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The candidates running for Council Seat at Large pictured during the recent League of Women Voters' Candidate Night at Lakewood City Hall. From left to right: Suzanne Kennedy Horrigan, Timothy Carroll, Nickie Antonio, Michael Dever, Edward FitzGerald, and Daniel Thomas Brennan.

Last Thursday The Lakewood League of Women Voters held their Lakewood Candidates' Night in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium. This gave the large crowd that had gathered a chance to meet and ask questions of the candidates for the three Lakewood City Council at Large seats. They are: Nickie Antonio, Michael Dever, Edward FitzGerald, Suzanne Kennedy Horrigan, Daniel Thomas Brennan, and Timothy Carroll.

We were able to listen and see first-hand the candidates running for Ward One: Kevin Butler and Ryan Salo. The candidates for Lakewood City Council presented their positions and took some tough questions from the floor. The forum was moderated Lakewood League's longtime member Susan Jankite.



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Police Catch One Bank Robber Still Searching For Second

By Kathleen South

Police have identified a suspect in one of two recent bank robberies.

The two robberies were at Charter One Bank, 12222 Madison Ave. on Oct. 24 and at Huntington National Bank 15111 Detroit Ave. on Oct. 12, according to police reports.

Police have charged a suspect with aggravated burglary in the heist at Huntington National Bank, according to Capt. Ed Hassings.

Charles Yonkings, 24, 14514 Delaware Ave., Lakewood, is currently being

held in a Texas jail, awaiting extradition in connection with the Huntington case.

The suspect handed the teller a note saying that if she did not give him the money he would "blow up the bank." Police saw no evidence of a bomb or similar device.

Detectives are still investigating the robbery at Charter One. The suspect claimed he had a gun, but none was found.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20-30 years old, between 5 feet, 8 inches and 6 feet with blue eyes. He has a medium build and fair complexion.

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Veterans Day

By Richard Healy, Chairman,
Lakewood Veterans' Advisory Committee

On Veterans Day, we open the gates of our hearts and allow forceful feelings of gratitude to flow.

Our spirits are filled with devotion for those who sacrificed the breath of life in the cause of freedom.

You have chosen to observe Veterans Day because your spirit is moved by the same vast love that flowed through the pen of Walt Whitman. As you honor our nation's war dead today, please honor that greatness of your own heart as well.

Your dedication to those who served is one element in the alloy of the American Spirit – an alloy that can bear any weight and stand any stress.

Although some of our nation's elected leaders don't see things this way, they do not reflect the will of the American people when it comes to the

men and women who fought and died in our wars.

I am reminded of what President Teddy Roosevelt said a hundred years ago:

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country, is good enough to be given a square deal afterward."

Today you give our soldiers your love and respect by observing Veterans Day. Remember the next time you see a member of the armed forces to tell them "I thank you for your service and for your patriotism."

I thank all our citizens for their commitment to the men and women of our armed forces. As a nation we must continue to remember our fallen comrades.

Join us at Lakewood Park on November 11th at 11 a.m. for our Veterans Day Program. Our featured speaker will be Air Force Lt. Colonel Michael P. Skomrock.

May God bless America.



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ALL FIRES CAN WAIT!
Stephen Schrimpf enjoys a treat at Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School's Halloween party and dance on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Lakewood Schools

No School Levy in 2006

The Lakewood School District will continue to operate within their current income for another year. This recommendation will be made to the Board of Education by Superintendent Dr. David Estrop and Treasurer Richard Berdine on November 7th. If approved by the Board, Lakewood residents will not be asked to vote on a school levy in 2006.

“We know that many Lakewood residents are feeling the negative impact of our economy. They have had to tighten their belts. Our residents have

generally supported the schools in the past, most recently with the first phase of our building program. But we can’t in good conscience ask them for additional support at this time. Instead the schools will continue to look for ways to contain costs and save money,” said Dr. Estrop.

In the five-year Financial Forecast for the district presented to the Board of Education on October 10, Treasurer Berdine warned of stagnant revenue and increasing costs. “The district faces many of the same financial challenges as individuals and families, including higher operating costs, such as substantial increases in energy and health care costs, and no increase in income from the state,” said Treasurer Berdine. Superintendent Dr. David Estrop noted that issue of state funding continues to be problematic for school districts all across the State of Ohio because the General Assembly and the Governor are unable or unwilling to come to grips with the issue, and as a result have thumbed their noses at the Ohio Supreme Court.

During the last two weeks, Superintendent Dr. David Estrop and Treasurer Richard Berdine have spent numerous hours “number crunching”, reviewing the Five-Year Financial Forecast report, and discussing possible options for the district’s financial needs. Their task was to come up with the best possible option or combination of options to recommend

to the Board of Education. “After careful consideration we will recommend to the Board of Education NOT to ask for additional dollars in 2006. We will continue to hold down spending where possible, continue to participate in utility and health insurance co-ops to save money, we are already realizing a benefit from the new buildings by not spending dollars to maintain the four buildings, we will continue operational efficiencies, we won’t fill some vacancies, in coop-

eration with our employee unions, the district has negotiated provisions to help control health care costs, and we will continue to manage our budget as best we can during this difficult economic time,” said Mr. Berdine. “We understand this is a difficult time for all of us and working together we will stretch our dollars yet another year beyond the three years promised, for two additional years, almost twice as long as what was promised,” said Dr. Estrop.

Wanted: Used Musical Instruments

The Lakewood City Schools music program is growing everyday and there are a number of students who would greatly benefit from learning to play a musical instrument, but sometimes they do not have the means to get an instrument. This year we have had more requests for schools instruments then ever before. We think that this trend may continue, therefore, we are asking community members to look in their closets, attics and of course contact your relatives to see if they have a hidden treasure and consider donating to the Lakewood City Schools. If you discover an instrument that you feel you would like to see be available for generations of Lakewood students to use, donations are tax deductible.

If you have an instrument you would like to donate, please contact Beth Hankins at elizabeth.hankins@lakewood.k12.oh.us or 216-227-5990.

Friends of The Lakewood Dog Park Annual Meeting

The Friends of The Lakewood Dog Park will hold its annual officer election at the upcoming meeting on Monday, November 14. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to come share ideas on dog park improvements.

You can also become a member of the group at the meeting, and learn

how you can volunteer and help keep the Lakewood Dog Park one of the best dog parks in the area.

When: Monday, November 14 at 7:00 P.M.

Where: Madison Branch Library 13229 Madison Ave.

Any questions call: Mike at 226-5536



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Announcement: Suspect Wanted	9	observeradmin	322	Sat Oct 29, 2005 8:21 pm
League of Women Voters Nights	0	Jim O'Bryan	60	Sat Oct 08, 2005 6:19 am
Photos Around Lakewood	1	David Lay	31	Sun Oct 30, 2005 1:27 pm
Opt-Out period for Nopec Electric Aggregation	7	Grace O'Malley	214	Sat Oct 29, 2005 1:14 pm
Can 2,000,000 Be Wrong?!	2	Jim O'Bryan	165	Fri Oct 28, 2005 10:18 pm
Kauffman Park / SWAT article	15	Carly Simon	508	Wed Oct 26, 2005 10:26 pm
Another Bank Robbed	2	Marty Hout	121	Mon Oct 24, 2005 12:25 pm
RTA What the #@\$#!	28	Jim O'Bryan	989	Mon Oct 24, 2005 6:57 am
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The End of Suburbia	7	Jim O'Bryan	164	Sat Oct 29, 2005 8:54 pm
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Lakewood City Hall

Raveling? Rutting? Debonding?

Council President Robert Seelie called the October 17, 2005 meeting to order.

St. Hedwig Church was the next in line of many Lakewood churches celebrating its 100th Anniversary. A resolution introduced by council member Mary Louise Madigan (ward 4) and signed by Mayor Thomas George recognized this milestone.

The administration then brought forward an emergency ordinance to change the assignment of the cable television franchise from Adelphia to Time Warner.

A small corner of the Gold Coast is served by the same cable company that has the City of Cleveland franchise, Adelphia in this case. Adelphia had been in financial trouble for several years and declared bankruptcy. Its assets were for sale and Time Warner bought the Cleveland franchise. Such a purchase includes all existing contracts with current subscribers, meaning no programming changes. As the Time Warner representative put it-different names on the work shirts and trucks, everything else remains the same until the next regular franchise negotiations.

Therefore, it was with some incredulity that the administration listened to over 20 minutes of questions from council member Edward FitzGerald (at-large) and Madigan, in whose ward are the affected subscribers. The issue finally passed with Denis Dunn (at-large) abstaining because he is employed by SBC Communications, a potential competitor of Time Warner.

Council observers might recall that at the end of budget hearings in January of this year, a final selection of streets to be repaved had to be made. Although the streets department had an existing list of streets and their condition, a choice had to be made.

Council members Michael Dever (at-large) and Patrick Corrigan (ward 1) selflessly risked their seats (anatomically speaking) and hopped in Corrigan's car for a final "seat of the pants" inspection and selection. While their heroics were to be admired, this was hardly a scientific method for selecting streets for repairs.

Thus, the administration is instituting a much more precise method

of ranking streets according to condition. Mayor Thomas George asked the new City Engineer, Dennis Albrecht, to describe this process.

In his first remark he stated his goal was that Lakewood citizens would "not notice the infrastructure" meaning of course that things worked.

In "Corridor Conversations" (an exclusive Lakewood Observer feature) Albrecht described the Pavement Condition Rating System.

This is a comprehensive method developed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) which uses 14 criteria for asphalt surfaces and 12 criteria for concrete pavement in evaluating pavement condition. Each criterion is weighted to reflect its importance in an evaluation, including serious conditions such as raveling (actual breakdown of the asphalt ingredients), debonding (general surface deterioration) and rutting.

Objective methods of measuring these and other conditions are used. These methods are learned through training sessions provided by ODOT. The Lakewood Engineering Dept. had classroom and field training last week.

The final result is a condition rating based on a scale of 100. This is a much more precise method of evaluation than had been used in the past. Albrecht indicates that Lakewood is one of only a few cities in Ohio that has started to use the PCR procedures.

Returning to the council presentation, Albrecht outlined the cost of this effort. His familiarity with ODOT programs enabled the city to obtain free training from them. A private engineering firm is being hired at the cost of \$50,000 to do a PCR of all the streets in Lakewood. Thomas Jordan, Director of Planning, is in charge of the Community Development Block Grant Program which finances many street repair projects. However, this financing generally can only be used in targeted areas. Jordan presented an argument to officials in Chicago which persuaded them to allow the CDBG funds to study

all of Lakewood's streets. So, with free training from ODOT, financing from CDGB, and two expert directors in funding, this superior street study will be conducted at no cost to Lakewood.

In additional corridor comments, Mayor George indicated that Albrecht presented very impressive credentials out of many qualified candidates for the position of City Engineer.

Finally, at the end of the meeting, several residents of the Mayfair Apartment Building in the West End neighborhood presented council with petitions com-

plaining about noise and rowdiness from nearby bars. The prime offender seemed to be The Hairy Buffalo.

The noise complaints referred specifically to loud music which could be heard through newly installed open patio windows. Also, the nature of songs' lyrics was a source of great concern. Residents of the building said that sleep was impossible and in some cases the lack of sleep jeopardized their job performance and their children's school day performance.

The competing demands of the bars and the residents will continue to demand the efforts of the police and all affected parties to find a resolution.

Lakewood Announces Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Lakewood began collecting loose leaves on Monday, October 31 and will continue until approximately December 9, weather permitting. Prior to October 31 and after December 9, leaves will be collected only when they are placed in paper yard/leaf bags and set out along with your regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed.

Collections dates for these streets are October 31 and November 1; November 14 and 15; and November 28 and 29.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and work east beginning approximately November 2, November 16 and November 30. Starting dates are weather and equipment dependent.

In order to make the leaf collection process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding.

There will be no leaf collection on November 24 and 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For further information, contact the Division of Streets & Forestry, at (216) 529-6810.

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Lakewood Library & Books

Appearing at Lakewood Public Library

Acclaimed Author Charles Baxter

By Vincent O'Keefe

Considered by many a masterful fiction writer, Charles Baxter will appear at Lakewood Public Library on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Baxter's short stories have been honored repeatedly in publications like *The Pushcart Prize Anthology* and the *Best American Short Stories* series. One of his novels, *The Feast of Love* (2000), was a National Book Award finalist. This free event is part of the Creative Writer's Reading Series at the library, a collaborative effort by the Lakewood Public Library and Cleveland State University's Department of English, Poetry Center, and Creative Writing Program.

Charles Baxter was born in Minneapolis and graduated from Macalester College in Saint Paul. In 1974, he earned a Ph.D. in English at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Then he taught for several years at Wayne State University in Detroit. In 1989, he moved to the English Department and M.F.A. program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Currently, he is the Edelstein-Keller Visiting Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Minnesota.

Given his background in the Midwest (even his son now lives in Cleveland); it is not surprising that Baxter has set much of his fiction in Midwestern locales. In fact, he has been writing about the fictional town of Five Oaks, Michigan for about twenty years. In our recent interview he explained that this region of the country is "my imagination's home. I had authority over it." But it is important to note that Baxter is not a regional writer of mere local color. He explained that he "is not writing about a locale, but using a locale to write about other things." Those other things often involve the extraordinary moments of grace, joy, pain, and anguish of otherwise ordinary American lives, as in his most

recent novel, *Saul and Patsy*.

Published in 2003, *Saul and Patsy* tells the story of a young married couple with a healthy relationship. Their marriage, however, will face many challenges as the narrative evolves. Saul and Patsy leave their office jobs in Illinois because Saul is inspired to become a high school teacher and contribute to America's youth. He is hired to teach American history, journalism, and speech at Five Oaks High School. Saul's idealism, however, is always tempered by his sense of alienation. Originally from Baltimore, he usually views himself as a Jewish outcast. Gentile Patsy, on the other hand, is adaptable, pragmatic, and more content with her life. She gets a job as a bank teller in Five Oaks and is not hampered by Saul's worrisome self-consciousness.

The novel's opening page deftly conveys the balanced, good-natured relationship these two characters enjoy. Reflecting on the "flat uncultivated farmland" that makes up "semi rural" Five Oaks, Saul laments that "no sane Jew . . . ever lived on a dirt road" (3). The omniscient narrator continues: "Patsy reminded him of Poland, Russia, and the nineteenth century. Then she pointed down at the Scrabble board and told him to play. To spite her, he spelled out 'axiom' over a triple-word score, for forty-two points. . . . She looked up at him and smiled. He couldn't help it. He smiled back. She was so beautiful; she could make him copy her gestures without his meaning to" (3).

One of Baxter's many strengths is his deep characterization. In *Saul and Patsy*, Saul Bernstein's complex (and sometimes contradictory) nature is fully displayed via many specific details. Some of his character traits even change over the course of the novel, which covers several years of his life. When he first enters a neighbor's house in Five Oaks, the environment triggers intense alienation: "There was something about the

room that bothered him It felt like a museum of earlier American feelings. Not a single ironic sentence had ever been spoken here. Everything in the room was sincere, everything except himself. In the midst of all this midwestern earnestness, he was the one thing wrong. What was he doing here? What was he doing anywhere?" (36).

Saul's detachment from what he considers "real" life, however, does not result simply in gloom. In fact, *Saul and Patsy* is frequently humorous, largely because of Saul's wry wit. For example, even when he and Patsy have their first child, Saul cannot help but see the situation uniquely: "Having a new baby was like having an affair or having committed a murder, Saul decided, as he patrolled the house: you couldn't really talk about it. People found it disagreeable whenever you started up about your new child; if they were single or childless, they thought you were boastful and self-centered, and if they had children of their own, they were politely bored by your stories" (85).

Although Saul usually feels like an outcast in his own skin, he soon meets a more extreme outcast. Due to budget cuts, he is reassigned to teach remedial English for learning disabled students. One of his students is Gordy Himmelman, a very disaffected, quiet student who was raised by his abusive aunt after a suspicious fire killed his mother. His father had simply disappeared. For the next several weeks, Gordy antagonizes Saul in many sinister ways, beginning with disrespect in class and progressing to menacing appearances in Saul's front lawn. Gordy even shows Saul a gun at one point, as if to threaten his life. When Saul and Patsy buy a new home, Gordy finds it and continues his trespassing. Gradually, Saul and Patsy simply accept the strange presence of Gordy on their property. Saul feels pressure to somehow "adopt" Gordy, who has become a type of alter-ego. But he is ill-equipped to take on such responsibility, especially after having a child of his own, Mary Esther. As Baxter explained in our interview, "Gordy seems to be calling for some response from Saul that Saul cannot provide."

Midway through the novel, Gordy commits suicide in Saul's front lawn by shooting himself in the head. The rest of the story explores how the entire community responds in myriad ways to such a shocking event. In fact, the text becomes a type of intergenerational meditation on contemporary American youth, but only through the very specific perspectives of individual characters. In the later sections of the novel, the omniscient narrator's point of view is no longer limited to Saul or Patsy, but migrates to other characters, most notably to a sixteen-year-old girl named Gina, one of Gordy's contemporaries.

Patsy had once called teens like Gina "McHumans" (169), perhaps because some of them respond to Gordy's death with cultlike behav-

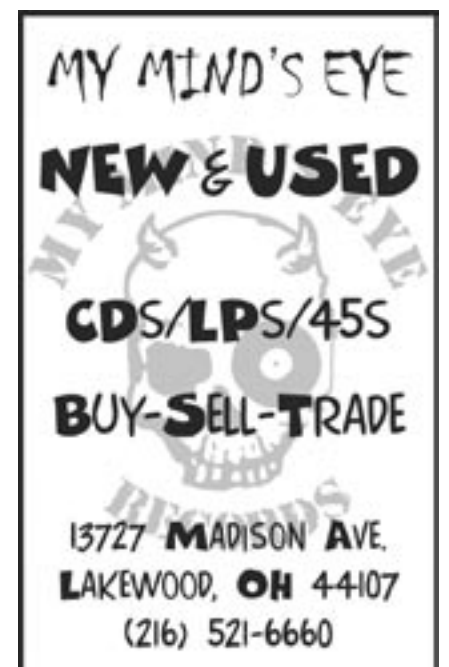
ior: they dub themselves "Himmels," report sightings of Gordy everywhere, and even scapegoat Saul and Patsy with traces of anti-Semitism. The effect of Baxter's shifting perspectives, however, is once again to complicate human identities via close attention to details that resist generalizations about character. Fittingly, the novel's climax occurs on Halloween, a day when masks and identities are in flux. In a final confrontation with some of these "Himmels," Saul is forced to respond to a real-life situation that disallows detachment. His actions at that moment and beyond will have readers seeking their own community to discuss their reactions to Saul's evolution.

Besides *Saul and Patsy*, Baxter's other novels include *The Feast of Love* (2000), *Shadow Play* (1993), and *First Light* (1987). He has also authored four collections of short stories and three collections of poetry. In addition, he is the guest editor of *Best New American Voices* 2001, as well as the editor of *The Business of Memory: The Art of Remembering in an Age of Forgetting* (1999). Among other awards, he has received the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

As for advice he might give to aspiring creative writers, Baxter declared in our interview: "Be stubborn. Remember that literary culture has to be a rival for consumers' attention with television, movies, videos, and the internet." They should also keep in mind that in class, they always have "a given audience." But out of class, they do not. Thus it is imperative that they capture readers' attention.

In addition to these tips, creative writers can turn to Baxter's *Burning Down the House: Essays on Fiction* (1997) for more wisdom about the craft of fiction. The essays are versions of lectures he has given to M.F.A. students over his many years as a creative writing professor. In the preface, he explains that the essays are "hybrid or perhaps mongrel literary productions."

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From Oprah's Book Club to Lakewood



From *Oprah's Book Club* to *The Lakewood Public Library*, acclaimed author Edwidge Danticat signs one of her books for Lakewood resident Wendy Summers on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The Buck Stops Here

“I thought [the Warren Report] far beyond anything I know in literature.”
— George Oppen

Writers write. Teachers teach. Judges judge. But they do so only after they have been certified to do so by school or training. We live in a society of professionals, far from the model of Greek democracy outlined by C. L. R. James in his pamphlet, “Every Cook Can Govern.” “The vast majority of Greek officials,” James notes, “were chosen by a method which amounted to putting names into a hat and appointing the ones whose names came out.” Only those who sit on juries today – any citizen, regardless of background --follow the Greek example. The resistance to the nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court has to do, in part, with our emphasis on the professional in our culture. In America, the knowledge of the amateur is never knowledge, and his experience is no experience at all.

We understand why doctors must

By Robert Buckeye

be certified (even though the number of those who seek out alternative treatment is increasing), but why education and training are necessary in some other fields is less clear. Words are our common lot, and yet those who use language in professional work must be trained to do so. To be a writer in America today means you have to go to school and stay in school. “Every poet...in the U. S. is a ward of the state and the university,” Eliot Weinberger notes. If this makes it more difficult for the writer to stand in opposition – to bite the hand that feeds him – it also insures uniformity. The competence a profession establishes, of necessity, sacrifices originality. There thus becomes a poetry we call poetry, and novels we recognize as novels. “One who thinks he is not a poet,” Oppen writes, “tries to write ‘like poets.’ One who thinks he is a poet tries not to.”

Ornament is a casing, Walter Benjamin writes, and I would like you to see ornament, casing if you will, as the means by which a writer interprets, shapes, if not embellishes material for his

purposes. We use terms like form, image, narrative, metaphor to describe what he has done. Too much, however, may not be enough. Ornament, form if you will, may block our view of the material it shapes as much as illuminate it -- writing may get in the way of writing. Sometimes the only way something can be written is not, in effect, to write it. This is, as I understand it, the implication of Oppen’s comment that the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy transcends anything literature might say about it.

Last week I came across an example of what Oppen has in mind. It is a letter to the editor, written to The Ann Arbor News, by my brother, Don Buckeye, who for many years taught mathematics and coached at Lakewood. Although he has published numerous mathematics books, he is not a writer in the sense we characterize the reporter or novelist. The letter says exactly what it needs to say. Nothing can be added. Nothing subtracted. I reprint it here.

I was working at a basket-factory

in Cleveland, Ohio, where I made the minimum of 45 cents an hour. I was 15 years old and this was a summer job. (I could make almost \$1 an hour on piece-work by making 100 dozen baskets a day.) Working with me were Japanese-Americans who were sent there from the West Coast because the government didn’t trust them. They all had degrees from the University of California. They were very loyal to the United States. The war was now going well. When we heard that the Japan had surrendered, we had a moment of silence and went back to work, and the Japanese-Americans were talking about going back home to the West Coast. The U. S. dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 8, 1945, completely destroying the city. I was able to visit Hiroshima in 1955. On my visit to the Peace Memorial Museum in Hiroshima, I couldn’t get over that it was more than 10 years since the atomic bomb was detonated. The only building left standing was a former government building now called the A-Bomb Dome. People were still dying because of its effects.

—Donald Buckeye, Ypsilanti.

Lakewood Mail Call

Primary Colors on November 8

Sent in by Steve Hoffert

The recent primary election in Lakewood should be reason enough to incite the general population into jumping headlong into the political arena. The meager turnout allowed a measly 3809 people to determine the future of Lakewood politics and use of public funds. If we spent ten percent of the time debating what the politicians in this city do and how they spend the money as we do arguing about sporting events, we could change the face of politics drastically.

The time to act is now. The general election is rapidly approaching. Study the issues. Determine what incumbent councilman have or have not done. Ascertain the truth from would be politicians accosting you in your home like a wave of Jehovah Witnesses trying to convert you into becoming a true believer.

It’s time that we take back control of our government. Every voter should attend council meetings. They occur the first and third Monday of each month. We should witness what the politicians do and say and how they respond to the issues that impact the life and viability of all of Lakewood. We should make them accountable for their words and actions and remove them if they fail to follow our wishes.

Many critical changes will be decided in the November election. Should we give up the right to determine water rates, elected official’s salaries and control over taxation through popular vote and give it to City Council? Should the Civil Service Commission be allowed to recommend raises for politicians when the very same people appoint them? Should the City Engineer (and others) risk losing his job for expressing an unpopular

opinion to the same person who hired (and has the ability to fire) him?

These are changes in the Lakewood City Charter that will be decided in November’s election. Changes recommended by a government appointed

Charter Review Commission. Changes you have the power to either prevent or allow by your vote.

You can make a difference. You can determine what the right direction for the city is. You can change the

future of the City of Lakewood. Become involved. Interact with your neighbors. Question authority. Debate politics and make an informed and intelligent decision when voting on November 8th and in every future election.

Yes, Virginia, there is a conservative (in Lakewood)

Sent in by Kate Parker

Beware. In the shadows of Lakewood exist some dubious characters. Perhaps you’ve seen them, maybe clutching a copy of *The Wall Street Journal* op-ed page at a coffee shop. Maybe you’ve seen them in a line at Marc’s quietly lamenting the store’s choice of news network on the TVs by the checkout line. Maybe you’ve even seen them in a car next to you at a red light on a sunny afternoon, the voice of Rush Limbaugh piping out of their driver’s side window. Yes, my fellow Lakewoodites, conservatives are among us, and I proudly count myself as one of them.

We are a rare breed in these parts, and I’d wager that people do not easily spot us in a crowd. Many think that we conservatives won’t leave our homes without our Bibles or that we speak condescendingly at all times. People think that we would throw the poor to the dogs and that we pledge blind allegiance to our President (yes, OUR President). These are all myths.

In my experience conservatives are pretty much like everyone else.

Do we want lower taxes? Yes. Are we pro-life? Yes. Do we feel aggressive action is necessary in the war on terror? Yes. These are all political lines, and in politics do any two people ever fully agree with each other? No.

As humans we conservatives care for our neighbors. We want the best for our children. We want to live in peace with each other, yet we are open to healthy debate...and, yes, we recycle.

Upon meeting me people around here are often surprised to find that I’m conservative. An example of this happened around two years ago when I was at the Board of Education enrolling my second-born in kindergarten. A pleasant woman who worked there was assisting me with the paperwork, and when she asked about “race”, I simply replied “human.” I insisted that it be on the form that way. She smiled. Later as we filled out the forms, she commented that she was glad that we both supported John Kerry. When I corrected her and announced my support of Bush, her eyes widened, and she said “when you put ‘human’ on the form, I just assumed...”

That’s part of the problem with our identity crisis. People subject conservatives to many assumptions. When people hear that I’m conservative, they often believe that I go to church. I don’t. They assume that my family makes more than \$35K a year. We don’t. They assume that I denounce all social programs. I don’t. They assume that I’m a war lover. I’m not.

I believe that my relationship with my Creator is private. He is the judge;

I am not. I do not attend church, nor do I force my beliefs on anyone. I am far from wealthy. My family is responsible with our money so that we can afford our mortgage and put food on the table. (Speaking of our income I must interject here...President Bush’s tax cuts fattened up our tax return by a lot. A lot. I hear plenty of times “Oh, Bush’s tax cuts only benefit the rich.” Well, the planet Pluto is closer to rich than I am, yet Bush’s tax cuts benefited my family greatly. End interjection.) I believe our system of social services needs vast reform rather than abolishment. I’m not pro-war, but when war is necessary, I support it.

I’m not the lone conservative in Lakewood with these traits, although you might think so if you’ve ever visited the Observer’s message board. There are plenty of us out here. We are not cloak-wearing, shadowy figures who want to force prayer in schools, abolish welfare and carpet bomb the United Nations. (Okay, so maybe the latter is true but I digress). We’re pretty much like everyone else. We’re human, so when you see one of us on the streets of Lakewood, don’t shield your eyes from the “evil Republican.” Just remember that we are all in this together, and only with civil discourse can we begin to understand each other.

Lakewood Sports

LHS Volleyball Wins LEL and Sectionals But Loses to Magnificat at Districts

By Todd Shapiro

With just two seniors returning from last year's Lake Erie League championship team, many observers felt the Lakewood girls' volleyball team would struggle in 2005. Proving their detractors wrong the Rangers not only repeated as LEL champions, they returned to the Division I Region 2 district finals for the second consecutive season.

Unfortunately for the Rangers they once again had to face the top-seeded Magnificat Blue Streaks. The Blue Streaks defeated Lakewood 25-21, 25-12, 25-11 Thursday night to advance to the Norwalk regional. Magnificat was also victorious in three games in last year's district final.

"From the first scrimmage at Independence I told this team they had what it takes to be better than last year's team," said Rangers coach Brigid Arbezniak. The Rangers entered the Strongsville Sectional-District tournament with a 19-3 record and a perfect 10-0 record in the LEL. However, this was only good enough for a third seed in the sectional.

Lakewood's 25-11, 25-19, 25-19 victory over St. Joseph Academy set up a district semifinal showdown against the Strongsville Mustangs. Strongsville, champions of the Pioneer Conference, also ended their regular season with a 19-3 record. The Rangers defeated the host Mustangs 25-14, 25-21, 20-25, 23-25, 15-8 in a dramatic five game showdown last Tuesday. Behind the jump serving of senior tri-captain Britney Jurchenko and the outstanding defensive play of Claire Kmieck, the Rangers appeared headed to an easy victory. The Mustangs, however, had other ideas and rallied to force the



2005 Lakewood High Volleyball Team.

match to a deciding fifth game.

Senior Sara Mason served seven consecutive winning points for the Rangers to open the final game. Mason, who leads who team with a 96 percent serving efficiency, is also a star in the classroom where she has earned a 3.96 GPA.

Jurchenko, the Rangers all-time leaders in kills with 353, took control of the net late in the match to squelch the Mustang comeback. With Jurchenko controlling the frontline, junior setter Katie Kmieck was able to allow the Rangers to execute their offense. Kmieck, a three-year letter winner, already holds the school record with 697 assists.

Coach Arbezniak felt that Rangers rigorous training regimen contributed to the victory, "We do a lot of conditioning every day in practice and our pre-season practices are hell," Arbezniak said. Arbezniak, the 2004 Plain Dealer

Cuyahoga County coach of the year, was assisted in 2005 by veteran assistants, Dale Brogan and Debbie Clark.

Against the Blue Streaks, Jurchenko served the Rangers to a 9-8 lead in the first game but the Rangers were unable to hold their early lead. Magnificat, who ended the season ranked 8th in the final coaches poll, scored five of the final six points of the first game.

Taking advantage of the serving of Sarah Peturlis and the net play of

Jessica DuBroy Magnificat dominated the final two games of the match while improving their record to 21-4. The Blue Streaks did not lose a game in the sectional tournament, defeating both Midpark and fourth-seeded North Royalton, each in three games.

Area volleyball fans should mark their calendars for the same time next year because there is a good possibility that these teams will once again be competing for the 2006 district crown.

An Evening of Thanks and Remembrance for Rangers

By Mike Deneen

The Lakewood football team hosted Shaker Heights on Friday, October 21st on a cool, damp night at Lakewood Stadium. It was the final home game of the year for the Rangers, who entered with a 1-8 record. The school designated the occasion as Parents' Night to recognize the families of players, cheerleaders and band members.

It was also a night for LHS alums to remember Don Alexander, a former Ranger football star that recently passed away.

Before the game, all of the Ranger players were joined by their parents on the field. Each family was introduced and recognized by the crowd. Senior cheerleaders and band members were also joined by their parents for pregame introductions. It was a great opportunity for the kids to show their thanks for their parents' support over the years. The spirit of fun was so contagious that the cheerleaders' moms even helped lead the cheers for part of the game.

Pre-game and halftime ceremonies also honored the memory of LHS alum and former Ranger football star Don Alexander, who passed away on December 31, 2003. Don, who grew up on St. Charles Avenue, was captain of the 1968 Ranger team and also played

on the 1967 squad that finished with a 9-1 record and a number five state ranking. Known for his strong sense of humor and handsome looks, Alexander was very popular with his classmates. Earlier in the week, over 50 of former classmates gathered for a fundraiser at Around the Corner. Organized by LHS alums Gregg Gottermeyer, George Kubas and Mayor Tom George, the event raised over \$2,500 that was

donated to the LHS football program at the family's request.

As for the game, the first half typified many of the Rangers' problems in 2005. The offense had trouble sustaining drives, and the defense was vulnerable to big plays. Shaker took a 28-0 lead into halftime. However, as the rain intensified at the start of

the second half, the Rangers found new life. The team's seniors, realizing this was their final half of football on their home turf, stepped up. Although Shaker's offense continued to move the ball, the Rangers' defense tightened in the red zone, repeatedly stopping drives inside Lakewood territory. The offense showed spark as well, led by Chris Kenney's two rushing touchdowns. The senior running back finished with over 100 yards rushing and scored twice, reducing Shaker's final margin of victory to 28-14.



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Lakewood Sports

Another Championship Season for Boys' Soccer

Lakewood boys' soccer has had another amazing season. The boys won the Lake Erie League championship for the second year in a row and started their state tournament run on Saturday, October 22nd at Lakewood Stadium. The Rangers, seeded number one in their district, defeated a stubborn Berea Braves team 5-0 on a damp, cold night. That victory earned a district semifinal match against perennial power North Olmsted at Lakewood Stadium. The Rangers posted another shutout against North Olmsted, winning 2-0 on two goals by David Krems.

Just who are these guys, and how did they become so good? According to assistant coach Bill Rabel, Head Coach Winston Jacobs has been instrumental over his ten year tenure in transforming the program into a regional powerhouse. His regime has brought continuity, passion and a thorough knowledge of soccer, all important ingredients to the Rangers success.

Of course, no coach can succeed without dedicated, talented players--of which the Rangers have no shortage. Senior striker Joe Nagbe, the leading scorer, was chosen last summer to be on a "Premier" Regional Olympic developmental team. His brother, sophomore midfielder Darlington Nagbe, also a superb talent, was chosen for a summer "Premier" National team reserved for outstanding players under age 15.



David Kingsbury



Lakewood High's Varsity Soccer Team 2005.

Senior midfielder David Krems is also an exceptional player that has been chosen for Premier teams. (If you go to a game, and appreciate ball-handling skills, keep your eye on these guys)

JuniormidfielderShayneMoravcik, an exceptional athlete that kicks for the football team and lettered in basketball last year, has been a key contributor, as has junior midfielder Veton Esati and senior midfielders Dan Toole (in his first year of high school soccer), Alex Kevedsky, and Dennis Gold.

The defense is in equally good "hands" with, according to Rabel, "fearless" play from senior David Kingsbury, who has come back strong from a concussion suffered over the summer. (When you go to a game, watch number 5. You'll see what Rabel means). Seniors Johnny Youssef, Scott Anthony, and Scott Eifel have been key contributors with their outstanding skills and tireless work ethic. Senior sweeper Edison Hajdari, described by Rabel as unflappable and never intimidated, has also been vital to the Rangers success.

No team, no matter how talented or well coached, can thrive without leadership from its players. Captain Scott Kunze, whose considerable talents have sparked the interest of several Division I

colleges, has helped provide leadership. A four-year letter winner, Kunze has that special combination of talent and work ethic. Senior Goalkeeper Damir Kuuzovic has also emerged as a team leader and was named captain during this, his first year on the varsity.

In assessing the formula for Lakewood's success, Rabel tributes the dedication of the players' parents, who have spent what must seem like the better part of their adult lives taking kids to practice and games, and raising money, as well as the Lakewood Soccer Association (LSA), for their tireless promotion and support of soccer in Lakewood.

. There's another element, at work here that makes the LHS boys soccer team special. They are a microcosm of Lakewood in general and LHS in particular. The team has lifetime Lakewoodites, many "graduates" of the LSA, which you might have run into at Malley's or the metroparks ten years ago. They also have kids from Bosnia, Albania, Liberia, Kosovo and Syria, that weren't raised on Malley's nor spent their formative years at Lincoln, McKinley, Grant, Madison, etc. Yet, they all work well together, socialize off the field, and represent an ideal of public education--the coming together of diverse persons

for a common purpose.

Starting in August, the team practiced from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m. then returned again from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. In the morning they started off with a six mile run and the running continued with drills, sprints and just pure hard work to get in shape for the coming season. Besides practicing the guys constantly worked with the ball. They play games like juggling (same concept of hacky sack) the kicking game which the ball scores so high then once it drops, you have one bounce to get it back up, and "soccer tennis" which is played on the courts with some loud music to keep them pumped.

All of the Lakewood soccer players plan on continuing throughout college and many of the guys play on indoor teams throughout the off season. Most of these kids have played together or against each other for more then 10 years. Some play on a super Y league on top of the Lakewood team and many of the boys plan on playing on an Ohio premiere team and an adult league as the winter comes close. The other five varsity players will continue playing next year being joined with some of Lakewood's J.V. team which has also had a strong season.

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The BorderLine Cafe gets scary for Halloween thanks to the Chamber of Commerce's Window Painting Contest.



Another scary window courtesy of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and their Halloween Window Painting Contest. This one is at Lossman Motors.

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The Annual Doughnut sale put on by the Lakewood Kiwanis is one of their better fundraisers and pretty tasty as well. Here we can see 12 Kiwanians working hard.

Anne's Pals

By Anne Palomaki

Lakewood Historical Society's 2005 Holiday Wreath Sale

The 2005 Holiday Wreath Sale is under-way! It is sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society Women's Board. This is the 20th year that the sale has been held. The 22-24 inch wreath is beautifully handcrafted from freshly-cut Noble fir. The wreath is decorated with sugared fruit, bright red berries, and a sparkling red bow trimmed in gold. The cost of the wreath is \$30.00 with \$15.00 being tax deductible. Please mail your check made out to The Lakewood Historical Society, c/o Mrs. David Hughes, 2175 Niagara, Lakewood, OH 44107 to reserve a wreath.

Orders should be received by November 19th. The wreaths will be ready for pick up on December 1st from 2-7 p.m. and December 2nd from



11-5 p.m. at the Skate House at 14710 Lake Avenue in Lakewood Park behind the Oldest Stone House Museum. This sale helps underwrite programs at the Oldest Stone House and the Nicholson House.



Joyce Williams wearing the prayer shawl given to her mother.

Knitting Into Mystery

After a Lenten study group at Lakewood United Methodist Church read *Knitting into the Mystery* by Susan Jorgensen and Susan Izard, its members started a shawl ministry to provide warm and loving shawls for those in need of comfort and solace.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a national program. Phyllis Bullock and Marla King are the co-chairpersons of the group at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Twenty-five women met on October 1st to begin knitting and crocheting the shawls. The first shawl was given to Elsie Lowry who was liv-

ing in a Cleveland Clinic hospice unit at the Renaissance. She passed away about a week later and her daughter, Joyce Williams was given the shawl as a tribute to her mother. Joyce joined the group of knitters so she could share the joy of giving a shawl to another member. The group will meet again on November 5th and 19th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room at the Church which is located at 15700 Detroit Avenue.

All are welcome to join the group. Please call the church office (216-226-8644) to register.

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Witch is Brew

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”
—Benjamin Franklin

Perhaps one of the least appreciated and overly consumed alcoholic beverages is beer. In its most basic form, beer is the product of fermenting grains, with the addition of other flavoring ingredients such as hops, fruits, and various herbs and/or spices. Beer, in one form or another, has been with us, some estimate, for over 10,000 years. It is not unreasonable to assume that the beginnings of brewing were a happy accident of harvested, sprouted, grains being soaked by a summer rain. As wild yeast found the liquid, fermentation occurred, yielding accidental beer.

Curiosity (or perhaps food conservation) most likely led to tasting the liquid giving rise to civilization as we know it. Perhaps you think that is an exaggeration, but a convincing argument can be made that the desire to have a ready supply of grain for the brewing process led early humans to abandon their nomadic lifestyles of hunter/gatherers and begin early agrarian villages, cultivating and domesticating the grains needed to make beer. Clay tablets from Babylonia dating to 4300 BC contain recipes for beer. Around 2000 BC, it is estimated that 40% of all grain grown in Egypt was used for making beer (which was reputed to have been introduced by the god Osiris.) By the middle ages, brewing technique had been somewhat standardized, and was typically undertaken by religious orders and craft guilds.

The brewing process is a more complex chemical procedure than the relatively simple process of fermenting grape juices into wine. Both use yeast but where the grapes used for wine readily yield the sugars needed to nourish the yeast, beer is made from grains. In order for the yeast to have the sugars needed to grow and create fermentation, it is necessary to convert the starches of the grain to sugars. Fortunately, grains undertake this process when they sprout. The process of allowing the grains to germinate, known as “malting” gives the yeast the sugars needed for the fermentation process.

The grain typically used for quality beer is barley, and malted barley can be dried, and roasted for differing flavors and colors. Unlike wine, brewing beer requires that a mixture of water and crushed malted grains are cooked which releases the malted grains’ sugars. While the home brewer can use actual grains, there are a number of malt extract and spray-dried malt products on the market that simplify the temperature monitoring necessary for the conversion of grain starches to sugars. To this mixture, known as wort, various other ingredients are added, most notably hops, which adds flavor, bitterness and aroma to the end product. Hops is now a standard addi-



tion, but was first used in the middle ages for its preservation abilities. Because beer requires that the liquid to be boiled, drinking beer was preferable to consuming water, as the brewing process also purified otherwise unpotable drinking water. The same rule of thumb still applies when visiting Mexico. After a week or so of fermentation, the yeast and solids have settled to the bottom of the fermentation vessel, called a carboy, and the clear fermented beer can be siphoned off for bottling. At this stage, a home brewer adds a small amount of additional sugar, and much like Champagne, a secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle. Because the bottle is capped, the carbon dioxide from the fermentation is trapped, and the liquid inside becomes carbonated, resulting in both the beer fizz, as well as the sudsy head.

As the Industrial Revolution brought forth refrigeration, large commercial brewers were able to mass produce beers, and ship, without spoilage, beyond previous geographic limitations. Prohibition of the 1920s and 30s all but destroyed the brewing industry in the U.S., and many of the local breweries, unable to exist on sales from ginger ale and root beer, closed their doors. Only the largest and strongest remained giving rise to the mega commercial brewers of today.

The mass production of beer is probably the reason why beer is viewed as a rather pedestrian beverage, notwithstanding its glorious history. It is unfortunate that when we talk of beer, most people think in terms of large Draft horses (although the taste of some commercial beers does cause a reference to equines). Because of the standardization, there is a lack of appreciation of the complexities and variations that can be present in beer, and it has been relegated to a lower status then it deserves. Perish the thought that a beer would be ordered to compliment your poached salmon. But, notwithstanding the lack of respect given to the noble brew, the fact remains that there are infinite varieties of styles and tastes. Subtle flavors and aftertastes, not usually associated with the brews sold at nickel beer nights are still very much available in brew pubs and craft beers (small brewers, making

less than 15,000 barrels per year). Better still, since 1978, home brewing has been legal and a vast array of resources is now available for the home brewer. Not only is home brewing a rewarding gastronomic enterprise, it is also an economical one.

Consider the following:

Typically, a six-pack of high quality, micro-brew (say, Great Lakes or Crooked River, for example) costs \$7.00. A standard batch of Homebrew will yield about 5 Gallons, or one bottle short of 9 six packs. At microbrewery cost, that’s \$63. Yet, the kits, the easiest way for a novice to learn the brewer’s art, are available to produce those five gallons for \$22.00.

Your net savings is \$41.00 per batch, or a whopping \$4.60 per six pack! Admittedly, there are additional costs, but they are one time expenditures. As an example, Rozi’s Wine House, 14900 Detroit, 221-1119, carries a very nice startup kit, that contains all the equipment needed and ingredients for the first batch for \$49.95. The cost of the reusable bottles adds another \$45.00 or so. Because of pressures involved, never reuse “saved” commercial bottles; always buy reusable home brewing bottles. The total investment for your first batch of beer, including all the reusable equipment is around \$100.00. Even with those costs, by the time you bottle your second batch, you’ve broken even, and now you’re producing high quality brews at less than half the costs of purchasing commercial beers. Beyond the savings, you’ve got a quality product that you can tailor to your individual tastes, and serve with a certain amount of pride the next time a guest asks for a cold one.

There is a certain lag time between brewing and consuming (typically one week of fermentation, 2-3 weeks for conditioning after bottling). Cleanliness is an absolute must, and the home brewer needs to make sure that EVERYTHING is clean, germ and wild-yeast free. I offer the following recipe from my microbrewery in preparation for the upcoming season and your Holiday entertaining.

Moonlight Howl’s Christmas Ale:

- 5 lbs. Edme D.M.S. plain malt extract
- 1/2 oz. Cascade hops (boiling)
- 1/2 oz. Tettanger hops (finishing)
- 1 package lager yeast
- Zest of 3 oranges
- 2 three inch cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole Allspice
- 1/4 cup corn sugar (bottling)

Bring 2 Gallons of water (avoid tap if possible) to a gentle boil. Immediately add malt extract, boiling hops, orange zest, cinnamon and allspice. Stir to dissolve, boil for 45 minutes. While boiling, fill your fermentation vessel with 3 gallons of cold water. Add the finishing hops for the last 3 minutes of the boiling time. Pour the hot wort through a strainer into the fermenting vessel (with the cold water). When the mixture has cooled to room temperature, add the yeast, insert the fermentation lock, and allow to ferment approx. 1 week or until CO2 is no longer being produced. Add corn sugar and bottle.

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Lakewood Eats

Greek Sensations

By Robert Bond

Nikko Moulagianis opened Nikko’s restaurant 4 years ago to bring authentic Greek cuisine to Lakewood residents in the ever-expanding world of food available in our fair city. Nikko moved his business to Lakewood after operating two successful taverns in Parma and Brunswick. The restaurant has a loyal following.

Walking into Nikko’s, one is immediately impressed by the beautiful colors on the walls and the high tech look. Nikko offers up an array of authentic Greek dishes, “Greek-anized”, according to Nikko, that impressed us as we tasted our way through a variety of items.

For starters we tried the Saganaki, which is Greek Kefalotyri cheese pan-fried in olive oil; rich, crispy-creamy, and so delicious. Next, we tried the Sautéed Calamari. This dish consisted of fresh squid sautéed in olive oil, white wine, and vegetables; not your ordinary battered and deep-fried counterpart. The fresh squid was of the highest quality and literally melts in your mouth.

Moving on to salads, we sampled the Elliniki which is a typical Greek salad with crisp Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, olives and feta cheese. The salad was incredibly fresh and appetizing. Another recommendation in the salad department is the Horiatiki, an authentic Greek salad, same as above but with

no Romaine and the goodies arranged beautifully on the plate.

Gyro sandwiches remain a perpetual hit at Nikko’s. The Gyro Platter is the number one selling item on the luncheon menu. The two entrees we ordered are both crowd-pleasing favorites according to Nikko. Chicken Parthenon (\$15,) includes chicken breast, rice pilaf, feta cheese, and roasted bell pepper all wrapped in phyllo dough and baked to a golden brown topped with a creamy dijonaise sauce. This rich dish will satisfy the most discriminating culinary guru. Our personal favorite, the Kokkinisto Arni (\$16), is similar to Osso Bucco with a twist. Kokkinisto is braised lamb shank (instead of veal shank), slow roasted in a tomato-based sauce and served with rice pilaf and green beans. Fork tender and flavors so intense ... this entrée is to die for.

Desserts are authentically Greek and all homemade. Baklava, a standard, is delicious and delicate and the “Sweet Ariana” (named after Nikko’s daughter) is actually a combination of 3 desserts; Baklava, Sweet Custard, and Shredded Wheat pastry. This dessert is more than a treat it is an experience.

Nikko shared with us that he is working on the space next door to accommodate private parties. The space is ready and plans have been drawn up but there are issues with the city and specifically, the building department. Nikko believed he has tried to follow strict guidelines put forth by the build-

ing department but an unresolved issue remains. The city requires 12 parking spaces for an approval. Nikko has been working overtime to be able to provide an excellent space for us Lakewood folks to enjoy a beautiful space for political fund raisers, graduation and holiday parties etc. We hope this can and will be resolved soon.

Nikko has built a truly beautiful restaurant that supports a full bar and wine list. Nikko is the chef each day, all day. His cuisine rivals the best Lakewood has to offer. The atmosphere

is pleasant and family oriented. Friday nights at 9:00 PM there is a “Belly Dancing” performance and yes, it is suitable for the kids to watch. Nikko’s is highly recommend for fun, food, and entertainment.

**Nikko’s is located at:
15625 Detroit Avenue
(216) 226-7050
Hours Mon-Fri. 11:00 a.m. till 11:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 a.m.
Closed Sundays**



Photo by: Bob Bond

Martha at Nikko’s

Give an Hour Away to Humanity

By Sam Phillips

Saturday afternoon; it’s not hot, but the air is nine months along with water. 200 years ago Lakewood was a swamp. It’s days like this that make you wish you had gills because lungs are damn near useless. All around people are running from air conditioned car to air conditioned car, to air conditioned store to air conditioned store to air conditioned home.

Up at The Phoenix those of us who’ve made the decision to be hot and awake are having our morning stimulants. It’s one o’clock. Sammy sits down.

Outside away from the air conditioning his eyes dart back and forth counting cars and the number of people in them.

“One per car.” He takes a sip. “They’re tense” he points at them with his cup. “They got to get there.”

Across the street a car pushes up against a child in a crosswalk; inching up on her, nudging her until there’s enough space to ride around her. From behind a car honks.

“What does he expect him to do; run her down?”

“Where are they going?” He looks at me.

I thought it was a rhetorical ques-

tion, but his eyes search mine, looking for and answer.

“uh—”
“Nowhere. They’re all in a hurry to go nowhere! They don’t even know.” He takes another sip.

I can tell the thoughts are beginning to race by him and he starts to grab the words as they pass by, knocking them out.

“30,000 kids.” He takes another quick sip. “Die every day and he was going to kill that poor girl because she was going to cost him another 3 seconds on his way to nowhere.”

He takes a longer sip and inhales. More cars pass by.

You could barely tell that it’s a weekend as the streets begin to buzz like a hive gone crazy. Sammy eyes shift to the human traffic across the street.

“They don’t know where they’re going but they burn a lot of gas getting there.”

Sip.
“A tree fell in the woods. It took seconds before the worms came. They’re all worms: termites, really, chewing through the foundations of the planet on their way to nowhere.”

“Termites... at least termites give something back to the woods.” Sip, pause.

I take a sip. “Sammy, but...”

“No! Time is the most precious thing we have. There’s always another dollar, another doughnut, but once a second is gone, you don’t get it back. Everyone’s in hurry to their own funerals: throwing their lives down a rat hole on their way to nowhere.”

I take a sip. He takes a sip.
Coffee is such a luscious buzz.

They got to be more like the worms and recycle the time. They got to take and give or they’ll never have enough and eat the planet dead. It’s hard to keep up. The words spin my head around I feel the call of the hive: the gameboy, the cable TV. My shows, they’re calling me home. Sammy puts his hand on my shoulder and comes in for a close stare into my eyes. He’s like a man searching for a small fish in a tropical tank.

“Look, I’ll say it again. Recycle your time. Work, Wal-Mart- What’s on TV... that goes nowhere. A thousand

years from now they’ll all be ashes. If you gave just an hour back a week, you could save a life. That life gives to another life, and that life will change all the lives it touches down throughout time forever. Imagine what could happen if a billion people gave an hour a week back to the world? To the 30,000 dying children?

That’s a billion hours!”
He takes a long sip and swirls the dregs at the bottom of his cup. He looks at me.

“A billion hours to keep the world going.”

“If you’re not busy being born you’re busy dying.”

“Bob Dylan, he’s a poet and a teacher of the people.”

He nods and looks off into the clouds. Sips the dregs. The bitter grinds make him squint.

“The times, they are a-changing.”

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Lakewood Elections

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COUNCIL AT LARGE, FOUR YEAR TERM

Candidate Information	Occupation Education	Qualifications for Office
<div>Nickie J. Antonio</div> <div></div>	<div>Non-Profit Development Director; Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies, CSU Masters in Public Administration BS ED from CSU; Lutheran West High School</div>	<div>Experience in municipal government and public policy; 20 years of civic volunteerism Member and Chair of Citizens Advisory Committee, Grow Lakewood Lakewood Schools 50 Years Committee</div>
<div>Daniel Brennan</div> <div></div>	<div>Owner/Manager of Brennan's Floral Gift Shop. High School Attended CCC and Borromeo College of Ohio</div>	<div>Lakewood Business Owner</div>
<div>Timothy H. Carroll</div> <div></div>	<div>Para Legal, Squires Sanders and Dempsey BA Criminal Justice, Niagara University Para Legal Certificate, American Institute for Para Legal Studies</div>	<div>I have experience in working with municipalities with various issues on zoning, employment rights, worked with businesses through the Growth Association.</div>
<div>Michael Dever</div> <div></div>	<div>Chief Construction Administrator, Cuyahoga County Engineer Master in Public Administration, Cleveland State University, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs.</div>	<div>Lifelong resident, active in community affairs, working knowledge of infrastructure problems and how to correct.</div>
<div>Edward FitzGerald</div> <div></div>	<div>Attorney, City Councilman J.D. Cleveland Marshall College of Law, BA Ohio State University</div>	<div>Former service: Chair, Lakewood Zoning Board; Member, Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees; Vice-Chair, Charter Review Commission; Chair, Finance Committee; Chair, Public Safety Committee; Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecutor, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation; Organized Crime Task Force</div>
<div>Suzanne Kennedy Horrigan</div> <div></div>	<div>Attorney J.D. Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University BA, History, St. Louis University, Missouri</div>	<div>Experience acquired from 30 years of legal practice representing government agencies, private individuals and business. Six years service as board member condominium association located in Lakewood.</div>

Lakewood Elections

of League of Women Voters-Cuyahoga Regional Area

Question: What in your opinion is the most important issue currently in Lakewood?

Creating opportunities to increase revenue to provide quality city services, keep neighborhoods safe and balance the budget. Need to bring more businesses and homeowners into the city and keep current ones in Lakewood.

Keeping up the housing and business districts in Lakewood.

Infrastructure is in need of rehabilitation throughout the city.

The city’s budget and expansion of the tax base is the most important issue facing the community.

Meeting our infracture and housing needs while matching our expenditures with our revenues.

Strengthening partnerships between residents, city government, and local business to provide the ideas, will and talent necessary to solve issues regarding controlled growth, school support, new population recognition, senior citizen and youth needs. To accomplish these tasks within the constraints of fiscal balance is the greatest challenge facing us.

Question: If elected, how would you address this problem?

Evaluate current expenditures, strategize with city departments on ways to cut costs and increase efficiency. Consider creative approaches to re-development, make departments that support development more accessible. Identify and capitalize on Lakewood’s strengths, cultural richness, intellectual and civic capital.

The first thing I would do is check the budget to see if there any money to hire additional housing inspectors. I believe if we would have housing inspectors one responsible for each ward there would be accountability for each inspector. Also, we need to find business inspectors to keep our business district welcoming.

Work with the administration to develop a long term plan for repairing the streets without having to raise any new taxes to pay for the construction.

I will thoroughly review all city services and reduce where appropriate. In addition, I will continue to assist homeowners in the appreciation of their property values by leading the effort to rebuild our streets and infracture, redirect resources to strengthen building code enforcement, encourage a greater police presence in the neighborhoods. Secondly, I will seek out and continue.

We must reduce the cost of government wherever possible. We must attract additional economic investment into the city to strengthen our tax base. Then, we need to reinvest these funds to encourage new housing and business development. We must focus on economizing our resources and strategic investments, rather than trying to “quote ourselves out of the problem.”

I will use 30 years of legal experience assisting others to solve problems through reasoning and negotiation to help Lakewood continue to progress and prosper.

Elections 2005

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City Council Ward One, Two Year Term

Candidate Information

Occupation Education

Qualifications for Office

Kevin Butler



Attorney
J.D. Cleveland State University
B.A. Miami University
St. Edward High School

A fourth generation Lakewoodite, I’m nostalgic for our past, optimistic for our future. I serve clients in construction and employment matters. Civic minded, I sit on a housing commission and assist my wife with the animal shelter.

Ryan J. Salo



Loan Officer

Lifelong resident, member of Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Alive and early childhood PTA. This involvement in addition to my small business connects me to many individuals and interests that make me a better candidate. I support our schools and am endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police.

School Board (Running Un-Opposed)

Candidate Information

Occupation Education

Qualifications for Office

Edward Favre

Law Enforcement

I’ve been involved in Lakewood Schools since our first child entered Lincoln in 1980. Since then, I’ve been involved in various committees, belonged to PTA, was President of the Lakewood High Athletic Boosters, and served on Commissions.

Appointented to the Board in 1997, elected 1997 and 2001. Board President 2000 and 2005. Running unopposed.

Betsy Bergen Shaugnessy

Manager, Patient Access,
Lakewood Hospital
Bachelor of Science,
Master of Business

As a member of the member of the Board of Education for 12 years, I have gained a strong understanding of school funding issues and have experience in building a strong partnership between parents, community and schools.

Elections 2005

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Question: What in your opinion is the most important issue currently in Lakewood?

In a decade, Lakewood lost 10 per cent of it’s citizenry, continuing the perception that home values decline while taxes rise. Overcoming this perception is Lakewood’s greatest challenge.

The most important issues facing Lakewood are our infrastructure, economic development and safety/services.

Question: If elected, how would you address this problem?

I will bring a fresh perspective to Council, build consensus, promote Lakewood’s health and future above all else. I will marshal the broad support I gained campaigning to keep our safety services and schools strong; incentivize first- time homebuying; and develop our commercial tax base without overburdening residents.

I want to accelerate the process for repairing streets/sidewalks/sewers and create a long term plan that does not solely rely on community development block grant dollars. I would also include the option for residents to bury utility and restore sandstone sidewalks if they choose to do so. I want to provide for a wireless internet blanket across the city.

Question: What in your opinion is the most important issue currently in Lakewood?

For the Schools: Maintain financial stability.

For the City: Correction of financial/structural imbalance of government and addressing infrastructure issues.

For the Community: Housing, it’s biggest the key to future stability.

To improve academic achievement and expand educational opportunities for all ages while remaining fiscally responsible to the Lakewood taxpayers.

Question: If elected, how would you address this problem?

There is no questions that all public schools in Ohio are in the financial situation that school operating levies are inevitable. It’s just a matter of time, depending on a variety of factors in each community. Most of these factors are outside the control of the local School Board. In Lakewood, we walk a very thin line of tight budget, managing expenses, and postponing the inevitable need for future levies as long as possible.

Continue current efforts to improve academic performance and improve school facilities. Strengthen community partnerships and remain attentive to opportunities to influence state decisions regarding education funding and mandates. Demonstrate through our actions that this is Lakewood’s time.

Election 2005

City of Lakewood Issues

ISSUE 57

Ballot Language – Official from the Board of Elections

Shall the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Article XI, Section 3, Classified and Unclassified Service, be amended to designate certain positions of employment within the civil service of the City as unclassified?

YES NO

Proposed Charter Language - Ordinance No. 73-05

Shall Article XI, Section 3, Classified and Unclassified Service, of the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, Ohio, be amended to read as follows?

(c) Classified and Unclassified Service. The Civil Service of the City of Lakewood is hereby divided into the unclassified and the classified service.

The unclassified service shall include:

- (1)Elected Officials;
- (2)Directors of Departments;
- (3)A maximum of three clerical and/or administrative employees assigned to the Mayor;
- (4)A maximum of two clerical and/or administrative employees assigned to the City Council;
- (5)Members of all boards and commissions appointed by the Mayor or Council;
- (6)The Clerk of Council and the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission;
- (7)Attorneys employed by the department assigned to the Law Director;
- (8)Employees of Lakewood Municipal Court;
- (9)City Engineer;
- (10)Unskilled Labor
- (11) Hourly rated personnel.

Current language in the Second Amended Charter, City of Lakewood:

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3. CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE.

The civil service of the City is hereby divided into the unclassified and the clas-sified service.

(1) The unclassified service shall include:

- (a) elected officers;
 - (b) directors of departments;
 - (c) members of all boards or commissions appointed by the Mayor or Council;
 - (d) the Clerk of Council and the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission;
 - (e) all employees of Lakewood Hospital; and
 - (f) unskilled labor and hourly rated personnel.
- (2) The classified service shall comprise all positions not specifically included in the unclassified service.

Explanation and Background

Passage of this issue would change the current Charter language to the lan-guage of Ordinance 73-05 as shown above. The listing of Unclassified Employees was recommended by the 2004 Charter Review Commission.

A Classified Employee is an employee protected by the rules of Civil Service based in the Pendleton Act of 1883 requiring the hiring of certain government employees based on a merit system.

An Unclassified Employee is an “at will” employee who is hired and/or fired at the discretion of the Mayor.

Issue 57 more clearly states who an ‘unclassified employee’ is and removes the employees of Lakewood Hospital from the definition.

Arguments For Issue 57

More clearly defines the unclassified employees in the Charter.

The Lakewood Hospital facility is leased by the City to Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the employees at the hospital are employees of the Clinic not the City. Since the hospital employees are not city employees, that language should be removed from the Charter.

This is primarily a “housekeeping” issue promoting clarity in the Charter.

Arguments Against Issue 57

The Second Amended Charter was approved by the citizens in November, 2000 and should not require amendments in such a short period of time.

ISSUE 58

Ballot Language – Official from the Board of Elections

Shall Article II, Section 5; Article III, Section 3 and Article XI, Section 7 of the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, be amended to require the Civil Service Commission in a biennial report to make salary recommendations for the Mayor and members of Council, which shall be subject to approval, rejection or downward modification by City Council?

YES NO

Current Charter Language

ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE SECTION 5. SALARY OF THE MAYOR.

The salary of the Mayor shall be established by ordinance, provided that such ordinance must be adopted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the final date fixed by law for the filing of nominating petitions by candidates for the office of Mayor for the ensuing term, and subject to further provisions of this Charter. That salary shall not be increased or decreased during such term.

ARTICLE III. THE COUNCIL SECTION 3. SALARIES.

The salaries of the members of Council shall be established by ordinance, pro-vided that such ordinance must be adopted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the final date fixed by law for the filing of nomination petitions by candidates for the office of member of Council of the City for the next succeeding term, and subject to further provisions of this Charter. That salary shall not be increased or decreased during such term and shall not take effect with respect to any member of Council during the term for which such member is elected.

ARTICLE XI. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SECTION 7. ADVISORY SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS.

On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Civil Service Commis-sion shall review and make a written report to Council, which report shall be filed with the Clerk of Council and the Mayor, setting forth the Commission’s recom-mendations for the salary and other compensation to be established for the offices of Mayor, members of Council, President of Council and Vice President of Council for the next ensuing term of office. The recommendations of the Commission shall not restrict the powers of Council to establish salaries and other compensation for such offices pursuant to this Charter. The failure of the Commission to make the recommendations required by this Section shall not affect the validity of salaries or other compensation for such officers established by Council.

Proposed Charter Language – Ordinance No. 74-05

ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE SECTION 5. SALARY OF THE MAYOR.

The salary of the Mayor shall be established by ordinance, provided that such ordinance must be adopted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the final date fixed by law for the filing of nomination petitions by candidates for the office of Mayor for the ensuing term, and subject to further provisions of this Charter.

The biennial report of the Civil Service Commission shall recommend the Mayor’s salary to the Council. (See Article XI, Section 7) Council shall accept, reject or modify the Civil Service Commission’s recommendations within 60 days of its receipt. No modification can increase the salary recommendations for the Mayor. No recommendation under this Section shall have any effect without Council action.

No change in the base salary for the Mayor shall take effect during the current term, except that in January of odd numbered years, and in any year in which the base salary is not changed pursuant to the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission, the salary of the Mayor shall be increased by the same percentage as used for the last preceding increase in Social Security payments.

ARTICLE III. THE COUNCIL SECTION 3. SALARIES.

The salaries of the members of Council shall be established by ordinance, pro-vided that such ordinance must be adopted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the final date fixed by law for the filing of nomination petitions by candidates for the office of member of City Council of the City for the next succeeding term, and subject to further provisions of this Charter.

The biennial report of the Civil Service Commission shall recommend the Council salaries to the Council. (See Article XI, Section 7) Council shall accept, reject or mod-ify the Civil Service Commission’s recommendations within 60 days of its receipt. No modification can increase the salary recommendations for the Members of Council. No recommendation under this Section shall have any effect without Council action.

The salary of a specific member of Council shall not be increased or decreased during the term in which any change in the salary is made.

ARTICLE XI. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SECTION 7. ADVISORY SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS.

On or before July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Civil Service Commission shall review and make a written report to Council, which report shall be filed with the Clerk of Council and the Mayor, setting forth the Commission’s recommen-dations for the salary and other compensation to be established for the offices of Mayor, and members of Council.

Article III, Section 3 of this Charter, shall govern the recommendations of the Commission.

Explanation and Background – Issue 58

In the General Election of November, 1998, the citizens of Lakewood approved a Charter amendment requiring the submission of salary increases for the Mayor and members of Council to the voters for approval. The proposed language for Issue 58 provides support for the changes proposed in Issue 59 but could also stand alone if Issue 58 passes but Issue 59 fails.

The substantive change for Issue 58 is the addition of a “cost of living” increase for the Mayor in any year in which there is not a salary increase as recommended by the Civil Service Commission. Only the “cost of living” increase can take effect during a Mayor’s current term of office. The “cost of living” change was recom-mended by the 2004 Charter Review Commission.

Arguments For Issue 58

It is reasonable to restrict market based salary increases for the mayor and mem-bers of City Council to the start of the next term of the office to which they were elected. It is not reasonable for a full time employee such as the mayor to receive no cost of living salary adjustment for a four year period, the length of the mayor’s term of office.

Inflation affects everyone. Including a mechanism to increase the mayor’s sal-ary based on a concrete measure such as the percentage change in Social Security payments for inflation, allows the city to attract good candidates for public office.

Arguments Against Issue 58

Any increase in spending by the City increases the tax burden of the citizens.

Election 2005

ISSUE 59

Ballot Language – Official from the Board of Elections

Shall Article III. Section 9, of the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, be amended to retain voter approval of income tax rates and credits, or any changes thereto, but permit City Council to adopt ordinances and resolutions pertaining to basic water rates and service charges, and to salary adjustments for the Mayor or any member of City Council?

YES NO
Current Charter Language

ARTICLE III. SECTION 9. VOTER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Any ordinance or resolution listed below in paragraph (a) through (e) shall not become effective, after passage thereof, until Council submits such ordinance or resolution to the electorate at a regular Municipal or general election occurring more than 60 days after the passage of the ordinance or resolution, and such ordinance or resolution is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the City;

(a) one providing for an increase in the rate of municipal income tax charged on taxable income within the City under the municipal income tax provisions;

(b) one providing for a reduction in the resident income tax credit for residents of the City under the municipal income tax provisions;

(c) one providing for an increase in the basic water rates charged before any exemption for water customers in excess of any cost increase incurred by the City from the City of Cleveland or any other entity supplying water to the City;

(d) one providing for an increase in the water customer service charge for water customers;

(e) one providing for an increase in the salary of the Mayor, or any member of Council in any capacity.

Proposed Charter Language – Ordinance 75-05

Any ordinance or resolution listed below in paragraph (A) and (B) shall not become effective until Council submits such ordinance or resolution to the electorate at a regular Municipal or general election occurring more than 60 days after the passage of the ordinance or resolution, and the ordinance or resolution is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the City.

(A) one providing for an increase in the rate of municipal income tax charged on taxable income within the City under the municipal income tax provisions; or

(B) one providing for a reduction in the resident income tax credit for residents of the City under the municipal income tax provisions.

Explanation and Background – Issue 59

In the General Election of November, 1998, the citizens of Lakewood approved a Charter amendment requiring the submission of salary increases for the Mayor and members of Council to the voters for approval. The proposed language for Issue 58 provides support for the changes proposed in Issue 59 but could also stand alone if Issue 58 passes but Issue 59 fails.

Issue 59 removes the voter approval requirement for increases in salary for Mayor and members of Council. It also removes the requirement for voter approval for increases in basic water rates and increases in customer service changes for water customers. These changes were recommended by the 2004 Charter Review Commission.

Arguments For Issue 59

Citizens elect their representatives and must trust them to make decisions that ‘promote the general welfare’ or vote them out of office.

Submission of business issues to the electorate runs contrary to the principles of our representative government.

Offering salaries that are competitive in the marketplace is essential to attracting good and qualified candidates for public office.

Requiring the submission of salary increases to the electorate unnecessarily complicates the process.

The required evaluation and recommendation of the Civil Service Commission provides an additional level of protection in setting fair and equitable salary levels.

Changes in salary and/or rates are discussed at City Council meetings which are open to the public.

Arguments Against Issue 59

Any increase in spending by the City potentially increases the tax burden of the citizens.

Citizens deserve the right to have a direct voice in major financial decisions.

The requirements that increases in salary for Mayor and members of Council and increases in basic water rates and water customer service rates be submitted for approval by the electorate were added to the Charter through a city wide ballot issue.

ISSUE 60

Ballot Language – Unofficial from the Board of Elections website

Ward 2 Precinct N Local Option

Question 5-R (2)

Shall the sale of spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of one p.m. and midnight by Rose Brian Inc. dba Red Rose Café, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of a D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3A liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operation of a Restaurant/Night Club at 14810 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 in this precinct?

ISSUE 61

Ballot Language – Unofficial from the Board of Elections website

Ward 3 Precinct B Local Option

Question 5-R (2)

Shall the sale of intoxicating liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Jay R.R.S. Inc. dba Richland Café, Rose Brian Inc. dba Red Rose Café, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of Tavern at 14027 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 in this precinct?

County Issues

ISSUE 6

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PROPOSED TAX LEVY (Replacement)

Ballot Language – Unofficial from the Board of Elections website

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Community College District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio for the purpose of providing educational services, including operating costs, furnishing and equipping of buildings, and improving property at a rate not exceeding 1.2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 12 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for nine (9) years, commencing in 2006, first due in calendar year 2007.

Explanation and Background

Cuyahoga Community College provides two years of college education and job training for 55,000 students annually at an affordable cost thereby supporting the local economy by training local people for the job market.

This replacement levy continues the 1.2 mill tax rate for Tri-C originally approved in 1996 but the actual tax dollar paid will increase because the 1.2 mills will be charged on the most recent assessed value of the property being taxed.

The increase in taxes paid is \$9.42 per year (\$.785 per month) per \$100,000 of home valuation as determined by the County Auditor’s Office.

ISSUE 7

Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)

Ballot Language – Unofficial from the Board of Elections website

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of Cuyahoga County for the purpose of the OPERATION OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, FINANCING, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each dollar of valuation which amounts to 39 cents for each one-hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2005, first due in calendar year 2006.

Explanation and Background

The County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities provides services for the education, training and care of people with metal retardation and developmental disabilities. These services include early intervention, job training, teaching daily living skills, and housing.

This replacement levy continues the 3.9 mill tax rate for mental retardation and developmental disability services but the actual tax dollar paid will increase because the 3.9 mills will be charged on the most recent assessed value of the property being taxed.

There are state and federal matching funds received but these matching funds will be cut next year.

The increase in taxes paid is \$22.81 per year (\$1.90 per month) per \$100,000 of home valuation as determined by the County Auditor’s Office.

Health Watch

Start-A-Heart Training

The Lakewood Start-A-Heart Committee will be offering the Heartsaver AED Course on a monthly basis. The course will be offered from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 14601 Madison Avenue, on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 9, 2005
- Wednesday, January 11, 2006
- Wednesday, February 8, 2006
- Wednesday, March 8, 2006
- Wednesday, April 12, 2006
- Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Heartsaver AED Course teaches the basic techniques of adult CPR and how to use an AED. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of four major emergencies: heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest and foreign-body airway obstruction.

The cost of the course is \$20.00. Registration forms can be picked up at Lakewood City Hall or Fire Station #1 or can be found on the City News

page of the City of Lakewood website at www.ci.lakewood.oh.us/citynews.html. To register by phone, please call (216) 227-2481.

The Lakewood Start-A-Heart Committee was formed in conjunction with the Lakewood Hospital Association to expand the current Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program within the City of Lakewood. In 2005, Lakewood Hospital Association generously contributed \$25,000 toward the purchase of additional AEDs, supplies and training. The Start-A-Heart Committee will direct the expansion and future implementation of the AED Public Access Program, determine the purchase and placement of the AEDs within the City, the purchase and distribution of supplies for the AED Program and training related to the use and operation of the AEDs. The Committee will also engage in fundraising efforts to help support the future financial needs of the program.

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They are not academic essays, nor are they how-to guides” (xii). They are simply meant to “stimulate the listener” in a “naggingly helpful” way (xii).

The essays do not disappoint: they consistently illustrate complex literary strategies through specific details from a large variety of novels, stories, dramas, and poems. They also delve into the nuances of important literary terms. For example, in an essay titled “On Defamiliarization,” Baxter explains that defamiliarization is “like that moment when, often early in the morning, perhaps in a strange house, you pass before

a mirror you hadn’t known would be there. You see a glimpse of someone reflected in that mirror, and a moment passes before you recognize that that person is yourself. Literature exists in moments like that” (49).

When asked to speculate about the future of fiction in a media-saturated world, Baxter replied that “novels may come to be an antidote to speed culture. Fiction with qualities of elegance and a kind of simple nudity may be a type of art people will crave as a harbor against increasing bombardment.” Like the title of one of his short story collections (Believers), Baxter seems to remain a firm believer in the power of fiction to illuminate ordinary life for years to come.

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