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## Shooting! Off Detroit Avenue

As summer's end drew near, a beautiful night in Lakewood was shattered by the sound of gunfire. While citizens were sitting on porches enjoying the night air, and musicians and poets were laying down their grooves at Phoenix Coffee, seven shots from a 9mm pistol rang out. Francisco Rodriquez is now being sought for the attempted murder of Justin Way, a 23 year old Lakewood native.

According to one witness, Way and Rodriquez had exchanged words earlier in the day. The exact nature of the alleged dispute is unknown. While the Lakewood Police could neither confirm nor deny it, several witnesses at the crime scene believed the victim and shooter had known each other. In their view, it was not a random act of violence, but rather, quite possibly a drug or debt-related hit.

At approximately 8:44 p.m. Way had been biking through the municipal parking lot behind First Federal of Lakewood where Rodriquez spotted him. Way then fled west on his bicycle through the municipal parking lots. Way crossed Cook Avenue where Rodriquez intercepted him behind Cerny Shoes and fired seven shots. On foot, Way continued, heading toward Gladys. There he collapsed behind the Party Station in the municipal parking lot.

Responding to the commotion of

gunshots and Way's cries for help, musicians, poets and customers from of the Phoenix Café ran around the corner to see what had happened. By the time they reached Way, Laura Flanagan, a masseuse from a nearby building, was already comforting the victim. Within minutes, the first of six police cars had already arrived. Way was taken to Lakewood Hospital, where two of four bullets from his back were removed. At the same time police were surrounding the alleged shooter's car, directly across from the Lakewood Catholic Academy on Lake Road. But Rodriquez was not to be found.

Police then visited a Clifton Avenue apartment where Rodriquez's girlfriend was taken into custody. At the time of this publication, Way is in stable condition at Lakewood Hospital.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Francisco Rodriquez, who is believed to have left the area.

If you have any information pertaining to the shooting or whereabouts of Francisco Rodriquez, please contact Sergeant Ed Donahue 216-529-6763 or Detective James Motylewski 216-529-6765. The Lakewood Police need your help. Please use caution, Rodriquez may be armed and is dangerous. He is wanted for Attempted Aggravated Murder.



The yellow tags, mark the shell casings of 6 of the shell casings. The Lakewood police were on the scene in 44 seconds. Also found the shooter's truck a couple blocks away.

## City of Lakewood's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

by Jennifer Pae

Lakewood Finance Director

On September 25, 2007, the State of Ohio Office of the Auditor released the City of Lakewood's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and fiscal audit for the year ended December 31, 2006. This report includes the financial results of operations for all of the City's activities during fiscal year 2006.

The Office of the Auditor of State's staff spent hundreds of hours in a very thorough review of every detail of the City's finances that began in February of this year. The City of Lakewood received an unqualified audit opinion, which means the Auditor of State has no reservations concerning the financial statements presented. Therefore, no deficiencies were found in the financial statements or the accounting standards employed.

The 2006 CAFR reflects not only the City's continued commitment towards sound fiscal management and excellence in financial reporting, but also presents interesting demographic and economic statistical data. This will mark the 25th consecutive year that the City of Lakewood will have received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The City was also notified this week that it has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2007 budget document. This is the 3rd year for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the GFOA, and Lakewood is one of only ten suburban municipalities in Ohio that can boast of the honor of receiving both awards.

The Distinguished Budget Award

represents a significant achievement by the City of Lakewood. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association service 16,800 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Programs are the only national awards programs in financial reporting and governmental budgeting.

## WANTED

Francisco Rodriquez



Age: 28 DOB: 01/21/1979  
Sex: Male  
Race: Hispanic  
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown  
Height: 5'08"  
Weight: 125

Missing From:  
Missing Since:

Details: Rodriquez is wanted for Attempted Aggravated Murder which occurred on 9/25/07 at 2044hrs. Suspect shot another male with a 9mm handgun and fled scene. Handgun has not been recovered. Rodriquez is known to frequent the areas of 3320 Meyer, Cleveland and 2729 Queen, Cleveland. Both of these areas were checked and the suspect was not located.

\*\*\*\*Use caution suspect could be armed and is dangerous\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*Attempted Aggravated Murder Warrant entered into LEADS\*\*\*\*

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# Events & Notices

The Lakewood Observer is pleased to publish Notices on a first-come first-serve basis. Please be patient with us as we have a limited amount of free space available for these items. All notices must be submitted through the Member Center at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com)

## Celebrating 75 Years Geiger’s Favorite Memory Contest Offers \$750 Top Prize

Geiger’s Family of clothing, ski and sport retail stores, founded 75 years ago, is asking its thousands of customers to come up with their “favorite Geiger memory” and write a brief essay describing that memory. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the essay deemed the “Best Geiger Memory” of the past 75 years will win its author a \$750 Gift Card at Geiger’s. “We’ve been a part of the retail landscape of Lakewood for a long time,” said current owner and third generation Geiger’s President, Chas Geiger. “We’re working on a history of our family stores, and are hoping our customers will provide us with their special memories of their experiences with the Geiger family.”

Participants in the contest are asked to pick up an entry blank at any Geiger’s store, visit our website at [www.shopgeigers.com](http://www.shopgeigers.com), or write Geiger’s Contest, 14710 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. Then, in 300 words or less, describe their favorite Geiger’s memory. It could be a unique in-store experience, or something special that happened with a purchase from Geiger’s. Decision of the judges will be final. There will also be eight runner-up prizes of a \$75 Geiger’s gift card for the best memory of each of the eight decades Geiger’s has been pro-

viding its unique blend of outstanding brands and thoughtful, knowledgeable service to its customers. The contest closes on October 31, 2007.

The Geiger’s Family of Stores was founded by Charley Geiger, Sr. in 1932 and is now in its third generation of family ownership and operation. Four locations in Northeast Ohio offer tailored men’s clothing, sporting goods and casual fashions for men and women. Geiger’s focuses on quality and variety of name-brand merchandise and outstanding service. Geiger’s has been run with pride by the Geiger family for more than 75 years.

helping women ski better and enjoy skiing more. The “Ski Soiree” is more than just a seminar. The event will feature a free gift for every woman attending, free wine and cheese, and some valuable door prizes from Geiger’s.

Thoren’s visit is sponsored by Geiger’s Lakewood and Geiger’s Ski and Sport Haus in Chagrin Falls whose owners enthusiastically endorse the Thoren Theory and the physical differences in men’s and women’s equipment. “We have asked Jeannie to share her unique skills with our already skilled associates. We want women in equipment that fits, is comfortable and helps them really enjoy skiing,” said Gordon Geiger. “Plus, Jeannie’s seminars are a lot of fun.”

Jeannie will also be available for one-on-one private consultations on Friday October 5 at Chagrin Falls and Saturday October 6 in Lakewood. Call 216 521 1771 for an appointment. Jeannie Thoren’s Ski Soirees – Thursday, October 4, 2007, 7:00 pm, Geiger’s Ski and Sport Haus, Chagrin Shopping Plaza, Chagrin Falls. Friday, October 5, 2007, 7:00 pm, Geiger’s Lakewood, 14710 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood. For information call 216 521-1771.

## Pasta Success - Thanks Lakewood



The Favres and the Brinkmans enjoy a good laugh, at this year’s PastaFiesta which was a huge success. DeDe MacNamee-Gold told us today the amount was \$8,700.

Thanks to support of ourm Community. Special “Thanks” to the Volunteer Committee who worked to put this wonderful event together; Arlene Staub, President, Ed Gamary, Vice Pre, Elsie Uher, Secretary, Harry Lieben, Foundation Representative, Cathy Breninghouse, John Guscott, Dorthy Hagan, Dan Hanson, Coletta Klein, Ruth Koenigsmark, Art Mahall, Bob McGranahan, Kay Schmucki, Pat Schuller, Robert Sherman, Jeanne Splain, Sharon Spooner

## ALSO AT GEIGER’S THIS WEEK: Jeannie Thoren To Hold Free Ski Soiree At Geiger’s

Jeannie Thoren, named one of the 25 “Most Influential People in Skiing” by SKIING magazine, will conduct two free “Ski Soirees” in the Cleveland area on October 4 and 5, 2007. Thoren, whose “Thoren Theory” helps women skiers radically improve their mastery of the sport, has spent 30 years studying the way women ski. “Women are not just ‘small men,’” says Thoren, “women have a different center of gravity, a wider pelvis, and different ankle and knee flexion than men.”

Until Thoren began her mission to help women skiers, ski manufacturers and equipment designers all developed and sold equipment designed by men, for men. Now women’s skis, boots and bindings are specifically designed to meet their physical characteristics. Thoren’s ski seminars will focus on issues facing women skiers, all with the goal of

## Indulge Your Senses....A Benefit For The Covenant On October 26, 2007

by Dee Krupp

The Covenant is a non-profit agency that provides chemical dependency treatment and prevention services for teens, children, and their families throughout Cuyahoga County -- regardless of their ability to pay. We are the only source of chemical dependency and dual diagnosis assessment and treatment services for indigent youth in Cuyahoga County.

Join us for an evening of decadent desserts and chocolates while you admire the fine artistry of local photographers and enjoy live music. Served with select Wines, Beverages & Appetizers. Photography Exhibitors: John Rehner Fine Art & Framing and John Earl Brown Fine Art Photography. Musicians: Norm Tischler (Saxophone / Clarinet) and The Sunshine Committee (Barbershop Quartet). Featuring the tantalizing creations

from... **A’venue Fine Pastries**, Cake at West Side Market, Cakes Plus, Corbo’s Italian Bakery, **Create-A-Cake**, **Edible Creations**, **Elmwood Bakery**, Lucy’s Sweet Surrender, Michael Angelo Bakery, Rito’s Italian Bakery, Slices Fabulous Pastries, **Sweet Designs Chocolatier**, Sweet Mosaic and What’s for Dessert?

The event will be held at The Covenant, 1515 West 29th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 in the historic neighborhood of Ohio City in the renovated McGuffey School on Friday, October 26, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. \$75 per person. \$65 is tax deductible and receipts will be provided. Pre-holiday orders may be placed with participating chocolatiers and bakeries. For more information or reservations, please call 216-574-9000 or e-mail [info@the-covenant.org](mailto:info@the-covenant.org) by October 19, 2007. Prepayment is required as we are unfortunately unable to accept payment at the door. All proceeds will benefit The Covenant.

## Saints Cyril & Methodius Church To Feature Harvest Homecoming Family Festival, October 14

by Natalie Schrimpf

Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church will host its annual fund-raiser Harvest Homecoming on Sunday, October 14, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event is free and includes a grand prize raffle to win \$1000, an array of mouth-watering ethnic foods, music, games and prizes for the entire family.

The festival will be held at the parish hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue in Lakewood.

As the oldest Catholic parish in the city of Lakewood, SS. Cyril & Methodius has a long-standing tradition of serving families within the community. The parish celebrated its centennial in 2003. For more information, contact the rectory at 216/521-7288.



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# Lakewood City Council

## Dottie Buckon Submits LIFE And VITA

Council President Robert Seelie called the September 17, 2007 meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Human Services Director Dottie Buckon submitted a resolution which acknowledged the efforts of the Lakewood Initiative for Financial Education (LIFE) partners and Volunteers in Tax Assistance (VITA).

These volunteers work to increase financial literacy and filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is the country's largest anti-poverty initiative, but it is not fully accessed by all eligible families in Lakewood. Through public information, outreach efforts, financial literacy programs and free self preparation tax clinics, the LIFE partnership has

worked since 2003 to expand the number of EITC filings and help residents build financial stability. VITA volunteers coordinated by Beth Ann Komara and Feliks Magrein, conducted free tax clinics at the Lakewood Public Library Main and Madison branch and completed a total of 206 returns.

Following the presentation picture of the volunteers, Buckon, Mayor Thomas George, and agents of the Internal Revenue Service gave a brief overview of that agencies' community outreach effort.

The Cliffs condominium project is taking another step forward. This dramatic building which is to be con-

**Stan Austin**  
**City Council Reporter**

structed along the Lakewood shore of Rocky River ran into some procedural roadblocks after it was initially proposed by The Foran Group two years ago. The roadblock was real. The Metroparks had authority and ownership of a roadway that led up to the property line of the new development. An extension of that roadway onto the Cliffs property was essential to building the project and access after it was built. The Metroparks Director expressed misgivings about extending the road, citing safety concerns.

Mayor George and the Planning Department initiated discussions with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners

who have authority over the Metroparks to allow construction to proceed. George received support from Commissioners Hagan, DiMora, and Peter Lawson Jones who made a personal visit to the site. This intervention by George convinced the Commissioners to order Metroparks to allow the construction.

At the meeting, a Tax Incremental Financing agreement which includes road building funds was passed. If you drive along Sloane Avenue, you will see the fenced off construction site.

Some politicians dream of "rock star" status like a Barack or a Rudy. Not so Kevin Butler (ward one). All ordinances are numbered and an updating of the ordinances and their numbers is now underway. Butler caught a discrepancy in one of the numbers and it was agreed to by the Law Director that it be changed.

## The End Is Near...Vote!

by Steve Hoffert

We are currently in the midst of an epic political battle for the Mayor of Lakewood, the likes of which only Homer could accurately portray through the written word. This pivotal event, some would lead you to believe, will make or break the future of our fine city. This city has survived less than competent politicians in the past.

So why, all of a sudden, is this race of such importance?

Is it the soaring crime not represented in the statistics, or the roads which were neglected for many years? Is it the lack of hanging baskets adorned with beautiful flowers that leads us to this unrecoverable nose dive? Or have the problems in our community been greatly exaggerated because they are relatively minor and easily corrected?

NO! I fanatically state. People seeking office would never embellish the statistics, lay it on thick, exaggerate the truth, overstate the facts, elicit concern, omit essential parts of the whole picture, or in any way shape or form, lie to us.

I have discovered the true reason for the importance of this race: We need a strong leader to avert the end of the world in 2012 as foreseen by the Aztecs.

Yes, folks, the world is ending in just over four short years. The pestilence, famine, disease, death and destruction of all that we know and hold dear can be deferred with the proper decision in this year's mayoral election. That's why it's so important!

You should no longer feel safe walking down the streets of Lakewood as you do now, for the end is near! Forget the friendly conversation with your neighbors, the great schools and city services, convenient shopping and wonderful entertainment, excellent police force and even, dare I say, the Lakewood Observer (such blasphemy!)

Our Mayor must be strong and swift to procure a new mall to forestall the end of the world. Our new leader must be charismatic in order to lead our people in a march to rid this city once and for all of all green space (for it might burn in the coming conflagration). Our new leader must speak in circles and repeat everything many times in order to convince the people that there truly exists a problem.

And, finally, our new leader must seek the wisdom of such wise sages who seek to remove from within the borders of our city the impurity of homes which lack central air and have detached garages, for this is an abomination.

This is why.....(dramatic pause).....Your vote is not just a vote.....but a crucial deed that could dramatically change the landscape of Lakewood for generations to come!

But I digress.

Please join the political fray and cast your vote at the primary election on October 2nd and on November 6th for the general election. One voice can truly make a difference.

Because of this attention to detail Butler proudly proclaimed, "that officially makes me the most boring councilman."

In this September meeting, council also finally passed legislation that may have benefits and importance for years to come.

Butler's Rules and Ordinances Committee produced the final version of the ordinances to update the traffic laws regarding bicycle operation in Lakewood. This was an effort to have Lakewood's laws conform with newly enacted Ohio legislation on bicycling.

Tim Liston, president of the BikeLakewood advocacy group, worked closely with the committee as it dealt with biking in Lakewood and how it could be made safer and conform with the State laws.


Liston explained the impact on Lakewood bike riders by saying, "The revised cycling ordinances amount to a complete revision of Chapter 373 of Lakewood's Codified Ordinances. The new ordinances bring Lakewood in compliance with Ohio House Bill 389 (aka the "Better Bicycling in Ohio" bill), which took effect in September of 2006. Lakewood is now one of only two or three Northeast Ohio communities with updated, cyclist-friendly ordinances. As cycling safety experts continue to promote "vehicular cycling" as safer than sidewalk cycling for all but the very youngest riders, the ordinances provide the necessary backdrop for safe cycling, particularly as motorists become aware of their obligation to "share the road." In fact, the ordinances begin with the sentence: "Every person riding a bicycle upon a street shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle." Lakewood's cyclists now have Lakewood's backing in their quest for bike-friendly streets. After formal passage of the revised ordinances, BikeLakewood's Tim Liston spoke briefly, thanking council and the administration on behalf of Lakewood cyclists.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. Bike On Lakewood!

### Are You Prepared For The Fall?

Thursday, October 11th  
10:30 am presentation:


### Tips on Prevention of Falls



Recovery from a fall can be a long hard process. While gravity is everywhere, simple preparation with tips from the professionals can prevent some falls, expedite help to your location and make the steps of recovery and rehabilitation easier to understand. Skilled Nursing Facilities accomplish more than ever before - providing that step between partial recovery at the hospital and full recovery to return safely home.

**Presenter is Janice Y. Mayer**  
*Lifeline Community Outreach Account Coordinator of Lakewood Hospital*  
**Assisted by Cindy Losak, PT**  
*Director of Physical Therapy for Lakewood Senior Health Campus*

Join us for a Buffet luncheon following the presentation.



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# Lakewood Public Library

Jim Gill In Concert:

## Twice As Fun As TV With Only Half The Radiation!

by Martha Wood

It's hard not to like a guy who spins a yarn about his mother's outrageously frugal use of peanut butter and jelly and then weaves that story into a love song about his sister's boyfriend and his motorcycle. Or a guy who comes up with the headline for his story in the Lakewood Observer! That guy is Jim Gill and Jim is bringing his original acoustic folk music and hilarious stories to the Lakewood Public Library's "Sunday with the Friends" series on Sunday, October 7. This inaugural event in our Fall/Winter season of programs begins at 2 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Gill is known for his Americana folk style, which he started performing live in 2001. He is also recognized for his abilities as both raconteur and songwriter. His offbeat stories stem from growing up as the only son in an Irish-Catholic family often. What better place than the stage at Lakewood Public Library for Jim to tell you about a sister who went sleepwalking out of the house at 3 o'clock in the morning to presumably return a book to the library? He follows this with a moving song about his own experience as a child walking to the library in the snow to find a quiet place to hangout.

Jim's show is a veritable roller coaster ride of emotions and ideas. His banter with audience members is a trademark delight. Said one venue owner, "His hilarious stories and lightning-fast wit engender in the audience a sense of being in their own living room at a great house party! I've never seen someone so comfortable standing in front of a room full of people!"

2007 has already been a banner year for this talented performer. Last February, Jim shared the stage with Nashville singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier at the Columbus Performing Arts Center and brought down the house with his opening set. Most recently he was invited to appear at The Beachland Ballroom with Michael Stanley, Alex Bevan and others as Cleveland area musicians paid tribute to John Bassette, an influential local songwriter from the 70s who passed away last year. That concert, and the release of the tribute CD, has helped introduce Jim's music to a much larger national audience. Gill has just finished production on his fourth release, "Jim Gill Live Volume One." The CD contains 14 tracks culled from shows at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, The Ritz Theatre in Tiffin and Coffee Amici in Findlay, Ohio. There are 4 new songs, along with fan favorites and a few of the hilarious stories that make his concerts unique. When asked about this, Jim responded, "I can't tell you how many people have asked me if I ever record these sto-

ries, because they're dyin' to get their hands on a copy!"

A lover of music his entire life and a guitar player since childhood, songwriting seemed the next logical step in Jim's musical evolution. But it wasn't until he decided to work from home

as an American Greetings illustrator and writer that his music started to become his main focus. His songs are conveyed in his signature, lush, baritone voice that music producer Jim Ballard describes as, "Jim Croce with warmth and range!" In the words

of Cuyahoga Falls venue owner, Kelly Steele, "It's almost not fair to be so musically talented and flat out hilarious at the same time!" Be sure to check out Jim Gill for yourself in Lakewood Public Library's beautiful new auditorium on Sunday, October 7 at 2 p.m.

## Backtrack Into Local Railroad History

by Ben Burdick

If past turnout for train programs is any indicator, then hordes of railroad enthusiasts are sure to descend upon the New Lakewood Public Library Auditorium on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. for Pictorial Review of the Lakeshore Electric Railway and the Nickel Plate Railroad, an authoritative slideshow and lecture assembled and narrated by RTA veteran and rail fan Wayne Cahoon. Amateur railroad history seems to be a popular pastime in Northeast Ohio—as well it should be considering the major impact that trains have had in shaping the area.

In the days of horse-drawn carriages on dirt roads, the Lakeshore Electric Railway was a merger of several smaller interurban railways into one service that connected the major communities along the southern shore of Lake Erie from Cleveland to Toledo. Small parks and beaches originally established by the LSE as recreation areas did much to bring tourism to northern Ohio. In fact, one little picnic area set outside Sandusky eventually grew to be the amusement giant, Cedar Point. The speedy electric trains provided serious competition for steam-powered rivals until the last car rolled out of Cleveland in 1938. And though most of the tracks are now gone, the backbone of northern Ohio's electric infrastructure can be traced back to the layout of the railway's power structure.

The Nickel Plate Railroad, by contrast, stretched along the southern shore of all the Great Lakes, extending service from New York City to St. Louis, Missouri. Although a variety of long distance rail services were available in Northern Ohio by the time the Nickel Plate was created, Ohioans welcomed the new railroad as a way to break the virtual monopoly on freight held by William Henry Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt ended up buying the Nickel Plate anyway in 1882, when the construction costs proved too high for the original investors. Legend has it that he bought it only to keep it out of the hands of his rival, Jay Gould. Vanderbilt kept traffic on the Nickel Plate light for the sake of his beloved Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. (He couldn't quite afford to shut down the newly acquired Nickel Plate completely.) But less traffic just made the Nickel Plate faster and the

railroad soon become an important and profitable conduit for fresh meat and fruit. For a time, it was popularly known as, "The Meat Express Line."

In 1915, an anti-trust decision forced Vanderbilt to sell the Nickel Plate to Cleveland's rapid transit entrepreneurs, the Van Sweringen brothers. With the leverage of the Nickel Plate, the brothers were finally able to realize their long-held dream

of constructing a single terminal on Public Square to handle all the various rail traffic coming in and out of Cleveland. This, of course, eventually led to construction of the Terminal Tower—the second tallest skyscraper in the country at the time. Another lecture, exclusively on the careers of the Van Sweringen brothers, will be coming to the Lakewood Public Library on November 8.

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### Lakewood Hospital Congratulates Cipriano Beredo, M.D.

Dr. Beredo was named the 2007 Physician of the Year by the Lakewood Hospital Medical Staff.

This honor was awarded to Dr. Beredo because he exhibits high professional standards; he is a physician role model who is respected by peers and colleagues; he believes that the welfare of patients is of the utmost importance and he has dedicated his practice to the Lakewood Hospital community.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Come Catch The Blues October 14th

by Eve Klodnick

On Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m., renowned blues harmonica player, singer and songwriter Wallace Coleman comes to the Lakewood auditorium stage. In 2002 Living Blues, America’s oldest and most authoritative blues magazine, awarded Coleman a Living Blues Award for “Most Outstanding Harmonica Player.” A professional

musician since 1987 Coleman has also won an Ohio Heritage Award for recognition of his mastery of the blues. Growing up in Tennessee where the music scene is dominated by country and western music, Wallace Coleman was instead drawn to the sounds of the Blues which he listened to at night on Nashville’s WLAC radio station. In 1956 Coleman moved to Cleveland and found work at Hough

Bakeries where he was employed for the next thirty years. A co-worker heard Colman playing his harmonica on his breaks and brought in his cousin to hear Coleman play. This meeting was the start of Coleman playing with Cleveland’s Guitar Slim at the Cascade Lounge. It was at the Cascade Lounge that Robert Lockwood Jr. heard Coleman and asked him to join his band. So

after retiring from Hough Bakeries he spent the next ten years traveling the United States and Europe playing with Robert Lockwood Junior. Coleman also performed on Lockwood’s Grammy-nominated CD, “I Gotta Find Me a Woman.” In 1997 Coleman left Lockwood’s band to head up the Wallace Coleman Band. His first CD “Wallace Coleman” was a critical success both in the U.S. and abroad. Reviewing the CD, Living Blues wrote “...this delightful CD must be rated one of the year’s finest offerings of classic Chicago Blues,” (Sept/Oct 1997). In 2000, Coleman established his own record label, Pinto Blue Music. The Wallace Coleman band plays at blues festivals all over the country and also tours in Europe. Wallace enjoys sharing the history of his music with a wide audience, and with that in mind he often conducts workshops and showcases in a variety of places such as grade schools and nursing homes. So come to Lakewood Public Library on October 14 and enjoy the music of the man who takes pride in being the only harmonica player ever hired by Robert Lockwood Jr. To hear samplings of Wallace Coleman’s music or download his song “Big Dog Blues” for free go to [www.wallacecoleman.com](http://www.wallacecoleman.com).

## Empty Your Pockets at Lakewood Public Library Calling All Lakewood Kids!

Do you have any pocket treasures, something you found that was cool, interesting, neat or special that you picked up and put in your pocket? If you don’t currently have any pocket treasures, can you go out and find some? Try looking for treasures as you walk to school, visit the park or play in your own backyard. From October 1 through October 31, Lakewood Public Library’s Children’s and Youth Services Department is collecting pocket treasures from Lakewood’s kids, age birth through 14. These items will become part of our new Early Literacy Area, designed

by the Burgeon Group, that will open when the library’s construction project is complete in early 2008. Some examples of great pocket treasures are: Natural Items—feathers, pebbles, acorns, buckeyes, seeds, leaves, sticks, shells, pressed flowers. Found Objects—string, ribbon, buttons, bottlecaps, marbles, ticket stubs, neat paper bits, keys, screws, washers. Cultural Heritage Pieces—coins, pins, foreign candy wrapper, newspaper clippings. These special items will inspire a

library exhibit and may become a permanent part of the library, so please make sure that you are willing to part with your treasure. Though we would like to use every single treasure you share, we have to wait to see what and how many neat items we collect. Your treasures just might be shared with everyone in Lakewood now and for many years to come. Bring in all your treasures to our special box at the Children’s and Youth Services desk at Main Library. If you have any questions, please call us at (216) 226-8275, ext 140.

### Lakewood Public Library Events Calendar

**Lakewood Public Cinema Disney’s Robin Hood (1973)**  
**Directed by Wolfgang Reitherman** This light-hearted cartoon romp through the legend of Robin Hood memorably features Ballo the Bear as Little John and Roger Miller as a folk-singing rooster balladeer. Join the sly fox as he “borrows” from rich and gives to the poor. Oo-de-lolly-golly, what a day! **Saturday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Main Library Auditorium**  
**Sunday With the Friends****New Main Library Auditorium 2:00 p.m.**  
**October 7 Jim Gill: Live in Concert** He’ll make you laugh one minute, and the break your heart with the very next song. Yet, there’s an unshakeable sincerity to every twist and turn. Poet Louis Pastor calls the big-hearted baritone, “the best (darn) singer-songwriter in the land.” **October 14 Traditional Chicago Blues** Self-taught harmonica player, Wallace Coleman, traveled the world for ten years with Robert Lockwood Junior’s legendary band, then hit the road with his own group, playing every major blues festival in the United States. Here’s your chance to hear rhew Living Blues Award winner perform solo.  
**Lakewood Public Library and the Lakewood Historical Society Program Pictorial Review of the Lakeshore Electric Railway and Nickel Plate Railroad** Regional Transit Authority veteran Wayne Cahoon loves railroading and believes his title speaks for itself. See for yourself when this comprehensive slideshow pulls into our station.**Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Main Library Auditorium**  
**Family Weekend Wonders** Make the library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts for children. Our staff will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue reading and storytelling at home. The programs are free and there is no need to register in advance. Choose the day and time most convenient for you.

| Upcoming Themes:          |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>October 5, 6, 7</b>    | Nibble, Nibble Little Mouse                |
| <b>October 12, 13, 14</b> | Fuzzy, Wuzzy Friends                       |
| <b>Day</b>                | <b>Time*</b>                               |
| <b>Friday</b>             | 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.           |
| <b>Saturday</b>           | 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.           |
| <b>Sunday</b>             | 2:00 p.m. In the Madison Branch auditorium |

**Homework ER:** for students in kindergarten through eighth gradeTuesday, September 4, 2007 – Thursday, May 22, 2008 Need a little extra help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? We transform part of the library into the Homework ER with helpers and a cart full of resources. Homework ER will be closed for school holidays and vacations. No need to register. Monday-Thursday, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch

**Four O’clock Club:** for students in kindergarten through eighth gradeTuesday, September 4, 2007 – Friday, May 23, 2008Join the Club! Come for a different activity each weekday. No need to register.

| DAY       | TIME      | ACTIVITY  |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| Monday    | 4:00 p.m. | Make-It-Take-It (craft day)                             |
| Tuesday   | 4:00 p.m. | Marvelous Mysteries (surprise day)                      |
| Wednesday | 4:00 p.m. | Twist, Shout, Act It Out<br>( movement, music and drama |
| Thursday  | 4:00 p.m. | Games Galore (game to play or make)                     |
| Friday    | 4:00 p.m. | Make-It-Take-It (craft day)                             |

At the Madison Branch

**Reading Rumble 2007:** a book discussion program for students in fifth through eighth gradeEnter the ultimate book-based team competition. Competitors will use problem –solving skills, teamwork and the knowledge of what they have read to complete a variety of challenges. Which team will rise to the top? To register, please stop in the library or call 216.226.7428.

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Thursday, October 4 | Joey Pigza Swallowed a Key by Jack Gantos<br>The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot  |
| October 18          | Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man by Wendelin Van Draanen<br>The Westing Game by Ellen RaskinThursday,   |
| November, 1         | Uncle John’s Did You Know--?  |
| November 15         | Bathroom Reader for Kids Only!Thursday,<br>Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis<br>The Watson’s Go to Birmingham-1963<br>by Christopher Paul Curtis Thursday |
| November 29         | Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz<br>Airborne by Kenneth OppelThursday,  |
| December 6          | Summary of the eleven books<br>7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. at the Madison Branch  |

**Can YA Tell Stories?:** for students fifth through eighth grade. Do you like to tell stories? Ever wanted to read to children? Interested in presenting a story time to toddlers and preschooler? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please sign up for this series of five one-hour, interactive workshops, then present a special story time to the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA. All participants who complete the program will receive a certificate and other rewards. To register, please stop in the library or call 216.228.7428. Tuesdays, October 2-October 30, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Madison BranchSpecial Story Time Presentation on Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch

Lakewood City News

Why I Am Voting Markling For Lakewood School Board - Academic Excellence

by Richard A. Wair

As a friend first and also in my role as treasurer for the Markling for Lakewood City Schools campaign, Matt Markling and I have spent countless hours discussing the Lakewood Schools. Most of those conversations have focused on the three critical concepts that make up his action plan for strong Lakewood City Schools: **academic excellence, student safety, and leadership**. More often than not we tend to agree on what needs to be done and how it should be done. We are in complete agreement, however, that as Lakewood citizens we have much to be proud. Lakewood already has:

- \* A teaching and support staff that is first rate;
- \* Instructional leadership that works hard and effectively to meet the challenge of providing a superior education for all students;
- \* Financial oversight that manages and invests our tax dollars prudently;
- \* An aggressive facilities plan and process dating back to 2002 that has provided and will continue to provide state of the art facilities for Lakewood's young people; and
- \* A history of community collaboration and customer service - a school system that understands that the schools belong to the citizens of Lakewood.

There are many other areas that are sources of pride, including the West Shore Career Technical Program, Lakewood City Academy, Lakewood Recreation and Adult Education, and the many opportunities available in our music, art, and athletic programs. The middle and elementary schools provide a large number of both curricular and co-curricular opportunities. It is clear that Lakewood has worked hard and done well to develop programs that address the needs and interests of Lakewood students.

The first two bullet points are directly related to and are critical components for developing a school system that is continually Academi-

cally Excellent. It is the teaching staff that provides the instructional delivery, the ongoing assessment, and the individualized assistance to make learning come alive in our classrooms. It is the support staff that creates the environment and handles the "business" required for any modern school. It is the leadership of building and district instructional administrators that must assure that state of the art instructional materials are available for all and that all staff is provided with the necessary professional development to meet the ever-changing instructional needs of Lakewood students.

As a school board member, Markling will work with his colleagues and the Superintendent to define the district goals and develop the policies necessary to implement those goals. Markling has been very clear regarding his attitude and philosophy relative

to the ongoing challenge for achieving building-by-building and district **Academic Excellence**:

- \* Continue what Lakewood has done for a number of years: attract, hire, and retain the very best instructional staff. The same standard will apply for support staff and administration.
- \* Provide the teaching staff with the best instructional materials and technology necessary to provide the highest quality instruction.
- \* Provide the leadership, support, and continuing education/professional development that all staff require for peak performance. This includes continuing review and program evaluation to ensure that strategies and programs are working effectively. Continuing staff education is inconsequential if it does not positively impact procedures in the school buildings and instruction in the classrooms. Improvement results from

effective execution of best practices.  
\* While understanding that State and Federal Accountability Standards may make achieving academic excellence in Lakewood a significant challenge, **never, make excuses!** Stay focused on the need to provide the opportunity for **academic excellence** for each and every young person in Lakewood.

Markling believes that, as parents, you want your children to enjoy attending school, feel safe, and have the educational experience that will prepare them to be happy, engaged, and productive citizens. He knows that Lakewood citizens have supported the district's efforts to always strive for academic excellence across the district at all grade levels. Matthew Markling will provide the focus and the consistent execution to lead this important effort.

**Vote Markling for School Board on November 6, 2007!**

Church Begins Drive For Beanie Babies To Build Bridges In Iraq

by Sue Emmons

A drive to secure new or gently used Beanie Babies has been spurred by a request from the serviceman son-in-law of a parishioner at the Church of the Ascension in Lakewood. The Beanies, which will be collected at the church, will be distributed to young girls in the war-torn Baghdad area where he is stationed with the U.S. Army.

The soldier, who cannot be further identified for national security reasons, said he and members of his unit noticed that many items, particularly sporting goods, are donated to boys in Iraq, but very few items that arrive are designed to be enjoyed by the young girls. Beanie Babies, he said, are appropriate donations to fill this gap.

He indicated that members of his unit are "like Pied Pipers" to the youngsters there because of their many efforts to provide assistance to the young children in their neighborhood.

Many sporting goods manufacturers have sent truckloads of items, such as soccer balls, to be used by young boys in the area. School supplies, appropriate to both sexes, have also been donated in large numbers.

Young girls, however, due mainly to Iraqi culture, have largely been ignored as far as fun toys are concerned. Dolls are prohibited because they do not look like the Iraqi girls. Hair ribbons and other hair accessories similarly are barred because they are not considered appropriate attire for the young girls of Baghdad. However, Beanie Babies are deemed acceptable. Some will also be donated to boys who are too young to participate in sporting events. The only limitation in the Beanie donation is that bears cannot be dressed in military attire, cannot display American flags, and cannot be of a religious nature (no angels, for example).

Members of the soldier's unit will

distribute the Beanie Babies. In an email to his mother-in-law, the soldier wrote, "We can really use the Beanie Babies. We have kids all over so we can give them out with no problem."

The Rev. W. Lee Domenick, Jr., rector of the church, said Beanies can be donated at the church offices daily from 9 am to 3 pm or after services on Sunday. Marge Hildebrandt, a Church of the Ascension parishioner and a teacher at McKinley Elementary School in Lakewood, is chairman of the effort. It is also the custom at the Church of the Ascension to pray for military members of the parish at every Sunday service.

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# Lakewood Schools & Sports

## LHS Boys Cross Country Continue Winning: Salukombo Runs Past Competition

by Joe Ott

Lakewood Varsity Cross Country runner Makorobondo Salukombo, also known as Dee, won his third cross country race of the season by winning the McDonough Invitational, held at Forest Hill Park in Cleveland Heights on Saturday, September 15. In addition to his third win, Dee recorded a personal record (PR) by completing the 5k race in 15 minutes, 51 seconds.

Dee's first place finish, along with strong finishes by the six other Lakewood Varsity team members - Nick and Casey Meeson, Tim Kelly, Jay Toole, Mike Andreani, and Pat Joyce -earned the team First Place overall among the 15 teams competing. The Lakewood JV team placed third overall among 13 teams. JV runner Jacob Ott got his first overall win with a PR time of 17:43, while teammate Matt Miller placed third overall.

The McDonough Invitational, known as a fast and tough course with a steep and brutal climb, saw 19 Lakewood runners score PR's, including first year runner Tim Kelly with a time of 16:57.

The Girls Varsity team took sixth

place overall with 11 teams competing. Varsity runner Hannah Evans was the highest placing Lakewood runner, coming in 21st with a time of 21:12.

Saturday, September 22, saw the Boys Varsity team win the Second Sole Strongsville Invitational held at Strongsville's Pat Catan High School. The meet drew 18 teams. Makorobondo Salukombo won the meet with a time of 16:01, followed closely again by teammates Nick and Casey Meeson, Tim Kelly, Jay Toole, Jacob Ott, Mike Andreani, Matt Miller, and Pat Joyce.

The Boys Open race saw Lakewood finish a strong fifth out of 15 teams competing. Sam Debaltzo was the highest placing Lakewood runner in the open race, followed by Max Senger, Ryan Walsh, Willie Wirtz, Clay Verga, John Reulbach and Kyle Kovach.

The Girls Varsity team finished 13th overall in a field of 15. Hannah Evans was the highest placing Girls Varsity runner followed by Daniela Beltran, Bianca Beltran, Rebecca Hartsel, Audrey Wimbiscus, Morgan Bulger, and Emily Patsouras.

The Girls Open race saw Lakewood

finish 13th out of 14 teams.

According to Lakewood Cross Country Head Coach Rick Ventura, the Cross Country team is "further ahead" than he thought they would be at this point in the season and "barring any injuries or illnesses" they should qualify for the State Championships held at Scioto Downs in Columbus on November 3, 2007.

This year, with the team being in a new conference (NOC - Northeast Ohio Conference), they will compete at the Boardman Regional. Ventura says Boardman is a "chancier course" than Tiffin and there will be "a lot of good teams" represented. However, with the team's successes so far this season and the team being "deeper" with talent this year, Ventura is excited about their



chances and the balance of the season. To qualify for the State Championships, the team will need to do well at the Boardman race, held October 27, in Boardman, Ohio. And there are 4 more races before then, including one in Genesee Valley, New York.

## Rangers and Lady Comets Score \$7k for Breast Cancer Awareness

by Todd Shapiro

Pink was the color of the night when the Lakewood Rangers volleyball team traveled to Solon to take on the state-ranked Lady Comets last Thursday. To raise breast cancer awareness both teams wore special pink uniforms and played with a special pink and white ball. The Lady Comets easily defeated Lakewood on the scoreboard by a score of 25-8, 25-15, 25-12. But the real winner was the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which received over \$7,000 in proceeds from t-shirt sales and fundraisers that took place last week at Solon High School as part of the Volley for the Cure program.

When the action on the court started, the Rangers quickly fell behind 12-3 in game 1 after Senior Kayla Jeter scored eight consecutive service points. Jeter, who was a second team all-Ohio selection after her junior season, has already made a commitment to continue her volleyball career at the University of Tennessee.

The Rangers dug themselves an early hole by winning just four points on serve in the first two games but battled back to hang tough with a Solon team that is currently ranked number four in Ohio in Division I and has won their league championship for the past 13 seasons.

Lakewood made up for some of its service errors with outstanding net play against a taller Lady Comets team. Middle hitter Caitlin Link recorded a number of kills and blocks at the net against Solon's potent double block defense. Link was able to get around

the double block by perfectly placing the ball in the corner of the Lady Comet court.

"Caitlin had a tough task tonight against that double block but she has been able to do everything I've asked of her all season," Brogan said.

Another bright spot for the Rangers was the play of sophomore Sam Kash. At 5-foot-4 Kash is the shortest player on the Lakewood roster but she stepped up big in the third game with three straight service winners to keep the Rangers in the match. Kash impressed Brogan with her play in the pre-season to earn a spot on the varsity roster. "I don't keep a player on varsity unless I know they can play. I've been pleased with Sam's play but I knew this is what she can do."

While the Lady Comets are clearly the top of the class in the NOC Valley Division this season, the schedule does not get much easier for the Rangers. Lakewood returns home tonight to take on Stow and faces North Royalton in another NOC Valley division showdown Thursday at home. The Rangers will be looking to even the season series against both schools.

Solon improved their record to 12-2, with one of those losses coming against Ohio's top ranked Cincinnati Mother of Mercy. The Rangers dropped to 8-9 on the season. With less than two weeks remaining in the regular season, tournament seeding and match-ups will be on the line for the Rangers in their final three home matches.

## Rangers Rout Garfield in Homecoming Triumph

by Todd Shapiro

Homecoming weekend is a time to celebrate traditions and friendships old and new. The Lakewood Rangers 2007 homecoming opponent was their old Lake Erie League foe, the Garfield Heights Bulldogs. The Rangers dominated Garfield Heights on both sides of the ball and added two special teams touchdowns on their way to a 38-6 rout in a Northeast Ohio Conference cross-over game on September 21.

After a scoreless first quarter, Lakewood scored first when sophomore fullback Joe Young capped a nine-play 77-yard drive with an eight-yard touchdown run to put the Rangers on the board. Ardjan Bako's extra point made the score 7-0 with 9:43 remaining in the first half. Young carried the ball seven times for 38 yards in his first start in place of injured Mike Harrington.

The Rangers special teams added the next points when defensive end Kenny Kinder ran untouched into the Bulldogs' backfield to block a Nick Bowling punt. Kinder then scooped up the football and lumbered 24 yards for Lakewood's second touchdown.

Lakewood's punt coverage unit added another score in the fourth quarter when senior George Newbrough ran 57 yards down the left sideline with a Bowling punt to put the Rangers ahead 31-6.

The Rangers' special team prowess did not go unnoticed by Coach Jim Slagle. "We are getting better every week. Our defense and special teams picked up this week."

That is not to say the Rangers weren't impressive on the offensive side of the ball. Lakewood netted 264 yards of total offensive and 13 first downs. Quarterback Dan Shannon was 7-of-9 passing for 124 yards. Shannon's favorite target was senior flanker Jon Ross.

Ross caught six passes for 88 yards. Shannon's other completion went to senior co-captain Jim Guzey.

Tailback Robert Trivett had another big night for the Rangers. Trivett's 20-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter against the porous Bulldog defense gave Lakewood a 21-0 lead. In five games Garfield Heights has allowed its opponents to score 145 points.

The Bulldogs only points of the night came with 3:58 to go in the third quarter when senior running back Ahmad Hagler scored from 5 yards out to close the score to 21-6. The two-point conversion attempt failed when quarterback Kendrick Price's pass sailed past the outstretched arms of intended receiver Luke Kupniewski.

With their first home Northeast Ohio Conference win, the Rangers improved their record to 3-2 while Garfield Heights fell to 2-3.

"We look at our schedule as 10 mini-seasons," Slagle said. "We will enjoy (the Garfield Heights win) until about 4:15 Monday afternoon when we will be back on the practice field to start over again"

The Rangers will find themselves up against some of the top football programs in northeastern Ohio in the second half of the season. Valley Division foes Solon, Strongsville, Brunswick and Medina all qualified for the OHSAA Division I playoffs in 2006 and Elyria is just two years from their last playoff appearance in 2005.

After this week's visit to Strongsville's Pat Catan Stadium, the Rangers will be home for their final two home games of the season against Medina and Brunswick before closing out the 2007 campaign at Elyria's Ely stadium.



Lakewood Health News

The Top Five Questions A Woman Should Ask Her Doctor

by Karen Kilbane

Just a few decades ago, a woman’s conversation with her doctor was minimal, sometimes conducted entirely via her husband. But, times have changed, right?

Doctors are no longer making house calls, yet female patients and doctors still lack meaningful conversation. That’s why Jazzercise Founder and CEO Judi Sheppard Missett suggests that women write down a list of questions and bring that list to their appointment. At the top of your list, include these five questions:

**1. Will my supplements or herbal remedies interfere with my prescription medication?**

Most women don’t even think to tell their doctors that they are taking glucosamine for that nagging knee pain or doubling-up on vitamin C to fight off that seasonal cold. Yet, supplements can affect the effectiveness of prescription medicine. Calcium pills have been known to interfere with thyroid medicine, while other commonplace supplements can hinder the effectiveness of birth control pills. Of course, your doctor may not warn you about possible interactions if you don’t speak up about the sup-

plements you’re taking on a regular basis.

**2. Is this mole abnormal?**

Skin cancer is diagnosed more often in the U.S. than any other type of cancer. When detected early, the suspicious skin spots are easily treated. It only takes a few minutes for your doctor to glance over your skin’s surface area from head-to-toe. But, most doctors will not include this as part of your routine exam, unless you ask.

**3. What is my cholesterol level?**

Only 20 percent of doctors are aware that heart disease kills more women than men every year. In fact, heart disease, the number one killer of women, will claim more female lives than the next five causes of death combined, according to the American Heart Association. Fortunately, coronary disease can be prevented with lifestyle modifications and prescription medications. Find out where you stand by getting a blood test that reveals your cholesterol levels. Ask your doctor to check your total cholesterol level, as well as your HDL (“good”) cholesterol and your LDL (“bad”) cholesterol levels.

**4. When can I schedule a colonoscopy?**

Colon cancer is not just a men’s disease. The American Cancer Society estimates that more new cases of colon cancer will be diagnosed in women than men in 2007. It’s fully treatable, when found early. The best way to detect colon cancer is through a colonoscopy. This procedure lets the doctor inspect the inside of your entire colon for any growths that could become cancerous. A colonoscopy is particularly vital for women over age 50, who are at a greater risk for colon and rectal cancer.

**5. Should I receive the HPV vaccine?**

The human papilloma virus (HPV) is the cause of virtually all cases of cervical cancers. A newly developed vaccine, ideally designed for girls ages 9-26, works if given before you’ve been exposed to HPV types 6, 11, 16, and 18. But, even if you’ve already been infected with HPV, it may still be beneficial to get the vaccine, since it’s unlikely that you’re infected with all four types of the virus that the vaccine covers.

The next time that you visit your doctor for your annual check-up, remember that your health is in your hands. Speak up! Ask questions! Be persistent! After all, it may be a matter of life and death.





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Lakewood Observer

# Instant Human; Just Add Coffee!

by Justine Cooper

If you go to [foxcleveland.com](http://foxcleveland.com) and locate their “hot list” of favorite small businesses, you will find Lakewood’s best kept secret, The Coffee Pot, in historic birdtown, nominated for best home fries! Now I knew this before I read the hot list, because as I was visiting a shop in Rocky River, I overheard a woman tell her friend that, “If you want the best home fries, you have to go to The Coffee Pot in Lakewood”. I knew that there was recently a new owner who bought this quaint little restaurant, but had not yet been there myself.

A week after overhearing that conversation, I stopped in and was pleasantly surprised to taste the best home fries I have ever had! They were seasoned just right, with “secret” ingredients, and not greasy but perfectly cooked! I had not been in the restaurant since the last owner, May, owned the place. A valid source tells me that Publisher of The Lakewood Observer, Jim O’Bryan met his wife Debra at this very restaurant when she worked with May! I really liked May, and the feel of the restaurant, but was discouraged by the cigarette smoke that lingered over my food. To be able to go in now, absent the smoke, made this spot a family friendly eatery. And to top it off, the prices are unbelievably low for the value of the food!

Since my first visit, I have been there several times, and have come to know the owner Joanne (Jozi) Zingale, a warm and nurturing soul who has amazed me as I learned her background. Jozi was a communications engineer for Bell for 21 years before she opened this little mom and pop diner! She admittedly left a “cushy” job with a nice salary, to open her dream, a small restaurant in a nice community. I was also shocked to hear that she had never even worked at a restaurant before! However, while she has the business sense, her husband Donald has the restaurant experience, having cooked for 25 years in places such as Don Pomeroy’s House, the Woods, and other fine dining!

When I asked Jozi, “Why Lakewood?”, she smiled and said that



In the middle of this photo is Joanne (Jozi) Zingale, her husband Donald is back in the kitchen door, along with one of their great servers, The Coffee Pot has become known for. Last year The Coffee Pot won Best Burger in Lakewood. While the burger was simply delicious, the service and options put it over the top.

she loves the people. “People here are great. I get regulars and often feel like a bartender hearing others’ problems but I love it!” I, myself, enjoyed sitting at the counter and conversing with lovely Lakewood residents. While Jozi had no former restaurant experience, she decided upon opening “just to treat people the way I like to be treated when going out to eat”.

In comparison to a corporate job, Jozi stated, “I never worked this hard in my corporate job but I would never go back. This feels personal. That is the difference”. The difference for me, in this diner, is the quality of the food combined with the quality of the atmosphere. Every time I have seen Jozi she has been smiling. A mother of six and grandmother of 14, I inadvertently learned that she also adopts two families every Christmas to shop for, as if she doesn’t have enough! When I write about the heart and soul of Lakewood, every business I write about touches my soul with the heart that the owners give to our city.

While wrapping up this interview I enjoyed a breakfast of two potato

pancakes, two eggs, two pieces of toast, and home fries for \$4.50, amazed at the quality of the food! Everything is homemade, from the soups; to the 9 omelettes; desserts and pastries; half-pound burgers charbroiled and made with pure angus; chicken salad to die for; steaks that are hand cut, not frozen, for under \$10; and several lunch and breakfast dishes! Jozi laughed when she added that her husband, quietly cooking in the background, insists on “plating” each dish professionally.

I encourage you to visit this unique restaurant, that has a total of seven tables and 7 counter stools and promise that you won’t be disappointed. Look for The Coffee Pot to be open

the night of the Art Walk on Madison Friday, October 5th, 6-9 PM, with complimentary homemade pastries, original art, and a jam session with local musicians. Pick up a coffee cup at participating Art Walk businesses and bring it to Jozi for a free coffee! I think if you visit once, you will be among the several regular customers!

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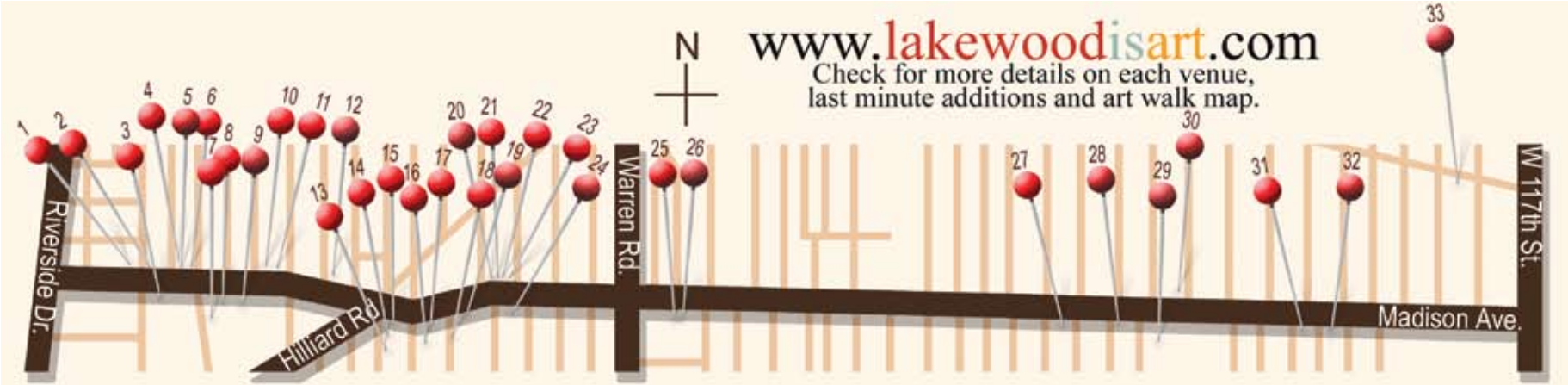
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Ratatouille: Not Just A Kids Movie

Ratatouille

Ingredients:

2 lbs red tomatoes, chopped into chunks

2 eggplant, sliced and cut into fourths

2 zucchini, sliced and cut into fourths

2 green bell peppers, sliced into small strips

2 large yellow onions, chopped

6 cloves garlic, minced (substitution: 3 teaspoons minced garlic)

Herbes de Provence (I use half a can of Giant Eagle's Market District Herbes de Provence)

1 6oz. can tomato paste

Salt/pepper to taste

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1. Coat the bottom of a stock pot with olive oil.

2. Chop the onions, put them into the pot and start it cooking slowly on low

Chop and add the garlic, or spoon in the minced garlic if substituting.

3. Wash the green bell peppers, cut into small strips, and stir it in.

4. Wash the tomatoes, chop them into big chunks, and throw them in (do not peel) and stir in well.

5. Add the Herbes de Provence, salt, pepper, and tomato paste.

Stir well to mix.

6. Slice the zucchini and eggplant and cut into fourths, and add to the pot.

They will need to be stirred down frequently until they've mixed with the rest of the ingredients.

Once everything is mixed, cover and simmer on low for two hours, mixing every 15 minutes or so. Ladle into bowls and serve with baguette bread. I recommend pairing this wonderful dish with Twenty Bench Cabernet Sauvignon, available for \$20 at most wine stores, including Rozi's. \$20 too rich for your blood? Try Charles Shaw Cabernet Sauvignon, only \$3.39 at Trader Joe's. Don't let the bargain basement price fool you; this wine (known by its fans as "Three-Buck Chuck") is as full-bodied and flavorful as its more expensive counterparts.

Voilà -- now you have authentic French ratatouille, an intense dish that is well worth the wait. Bon Appétit!



by David Lay

With the recent release of the Disney/Pixar film Ratatouille, the spotlight has once again been shed on French cuisine. While a lot of people associate French food with patently bland or disgusting (escargot and many forms of paté come to mind), there are quite a few dishes that are full of flavor. Ratatouille is one of them.

Ratatouille, a Niçoise dish, is more than just a vegetable soup. It is the ultimate in French comfort food, and can be prepared quickly. The 'classical' method calls for cooking every vegetable in separate pots and combining just before plating, but it is also possible to cook everything in one pot with the same results. However, the correct sequence must be followed in order to not miss the art-form and the intense flavor of the dish.

The common misconception about ratatouille is that there are a lot of ingredients and there are a lot of steps. Not true; there are only 7 ingredients and 3 spices used. The main player in this dish and other Provençal cuisine is Herbes de Provence, a traditional blend of herbs that are plentiful in southern France in the summer. The longest step is waiting for the mixed ingredients to cook; it takes 2 hours for it to simmer, with the aromas wafting around the house!

"Too much of a good thing" doesn't apply to ratatouille. You can cook it as a hot main entree the first time, then have it again later as a cold hors-d'oeuvre. In the summer, it's great as a cold main course. It will keep in the refrigerator for several days. It goes well with a side of couscous or rice. Don't forget the baguette bread!

The Diabetic Chef Brings His Message To LHS

by Jeff Endress

The new Lakewood Hospital Diabetes Center has brought Chef Chris Smith to Lakewood to serve as a dietary consultant for the Center. Chef Smith, himself a diabetic with type-one diabetes, was kind enough to also make an appearance at Lakewood High School on Thursday, September 13th, to speak to members of the culinary sciences and sports nutrition classes about the impact of diet and proper nutrition upon diseases such as diabetes.

Chef Smith, who is the Director of the Food Services for Wake Forest Medical Center, displays all of the necessary pedigrees of a fine Chef, but as a result of his own unique issues has turned his expertise in a totally non-traditional direction. Chris, who was a student at the Culinary Institute of America while

working on an internship at the famous New York Restaurant Le Cirque, was diagnosed with his diabetes in 1993. At the time, doctors had told him if he continued working in the rigors of a commercial restaurant kitchen it

would kill him, but after years of floating from one job to another, in and out of college, Chris had found that more than anything he loved to cook, to be able to "go to the kitchen and be able to make something from nothing". He was unwilling to forgo that dream which had been so long in coming. Instead, recognizing that his medical condition would require certain dietary changes, he decided to use his training, skill and knowledge to create recipes of foods that were delicious and that applied to everyone. He said "this is not about diabetic food". Instead it is a question of "always being aware of

the foods you are consuming, as 'we are what we eat'".

Chef Smith eschews the current restaurant trends towards gluttony, where one can order an eighty-ounce steak and have it served "on the house" if he is able to consume it all. Many consumers think in terms of quantity as the gauge of the value of their restaurant experiences. Chef Smith properly understands that because of this mind set, his chances of sustaining a successful restaurant were probably limited, as he practices "moderation, variety and portion control". As he spoke to the students, he was unquestionably surprised that the responses to an inquiry about favorite foods yielded not only the expected pizza and pasta, but also spinach and broccoli. The fact some of these teens were already eating a healthy diet seemed to please him. His message seemed clear: we can certainly eat smarter and healthier while still enjoying wonderful tastes, textures and smells. Lakewood Hospital's efforts towards both bringing in Chef Smith to assist as a menu consultant, as well as its making him available to speak to high school students interested in a culinary career, again demonstrate that institution's commitment to Lakewood.

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# A Lakewood Perspective

Move Over BCS...

## Here Comes The Inaugural PSI

by Brett Callentine

I'm proud to announce the creation of the greatest thing since stale bread. As I've said before, give my mind enough time to wander and it's downright scary what can happen. This time, the catalyst was a late night bout of flipping back and forth between ESPN's College Game Day and a CNN Election 2008 special. Michigan falling from the polls, Hillary rising in the polls, Appalachian State is eligible for ranking, Dennis Kucinich, apparently, is not...

Anyway, just when I was set to abandon both channels, I had the following thought; is there anyone more annoying than the person who tries to rank teams in the first couple of weeks of the season or the person who tries to track a candidate's popularity more than a year before an election? The answer is yes, and I'm proud to say, that person is me! Hey, God gave me a gift. (well, gift or maybe curse, it depends on who you ask). Regardless, I decided to put my skills to task.

Lo and behold, after many long minutes of research and many sleepless workdays, I've come up with the perfect system. While it might be the bane of the college football world, I believe a BCS-type ranking system becomes the perfect non-partisan tool for determining who is truly leading the race for the 2008 presidency.

Far superior than polls alone, my system takes into account a plethora of statistical details, that when weighted in the proper proportions leads to a sure fire mathematical prognostication of political success.

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Without further adieu, here is your Presidential Standings Index through September, 2007...

As you can see, it must be scientific, because there's no way I would volun-

| CANDIDATE       | POLLS | CASH   | PRESS | SOC AVG RANK | INDEX FACTOR | INDEX PSI |
|-----------------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Hillary Clinton | 0.415 | 10.000 | 0.515 | 0.1110.      | 191          | 3.961     |
| Rudy Giuliani   | 0.280 | 10.000 | 0.243 | 0.167        | 0.182        | 3.508     |
| Barack Obama    | 0.227 | 9.000  | 0.441 | 0.148        | 0.286        | 3.234     |
| Fred Thompson   | 0.238 | 9.000  | 0.000 | 0.204        | 0.100        | 2.935     |
| John Edwards    | 0.137 | 8.000  | 0.167 | 0.000        | 0.052        | 2.919     |
| John McCain     | 0.148 | 8.000  | 0.107 | 0.315        | 0.392        | 2.215     |
| Mitt Romney     | 0.095 | 6.000  | 0.231 | 0.111        | 0.151        | 2.063     |
| Bill Richardson | 0.038 | 6.000  | 0.093 | 0.111        | 0.150        | 1.870     |
| Sam Brownback   | 0.000 | 5.000  | 0.014 | 0.056        | 0.064        | 1.561     |
| Joe Biden       | 0.000 | 5.000  | 0.040 | 0.204        | 0.135        | 1.368     |
| Mike Huckabee   | 0.000 | 4.000  | 0.007 | 0.037        | 0.082        | 1.221     |
| Dennis Kucinich | 0.000 | 4.000  | 0.005 | 0.130        | 0.121        | 1.088     |
| Chris Dodd      | 0.000 | 3.000  | 0.083 | 0.167        | 0.123        | 0.793     |
| Tom Tancredo    | 0.000 | 3.000  | 0.013 | 0.148        | 0.076        | 0.789     |
| Ron Paul        | 0.000 | 2.000  | 0.026 | 0.333        | 0.050        | 0.309     |

tarily rank Hillary Clinton in the lead. While I won't divulge all of the proprietary information that goes into this unique formula, the columns are made up of the following leading indicators:

**POLLS:** The first column is a statistical average taken from several different independent polling services including (but not limited to) Reuters, CNN, Fox News and the Associated Press. And, since there is such a discrepancy when polling numbers cross political lines, I've added an additional column to show where the results pit each candidate within their own political party.

**CASH:** Regardless of whether or not we like to admit it, and despite the fact that it shouldn't mean as much as it does, a political run in today's world requires lots and lots of cold, hard cash. The third column is a numerical representation of each candidate's ability to raise money for their respective political machine. Please note that for this first installment, information was not yet available for Fred Thompson, who only recently threw his name into the hat and, as such, has yet to open his books to the public. With that in mind, if everything else stays relatively the same, I would expect his numbers to jump considerably in the near future.

**PRESS:** Here's where I had a little fun. Knowing that we are creatures of habit, I took into account how closely each candidate compares to the historical average of those who were elected President in the past. And before you

ask, the answer is no, I did not artificially adjust the numbers to handicap for sex, race or religious affiliation. The way that I figure it, at least at this stage, is that there are just as many people rooting both for and against candidates based on those categories, which would negate the need for additional weighting. Any discrepancy should shake itself out in the overall margin of error. And yes, the .000 that you see in the John Edwards row does suggest that he is, in fact, an almost perfect example of an average elected president. (kind of scary isn't it?)

**S.O.C.:** NCAA basketball has it's "strength of schedule," so I'm going with something I'm calling "Strength of Character." How is such a thing measured? No Clue. But I thought it would be important so here's what I came up with. Once again trying to be absolutely unbiased, I think I've hit on something worthwhile. For each calculation of the index, I will attempt to show the general consensus of each candidate's personality and moral fiber by using Google. That's right, Google.

The numerical valuation you see in the second to last column represents the approximate number of 'hits' that result from a simple search using the person's first name, last name and a descriptive term (such as "crook" or "moron") divided by the total number of hits just using the person's name. I will use different terms each time and I will not disclose the exact term or even whether or not it is a positive or negative, so that individuals can't artificially inflate the numbers.

The final column is the result. The number itself does not carry any meaning, only it's comparison to the value of another competitor is what's important. So there you have it. If the election were held today, my prediction is that Hillary Clinton would win comfortably with Rudy Giuliani finishing second. Now I know how Robert Oppenheimer must have felt. I'm proud of my scientific accomplishments, but I'm left with a feeling of nausea when I see the results, and an impending sense of remorse that someone might actually put it them to use.

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Daniel Shay

by Christine Herbert

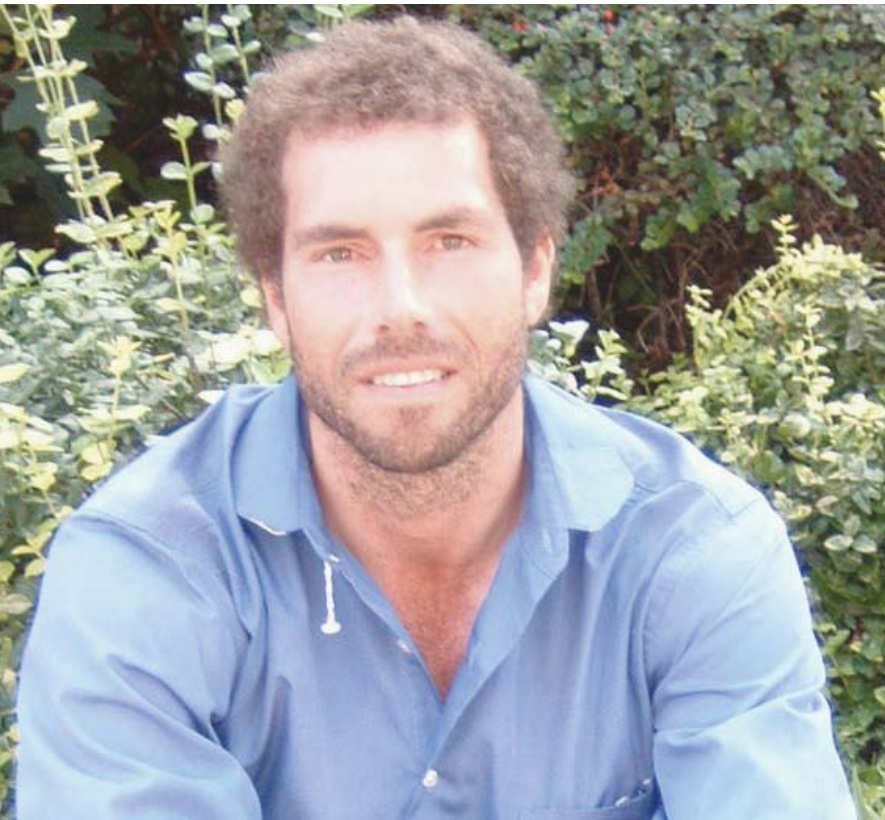


photo by Christine Herbert

Since, I'm out of the job and all, cause I had one of those nervous breakdowns...I've been trying to find something to do. I just happened to run into one of the editors of the *Lakewood Observer* last night, and asked me to write something for the paper. So today I went on my first mission to write a story. Well, have I got a story for you... It all started when I saw an old friend

of mine sitting outside the chain coffee house - dant dant dant - Caribou. But he's my friend, he likes their coffee better than Phoenix's, and that's his prerogative. So I went to say hello. And then da da da da ... the smartest man in the world comes walking by with eyes so pure it hurts. He has a knapsack on his back, and looks like he's been trudging for miles.

So I go and say "hello", 'cause that's just what I do,  
I asked him where he's going.  
he said down by the zoo.  
He likes to smell the flowers there,  
and finds plenty of food  
I asked him if he needed a ride,  
didn't mean to intrude  
he said no, he walks, he likes to walk, walks everywhere he goes.  
Says he's been walking for 11 years,  
walking is all he knows  
Always was his dream he said, to walk around the world  
Walked this country more than 14 times, now watches those clouds swirl  
I watched and saw him watching,  
soaking it up like a sponge  
I asked if I could write a story, said sure, and sorry for the grunge  
So here's the story of Daniel Shay,  
and where it all began  
Took off from Santa Rosa, landed in Michigan.  
He left when he was twenty seven,  
as he took off his only hat  
Only carry what he needs, says he likes to camp  
He has very little money, for those little jams  
Picked some oranges for 3 dollars  
an hour examining his hands  
He told me amazing stories of who he's met and where he's gone  
He likes to migrate like a bird, and make friends with everyone  
He's walked right through a hurricane, came close to getting struck  
Still has no fear of the rain, and has never gotten stuck  
Goes diving thru the dumpsters, always finding luck  
He sleeps outside all the time, don't care if its in muck  
I ask if I could take his picture, but I left my camera home

Didn't mind and he said sure, rather not be alone.  
We drove to my apartment, he was looking all around  
He was so amazed that I rent, astonished by this town  
Picking up my candles telling which flowers that they smell  
In the scientific name, so many facts for him to tell  
I asked again what's in his sack, he said everything he needs  
I gave him a lunch to pack, wanted to give him something to read  
He's got a book already, needs nothing more to rack  
Still wanted to give him something more, he said he didn't lack  
I set out for my mission on this day to observe  
I found the greatest observer of them all, one we don't deserve  
Grateful for each tiny moment that was given to him  
His heart not so good, even though it brims  
Don't know long he's got, and some one stole his hat  
So If you see Daniel Shay walking, try giving him a map.

This story is completely true, and it happened today. Almost like a real life Forest Gump. He was completely respectful and kind. He told me a hilarious joke too. Part of me wonders if he's tired of walking. The smartest man I ever met, and he's homeless, and lonely. Even pretty handsome. He has no idea his virtue, and sometimes still gets treated bad. He'll be on his way to Florida soon and doesn't want to be alone. I think he likes company, and he knows how to survive. He knows how to teach you to be alive.

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# Pulse Of The City

## *Green Thoughts And Brown Fields:*

# The Day The Street Blew Up

## Gary Rice

As we prepare for fall and winter fun, it occurs to me that this particular time of late summer has been the most beautiful I can recall. With the rains of August, our foliage has turned again to the classic verdant hues that so often characterize springtime in the Ohio Country.

For many years, Lakewood was indeed a place of natural beauty. For example, one hundred and fifty odd years ago, the naturalist Dr. Jared Porter Kirtland resided at the corner of what is now Bunts and Detroit. His magnificent estate comprised not only the Lakewood High School grounds, but extended northward to Lake Erie. He discovered the Kirtland Warbler, a now-endangered species, and reportedly developed a number of fruit lines. Dan Chabek, in his book *Lakewood Lore*, available at the Lakewood Historical Society, covers Dr. Kirtland's life and experiences in great detail.

The twentieth century, however, developed into a time of great change. Rapid industrialization, population growth, and two World Wars all contributed to intense demands for raw materials and land use that, at times, put expediency before environmental concerns.

With the development of the internal combustion engine, a nationwide search began for oil and natural gas supplies. Oil and gas wells sprung up all over, including here in Lakewood. At the same time, suburban build-out was getting underway. The large estates in Lakewood were broken into smaller and smaller sub-divisions and parcelled off. Hundreds of homes appeared where none had been before.

Along with the housing build-out, hundreds of businesses sprang up along Detroit and Madison Avenues. Some of these were around for years. Others came and went, like the classic ships in the night.

Unfortunately, some of these left trouble behind. A review of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports about Lakewood has revealed some sites along Detroit and Madison Avenues, along with Berea Road, that continue to be of concern. A number of

these have been identified as hazardous waste sites. You might say that some of these could even be considered mini-brownfields, potentially having residual and toxic contaminants in the soil.

To be fair, these types of concerns are not unique to Lakewood. Probably most if not all century cities with past industrial connections deal with these problems every day. Even in our older Lakewood homes, great care must be taken when remodeling. For example, old fireplaces, insulation of pipes and ductwork, and even the plaster in the walls might contain asbestos and should not be disturbed without consulting an expert.

Care also needs to be taken when digging in Lakewood. Underground surprises ranging from old dumps to capped gas wells can give the homeowner quite a problem. Once in a while, industrial and environmental issues can collide to create unexpected fireworks, as the following story illustrates.

Some may be unaware that one of the greatest mysteries in modern Lakewood-Cleveland history occurred when W. 117th Street (called Highland Ave. on the Lakewood side, as the street is shared by the two cities) blew up at 5:15

p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 1953.

Can a street actually blow up? This one did. Big time. Right down the middle, and extending from Berea to Lake Roads! With such a force that even the streetcar rails bent like pretzels. The street opened like a horrible clamshell, leaving a gap that an elephant could probably have walked through in places.

Surprisingly, there was but one death reported, though 64 people were injured and rush hour cars were apparently flung about like so many matchsticks. Again according to Lakewood Lore author Dan Chabek, one manhole cover flew 150 feet, crashing through the roof of Dr. Wendt's pet hospital. According to Chabek's riveting account, amazingly, no pets were injured.

Reportedly, the explosion took the course of the sanitary sewer. The cause was reported as probably being some type of voluble gas, but whose exactly, and what kind? That was never proven, although industrial wastes or gasoline leaking into the sewer or some combination thereof was suspected.

Chabek reported that Cleveland, Lakewood, and five area firms contributed to the restitution costs, although no one ever admitted fault. Another contributory possibility considered but discounted as having an important role were the abandoned gas and oil wells in the immediate area.

As we move forward in Lakewood, it would seem to be important that we put our best foot forward. At the same time, we need to be knowledgeable about an industrial past that can be difficult to read about, and even harder to clean up, at times. With care, knowledge, and foresight, however, we can better deal with some of the dirty little secrets of that past, while marking the present pulse of this city.



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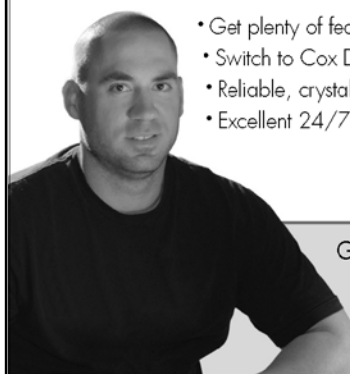
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# Lakewood Opinion

## Live In Lakewood, Don't Just Work Here

by William George

According to the "Grow Lakewood" Committee Report, our city is at a tipping point when it comes to economic vitality. One of the most glaring problems identified in this report is the lack of city and school employees that actually live in Lakewood. The following information is in this report: According to statistics provided by the City of Lakewood Finance Department and the Lakewood City School District Treasurer's Department, only 31% of the 534 full time city employees and only 43% of the 788 full time school employees live in Lakewood. The economic impact is HUGE! This means that \$41 MILLION of taxpayer payroll (and housing buying power) leaves Lakewood annually. Convenience services that these people use, such as shopping at local grocery stores, restaurants, auto repair, etc. also suffer from this exodus of money. It doesn't

even mention part-time employees, of which the City of Lakewood has at least 150. This is not something I made up, it's all in the report. A copy of this report is located on the City of Lakewood website (City Government tab – Docket Agendas July 16th– click on PDF format) [http://www.ci.lakewood.oh.us/citygovernment/council\\_agendas.html](http://www.ci.lakewood.oh.us/citygovernment/council_agendas.html).

Yes, I know, the state of Ohio made it illegal to require employees to live in the city they work. I won't argue that, it's a free country and you can live wherever you want. But I'm still disturbed at these staggering numbers. Why do all these people choose not to live in Lakewood? Is it because the school system is bad, the city services are poor or the crime rate is high? Oh, wait a minute; these are the same people that provide for education, city services and public safety. Hypothetically, if all 768 of these employees purchased homes in Lakewood, the number of avail-

able homes would be almost nothing. Instantly, your home would appreciate in value as supply would fall well below demand. In addition, common sense tells me that some of these people may even do a better job at what they do because they would be more affected by the outcome. They would see and experience first-hand what goes on in Lakewood 24 hours a day, rather than only 8 hours a day. On weekends they would walk in our parks rather than parks in another city.

Adding to this disturbing fact is that many of the "leaders" of these areas also don't live in Lakewood. They are not setting an example to the people reporting to them. How can a department head encourage his employees to live in Lakewood when he or she does not? Did you know the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Planning and Development Director, HR Director and Building Commissioner all live outside Lakewood? And several of these positions are appointed by the Mayor, who

apparently is not concerned with their residency status. What's up with that? In total, only 20% of our Public Safety employees, which include policeman and fireman, live in Lakewood.

Don't get me wrong, I happen to think education is good, city services are adequate and public safety receives considerable attention. I'm not saying these people aren't doing their job, so please don't start defending your job performance to me because that is not the point. But I have to wonder if all these people realize what kind of negative economic (and indirectly - social) impact they have by not living in Lakewood.

It is a fact the city is experiencing financial difficulties. Don't believe me, ask your council person. Lakewood's population continues to decrease and city administrators keep increasing expenditures and asking for more money by way of OUR tax dollars. And who suffers the most? We do, the common citizens. When dollars are hard to come by, the first things that go are the "non-essentials", like park maintenance and upkeep. It produces a spiraling effect that ultimately decreases the attractiveness of living in Lakewood.

### Letter To The Editor: We the Residents Are to Blame!

by Michael Ball

Where are all the residents of this city? I have become involved with our city government during the past year and much to my bewilderment, NO ONE is ever at the council meetings or committee meetings. Case in point, I attended a meeting on Thursday, August 9, about how Lakewood will spend \$2.2 million of HUD money. There were only four residents present, out of a city with more than 50,000. I am not sure why no one wants to get involved.

Do you feel overtaxed? Well wait, because the city will have to either raise

our income taxes or layoff city employees in order to balance the 2007 budget. Don't believe me—ask your council person for a copy of the current 2007 budget and see for yourself.

Have you tried to use our unmaintained parks? They are in that state because the city is in a financial crisis. At least that's what I was told in a letter after I asked why our parks are as bad as they are.

Do you feel like moving to the other side of the street when you are out walking with your family and you come across a group of disrespectful kids? Do you feel safe in our city? Do you feel that Lakewood isn't the

same place it once was? Did you know Lakewood has more than 800 houses for sale? THEN GET INVOLVED AND COME TO THE MEETINGS.

I understand that we all have busy lives. That's the common excuse as to why people don't go to meetings. Just remember that our elected officials are supposed to do what's best for the residents as well as what's best for the city as a whole. Our elected officials have forgotten this and it seems they are more about themselves than what's good for you and me. I blame this and the current condition of our city on us residents for not watching what our elected officials are doing, and more importantly not going to the meetings.

The lack of resident involvement has given our elected officials the ability to do whatever they please. I understand we elected them, but the lack of interest on our part has caused this problem. Our upcoming election has the opportunity to make a great change in how the city is run. We must get involved and make our concerns heard, and not let our elected officials run amuck and destroy the very reasons why we all want to live in Lakewood.

I think the Mayor, department directors and school administrators need to have group meetings with all employees and inform them about the negative impact they have by not living in Lakewood. Ask these non-resident employees why they don't live in the city and what it would take to get them to live in Lakewood. I would also like to present a challenge to all those city and school employees that don't live in Lakewood: lead by example! Live and take pride in our city, quit making excuses for not living here and help the economic vitality of your employer and those that pay your salary. The more of you that live here, the less likely your job will be cut due to budgetary concerns. Help us rebuild Lakewood and make it a better place to live. Let's do something grand and come together as a community. Let our public servants and educators band together and make a decision on their own to live in our community. I happen to believe that these 768 people would make great neighbors!

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# The Buck Stops Here

## Out Of The Garage

The *Mekons* began as a garage band, as all bands, of necessity, begin, but in thirty years they have not crossed over, and have remained a garage band, fundamentally anti-commercial in a commercial market, what Dave Thomas of *Pere Ubu* calls *avant-garage*.

Every town has garage bands. Some years back I came across a CD titled, “The Best of Albany’s [NY] Bands.” There were twenty bands on the album. There must be bad bands I thought. Just how many bands were there in Albany? As many as needed to be. What I want to argue here is the importance – no, the necessity – of the garage band in our community and culture.

The garage band comes together because it hears a sound it wants to play, needs to follow and develop, and lyrics trail after, as if led. It is not a sound they can perfect in the house, school or class, even if it may be one they want others to hear. No one supports them. This is the first thing we need to know about the garage band. They do it for themselves. Something they cannot not do. They are drawn by something bigger than they are, Greil Marcus says.

The garage band may get a gig, succeed, and enter the commercial market, playing with greater or lesser (usually lesser) success at local clubs on weekends, earning a little extra money, but playing, they know absolutely, to share

the sound they hear. Sometimes (more frequently) the gig is disastrous and sends them back to the garage. Charlotte Pressler recalls *Mirrors’* concerts at Lakewood YMCA teen dances: “The gigs always went badly and no one ever made money; *Mirrors* insisting the Lakewood teens could perfectly well dance to “Foggy Notion,” and that even if they couldn’t, they were going to hear it anyways; the Lakewood teens replying with their feet that *Mirrors* could play it all they liked; they didn’t have to listen. *Mirrors’* response to that was...to retreat, slowly and imperceptibly, into a defensive shell, composed of the belief that there was no one out there, and never would be, and that it didn’t matter because they were all fools anyhow.”

Culture is what you know, an anthropologist says. If it comes from the neighborhood, it is ours, we own it, even if it may sound strange and we may not care for it. The man who goes into the garage because he may have, in effect, turned his back on the world outside it is our neighbor, part of the fabric of our community. He may never leave the garage for a gig, but we know he needs to be there. His music balances or complements his life in the living room or workplace, if it is not an antidote to it, as the man who

Robert Buckeye

goes into the basement to his lathe or the woman to her knitting needles. “Every work of art is an uncommitted crime,” Theodor Adorno comments. It is necessary, sometimes absolutely necessary, that the man go into the garage to keep the peace. How many Indian wins are necessary to maintain family harmony?

The garage band, like the three-percent vote marginal political party or the crank prophet on the street corner, is always there to say what the establishment is afraid to say or won’t and thus serves a crucial, critical function in our society. We need to hear what we don’t want to hear. If freedom of speech means anything, it means freedom of speech for those we want to deny it.

“Natural,” The *Mekons’* current album is a thumping, three-beat rhythm that takes us back to dust-bowl Americana, the English countryside of Thomas Hardy, nature before we made nature ours. Life is “Dark, dark, dark”; consumption and pleasure the only answer to alienation, “Give us wine or money..../ And that’s all that’s ever seen/It goes on forever/One last bond left between/The lost and disconnected”; fevered anguish leading to extreme actions, “Burning, in the desert burning/Martyrs queuing up for heaven.” Every year the land comes back. Nature is renewal. We may destroy where and what we live, but at least at this time we can begin again, even though it may be difficult. “Lost and found, found and lost,” The *Mekons* sing, “Never found, never lost.”

Who is to say that The *Lakewood Observer* did not come out of the garage?

### Those Among Us:

#### Robert Rice Honored During Homecoming Game

by Gary Rice



Robert Rice directs the Lakewood High School Alma Mater

Retired Lakewood Schools band, orchestra, and choir director Robert R. Rice was honored on September 21st by being asked to return to the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band director’s podium at the Homecoming game to conduct “The Alma Mater” of Lakewood High School. The Lakewood Alumni Band also participated in the festivities.

Rice was a Lakewood school teacher from 1958-1983, and continues to volunteer with the instrumental music program for the Lakewood schools. Rice also wrote “The Harding March” and, along with his son, Gary, recently composed a march for the new Garfield Middle School.

A veteran of World War II, Rice is also a member of the Lakewood Public Schools Staff Hall of Fame.



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# Lakewood Real Estate

## Walking Lakewood’s History

by Monica Woodman  
Prudential Lucien Realtor

While recently perusing Lakewood Historical Society’s web site at [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org), I noticed a link titled “Volksmarch.” It was described as an organized hike or walk that covers a distance of 5, 10 or 20 kilometers. The trails are most often mapped through woods or near historic or scenic areas. I learned that the Lakewood Public Library, the Lakewood Historical Society and

the Valley Vagabonds, a local volksmarch club, organized volksmarches in Lakewood.

After reading about the Lakewood History Walk and the Lakewood Clifton Park Trail, I went to the library for more information. There I met Kim Paras, deputy director of the Lakewood Library, who is also the secretary of the Valley Vagabonds. Kim gave me a map and trail guides for the Clifton Park Trail and the Lakewood History Walk. Each of these walks takes you on an

adventure through Lakewood’s past.

On October 28th at 10:00 a.m. I will take my first volksmarch, departing from the library. Anyone who would like to join in can e-mail me at [mwoodman@cox.net](mailto:mwoodman@cox.net) for more information. I will provide maps and trail guides.

## Historic House Series

by Paula Reed

Offered by the Lakewood Historical Society, classes in the Historic House Series are taught by the energetic David Mertz from the faculty of the Historic Preservation degree program at Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, Ohio. Mertz’s knowledge and enthusiasm makes these sessions entertaining as well as informative.

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munity, make a basic assessment of a structure’s stylistic and structural elements and understand the practices and techniques of historic preservation.

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## Realty Reality: Questions From Our Readers

by Maggie Fraley  
Prudential Lucien Realtor



Your questions answered:  
“Is it a bay or bow window?”

Both types of windows project from the side of a house or building creating an alcove that’s often used as a window seat or dining nook. Bay windows are the set of windows that create this space; bow windows are bay windows that are built in a curve, which makes them less common and typically more expensive. Both add light and a touch of charm to a room.

## Yes, The Housing Market Is Slow...But There’s Always Humor If We Look For It...

by Maggie Fraley  
Prudential Lucien Realtor

A woman bought a new home and her realtor wanted to send flowers for the occasion. When the flowers arrived, the owner read the card, which said “Rest in Peace”.

She was angry and called the florist to complain. After she told the florist of the obvious mistake the florist said. “I’m really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, maybe you could imagine this: there’s a funeral taking place today, and they have your flowers with a note saying, “Congratulations on your new home”.

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Prepare Your Home  
For The Winter Months

by Andy Tabor  
Prudential Lucien Realtor

Although we traditionally think of spring as the season for home maintenance, there are steps you should take in the fall to make sure that your home is ready for the winter months. By performing these maintenance tasks each autumn, you can help protect your home's value and prevent major repairs.

**Roof and Gutters**  
Rain, ice, snow and wind can all cause damage to your roof and gutters. Now's the time to trim back all tree limbs and vegetation away from the roof. Remove debris, such as leaves and sticks, from your gutters and downspouts. Clogged gutters don't allow water to properly drain away from the home, which can cause seepage in your ceilings and walls. You can also invest in gutter guards, screens that prevent debris from entering the gutters and direct the flow of water away from the house and into the ground.

**Water Heater**  
You don't want to find out that your water heater isn't operating properly when you need it most. Use this time to perform an annual inspection, which includes having your tank's pressure and temperature relief valve checked. In addition, remove sediment from the bottom of the tank by draining two gallons of water to improve heat transfer and the efficiency of your heater.

**Heating and Cooling System**  
If you have a forced warm-air heating system, check the exhaust vent and air shutter openings for dirt and dust. Clean any lint and dirt from the blower blades, motor and burner (if you have a gas heater). Vacuum air passages and check fan belts, replacing if necessary. To

prevent airborne dirt from circulating throughout your home, wash out your reusable filter or replace if it's disposable.

**Doors and Windows**  
To help control heating costs, make sure that your doors and windows are properly sealed. Repair or replace weather stripping around door bottoms and jambs and window frames. Check for loose or missing glazing putty and caulking for deterioration. If you have storm windows, install them.

**Water Pipes**  
Frozen or burst pipes can cause major damage to your home and are expensive to remedy. Before frigid weather hits, protect your pipes in unheated areas from freezing by adding insulation, which reduces heat loss from hot water pipes and condensation on cold water pipes. Wrap the pipes with heating tape or blanket insulation and duct tape, or by encasing the pipes with preformed plastic foam. In addition, examine your pipes for cracks and leaks.

**Fireplace**  
Before you light the logs and get ready to settle in front of a cozy fire, make sure that your fireplace is in good working order. Clean the chimney flue and have it inspected. Check the seal on your flue, which is designed to keep out drafts. Replace the seal if it is loose or damaged.

If you decide to do fall maintenance yourself, disconnect the power for any electrical or gas systems. Before inspecting, cleaning or making any repairs, refer to the instructions in your owner's manual for all equipment, which should be the final authority on any maintenance.

Although this list is merely a guide, it can help you keep your home in good shape and have a winter free of major repairs.

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(According to Multiple Listing Service)  
by Andy Tabor

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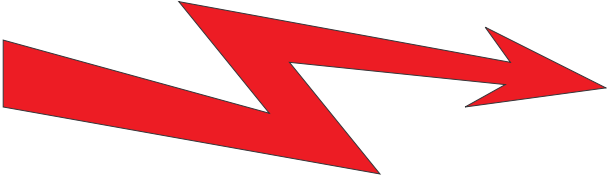
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