government, with its “unwritten Constitution.”) By contrast, the purposes of the U.S. government, for historical reasons, were codified in our Constitution. (We can look at the Constitution as the first codification, with the various precedents set down by the Supreme Court as succeeding codifications.)

Some parts of the Constitution are specific (terms of office, for example), but other parts are expressed in vague and general language, as we have seen in the case of “cruel and unusual punishment.” Rather than prescribing specific policies, these provisions indicate purposes to be pursued or features that government ought to embody.

The most significant purposes or features of government, as I see them, are these:

Limitation on the power of the government over individual thought and expression, including limitations on the power of majority rule. Likewise, limitation on the power of government over individual actions that do not affect others.

Protection from the arbitrary exercise of governmental power (rule of law), which implies that force shall be used only as far as necessary to achieve proper purposes.

Equality of treatment, based solely on being a human being and a citizen.

Division of power within the government (checks and balances).

Federalism: Division of power between the state and national government, with local affairs governed largely by the state, and matters pertaining to the entire country (e.g. printing money), performed by the national government. In addition, regulation by the national government of relationships among states when that is necessary for justice or the welfare of all (e.g. to avoid a “race to the bottom”).

Democracy: Majority rule, within the constraints implied above.

Promoting the general welfare, within the constraints implied above.

These, as I see it, are the major purposes inherent in the Constitution, the ideals that the imperfect formulations in that document are striving to realize.

The function of the Supreme Court, then, is to apply the purposes of our government to the various situations they are presented with. This is not a matter of discerning the Founders’ biographies nor of reading their minds. Rather, it is essentially a logical procedure, going from basic purposes to particular judgments. (Note the “essentially.” There are qualifications which I will get to soon.)

Does this mean that the justices

are creating new law? Well, is little Johnny creating new laws of arithmetic when he multiplies 42 by 65? Of course the comparison is inexact, because interpreting the Constitution, unlike doing arithmetic, involves factual considerations. But in both cases, the individual is drawing out the consequences of basic premises. In the case of Supreme Court justices, the premises are the purposes of government; in the case of Johnny, the premises are his elementary “arithmetic facts.”

I said that the process of going from basic purposes to particular judgments is a logical one, but with qualifications, for there is much room for individual interpretation. To begin, what exactly are the proper purposes of government? (E.g., to what extent should the majority govern individual behavior?) I specified my list, but others might have their own reasonable views. The answer a judge gives will depend on his or her conception of justice and proper government. But note that the leeway is limited. No one could argue, for example, that the Constitution and its purposes allow for a Fascist government.

There is also the question of how a particular purpose or set of purposes is achieved in the situation at hand. This involves factual beliefs within fields such as economics. (E.g., how well does the free market function?)

So in the final analysis, any reasonable judgment will depend—in the nature of the case—on the judge’s views concerning justice and the workings of society.

Now we can briefly look at the other two senses of “activism.” The second of the three is a refusal to defer to Congress, the President and the state legislatures. Whether or not judges are “activist” or deferential will depend on their view of individual rights, since the Supreme Court is the supreme defender of rights. The stronger his or her belief in individual rights, the more a judge is likely to override the states and the other branches as they try to infringe on those rights. Again, it’s a matter of the judge’s view of what is just.

The third sense of “activism” is a tendency to ignore precedents. To some extent this will depend on how cautious a judge is. But to a large extent it will depend on his or her view of how the world ought to be; the more that view departs from what precedents have prescribed, the more the judge will be willing to override them.

So if I were questioning a Supreme Court candidate, I would ask for his or her views on justice and the proper power of government (not to be confused with the candidate’s views on personal morality). I would ask how much he believes an individual should be made to toe the line set by the majority, for example, and what his conception of equal treatment is. I would ask the candidate’s views on the

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Clockwise from bottom left: Many groups had booths showing support for the show and building the Lakewood Brand including Lakewood’s Kiwanis Club selling popcorn for charities they support (left to right are Don Fox, John Wilson, John Huetter, Leo Soneson and Pete McGrew). There were sports cars from Lakewood Motoring Society. Jerry and Ruth Koenigsmark, the heart and soul of the show, sit at the table signing up cars. Hot rods and classics came all day to the show. Mayor Tom George hands out “Mayor’s Choice Award” to David Buehler for his beautifully restored Templar, built in Lakewood. Elvis checks out some micro-cars from the ’50s and ’60s. This beautiful 1953 Corvette won “The People’s Choice Award.” Hoods up and people stroll down Madison Avenue. The legendary Choppers from Cleveland have always been the backbone of this show (pictured here from left to right, Jerry Koenigsmark, Jerry Koenigsmark Sr., Ernie and Jim). A classic hot rod with Brother Ed from Uncle Scratches Gospel Revival and Steve from Chain Link. For those who do not know the difference: A custom car is used to attract girls, hot rods are used to get away from them! Micro-car and scooter collector Atti showed up on his low-rider bike as Larry and friends look on. “Elvis has left the show!” At the end of a hot day, Elvis steps into Trio’s for a quick thirst-quencher. A great time was had by all. Thanks to the Choppers, Lakewood Motoring, Dan Brennan and Pat Sullivan for a great day. See you next year.



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Lakewood Homes & Gardens

Gardening: The Black Hollyhock

by Mark Timieski

Black flowers conjure up Gothic imagery, or at least thoughts of an old Addams Family rerun. I've spent some time researching these flowers in an attempt to rid them of a bothersome weevil and thought I would share my findings of this old and unusual flower with you.

The hollyhock is an old-time flower, so old that remnants of the flower have been found in the graves of Neanderthals, buried over 50,000 years ago. The hollyhock was brought to England with the spoils of the Crusade and shipped to America in the early 1600s by gardening enthusiast John Winthrop, Jr., former governor of Connecticut. It's unknown when the hollyhock was first introduced to Lakewood, although we know that the hollyhock was commonly available to gardeners as far back as the 1800s. Seeds for the black hollyhock (*Alcea rosea "nigra"*) were first brought to the American Colonies in 1735 and later were grown in the gardens of the famous Libertarian President, Thomas Jefferson. Over 200 years later, the seeds for the black hollyhock are still available to the public from those very same gardens.

The black hollyhock is a deep red, so dark that the flower appears black in ordinary light. Black flowers are a horticultural anomaly; few, if any, exist. In the 1600s the Dutch became obsessed with growing rare breeds of tulips, including attempts to grow a pure black tulip. Tulip growers sold bulbs on the stock market, and at some point growers began selling bulbs that had not been planted. The highly speculative tulip trade climbed quickly at an unprecedented rate, but the bubble soon burst, with many having paid inordinate amounts to hold a flower. The "Beanie Baby" craze and the "Dot-Com Boom" are sometimes called "Black Tulips" in the financial papers

of today. While an unusual flower, the black hollyhock has yet to gain the notoriety of its tulip counterpart.

Hollyhocks are biannual, that is, they usually grow for two seasons. Lakewood residents can often treat these flowers as perennials. Our close proximity to the lake acts as a temperature buffer in the fall and allows the flowers to harden as cold weather approaches. Flowers planted near walls and between houses have added protection from strong winds that might topple the long shoots that often grow in excess of eight feet high.

Hollyhocks do not appear to go dormant during winter months. The tall flowering shoots die off, but the leaves build volume under heaps of snow. I have not had much luck planting the seeds in the spring, but have had great success spreading the seeds in the early fall. Actually, the flowers go to seed at the end of summer and do most of the work by themselves. There is more of an effort pulling new plants from unwanted places than trying to get the flower growing into wanted spaces.

When unchecked, the hollyhock can grow to incredible heights, although there are a few serious maladies that might befall this flower.

The hollyhock weevil (*Apion longirostre*) is a tiny critter that looks a bit like an elephant with six legs when viewed through a magnifying glass. The snout of the weevil is a hard tube that is used to suck the juice from fresh flower buds. The female weevils have a longer snout compared to the males and use it to inject eggs into the developing seedpod of the flower. When the eggs hatch, the larvae consume the embryo of the seedpod and eventually emerge from the seed as an adult weevil. I was happy to share the flowers with these little critters, but between overpopulation and appetite, the plants were doomed. I spent one summer spraying the plants with a solution of water and detergent in an attempt to roust the weevils. I



Photo by: Mark Timieski

spent the next few summers picking the critters off the flowers and squishing them between my fingers (crunchy but easy to squish). I hate to admit this, but I ended up using a topical pesticide to finally put these bugs into check.

Hollyhocks are also susceptible to rust (fungus: *Puccinia malvacearum*). Red waxy splotches grow on the bottoms of plant leaves, causing the leaves to eventually turn yellow. The Ohio State University Extension Nursery recommends removing infected leaves, and removing old stalks and foliage that falls at the end of the season. The fungus grows readily in the decay-

ing hollyhock leaves during the rainy months.

I should also mention that the plants often grow to such a height that they can no longer support their own weight. They often topple during a heavy summer rain. Some gardeners stunt the height of the plants by pinching off the stalk growth in the early spring. My technique is to tie up the towering plants in mid summer when they begin to look a bit woozy, although I caution you to be a bit careful of bumble bees or an occasional humming bird attempting to have quality time with blooming flowers.

Kiwanis Garden Winners



Photo by: Richard Moles

The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood held its annual Garden Fair at Lakewood Park. At the beginning of the summer, members of the Agriculture Committee distributed seeds to third, fourth and fifth grade students who planted gardens in their backyards. Kiwanians visited the gardens in August, then hosted the Garden Fair where the children displayed their harvest while snacking on cookies, cake and juice. This year's blue ribbon winners are from left to right. Back row: Alyssa Hasman (carrots), Kevin Murray (green beans), Connor Mack (tomatoes); front row: Grace and Claire Corridoni (green peppers), Courtney Martin (lettuce), Jacob Doerschuk (flowers).

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Lakewood's Sports Pastime: Tailgating

by Jeff Endress

As August works its way into September, we find ourselves rounding third and headed for the end of summer. The kids are (or soon will be) back in school, and lazy days spent at the beach or pool will soon become faint memory. But each season brings with it unique opportunities for recreation, relaxation and culinary possibilities. Fall, more than any other season, presents us with an abundance of choices.

The garden is still producing veggies we have enjoyed all summer, but now, the late arrivals are ripening. Squashes and Brussels sprouts, apples and peaches. It's time to begin packing away the fruits of our summer labors, storing and freezing for the winter months on the horizon. But, even as the first frost chases us inside, we still have glorious fall weekends with crisp air, Indian summer, bright blue skies and ... football!

Nothing can be better then melding a love of great food, a relaxing afternoon spent with friends and rooting on the home team under a sunny fall Cleveland sky. Football season has begun, so let's talk about tailgating. Tailgating: A parking lot picnic before a pigskin program. Everyone has their own unique style and favorite foods. Brats, Westside Market sausages, dogs and burgers. Chips, beer and a jumbo sub sandwich. Bring a grill or eat it cold ... whatever suits your taste.



After too many years of working on tailgates, my friends and I have abandoned the traditional approach, going for novel "events." So, instead of burgers and dogs, why not set up a full taco bar (Margaritas anyone?). It's easy and fun, with all prep done at home. Guacamole, salsa, olives, tomatoes, onions and cheese can be packed in disposable storage containers. Sliced flank steak or chicken can be marinated in advance and prepped at home, grilled at home and kept warm for serving or cooked at the tailgate. Or, how about an herb-encrusted roasted beef tenderloin, served cold, thinly sliced on croissants with a horseradish sauce. One of the all-time favorites is Italian sausage, slow cooked with onions and peppers, served on hard rolls with shredded aged provolone cheese. All prepared at home and brought to the stadium, ready to serve.

By taking care of the cooking and prep at home, all you need to do once you get to the game is set out the food, open the cooler, and enjoy one of the rites of fall.

Tailgate Italian Sausage (serves 8)

- 4 lbs. Italian sausage (sweet or hot, or a combination) cut into bun length links
- 2 lbs. chopped roma tomatoes (or one large can whole)
- 2 large sweet onions, sliced thin
- 2 bell peppers, seeded and sliced thin (I prefer red to green)
- 1 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 lb. freshly shredded aged provolone

Place sausages in a single layer in a roasting pan. Cover with mushrooms, peppers, onions, then tomatoes. Cover in foil and bake in a 325° oven for 2 hours. Once removed, roaster should keep warm for up to an hour, more if an insulated carrier is used. Serve sausages on sliced hard rolls, topped with onions, mushrooms, peppers and cheese. Serve with lots of napkins.

The easiest way to trim a pepper is to slice off the bottom (reserve), slice off the stem end, pop out the stem, and reserve remainder. With a sharp knife simply cut the seed pod membrane around the inside. The seed pod will come out in a single piece. Pepper can then be easily sliced into rings or strips.

Herbed Beef Tenderloin (serves 10)

- 1 beef tenderloin, chain removed, 2-3 lbs.
(Your butcher will do this for you ... sorry Finast customers!)
- 2 tbsps. minced garlic
- 2 tbsps. fresh rosemary
- 2 tbsps. coarse salt
- 2 tbsps. coarse ground pepper

Preheat oven to 500°. Mix all seasoning ingredients and rub evenly over the beef. Place beef in an uncovered, shallow roaster, tucking tailend under to create a uniform thickness. Place in oven, and *immediately* reduce heat to 425°. Roast 35-40 mins. for medium rare (interior thermometer temp. of 135°), 45-50 mins. for medium (interior temp of 150°). Wrap and chill overnight. For serving, slice thinly and layer on croissants with stadium mustard, mayo or horseradish.

Know Skateboarding Day: Lakewood

by Vince Frantz

"Switch 360 flip" called Gabe Peterson, 21, of Rocky River as he set up to perform a skateboard trick in an attempt to knock out Cyril Jackson (CJ), 13, of Cleveland. The crowd watched as Gabe rolled along and then snapped his skateboard into the air, sending it flipping 360 degrees on two axes under his feet—all while riding the opposite way he naturally rides.

To a loud cheer, Gabe landed and rolled away cleanly, and now it was young CJ's turn to repeat the trick or risk defeat. CJ has landed this trick before but not today. He tried the trick but landed with one foot off the board and was forced to take the letter "A" as his penalty. A long sigh slipped out of the crowd as CJ's fans watched their friend gain yet another letter at the hands of this man from Rocky River.

As the second event in Public Square Group's "Know Skateboarding" series, Lakewood hosted a giant tournament of SKATE and a professional skate demo by Kristian Svitak and Triad Skateboards. The August 13 fundraiser event drew about 250 in attendance to witness the first-ever tournament of SKATE at Lakewood Skatepark. Like HORSE in basketball, skaters land a trick and force their opponent to repeat it or take a letter. The first one to collect all five letters of the word "skate" loses and the winner



moves to the next round.

SKATE was invented in the late 1970s as a fun way to test a rider's skills and creativity. It can be played on any terrain, but flat ground is the most popular. This event had over 70 skaters competing on two different settings. One contest was based on ledge tricks like board-slides, grinds and tail-slides, and the other used tricks performed on flat ground with no obstacles at all.

After being rained out halfway through the tournaments, the matches resumed Sunday evening. The most anticipated event was the Sponsored Flat Ground contest. Like a wizard's duel, each skater called out his trick and

Drew Dezort of Triad Skateboards pushes through a backside tailslide during the Pro demo before the game of SKATE (photo by Jeremiah Hull). Will Crowther (left) took first in Sponsored Flat Ground, while Joe Erickson (right) won Unsponsored Ledge (photo by Scott Marceau).

the crowd watched to see if it would be counted or his turn lost. Each landed trick built even more anticipation, as the opposing skater would now have to repeat. But instead of watching skaters try over and over to land a trick, the audience was treated to perfect landing after perfect landing—sometimes going 10 tricks before either faltered. What most non-skaters don't realize is that skaters are constantly working on new tricks. Watching a skatepark is

really like watching a huge "practice" session despite there never being any "game." Holding a game of SKATE is a fun way to see who has what tricks "on lock" and to witness the vast number of ways skaters have learned to manipulate their boards and bodies to do the impossible.

Other Lakewood Park visitors walked over and lined the fence to see what the cheering was all about as skaters aged 13 to 31 went head-to-head to see who could master their boards for that day. The great thing about SKATE is that there are so many tricks that have been invented over the past 30 years that almost no one is able to dominate. Each match can see a different winner and, as in golf, the sheer improbability of success means huge upsets can occur.

This event was no exception as CJ came back to defeat Gabe, pulling out tricks like the "disco flip" and the "kick flip pretzel" which has the skater flip the board over and under his feet but land with his legs crossed on the board and continue rolling. CJ went on to the final round to face Will Crowther, 15, of Bay Village. Will was able to match CJ's tricks and leveraged his jumping ability to perform double kick flips and an ollie to finger flip in which he would pop the board up into his front hand and flip it in time to land on it—all without touching the ground.

The Cure for Social Unease: Join the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood

by Kenneth Warren

Back in 1996, author Robert Putnam made a simple point: the cure for social unease is to join a civic group. A community of joiners is healthier, safer and happier, as well as more likely to generate employment opportunity. In a civic group, health is generated from the face-to-face interaction that creates relationships. Trumping the isolating effects of mass media on the individual psyche, these relationships of civic engagement bind communities to an easy natural flow that enhances the quality of life at every turn.

In Lakewood, especially over the past 10 years, while Putnam’s thesis was setting in motion a lively debate about the erosion of trust in communities across contemporary America, the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood was achieving a compelling record of accomplishment. It is one that exemplifies, along academic, personal, philanthropic and pragmatic paths, how joining a civic group is one of the most important decisions a person can make.

Founded in 1962, the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood brought together a group of young women interested in serving their community and stimulating their minds. Today, it is leading the way for the next generation in the creation of social capital for the city.

From “Sitting Pretty,” a public arts program of benches, to “Elves Auction,” a benefit for Lakewood families in need during the holiday season, this dynamic philanthropic organization has raised of \$165,000 to support such Lakewood non-profits as the Barton Center, The Chat Room, The Family Room, Matthew’s Lending Library, Beck Center, and Lakewood Christian Service Center.

The Junior Women’s Club maintains a robust social service projects portfolio that includes college scholarships for two high school senior girls

from Lakewood High School, a community fund for unplanned giving, and holiday giving.

Under President Lynn Foran’s leadership, the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood continues to build relationships of civic enrichment, trusting friendship and philanthropic purpose. The Club has selected Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood YMCA and H20 to benefit from this year’s fundraising efforts. Last year their community fund supported Lakewood Hospital’s Teen Health Center, City of Lakewood Division of Youth Suicide Prevention Seminar and Girls Summer Program.

“This fall’s big event is the Great Pumpkin Fun Run,” says Foran. The walk/run will held on Saturday, October 29, at Lakewood Park.

Membership Chair Julie Warren believes that the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood offers many opportunities to satisfy most any woman’s civic and personal aspirations.

“You can be all that you can be and you can have it your way,” Warren likes to say. She points out that the Club offers young professionals a direct local connection to Lakewood’s social networks. “It’s all about becoming intimate and better friends, while serving the community and reaping the benefits of relationships.” Warren observes that the joiners of the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood are the doers.

“Any woman is eligible to and encouraged to join,” says Warren. “Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Woman’s Pavilion.” For more information about the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood call Julie Warren at 228-6505.

Through fun, friendship and philanthropy, the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood is creating the social capital so crucial to sustaining good governance, economic development and quality of life in years ahead.

In Your Backyard – Black Flies

by Kelsey Paras

Black flies, scientific name *tabanids*, are common in Lakewood. Appearing most frequently from April through June, they can survive into the late summer months. This diverse group of blood feeding flies is noticed most during the early summer months because this is when the females suck human and animal blood to feed their eggs.

When the eggs are ready, the female deposits them in a body of water. After four or five days, they hatch into white aquatic larvae. The longevity of the egg stage is dependent on water temperature: If the eggs are laid early in the season they will become adults that season; however, if the water temperature does not reach 70°F., the eggs will hatch the following spring.

Larvae molt six times

before encasing themselves in a cocoon-like structure and becoming pupae, before emerging as adults. From here the cycle repeats itself. The total lifespan of a black fly averages four to six weeks.

There is an old wives’ tale which states that flies indicate when it will rain by increased biting. Two *Lakewood Observer* contributors, Ken Warren and Dan Slife, concur. While no real scientific study or evidence exists to support this observation, Judith Hough-Goldstein, Professor of Entomology at University of

Delaware conjectures that the insects are “influenced by weather and will respond to changes in barometric pressure, wind, cloud cover and temperature.” The increased humidity and heat encourage females to lay their eggs.





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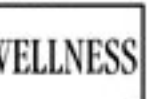
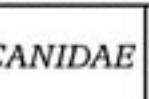

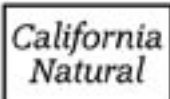
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Lakewood Healthcare

In Support of Single Payer Healthcare

by Mark Moran

Earlier this summer the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that a ban on private health insurance in the province of Quebec is unconstitutional given that people are placed on waiting lists for some medical services under the country's publicly funded national health insurance program, known as Medicare. That program covers every citizen from cradle to grave for nearly all essential medical, psychiatric and surgical services, but there are long waits for some interventions owing to a shortage of devices, such as MRI machines, and of certain specialists and technicians.

The court ruling has been seized upon by some in this country as evidence of the frailty of the "single payer" solution—the idea that healthcare should be financed publicly, as it is in Canada (and many other Western countries) through general taxation, and paid for by the government.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, for one, cited the ruling and the fact that some Canadians do cross the border to receive services and procedures they would have to wait for in their own country, as a sign that "healthcare is a commodity that is bought and sold on the marketplace" and that "those with resources have more options than those without." From these observations, the PD editors concluded that "life is unfair," a cold truth to which sentimentalists that favor reform of the U.S. healthcare system should reconcile themselves.

This strikingly amoral conclusion, rendered as an immutable truth in the service of a highly debatable political bias, is a subversion of a legitimate observation that might be drawn from the Canadian Supreme Court decision: No healthcare system can meet every human need.

Every system of healthcare rations medical care more or less fairly, more or less ethically, and in doing so reflects societal choices that are bound to be more or less painful, priorities that will be more or less controversial. Will we pay for preventive well-child care for the very young or long-term care for the very old? Low-cost primary care or high-tech life extending technology? Care for common conditions experienced by many, or medicine for rare but deadly diseases? If high-cost plastic surgery for victims of trauma sounds reasonable, what about high-cost plastic surgery for people who suffer depression and anxiety about their appearance? Or long-term intensive psychotherapy for those experiencing loss or traumatic life change?

The list could go on, and to argue that in real life none of these particular choices are necessarily mutually exclusive is surely to miss the point: No society can or should pay for everything that modern medicine can do for people. What do we want medicine to do for us? What are we willing to pay for? What are we willing to forego?

Canada—along with many coun-

tries in Western Europe and a number of developed countries elsewhere—has for more than 30 years maintained a publicly financed system of universal health coverage founded on a cultural ethic of common provision, social solidarity and shared responsibility. They pay steep taxes for their system (although they do not pay premiums, deductibles or co-payments) and not all services are immediately available. Their system reflects a national consensus about the stark choices called for by the ubiquity of human sickness and dying, and a clear answer to one particularly stark choice: Is medical care to be extended to everyone, or only to some?

The system has been regarded by Canadians as a national treasure and an icon, the fruit of an enviable civic integrity—the integrity of knowing the cost of things and the willingness to bear those costs for a greater good. For anyone interested in actually reading what the Canadian court said (www.lexum.umontreal.ca/csc-scc/en/rec/html/2005scc035.wpd.html), it's worth noting that several of the judges who rendered this decision appear to be themselves painfully aware of the conundrum: No system can satisfy every need.

That healthcare is not a commodity, but a social and public good, is a fact confirmed by biology: Disease is communicable, and an untreated sick person is a hazard or a burden to the entire community.

The viability of the public system (characterized by one judge as a "source of national pride") was not the court's concern; rather, it was the relatively more narrow question of whether being on a waiting list for health services was a source of suffering and distress, and whether the availability of private insurance would ameliorate that. Thus, they ruled as they did.

But anyone who is reading this decision as a knock against publicly financed healthcare, per se, isn't reading the decision. "This appeal does not question the appropriateness of the state making healthcare available to all Quebecers," one of the justices wrote. "On the contrary, all the parties stated that they support this kind of role for the government. Only the state can make available to all Quebecers the social safety net consisting of universal and accessible health care."

The notion that everyone is entitled to every kind of healthcare service, under every circumstance—now, without waiting—is running uphill against reality. But that is a reality for any society, any healthcare system, not one that is endemic to a publicly financed one. Ultimately, the problem becomes a matter of resource allocation at the

most macro level: How much healthcare do we want? And how will we balance that against the need for education of our children? Or for roads and bridges, national security, or machinery for making war on our enemies?

Resources are finite, needs are infinite, choices are unavoidable. When it comes to medical care, the choices a society makes—who gets how much of what kind of care?—will have life and death consequences.

In the face of such stark realities, a publicly funded system of universal care such as exists in Canada reflects a sane and civilized decision by a prosperous society to ensure that all citizens have access to basic medical care; that no one should die prematurely, or live miserably, for lack of access to healthcare simply because of a lack of means. The choice of how much and what kind of services to provide are transparent because they are made in a public arena, and the costs of those choices—both human and financial—are likewise clear and difficult to obfuscate.

In contrast, the American system of employer-financed healthcare and for-profit insurance abdicates all of the choices about the rationing of medical care to the marketplace, where they are made covertly and in the least ethi-

cally defensible fashion possible, on the basis of ability to pay and in the interest of corporate profit.

To fault a national effort to extend medical care to an entire population through public provision because it isn't perfect reveals some ignorance of the fact that there is no such thing as a perfect system. But to do so from the vantage point of an American system in which 43 million are uninsured at any one time in a year and where many more have "insurance" that amounts to no insurance at all; where decisions about "medical necessity" are determined in corporate boardrooms in the interest of a bottom line; where growing numbers of the uninsured include working people who do not qualify for public assistance programs; where many billions of dollars a year are spent on administrative waste associated with the insurance and managed care industry; and where medical debt is cited as a leading cause of bankruptcy—this sets a new standard for removing the speck in your neighbor's eye while being blinded by a forest of logs in your own.

There is little or no accountability for the costs, human and financial, of our peculiar way of deciding who

does and doesn't deserve medical care and under what circumstances, in part because even to speak of a "system" here is a misnomer. A system can be good, bad or mediocre, but one thing it is by definition is systematic; the thing hangs together as a logical, coherent whole.

What we have instead might better be termed a "contraption": separate public systems with varying benefits for the poor, the elderly and veterans, and a shrinking private insurance market for everyone else in which a few giant companies ration care in the interest of profit. For the large and growing segment of the population who are not covered by any public or private insurance (and for the many who have "insurance" that amounts to no insurance at all), there is the emergency room, costs for which are typically absorbed by the hospital and passed on to paying customers.

Who dreamed this contraption up? Nobody did, at least nobody who was paying any attention to long- or even short-term public health policy. Employer financed healthcare, for one, grew out of a series of political decisions in the aftermath of World War II—by the IRS to make employer financed healthcare tax exempt, and by the National Labor Relations Board to make health benefits subject to collective bargaining. The upshot was to cause employers to compete for workers by offering benefit packages in lieu of wages. One unhappy result, 60 years later, is that the largest cost component of an American-made automobile is the factory workers' health insurance.

There is much about American medicine that is the envy of the world and that need not be sacrificed by reforming the way we finance healthcare, which is uniquely obtuse and self-defeating. Shoveling our money through an employer middle-man to pad the corporate profit margins of stockholder-driven insurance companies works to no one's advantage (other than their well-healed CEOs), and the rationing of healthcare in the interest of a bottom line can hardly be defended by anyone indignant about waiting lists in a neighboring country.

That healthcare is not a commodity, but a social and public good, is a fact confirmed by biology: Disease is communicable, and an untreated sick person is a hazard or a burden to the entire community. We can never do everything for everyone, but we could do so much. We do not have to copy anyone else's system wholesale, but we have to be able to do better than this. We might begin by recognizing that the European and Canadian social insurance systems, whatever their deficiencies, have an integrity, internal logic and consistency that is lacking in the American for-profit healthcare scene, where the losers are growing in number every day (along with the costs) while the victors remind us, with the glacial arrogance of privilege, that life is unfair.

Cool Days In Lakewood

Cool Cleveland.com Checks Lakewood's Cool

On Thursday, August 11, Cool Cleveland, a networking organization for the region's young professionals, hosted a christening party for the Rockport Square development on Lakewood's east side. Tours of the town homes and condominiums were offered by Rysar Properties, the project developer. The civic group LakewoodAlive was on hand, showcasing various redevelopment projects in the works throughout Lakewood.

Inside the old firehouse, and former home of the Greatlakes Theater Company, Rysar representative Heather Muro gave an informational tour of the project. The old firehouse has been converted into Rysar's temporary home until all units on the site footprint have been sold.

Those interested in Rockport Square real estate can stop by the firehouse or contact Heather Muro at 216.226.5919.

Clockwise from top right: Party at Symposium; LakewoodAlive puts Lakewood's best foot forward with Shannon Strachan, Paul Beegan, Mary Anne Crampton and Mickey Krivosh; the Cool Walk of Lakewood; Thomas Mulready. (Photos by Rhonda Loje.)



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Lakewood Eats

Finest Meats On The “Block”

by Kristen Barker & Bob Togliatti

TJ’s Butcher Block & Deli is just as much a deli as it is a butcher shop, and if a sandwich is what you’re looking for, look no further. I can say over the past eight years, we’ve eaten our way through the entire ‘Sandwich Board.’ We are true fans and for those Lakewoodites who are unfamiliar, it is time you get acquainted!

Hot or cold, tall or short, fixings or plain, it will not be hard to find a sandwich that suits your fancy. One of our “board” favorites is the one and only Lakewood sandwich. You’ll find Roast Beef, Lettuce and Onion Dip between two fresh pieces of Jewish Rye. Make sure to request this one “hot” and have them throw on a slice of cheese. We are also big fans of the Hello Chicago, the Philadelphian, and the Rueben. We appreciate that the Rueben is not dripping with grease. You will walk away content without feeling anxious to wash your face, nor will you have any post-meal guilt. For those who don’t care for corned beef, try the Turkey Rueben instead. For those with a bigger appetite, we recommend the Bobson, the Poor Man’s Special or the High Rise.

Call in your order ahead of time and allow approximately 10 to 15 minutes for pick-up. They bring in a good lunch crowd and things get pretty busy during peak hours, so keep this in mind if you are just stopping in.

John Masielle is also a man trying to hang on to a piece of the past. In an era of bulk grocery buying, price competition and ever-bigger retail stores, he is going in the opposite direction. At TJ’s, Masielle seeks to give his customers both premium and specialty meats. Though the prices are a tad higher than at the supermarket, the quality and service just can’t be touched. Step into yesteryear as you walk through the door, and admire the showcase of fresh meats and goods. You will find over 12 varieties of fresh, homemade sausage, bratwurst and kielbasa including Roasted Red Pepper, Jalapeno Cheddar, Spinach Feta and the ever-popular Old World Italian. Specialty stuffed Flank Steaks, stuffed Chicken Breasts and homemade meatballs also fill the case.

Masielle was just 14 when he began working at the West Side Market, where he learned the art of butchering and honed his skills. Since opening in 1980, TJ’s has built a loyal following with many of his customers frequenting the shop even after they have moved away. Masielle is always happy to share his preferred recipes for a variety of cuts of meat with his customers and he also features his favorite select wines for purchase.

TJ’s Butcher Block & Deli is located at 14415 Detroit Ave. Their business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 to 6:30 and Saturdays from 8 to 6. Call 521-3303 for carryout orders or for more information.



From left to right: Mallory Marquard, Joyce Karan, John Masielle (owner), and Kevin MacDonald.





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Senate’s Coronation of Burger King Civil Servants

The Ohio Senate recently passed SB 82, stripping municipalities of the right to impose residency requirements on city employees. SB 82 opens the way for the coronation of “The Have It Your Way Burger King Civil Servants,” who will rule from exurban castles that sprawl across the region.

Section 3 of SB 82 reads, “The General Assembly finds, in enacting section 9.481 of the Revised Code in this act, that it is a matter of statewide concern to generally allow the employees of Ohio’s political subdivisions to choose where to live, and that it is necessary to generally prohibit political subdivisions from requiring their employees, as a condition of employment, to reside in any specific area of the state in order to provide for the comfort, health, safety, and general welfare of those public employees.”

Comfort, health, safety and general welfare are relative terms. The steady paycheck and benefit package are keys to the highway. Class is the critical factor.

“In cities struggling to maintain a middle-class for the sake of community stability, such as our major cities, we do see comprehensive residency requirements,” writes John Mahoney, Deputy Director of the Ohio Municipal League in a letter to the Ohio legislature. He continues, “in addition, SB 82 would substitute the judgment of the General Assembly for the judgment of dozens of city councils across the state, which acted by ordinance, on the residency of city employees and the terms of employment for those employees.”

Police and fire unions pushed this initiative against the local will of taxpayers and voters, who must foot the bill for the industrial strength compensation demands. From a common sense working man’s perspective, public workers willing to accept the local paycheck should create commu-

nity values in the neighborhoods they serve. In fleeing the will of the people for greener pastures, public workers advance class warfare, neighborhood depopulation and social chaos. The flight of these middle class “Have It Your Way Burger King Civil Servants” from the city makes way for drug dealers, muggers, pimps, bottom feeders, property flippers, loan sharks, hustlers and the unemployed.

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While Lakewood does not currently impose residency requirements, the city’s bargaining power is threatened by this removal of locally rooted democratic power. Consider the image of city workers driving SUVs to distant and more affluent suburbs where the taxes are inevitably lower. When these workers demand wage increases to pay for accelerating gasoline bills, while swelling another community’s residential property tax base, they erode Lakewood’s fiscal position. They push the city and the world toward an unsustainable situation. It is fiscally irresponsible and unsustainable to ignore the pressures that workers who wish to live in distant, homogenous,

upscale communities are creating for this city. The people of Lakewood pay the bill for the services delivered under home rule and may at some point in the future wish to bargain on residency. State officials have no constructive purpose in stripping this option.

C.J. Prentiss believes, “people have a constitutional right to live where they want.” In response, Cleveland blogger Bill Calahan counters, “C.J. Prentiss supports constitutional protection for white flight.”

The abolition of residency requirements operates along the same lines as the current subsidization of sprawl. In fact, HB 82 allows municipal governments to set residency requirements so

urban public servants. An ethical commitment to do no harm to the community they serve is lost.

In the individualist argument used to sell the idea, municipal home rule is sacrificed on the altar of consumerist, self-calculating interest. Stripping democratic self-rule from the local level allows for new distributions of power.

As power is stripped from municipalities statewide, regionalist efforts to “grow” northeast Ohio become more closely tied to corporate globalist interests. By cutting loose the middle class of Cleveland’s public sector from urban neighborhoods, regionalist objectives come more closely into view. In this global perspective, one may speculate that C.J. Prentiss hopes this instigation will advance a regional agenda that brings resources back from the periphery to the urban core. However, regionalist redistribution schemes are not likely to emerge with a Republican controlled State House.

Regional governments, urban scholar Jane Jacobs suggests, are often designed for and by corporations. Such schemes mask the unraveling of the progressive tax structure erected during the industrial era.

Looking ahead, one sees property taxes rising, yet failing to support adequately the public goods and services that make or break the quality of life in urban and inner-ring communities. As economic pressures mount, residency requirements can easily become a front in the war for democratic self-rule and sustainable municipalities.

Like Cleveland, Lakewood needs all the tools of home rule to satisfy democratic and sustainability requirements. Unfortunately “Have It Your Way Burger King Civil Servants” have pushed politicians on both sides of the aisle to take away democratic home rule tools. Have it your way, indeed!

From One Century to the Next

by Paul R. Beegan

We are all influenced by how we perceive our built environment. We are attracted to beautiful, inviting and safe. What allure do Central Park, and the Washington, D.C. monuments hold in our minds? Locally, why are University Circle and the Cleveland Art Museum considered special places? The perceived quality of the built environment gives us signals indicating the importance of places within our city, reflecting what we value as a community.

How amazing is it to live in Lakewood right now, deciding as a community what we value and expressing it within our built environment. We are building new schools to replace old and outdated ones. Clearly, Lakewood values not just education, but education aimed at the next century. We are adding to our library. Lakewood values ideas and learning. In several places we are turning empty parking

lots into housing and retail. Lakewood values quality places to live and to shop locally. We recently completed an addition to our hospital and are building a brand new YMCA. Lakewood values a healthy lifestyle. These new projects in Lakewood serve as an outward expression of our shared community values.

However, a majority of our community was originally conceived and built on values over a century old. We have so many elementary schools in Lakewood because, at one time, every child walked to school. We only have one high school, because not as many students continued with their education after elementary school a hundred years ago. Clifton Boulevard is so wide because I-90 did not exist and it was the only way to get downtown. Detroit and Madison Avenues are lined with small, local shops because Lakewood had no large grocery stores or big box retailers. Plus, everyone walked to local shopping daily. Lakewood Park did not have

a parking lot. Our residential streets did not have any parking. Our homes mostly did not have garages or even driveways. We have so many doubles in Lakewood because we needed to house a growing workforce and because many families rented out the upstairs of their homes to make ends meet.

Lakewood residents live very differently today and we can see how a century old built environment is clashing with our new values. Almost everyone has a car and most families have two. Half of our residential yards are taken up with a garage and the other half is driveway. Today, every member of the family bathes every day and we sometimes change our clothes two to three times a day. Most of our homes have only one bathroom and few closets. Where do we put the TV in our living rooms? Why are the kitchens so small? We like to drive to where we are going and shop conveniently and quickly. The stores with parking are

busy. The local retail without parking is struggling.

With our joined community voice, how are we expressing our new 21st century values within the existing built environment? Two years ago we proclaimed that our neighborhoods and homes are one of our highest values. A combined voice in resistance was heard loud and clear. But how should we continue to express that value? How do we, as a community, continue to show that the homes and neighborhoods in Lakewood are important? How do we express that a vital local retail district is still a community value? How should we shape our civic buildings and parks to reflect our community ideals? Can we maintain the places and buildings that still serve us and allow those places that do not to change? Can we continue to make Lakewood a place that reflects who we are as a community?

As you look at the streets, homes, buildings and parks in Lakewood, do you see yourself and your neighbors? What should be done to make sure that you do?

Spilled Ink

Wi-Fi

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icy reasons, while there will be others in opposition who have financial interests in alternative implementations of network services.

FitzGerald hopes that the Technology Summits would result in a process similar to the one used in the city's recent Lakewood Park lakefront development project, in which an ad hoc group of qualified individuals volunteered to work on the project with simply the charge to participate and "just show up and start working." "They ended up merging their efforts with the city and ended up getting almost a million dollars in state funds to refurbish the lakefront," FitzGerald said.

Mike Fischer, CEO from ThinSolutions, spoke next. ThinSolutions had been asked by city council to not just move jobs here into a Lakewood facility, but to also help form a technology "task force" that could advise city council on high-tech matters. Fischer pointed out that many lower-income households still cannot afford broadband, and that these networks could fill an existing need. He also highlighted municipal wireless projects in Chicago, Dayton and Fullerton, Calif., which were launched with the goals of attracting visitors, residents and remaining economically competitive in their regions.

George Nemeth, of the Brewed-FreshDaily.com blog and chief technology officer of Cool Cleveland, stated that, within a few years, next-generation cell phones would be able

to switch between Wi-Fi and cell service, offering consumers a low-cost or free choice for voice communications. Nemeth also described his daily life as a nomadic entrepreneur who often relies on Wi-Fi services among the regions' coffee shops, bars, libraries and other "third spaces" (a term used to describe locations in the community in which people congregate and feel welcome). Wi-Fi is proving to be an indispensable tool for a 21st century workforce in which people are increasingly mobile or working as independent contractors or free agents.

Kenneth Warren spoke about values and scenarios for Lakewood, using technology projects as a way to deepen the physical, real-space community networks in Lakewood that need to be erected. To Warren, the importance of holding these dialogues is to make this a community process. "Not only are we building the network in virtual space, but, as we are doing tonight, we are building the network in real embodied space," said Warren, who encouraged pursuit of comparative advantage for Lakewood by inventorying assets and aligning those assets to a shared, productive outcome.

John Guscott discussed several possible implementations of wireless network services, including examining what economic and demographic benefits a municipal wireless network could bring to Lakewood, a review of necessary equipment to build the infrastructure, issues for the community to consider, including potential roadblocks.

Guscott also touched upon some successful projects in Ohio and around

the United States to draw comparisons to Lakewood's situation. Real-life applications of wireless networks and future technologies were also presented. Guscott also looked at various levels of network implementation, ranging from creating a Lakewood hotspot alliance, to targeting certain streets or neighborhoods, developing business or educational wireless "corridors," and finally, a full-blown, citywide network. Guscott called Lakewood a "perfect candidate for Wi-Fi networks" because the city's topology and built environment is physically amenable, and the fact that with density of population comes cheaper Wi-Fi. (Lakewood, with a population density of 10,208 people per square mile, is the densest community in the state.)

Guscott, however, stated that there are roadblocks to overcome if the city wants to provide any level of Wi-Fi service, including not only the costs to build the network but also the need to work out details regarding terms of use, maintenance and technical support. Additionally, several proposed state and federal laws could prohibit any community from building municipal networks, if those laws pass. A downloadable copy of the entire PowerPoint presentation is available on the library's website: www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/wifi/.

During the conversation that followed, the attendees, which included Lakewood residents, members of civic-minded groups such as LakewoodAlive, Lakewood Buzz and *The Lakewood Observer*, as well as representatives from Cox Communications, OneCleveland

and several local technology companies, discussed how a wireless network could benefit Lakewood. Many were in agreement that applications that improve city and other civic institution services must be explored.

Mark Ansboury of OneCleveland highlighted some of the e-government applications that Intel's Digital Cities initiative looks to develop. Some e-government services are already being used in Cleveland this summer.

There was general agreement among several participants that there is value in branding Lakewood not only as a wireless-friendly place, but in positioning Lakewood in the forefront of high technology. There was interest in branding Lakewood as the most wired and high-tech community in Northeast Ohio.

Afterwards, many of Lakewood's technology players lingered to exchange business cards or set up lunch meetings to explore new relationships and further discussion. The Technology Summit provided a fresh opportunity for neighbors, technology companies, government representatives and non-profit organizations to probe each other about applications and interests that could be aligned to advance the quality of life and reputation of the city.

To spur participation in a branding strategy to establish Lakewood as a wireless network hub of the region, Lakewood Public Library has launched a website entitled wirelesslakewood.com. This website is designed to serve as a directory of all business, government and residential Wi-Fi hotspots, as well as a clearinghouse of information on future wireless projects in Lakewood.

Rangers

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will be expected to both run the ball and make catches out of the backfield. Junior Nicco Maddaluno has been among the hardest working Rangers in the off-season, and brings a punishing running style to the field. Josh Wade, who is quick and deceptively strong at 5'6" tall, will also be a key contributor in the backfield.

Senior Joe Wooley, who has played primarily as a defensive back in previous seasons, will also be spending some time on offense. Senior Zach Schreiber will provide veteran leadership to the receiving corps, after starting every game in 2004. Schreiber is an excellent possession receiver, running good routes and making difficult grabs in traffic. He is also available to take snaps at quarterback in emergency situations.

Defense

The Rangers schedule features many high-powered offensive teams this year, so it will be up to the defensive unit to keep the team in games. The unit showed some promise in 2004, including a shutout performance against Euclid.

Defensive Line: Two experienced players return this year to play the end positions. Senior Mohammed Hamidah, who split time between end and tackle in 2004, will be a full-time end this year.

Junior Ali Sabeiha, a standout on the junior varsity program, is expected to become a strong contributor. Josh Sobe will also contribute at defensive end. A plethora of Rangers will fill the defensive tackle spots, including seniors Jacob Fillinger, Nayel Abuhamdeh and Steve Salim. Isaiah Jackson, Aaron Donohue and John Warrell will provide support along the defensive line.

Linebackers: Junior Dan Norton is the only returning starter to this unit, after moving from JV to varsity during 2004. An honor roll student and member of the Rangers baseball team, Norton has put on 20 pounds in the weight room to prepare for the season. Talented sophomores Vinny Fox and Gehad Suleiman will be thrust into varsity action, joining junior Dan Normile.

Defensive Backs: Senior co-captain Joe Wooley will anchor this group. Wooley, an honor roll student, had 66 tackles and four interceptions in 2004. Senior Josh Burke, a member of the Rangers track team, provides experience at cornerback. Junior Chris Ferrone, regarded as a fine cover corner, will be the other starting cornerback. Jason Sobe, Dan Garvey, Justin Smith and Josh Waddell round out the unit.

Specialists:

Junior kicker Shayne Moravcik returns this season. He was the hero of last year's victory over Euclid, hitting the game-winning field goal on

the final play of the game. Moravcik, also a Ranger basketball player, is also expected to handle punting duties.

The expanded size of the roster this year should improve depth, benefiting punt and kickoff return coverage.

Outlook:

As always, the Rangers face a difficult schedule this year. In addition to LEL powers Shaker Heights and Mentor, the schedule includes 2004 playoff teams Brunswick and Garfield Heights. Competition for one of the eight regional playoff spots will also be stiff. In addition to its LEL counterparts, Lakewood is competing with state powers St. Edwards, St. Ignatius, Solon, Glenville, Strongsville and Warren Harding. However, hope is not lost. As in 2003, the opportunity for a playoff berth exists. If the Rangers get off to a good start against non-conference opponents Berea and North Olmsted, they can build momentum for the conference schedule. The two most difficult conference games (Mentor and Shaker) are both at home, and a victory against either of these teams would deliver substantial computer points. To make the playoffs, the Rangers must take care of business against Cleveland Heights and the Lorain teams.

Odds and Ends:

One of the Rangers' leading underclassmen from 2004 will be missing this

year. All-LEL linebacker Andre Portis, who would have been a senior this season, has moved to Fairfield, Calif.

As announced earlier this year, Lakewood High will be leaving the Lake Erie League in 2007. This means that longtime conference rivals Mentor, Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights will be making their final visits to Lakewood Stadium this year. Next season the Rangers will visit those teams before moving to their new conference.

Apparently signaling the end of the Northwestern-inspired look of the 1990s, the Rangers will be wearing new uniforms this year. The team will be returning to a traditional purple-and-gold look, switching from the black and purple that they have worn the past few seasons.

Activist Judges

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virtues and evils of the free market, and how the market needs to be regulated for optimal effect. And so on. For it is from such views that a judge's opinions will spring, if they are to any degree reasonable.

As for "activism" and its opposites, I would pay little attention to these terms, for their only use, if they have any use at all, is to serve as a smoke-screen on behalf of the status quo or those who hold power.

THE LEGEND OF CRAZY KENNY

STORY BY SCOTT MacGREGOR
ART BY GREG BUDGETT
and GARY DUMM
COLOR BY LAURA DUMM

EVERYONE CALLED HIM "CRAZY" KENNY. HE WAS A FORMER GENIUS WHO SUFFERED A CRIPPLING NERVOUS BREAKDOWN THAT LEFT HIM LIMPING AND ADDLE-BRAINED.

THAT'S A LOAD OF BUSHWAA!

...I KNOW'D HIM SINCE HE WAS A BOY - HE'S ALWAYS BEEN TETCH'D!

YOU WOULD ALWAYS SEE KENNY WANDERING THE STREETS OF LAKEWOOD AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT. HE SEEMED SAD AND LONELY - STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS - ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

ROSS DAIRY DELICATESSEN

A-OK USED CARS

A BUNCH OF US WERE PAPERBOYS FOR THE PRESS IN 1963. EVERYDAY WE'D PICK UP OUR PAPERS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY, AND EVERY DAY KENNY WOULD WALK BY LIKE CLOCKWORK!

YA KIDDIN' ME? IT'S A DIFFERENT YEAR - SAME STIFFS! WE AIN'T NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE THEY TRADED "THE ROCK."

...I THINK WE GOTTA SHOT AT THE PENNANT!

HEY, ART! LOOK, IT'S CRAZY KENNY...

ARTHUR FUNK AKA 'ART THE FART' WAS THE BOSS PAPERBOY ON OUR CORNER. HE WAS A BIG BELIEVER AND RE-TELLER OF THE KENNY MYTHS!

HE AIN'T CRAZY! THEY SAY THAT OPPENHEIMER WANTED HIM AT LOS ALAMOS...

...AND DURING KOREA THEY SAY HE DECODED COMMIE RADIO MESSAGES!

HEY, CRAZY KENNY- YA #@!*? RETA--!

ART THE FART HAD A GOOD HEART, AND IT REALLY SHOWED ONE DAY WHEN SOME GUY FROM OUT OF TOWN WAS PICKING ON KENNY...

HEY, GREASER! HOWD'YA LIKE A TONGUE ROTATION TA GO WITH THAT LUBE JOB!?

HEY - I'M TALKIN' TO YOU!

AHH BUZZ OFF, FLATTOP!

ART WAS ALSO SMART. HE ALWAYS SAID THAT A FELLA COULD LEARN A LOT JUST BY WATCHING LIFE AS IT EXISTS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF DETROIT AVENUE.

TAKE THAT GREASEBALL!

AAAG!

YOW!

FOOOM!

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY KENNY WALKED THE STREETS SO MUCH. MAYBE THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY HE COULD KEEP ON LEARNING THINGS.

THAT'S ONE LESS GREASER FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT, KENNY...GET ALONG NOW... GO ON MAN!

KENNY WENT ON ROAMING LAKEWOOD STREETS WITH QUIET PERSISTENCE FOR MANY YEARS. IT'S REMARKABLE THAT THIS CHALLENGED, OBSCURE MAN WOULD BURN HIMSELF INTO THE MEMORIES OF SO MANY PEOPLE. THAT'S PART OF WHAT MAKES HIM A LAKEWOOD LEGEND, I GUESS.

MIDNITE MARKET

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