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photos by Ivor Karabakovic



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5th Annual Meet the Trucks!

by Caitlin Magner

Is refuse pick-up day a big deal around your house? Is a construction project in the neighborhood cause for celebration? If so, the upcoming 5th Annual Meet the Trucks event, presented by Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) and the City of Lakewood, should rate right up there with a bridge demolition or a telephone wire repair job.

From 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 at Lakewood Park, you can come meet the fleet that keeps the city running!

The whole crew will be there, including an ambulance, fire department ladder truck, police cruiser & motorcycle, dump truck, SWAT team vehicle, aerial truck, garbage truck, Metroparks Nature Tracks bus, snow plow, and street cleaner.

This is a hands-on, family event – kids (and grown ups too!) can touch, explore, and honk the horns of these mighty machines. Not a fan of all the metal? No problem! The event will also have face painting, balloon twisters, a DJ, bounce houses, raffles and the Burning River Roller Derby Girls. Jungle Bob will be performing

two shows, the first at 11:00 a.m. and the second show at 12:30 p.m. Free popcorn and bagels will be available (while supplies last) and hamburgers, pizza, drinks, snow cones and cotton candy will be available to purchase.

But wait! There's more! There will be kids' bike helmets available for sale, and people will have a chance to make care packets for North Coast Health Ministry to distribute. In addition, representatives from the Lakewood Public Library and the Department of Public Works will be on hand.

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Lakewood Catholic Academy's Fifth Birthday Gala Draws 300 To Campus



More than 300 guests gathered under a chiffon tent in the LCA gym to celebrate the school's fifth birthday. Story on page 9

A policeman goes through very deep water in front of Lincoln School.

Time To Smell The Coffee On Lakewood's Housing

by Jim O'Bryan - Publisher

As we drive around and look at the City of Lakewood, one of the areas we can all see that needs to be addressed is housing, and it is not confined to any one neighborhood. We all see the occasional yard with overgrown weeds, long grass, and cluttered backyards. As we look harder, we can then see the next layer: the homes that should have been painted last year, or a couple years ago, but have been left waiting on the To Do list, as homeowners try to stretch their dollars, keep

costs down, and stay within limited budgets.

And then we see the final layer: homes that are slipping away from their owners. As much as we would like to blame this on absentee landlords, more often than not, it is an owner occupied home-- a home that was purchased when things were good and is now a burden. A home that was inherited, and the grandchildren living there do not have the same means as Grandma

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Barton Center To Host 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser On May 27

by Curt Brosky

The Barton Senior Center will hold its 4th Annual Wine and Cheese fundraiser on Thursday, May 27 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Over 100 attended last year's event and this one promises to be even bigger and better. This indoor/outdoor event is entitled "In Bloom" and will be held in Barton Center's beautifully landscaped outdoor Courtyard, and in the adjacent indoor Rotunda and Greenhouse. Festivities will include wine, hors d'oeuvres, top-hat raffle and silent auction gift baskets filled with terrific items.

Tickets are \$30 per person (\$15 tax deductible). Phone 216-221-3400, or mail a check to Barton Center at 14300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. Parking is available at the adjacent Congressman Kucinich's office. Proceeds will be used to fund the many activities and classes offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation and exercise classes. To find out more about Ohio's first senior center or to volunteer, call 216-221-3400. Barton Community Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments and is open M-F 9am-3pm.

Calendar

This calendar presents various public Lakewood events and notices for the next two weeks (excluding Lakewood Public Library sponsored events found separately on the Lakewood Library page). Calendar items can be submitted at our website at www.lakewoodobserver.com on the Home Page. Whereas this printed calendar listing is limited to non-profit events relevant to Lakewood, our website calendar welcomes all Lakewood events! Compiled by Mel Page

Tuesday, May 18

Career & Job Seeker Workshop

7:00 - 8:30 PM, Lakewood Main Library
This event is free and open to all job seekers, and those who want to help job seekers. For more information, or to register for this event, please contact the Lakewood Family Collaborative at lakewoodfamilycollab@gmail.com. Or, call 216-529-6868. Registration preferred, but not required.

Wednesday, May 19

Live Well Lakewood Wellness Challenge

7:00 - 8:15 PM, Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave.
Every Wednesday in May. The Wellness Challenge participants encourage each other to practice healthy eating, to get moving, and to explore Lakewood on foot or bicycle. Anyone 12 years or older who lives or works in Lakewood is welcome to participate. You can join the challenge anytime. Just come to one of our sessions. For more information, visit <http://livewelllakewood.org> or call (216) 529-7695.

Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan

7:00 - 8:30 PM, New Gym, Lincoln Elementary School, 15516 Clifton Blvd.
T'ai Chi is and ancient Chinese martial art of meditation in motion. Course will include the first half of the 108 movement routine. Gain better balance, flexibility, concentration and self-defense. Wear comfortable clothing. Lakewood residents pay \$59 and non-residents pay \$69 for 8 weeks. Visit www.lakewoodrecreation.com.

Thursday, May 20

CCLAS Celebrates its 6th Annual 'Hair of the Dog' Fundraiser

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Sullivan's Irish Pub, 13368 Madison Ave.
It's time for an evening filled with live music, comedy, food, drinks and fantastic local merchandise, all while helping our furry friends! Held by The Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) This event features local comedian Mark McKenzie (Last Call Cleveland) as emcee, and live music by Ben and Liz of The Dreadful Yawns. As always, 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Lakewood Animal Shelter and allow it to continue its low-cost spay and neuter program. For more information on our Hair of the Dog fundraiser and advance ticket purchases, visit us online at www.cclas.info/HOD2010.html.

Drumming Circle at the Park

7:00 - 9:00 PM, Wagar Park (at Madison Ave. & Hilliard Rd.)
Merry meet! We hold a drum circle on the third Thursday of every month. All levels of drummers are welcome! Supervised children are welcome! Please bring a drum, rattle, tambourine or another instrument to play and a chair to use at the park. Any questions; call 216-221-8755. In case of inclement weather held at Goddess Blessed.

Friday, May 21

FREE Outdoor Movie at dusk

At dusk, Grace Presbyterian Church. Corner of Hilliard & Madison
As part of a fun filled weekend Grace Presbyterian hosts an evening outdoor movie showing *The Blindside* with Oscar Award Winner Sandra Bullock. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us.

Saturday, May 22

Spring Fest: Car Show and Fun Fair

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church (corner of Hilliard and Madison)
Fun for the whole family! Car Show, Pancake Breakfast, Raffles, Corn Hole Tournament, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Carnival Games, Bounce House, Lakewood Animal Shelter Adopt-A-Pet. Live Entertainment from Orion Express, Aphrodite's Hero, and Short Trip Home. For more info call 228-6060 or visit www.gracelakewood.org.

Riverside Area Neighborhood Sale Set For May 22

by Christine Gordillo

The 8th annual Narragansett-Niagara-Lakewood Heights-Riverside neighborhood sale takes place this Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. rain or shine. Come to our cozy little corner of Lakewood and find something for everyone. More than 25 houses are planning to participate. Some sample items include: a rocker, patio furniture, piano, tools, computer equipment, wicker bedroom furniture, aquarium, stereo equipment, air hockey table, vacuum cleaner, toys, kids clothing, TVs, VCRs and DVD players and a kitchen table. Don't miss out on finding that bargain item you've been seeking!



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Dana's Legacy Flower Garden Dedication

1:00 PM, Lakewood Park Island between the pool and the band stand.
Lakewood Catholic Academy's Green Team will be planting flowers for Dana's Legacy Flower Garden.

Migration Mania

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Gordon State Park area of Cleveland Lakefront State Park
It will be open for one mile self-guided hikes from 7.30am to 2.00pm. Birds, butterflies, the best views of Cleveland's skyline and stunning views of Lake Erie will be yours! Come experience the city of Cleveland's only nature preserve along the shore of Lake Erie. More details found on The Lakewood Observer calendar and at www.earthdaycoalition.org.

Lakewood Christian Service Center Needs Garden Volunteers

Community garden volunteers on this Saturday only. Volunteers needed at Madison Park from 8am until completion to build 15 raised garden beds. Contact: Lisa Horton at 226-6466 or at lisa@lcsclakewood.org

Sunday, May 23

Outdoor Worship and Ice Cream Social

10:45 AM - 2:00 PM, Grace Presbyterian Church, Corner of Madison & Hilliard
Join us for an outdoor worship experience followed by an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Live entertainment will be provided by Lakewood's own Gary Rice.

Bake Sale & Car Wash Fundraiser

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, 1382 Arthur. In front of Kaufmann Park
Hosted by Lakewood 7th Day Adventist Church. Help support Little One's Ministry, providing diapers and baby toiletries for Local families in need. Weather permitting.

Thursday, May 27

H2O Veterans Breakfast

7:30 AM, Harding Middle School, at Hilliard & Madison Ave.
Harding Middle School students/staff and H2O are hosting a continental breakfast for all veterans of the armed forces. All veterans invited. See Page 15 for full details.

Barton Center 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

5:00 - 8:00 PM, Barton Center Rotunda, 14300 Detroit Ave. See front page for details.

Friday, May 28

North Sea Gas Performs for Lakewood Girls Rugby Fundraiser

8:00 - 11:00 PM, Sullivan's Irish Pub, 13368 Madison Ave.
The Scottish Folk group will be in town for a rare visit to help raise funds for the winningest rugby team in town: Lakewood Rangers Girls Rugby Team. Your support will send them to the State Championships and beyond. Event includes cost of concert, one appetizer and two drinks! Ticket cost: \$30.00 per person.

Saturday, May 29

H2O Memorial Day Grave Decorating,

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Lakewood Park Cemetery. See Page 15 for details.



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Lakewood Health Care

Lakewood Hospital Pharmacy Technician, Jackie Hulec, Receives Ohio Pharmacy Technician Of The Year Award

by Anne Kuenzel

The Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) presented Jackie Hulec, certified pharmacy technician at Lakewood Hospital, the Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award at the organization's 71st Annual Meeting on April 22-23, in Columbus, Ohio.

The award is given to one pharmacy technician in the state of Ohio who has demonstrated high integrity and has made significant contributions toward supporting the practice of pharmacy within the health system organization.

"This award confirms what Jackie's co-workers already knew," says Janice G. Murphy, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE, president of Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals. "Her passion for accuracy and organization is unending; she inspires all of us to work smarter. We are very proud of her and her dedication to our hospital."

A certified pharmacy technician for more than 20 years, Hulec's current responsibilities are varied. "Jackie is an outstanding employee with incredible customer service skills," says Michael Carlin, R.Ph., director of Pharmacy at Lakewood Hospital. "Jackie was recently promoted to Pharmacy Purchasing Technician and this



Jackie Hulec shares the spotlight with Steve Lamantia, the Lakewood Hospital pharmacist who nominated her for this award.

decision has proven to be invaluable to our department and the hospital as a whole. She is an excellent trainer and is always going above and beyond her assigned duties to ensure all staff is properly trained on medication inventory management."

Ms. Hulec resides in Parma, with her husband and two children.



Lakewood Hospital Installs New Generators, A \$3.1 Million Investment And Part of Vision For Tomorrow Plan

by Anne Kuenzel

Lakewood Hospital recently installed three new generators to replace two older generators, which had served the hospital's power needs for more than 30 years. The old generators were at maximum capacity and needed to be upgraded. Acquiring these state-of-the-art generators and associated switchgear was a \$3.1 million investment, driven by the hospital's multi-year strategic plan, Vision for Tomorrow.

The new generators enable the hospital to provide added load capacity and uninterrupted care in the event of a power failure. The generators meet current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tier II emissions requirements. In addition, the generators are housed in the highest-rated sound-deadening enclosures available, with a sound level 35 decibels less than the existing generators.

"Over the past three years, Lakewood

Hospital has invested more than \$24.4 million into program development and infrastructure improvements," said Janice G. Murphy, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE, president of Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals. "Lakewood Hospital is fully committed to being an integral part of the community, and serving patients for generations to come. That is why we will continue to invest in this great facility and grow our Centers of Excellence to ensure we meet the healthcare needs of our patients and their families."

Lakewood Hospital's additional infrastructure updates scheduled for 2010 include heating and ventilating upgrades, a new boiler for the Community Health Center, and parking garage improvements.

Fun Fact: Each generator and its enclosure weigh almost 60,000 lbs! The concrete pad under the generators was an estimated 200 yards of concrete, weighing approximately 250 tons.

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5th Annual Meet the Trucks!

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ment of Recreation will be there to tell you all about the many great activities our city has to offer.

Come to the park early and score a rock star parking spot! Prior to the Meet the Trucks event, the City of Lakewood is planning an Arbor Day celebration at the park at 9:30 a.m. Come out for the tree planting ceremony and stay for Meet the Trucks!

Sponsored by Lakewood Hospital, The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Donatos Pizza, Romp N Stomp, Cliff Towers

Marathon, Midway OH Boy, Jungle Bob, Music Connection and Zap Entertainment, the 5th Annual Meet the Trucks event promises to have something for everyone in your family. Best of all, it's free! Just bring a nonperishable food donation to benefit the Lakewood Christian Service Center. Tell a friend!

LECPTA is part of the local, state and national PTA. It is not affiliated with any one school; but instead, strives to promote the welfare of children and families throughout the Lakewood community.

Charity Run To Benefit Concerns Of Police Survivors

Sunday May 23rd, is the 4th Annual WEB S.W.A.T. 5K Run and 1 mile family Walk/Run. The 5K race will take place at the Westlake Holiday Inn located at the Crocker Road exit on I-90. Police and S.W.A.T. vehicles will be on display in the parking lot after the race for all to enjoy. This run is open to the public and will begin at 9:15 AM with registration opening at 7:30 AM. The 1 mile Fun Walk/Run will be held at 8:50 AM. Race day registration will be in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. Pre-registration is available by contacting Hermes Sports and Events at (216) 623-9933 or by visiting the Hermes website at www.hermescleveland.com.

Lakewood City Council

Emergency Medical Services Week, May 24-28

Council President Kevin Butler (Ward I) called the May 3, 2010 Council Meeting to order. Councilman Tom Bullock (Ward II) then read a communication from the Public Works Committee regarding an ordinance that would allow Public Works employees to assess fees for non-compliance to refuse laws and regulations. Compliance has become a problem and there has not been an adequate system of enforcing the new laws and regulations. It is hoped by changing this, citing individuals who do not comply will be easier, which will in turn hopefully mean less problems in the future. The committee agreed on the measure but did not come to a conclusion as to how much the fee should be and when or how it should be assessed. The committee agreed to meet in another two weeks at a time to be determined. Since the committee had not come to a final conclusion on the ordinance the item was deferred. He also said that whereas before 2006 incidents of crime were on the rise, since then, they have steadily declined, in every single crime category they looked at.

Councilman Brian Powers (At-Large) then read a communication from the Public Safety Committee. He started by discussing the annual report presen-

tation that was given to the committee by the Department of Public Safety. In his brief summary he made mention of the fire department reducing its numbers by six; however, by reallocating hours, they have actually reduced overtime by 80%, all without any impact on their ability to protect the City.

When he moved on to the issues that were brought to the Public Safety Committee he started by discussing the topic of graffiti. With graffiti becoming more and more a scourge on Lakewood several people are looking for answers on how to fix the problem and prevent it. Powers said that the committee discussed the measure at great detail but had not decided anything yet. They looked into possibly increasing fines for those caught vandalizing property, but said they believe the policing of the problem is actually doing quite well and there isn't much more they can do. Although they do not see any large changes, that does not mean there will not be any-- the conversation is not over.

Another area discussed was speeding. He said that enforcement was up and more citations have been issued. He also mentioned to the Council members that they can help by reaching out to the

by Christopher Bindel

people in their wards to ask about particular problem areas which the police might want to keep a closer eye on.

With the submission of several ordinances at the last Council meeting, Law Director Nora Hurly began the process of updating Lakewood's traffic laws to make them compatible with the state's laws. At this meeting she continued the process by introducing two more ordinances for Council's approval.

Director Hurly then asked Council to approve a resolution that would withdraw the City's earlier objection to the liquor license transfer to the current owners of the Richland Café. The reason the administration decided to change its stance was due to a legally binding agreement by the current owners to change the things about which the City was concerned. If they fail to do so then the City still reserves the right to appeal their issue to the state liquor board. Council agreed to the resolution after looking over the legal agreement, passing it.

Director of Planning and Development, Nathan Kelley, asked Council to allow the administration to put up for sale several properties it has acquired over the last year or so. The properties had been purchased through the City's

Neighborhood Stabilization Program where they buy vacant and foreclosed properties to either rehabilitate or raze so that they might be sold as viable property again. Although there are no immediate plans for the sale of any of these properties, in order to even start the process of listing them, Council has to approve of their sale. Council received the communication and referred the matter to the Housing Committee for consideration.

Fire Chief Mroz then asked the Council to allow the Fire Department to donate a surplus alarm box to an auction, the proceeds of which will go to help support the union in its fundraising efforts for participation in the Firefighters Combat Challenge in May. Council received the communication and passed the resolution.

Chief Mroz then asked Council to make the week of May 24-28, 2010 Emergency Medical Services Week. This year's theme is, "EMS: Anytime. Anywhere. We'll be there." The City will be holding a blood drive at Fire Station #1 on the 28th. The hope is that the blood drive will help prevent a potential blood shortage over the Memorial Day Weekend. Council received the communication and passed the resolution.

After a fairly brief meeting Council President Butler adjourned the meeting.



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Wednesday, May 19

MEET THE AUTHOR:
The Harding Affair: Love and Espionage During the Great War by James David Robenalt
Just because she was a paid German spy doesn’t mean it wasn’t love. A treasure trove of letters sent by Warren G. Harding to his longtime mistress may reveal an exciting new chapter of history. Did their love change the course of world affairs? After reviewing materials suppressed for eighty years, the author makes a compelling case. From Harding’s reporter days in small town Ohio to The War to End All Wars, The Harding Affair casts fresh light on everyone from Kaiser Wilhelm to Eugene V. Debs along with Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and every other major figure of the early twentieth century. Books will be available for sale and signing.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, May 20

BUSINESS BOOK TALK with Tim Zaun and Friends
Lemonade Stand Selling: Accelerate your Small Business Growth by Special Guest Diane Helbig
It doesn’t have to be scary or hard, but eventually you have to make your sales. Thankfully, the Author herself will be on hand to discern what it really means to sell a product or service. **7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room**

Sunday, May 23

SUNDAY WITH THE FRIENDS: ANDREWS’ RAIDERS-24 MEN FROM OHIO
In April 1862, twenty-four volunteers from Ohio participated in the Great Locomotive Chase, commandeering a train and sabotaging the Confederacy from Atlanta to Chattanooga. Known as Andrew’s Raiders, they were awarded the nation’s first Medals of Honor. Author Harold George presents highlights from his multimedia book. **2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium**

BOOK GROUPS:

Tuesday, May 18
KNIT & LIT BOOK CLUB
Lynda Tuennerman hosts a social club for multitaskers—a combination book club and stitchery group. She’s looking for readers who can enjoy intense discussion of modern classics while relaxing with their latest stitching project. Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. At each meeting, the group decides what will be read next. Tonight’s book is The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 or visit www.lkwdpl.org/bookclubs to learn more. **7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room**

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Thursday, June 10

BOOKED FOR MURDER: The Manual of Detection by Jedediah Berry
A clerk who is promoted to detective only after two of his colleagues turn up missing, must rely on a dog-eared copy of The Manual of Detection—and it’s missing a chapter! Guess he’ll have to enter the dreams of the deceased and battle murderers to re-solve the mis-solved cases of his colleagues. It’s a little surreal.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

LEARNING LAB CLASSES:

Reservations for computer instruction classes begin the first of each month.
To register, please stop in or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127. We ask that all students come to class with a working knowledge of the mouse. If you need help, visit the Technology Center and ask the staff to set you up on our Mouse Training Program. It’s fun, easy and essential to becoming computer literate. All classes take place in the Main Library Learning Lab on the 2nd floor.
UPCOMING MAY CLASSES:
Tuesday, May 18: SPREADSHEET BASICS @ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 22: INTERNET BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 29: E-MAIL BASICS @ 3:00 p.m.

CHILDRENS & YOUTH SERVICES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

THE ZONE: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade
Get in the Zone! Spend 30 minutes doing the activity of your choice. Choose from crafts, games, puzzles and more. Visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com/ youth to see the current and upcoming activities.
Tuesday, September 8 – Thursday, May 27
Monday – Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

CREATION STATION: For students in kindergarten through fifth grade
Join us for crafts each and every Friday after school. There is no need to register; however, to schedule groups, please call Main Library (216) 226-8275, Ext. 140 or Madison Branch (216) 228-7428.
Fridays at 4:00 p.m., ongoing through May 28
Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

HOMEWORK ER: For students in kindergarten through eighth grade
Need help with your homework or just want a cool place to work? Come to the Homework Room for help and resources. No need to register.
Mondays – Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., ongoing through May 27
Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

WEEKEND PROGRAMS: FAMILY WEEKEND WONDERS

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. 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.
Main Library: Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m.
Madison Branch: Friday 10:30 a.m.

21, 22, 23: Soccer Showdown
28, 29: Making Music

WEEKENDS WITH WEE ONES: For families with children under 2 years old
Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for families wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year, and there is no need to register in advance.
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.
Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services Department

TAIL WAGGIN’ TUTORS: For children ages 7 – 12
Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-on-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.
Saturday, June 12 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

FAMILY MUSIC & MORE: For the whole family

These programs are generously funded by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture along with our longtime sponsor, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

May 22

Family Movie Night: The Muppets Take Manhattan
“Somebody’s getting married?!?”See what happens when the Muppets travel to Manhattan to find a producer for their musical. Featuring the muppetry of Jim Henson and Frank Oz.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Programs for Youth and Teens

WHAT NOVEL IDEAS!: For youth entering sixth through eighth grade
Need to read before school begins? Participate in book discussions designed to help with your summer reading assignments. Look for dates and titles in the Children’s and Youth Services Department, on the web at www.lkwdpl.org/sumread, and in summer reading assignment packets from Lakewood City Middle Schools.

SUMMER READING CLUB 2010

KNIGHTS OF THE READING TABLE: For children age birth through fifth grade

Be it known across the land, all noble, brave and chivalrous readers are summoned to join the Summer Reading Club and choose to complete 30 books or 30 hours of reading. Visit the Reading Club table once a week to collect medieval stamps and tickets toward prize drawings. Receive a certificate, a nameplate and a special reward befitting a knight when you finish.
Monday, May 10 – Saturday, August 14
Children’s and Youth Services Department at Main Library and Madison Branch

DARK DAYS OF KNIGHTS: For youth entering sixth through twelfth grade
Lighten up in the Dark Ages! Join our Summer Reading Club for teens. Choose to complete 30 books or 30 hours of reading and earn prizes. Stop by the Reading Club table to sign up or for more information.
Monday, May 10 – Saturday, August 14

Lakewood Public Library

Children's And Youth Services:

From Cradle To College Part 2: The School-Age Years

by Amy Dreger

From emergent readers eagerly selecting their first books to older children choosing report topics and the latest popular titles such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid or The Lightning Thief, the library is a hub of activity for elementary school children looking for books. But spend an hour at Lakewood Public Library and you will see school-age children using the library for a whole lot more. For some, it is a quiet after-school haven for studying and reading. For others, it is a place for entertainment providing fun and educational library-sponsored programming.

Along with providing nearly 60,000 books, videos, DVDs, CDs and CD-ROMs in its collection, Lakewood Public Library's Children's and Youth Services Department (C&YS) provides a host of programs for school-age children that encourage a love of reading and provide space and opportunities for creative growth, entertainment and homework assistance.

The after-school hours are especially busy times for the library. C&YS librarians have designed an after-school program called "The Zone" that provides a short break from homework and stimulates comprehension and thinking skills in an entertaining way. Children learn to cooperate with others, follow simple

directions and express their creativity all in a fun, relaxed environment while playing games, doing puzzles and completing crafts. No registration is required for the program, which meets Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 4:30 every day that school is in session. On Fridays, children are treated to a more involved craft during "Creation Station," which also meets from 4:00 to 4:30.

After-school hours are also a popular time at the library. C&YS offers "Homework ER" for children looking for a quiet place to study, homework help from friendly librarians and the necessary resources to work on assignments and reports. So far this year, 446 students have taken advantage of this academic opportunity. "Homework ER" is offered Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the C&YS Homework ER Room. No registration is necessary. School-age children can also frequent C&YS's Computer Connections Room, a fun space that allows them to select from over 200 educational computer games designed to encourage literacy, math and problem-solving skills. Children can sign up during selected hours when a staff member is on duty. The room also offers a limited selection of games during off-hours.

While a majority of school-age

programs are offered during after-school hours, C&YS also plans special weekend programs throughout the year. "Family Music and More" is a free entertainment program offered the third Saturday of each month. Past presenters have included magicians, storytellers, musical acts and more. Check the Lakewood Public Library's mailer for upcoming performances.

At the heart of C&YS's school age programming are the frequent visits to classrooms throughout Lakewood. In the month of March alone, C&YS provided 226 outreach programs to 4,459 Lakewood school students. These programs include lunch-hour book clubs for third, fourth and fifth graders, a "Strokes of Genius" program that showcases renowned artists and their works, "Authors Unlimited," which uses stories and activities to educate students about the lives and works of

various authors, and the "Brown Bag Book Club," which features fun books and activities surrounding specific themes.

School-age children throughout Lakewood will soon be gearing up for "Knights of the Reading Table," this year's Summer Reading Club. Kids are challenged to read 30 books or fulfill 30 hours of reading and can win special prizes just for participating. Look for upcoming articles that discuss the program in detail and showcase more fun summer programming.

These are just a few of the outstanding programs and services we offer every day in the Children's and Youth Services Department. More information on these and the rest of our programs can be found on the department's webpage at www.lkwdpl.org/youth, in our bi-annual mailer, or by contacting C&YS at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Dr. River Smith Presents "Power Living" Workshops At Lakewood Public Library

by Joan Rubenking

Do you have problems getting what you need or want from others? Do you wish you had more love in your life? Are you looking to bring more joy to the world around you? Are tender emotional wounds getting in the way of the life you want to live? If any or all of these questions pertain to you, come to the Lakewood Public Library and participate in Dr. River Smith's workshops on Monday evenings in June, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Dr. Smith, a psychologist for 20 years, has been presenting personal growth seminars since the 1980s and will be explaining techniques from his new book, A Conspiracy to Love: Living a Life of Joy, Generosity, and Power.

Here is the upcoming schedule:
**Monday, June 7:
Power Getting**

In this introduction to powerful assertiveness techniques, participants will learn the basics of the most effective, proven method to get what you want (without manipulation or intimidation) from others in your life.

**Monday, June 14:
Power Loving**

Participants in this session will learn what the common attributes of a fulfilling, loving romantic relationship are. They will also learn what they need to do to bring more love into their lives.

**Monday, June 21:
Power Joy**

This week's participants will learn about the most recent research on happy people. They will also learn the

ingredients necessary to experience more joy in their lives.

**Monday, June 28:
Power Healing**

In the Power Healing workshop, participants will learn techniques and strategies to transform the pain of their pasts into power that will help them heal and allow them to increase the joy in their lives.

River Smith is a local community activist, and a long time social justice educator and specialist in post-traumatic stress and relationship healing. He can be found at the Lakewood Public Library on a regular basis, having written about half of A Conspiracy to Love in the Grand Reading Room. He also frequents Panera and the Root Café. He is a nationally published poet and columnist, a former co-chair of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, and produces "The Love and Justice Report" for alternative cable TV. He is the co-author, with Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez, of the 2007 book, Lessons from the Color of Fear: a Teacher's Manual.

Dr. Smith's workshops at the Lakewood Public Library are free and open to the public. No advance registration is necessary. Join us in June for one session, two, or all four, and learn positive, powerful tools to put you back in control of your life. The Library does own A Conspiracy to Love, so check it out (literally!). Power up with love, joy, and healing on Monday evenings, at 7 p.m., in June at Lakewood Public Library.

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Great New Administrators At Lakewood Schools

by Betsy Voinovich

On Tuesday May 11, Grant Elementary School parents received a letter in our kids' backpacks from our amazing principal, Mr. Mark Gleichauf, informing us that he had been promoted to Director of Teaching and Learning in the Lakewood City School District, and that we would have a new principal in the Fall.

The sadness we felt upon realizing that we are losing our "dad" at Grant, who has been the captain at the helm of the multi-cultural, mixed-socio-economic, open-classroom ship that is Grant, and has steered it into Excellent-rated success, was lessened by knowing that he is now going to be extending his tremendous skills to the District as a whole.

Grant Elementary School isn't losing its dad, the father of the family that is Lakewood's Sesame Street; we are sharing him with the rest of the families in Lakewood. Grant is Lakewood's



Mr. Gleichauf hangs out after school at Grant.

only public Blue Ribbon elementary school. With Mr. Gleichauf moving up in the District, soon there will be more.

It is also wonderful to know that Mr. Gleichauf will now be able to use

his abilities to nurture and educate our kids through middle school and high school. Before we would have had to say goodbye to him after fifth grade, now we know that he will be around

to answer our concerns and celebrate our children's triumphs throughout their entire journey through Lakewood schools, Kindergarten through senior year of high school.

Our new principal, Ms. Roxann Ramsey, comes to us with Mr. Gleichauf's full blessing. She has spent this past year in the position of Coordinator of Teaching and Learning for Lakewood City Schools. Before that she was Assistant Principal at Beachwood Middle School. According to Mr. Gleichauf, Ms. Ramsey is an expert on Lakewood's curriculum and its particular challenges. Mr. Gleichauf described being a middle school principal as a "test of fire" and related to us that like Ms. Ramsey, he had never been an elementary school teacher before he came to Grant, but that he had put in his time in the "proving ground" of being a middle school principal. "If you can do that," he said, "you're ready for this." He went on to say that with her extensive knowledge of Lakewood's curriculum, Ms. Ramsey is more than ready. He is confident that the well-oiled machine of experienced staff at Grant will take good care of her and continue to deliver the excellent education for which Grant is known.

Mr. Gleichauf is the kind of administrator, professional, and person who inspires complete confidence and trust. His recommendation is quite an endorsement. We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Ramsey to Grant school and are looking forward to getting to know her, some of us for the first time this Wednesday night when we attend orientation for next Fall's Kindergarten class. If you have a child ready for Kindergarten in the Fall, please join us. It's going to be a fun party.

Mrs. Janet Soeder, our current Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education has served the District well, and we will miss her, but she must be pleased knowing that she is leaving the children of Lakewood in such capable hands.

Congratulations, Mr. Gleichauf, congratulations Ms. Ramsey, thank you Mrs. Soeder, and congratulations Lakewood. With the passage of our school levy, a new start at Grant and a new start at the District, it is a great time to be a part of the excellent-rated Lakewood City School District.

Emerson Adds Touch Of Class To Lunch

by Christine Gordillo

The children filed in quiet as church mice to the soothing sounds of Pachelbel's Canon in D on the harp, many of them dressed in their Sunday finest. It was an unusual day in the otherwise cacophonous cafeteria at Emerson Elementary School on Thursday, May 13, as the students were treated to their annual "Classical Lunch."

Created by teacher Pat Schiazza five years ago while at Taft Elementary, the Classical Lunch tradition carried over to Emerson once Taft closed its doors.

"I wanted to expose them to classical music and teach them a little bit about good table manners," Schiazza said.

Many of the students have never heard classical music before and their 20 minutes at this lunch may be the only time they will. With the usually bare tables covered with tablecloths and adorned with fresh flowers and candles, the children listened quietly and intently to professional harpist Cecilia Ilg McKay play a mix of both classical and popular songs on her golden instrument. McKay also gave



Students at Emerson Elementary enjoy some soothing harp music at their annual "Classical Lunch."

each of the classes a quick lesson about the harp and how she creates her music on it. The kindergartners offered plenty of "oohs" and "aahs" as they walked in and saw the grand instrument.

Even the teachers got into the spirit with their dressy attire. Fourth grade teacher Matt Shields donned his black-tie tuxedo for the occasion. The lunch is one of a few special lunches principal Peg Seibel says she likes to hold throughout the year. Others include a WinterFest lunch where the students bring snow gear and frolic in the snow and also a June picnic lunch outside. "We like to break it up for the kids and do something different for them," Seibel said. "I'm just glad we weren't serving tacos or spaghetti today," she said. Parents who sent their children in their fancy clothes were likely glad as well.

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Dear Lakewood,

Thank you for supporting Issue 6!

Your support of Issue 6 will allow the Lakewood City Schools to:

- * Continue recent, major improvements on key state report card measures;
- * Maintain crucial programs that our Community values; and
- * Devote ALL funds from this issue directly to the classroom (no funds will go toward school buildings).

The levy campaign's success was due to the broad, nonpartisan support we received from our Community leadership and, most importantly, you!

But the hard work is not over yet. While Issue 6 is less than the total amount needed to fully cover losses from the State and from lost local revenue, it is the amount our Community can afford.

Given the current economic climate, and continued reductions in State funding for our school district, the only responsible course of action is for the Lakewood City Schools to continue to find ways to trim our budget and keep our finances sound. Fortunately, by passing Issue 6, you have allowed us the flexibility to ensure that these cuts will be far less devastating than if the levy had failed.

Again, thank you for your support of Issue 6.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to further improve the Lakewood City Schools' excellence and accountability.

Matthew Markling

School Board Vice-President

My views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education or its members. Board Bylaw 0148. I value your opinion regarding the Lakewood City Schools and strive to ensure a transparent and accountable system of public education. Please share your questions, comments, and/or concerns with me by contacting me directly at www.marklingforlakewoodschools.com.

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Horace Mann, Emerson Rehabs Win Preservation Award

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools’ renovation of Horace Mann and Emerson elementary schools has been honored with a 2010 Preservation Award from the Cleveland Restoration Society and the American Institute of Architects, Cleveland/Akron chapter. It is the second award the district has received for its work on the two schools as it received a preservation award from the City of Lakewood last year.

The two elementary schools, which opened in August 2009, were renovated during the second phase of the Lakewood City Schools’ Facilities Master Plan construction program that began in 2004 and has led to two new elementary schools, two new middle schools, the renovation of half of Lakewood High School and the Emerson and Horace Mann renovations. Roosevelt and Lincoln elementary schools and the eastern half of Lakewood High are slated to be renovated or rebuilt in the third and final phase.

Emerson and Horace Mann opened seven months apart in 1922 and were built as exact duplicates. At

a cost of \$11.6 million for Emerson and \$12.2 million for Horace Mann, the Lakewood City Schools’ accomplished a complete renovation of the interiors of the schools while preserving the historic exteriors as well as significant historic pieces inside the building. Replacement of the old windows with ones that matched the architectural integrity of the building gives passers-by a striking example of the improvements made.

“Lakewood is a community that treasures its architectural heritage. We wanted to honor that tradition by restoring two of our most historic buildings and do so in a way that paid tribute to the schools’ past while bringing it up to standards for 21st century learning. We are so pleased that the AIA and Restoration Society recognized our efforts,” said Treasurer Rick Berdine, who oversees the district’s construction program.

The Preservation Awards honor projects that, “Contribute significantly to improving the quality of life in Northeast Ohio through the preservation of our historic and architectural resources,” according to the awards committee.

The award will be presented at the Celebration of Preservation awards ceremony on May 20 at the Hanna Theatre in downtown Cleveland.

Lakewood Absolutely Needs A Central Elementary

by Meg Ostrowski

I am writing on behalf of a growing group of concerned citizens.

Thank you to everyone who supported the levy with his or her vote last week! The passage of Issue 6 insures that our schools will avoid further painful cuts in the coming year(s). Our administration, principals, teachers, staff and children earned this one with their hard work and dedication.

We know that some were worried that supporting the levy would send the wrong message to the Board of Education. These voters DID NOT want the school board to think that supporting Issue 6 was a sign of support for the BOE’s recent decision to remove Grant from the OSFC Master Facilities Plan. There are still many concerns regarding the Phase III process and its outcome.

Removing Lakewood’s last remaining central elementary school effectively ends our city’s tradition of having neighborhood schools. The neighborhoods in the center of Lakewood are full of children and families, including ours. The first schools in Lakewood were located there to serve what has always been a residential city. This recent decision will change the very character of Lakewood and make the center of the city much less attractive to existing and potential homeowners and businesses.

Since the BOE’s vote to remove Grant, additional research and public records requests have further strengthened the case for maintaining a centrally located elementary school. We value historic preservation. We understand the development goals of the city. However, we feel that this decision should have been made with EDUCATION as the overriding priority, while minimizing the financial burden on taxpayers during these difficult economic times.

The decision as it stands is dividing our city and will negatively impact the entire school district.

We can do better. The BOE has yet to take our concerns seriously as they feel we speak for only a few Grant parents, not the larger community. Now is the time to remind them that while we may have supported the operating levy, we will NOT support a bond issue that does not include a centrally located elementary school as part of the building plan.

We are in the process of gathering a list of supporters in order to simplify communication regarding this issue. If you would like to receive information and add your name to the list of people who support a central elementary school, please send an e-mail to centralementary@yahoo.com or mail a note to PO Box 771512 Lakewood, OH 44107.

Lakewood Catholic Academy’s Fifth Birthday Gala Draws 300 To Campus

by Paul Nickels

More than 300 old and new friends of Lakewood Catholic Academy gathered at the school on Saturday, April 24th to celebrate five years of Catholic elementary education on the lakefront campus. The Fifth Birthday Gala was a celebration of the school’s short history and a future filled with promise.

After enjoying cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the school’s stately junior high hallway, guests entered a magically transformed LCA gymnasium, which was draped in yellow and white gossamer to resemble a tent. Large white paper lanterns and giant navy blue pom-poms were suspended from center of the space creating an elegant and festive setting. The Decorations Committee, led by Timi Kormos and Jane Diemer, carried the celebratory theme throughout the evening.

Gatherings Kitchen of Lakewood created an exceptional dinner menu for the party. Table centerpieces were 30 beautiful birthday cakes that also served as each table’s dessert. The cakes were donated by many of the area’s finest bakeries and pastry chefs.

The guests enjoyed several party games, including a “Wine Pull”, featuring 100 bottles of donated fine wines and champagnes and a spirited game of “Heads and Tails” that had the crowd on its feet as the four finalists decided to donate the \$1,000 cash prize to LCA. Longtime Lakewood resident, and LCA Board of Directors Chairman Emeritus, Joseph P. Gibbons was honored after dinner with the inau-



Lakewood Catholic Academy Board Chairman Emeritus Joe Gibbons addresses the audience after receiving the school’s inaugural Insignis Award for his service to the school.

gural presentation of the LCA Insignis Award for his dedication and service to LCA. He humbly accepted the award on behalf of parents, faculty, and staff who share a vision for excellence in Catholic elementary education.

“I am grateful to my committee members who worked so hard to make our event a success, and to all who attended and supported the gala, particularly our sponsors,” said LCA Advancement Director Mary Ann Campbell.

Event sponsors included Ennis Court; Schneider, Smeltz, Ranney & LaFond; Tucker Ellis West; Frantz Ward; Mutual Capital Partners; and Lakewood City Schools. All funds raised will support the school’s innovative curriculum, dedicated faculty and the school’s tuition assistance program.

LCA Students Score At Geospatial Technology Conference

by Paul Nickels

Four students from Lakewood Catholic Academy’s Extended Curriculum program recently had a close encounter with the world of real science. The fourth-graders Frannie Smith and Emily Morabeto and sixth graders Bobby Sessions and Patrick McGuire--presented the results of their collaborative climate research projects at the Fourth Annual OhioView SATELLITES Geospatial Technology Conference at the Penta Career Center in Perrysburg, Ohio on April 27th.

The conference brought together students ranging from first grade through college to present research results to their peers and to a panel of distinguished judges. The themes for this year’s event were the International Polar Year and climate change, both “hot” topics in the world of science.

Both LCA teams engaged in projects comparing ambient ground temperatures in different settings and locations over several weeks this winter. The sixth-grade team concentrated on comparing temperatures in separate Lakewood locations, while the fifth graders collaborated with a team in Toledo to study regional temperature differences. The University of Toledo provided each team with a

sophisticated infrared thermometer. Both teams won awards! The fifth grade team received third place in the K-6 category, while the sixth graders took second. The students were also on hand for the keynote address, an hour-long presentation on climate change issues from the University of Toledo’s Dr. Andrew Jorgensen.

“It was a powerful experience for the participants,” noted their teacher, Eileen McGuire. “They were presenting real science not only to their peers but to an audience of real scientists, and they were dealing with a topic that is very relevant at this particular time.”

“Being able to present findings in this fashion is a way for students to show they truly understand the way scientists work and to appreciate their own work as ‘scientists,’” noted Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, a University of Toledo researcher with a focus on climate change, who organized the conference.

SATELLITES is an acronym for Students And Teachers Exploring Local Landscapes to Interpret The Earth from Space. The annual program is co-sponsored by NASA and fourteen participating colleges and universities across Ohio.

Lakewood Storm Damage



These images are from Ivor Karabatkovic and Jim O'Bryan's LO Photo blogs. Over 100 images of the storm online with thousands of other images by dozens of Lakewood Photographers. Isn't it time you started your photo blog?
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Time To Smell The Coffee Over Lakewood’s Housing

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and Grandpa. Or the home of a family whose hardworking parents have seen pensions slashed, layoffs, or medical issues suddenly sideline them. Or what I think of as the tragedy homes: homes that were owned by husband and wife, and one has passed away leaving the other with their single largest investment, and a place for them to spend the rest of their years with the memories and love that accrued in that home.

In a city that needs to focus on home quality, and keeping our neighborhoods up, what is a person to do? Where do we turn? How can we save a home, if only for long enough to negotiate a deal, so that a person or family can adjust to their new situation, and set off with something left, both financially and mentally?

There are so many programs and they are so hard to find out about, understand or even file for. What is a widow to do? What is an over-financed underemployed person to do? What can a Lakewoodite seeking help with his or her home do? There is now a real answer in the City of Lakewood: call Hilary Schickler at the LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Office.

While LakewoodAlive’s program is focused on fixing the cosmetics of a house so that it looks good to others, Hilary goes far beyond this, bringing her vast knowledge of assistance



Hilary Schickler gets a hug from a woman she is helping.

and improvement programs to the situation. She is a tremendous help to homeowners trying to wade through all of the paperwork, options, and offers that are out there.

In the coming issues, I will go over some of these ideas and programs, and let you know more about Hilary herself, so that you can better understand what is available, and why she is the person to help you save your home, and/or get a fair price if you conclude finally, that the best plan for your family is selling your house.

Last week I spoke with a woman that was left a double by her husband. They had lived there for 30 years, raised

a family, the kids moved off, and sadly her musician husband passed away. Overwhelmed, alone, and in over her head, she called Hilary who sat down with her and went over her dilemma.

Hilary worked with the Lakewood Community Development and the Building Department and together they worked to develop a plan. She was able to identify resources to upgrade the home’s electrical system and replace the furnace. Energy conservation measures were also implemented and the house was insulated. All of this was done at no cost to the homeowner. Hilary is now working on getting the front porches completely rebuilt and repairing concrete around the home. The cost of the porch and site work will be deferred, no payments, until the

home is sold.

This program alone could save so many dollars in this city. If we let our homes go to hell, the owner loses money that can never be recaptured. The neighborhood loses value that will never be recaptured. And the city loses taxes, funding, and the chance to bring in new families that are impressed with our housing stock, schools, and parks.

The single most important thing in this Bedroom Community is the homes we have invested so heavily in. As our homes go, so does our community. If you need help with your home, or you know of someone who does, tell them that there is real help in Lakewood.

Call Hilary Schickler at 216-521-1554 or email her at hschickler@lakewoodalive.com.



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Looking Good

Improving The Look Of Your Smile

by Dr. Jeffrey Laubmeier

In today's society, your appearance can have a dramatic effect on how you are perceived by others. In fact, it may be more important and meaningful to others than most realize. Studies have shown that your appearance influences how others perceive your health and vitality as well as your level of success. This includes the look of your smile, one of the most prominent features of your face. Cosmetic dentistry plays a large part in helping people improve their appearance, and recent advances in materials and techniques have made it easier and more affordable. Bondings, veneers, whitening, and braces are examples of dental treatments for improving your smile.

Composite bondings and porcelain veneers can alter the shape and color of teeth to help cover permanently stained, poorly shaped, or slightly crooked teeth. Bondings are typically completed in one appoint-

ment, whereas porcelain veneers usually require multiple appointments spread out over a couple of weeks. Recent advances in dental materials often make it possible for these treatments to be completed with little or no preparation of the tooth prior to their application.

If you are simply dissatisfied with the color of your teeth, then whitening may be the best option for you. Teeth can become discolored for many reasons such as age, tooth trauma, certain medications, and exposure to certain food, drinks, and tobacco. Whitening can be accomplished through several different methods: at home with over-the-counter (OTC) products, at home with dentist-dispensed products, and professionally applied in-office whitening. OTC products include whitening toothpastes that can help remove surface stains and bleaching products that

may come in the form of trays, gels, or strips. Since these products are OTC there is a limit to how strong the bleaching agent can be and results may take longer to achieve. Products dispensed by a dentist are stronger than OTC products and therefore can usually achieve better results in a shorter time period. Also, when purchasing professional tooth whitening, the dentist will fabricate custom dental trays, molded from your mouth, which help to enhance the results by holding the bleaching agent tight against the tooth. Professionally applied in-office whitening utilizes the most powerful products and usually can achieve results in as little as an hour. With all whitening products, the most common side effect is tooth sensitivity. Sensitivity is usually short term, but can typically be avoided if the procedure is done under the supervision of a dentist.

Braces can reposition your teeth to correct crowded, tilted, and rotated teeth, or to close gaps between teeth. With improvements in materials and techniques the time needed to move teeth has shortened. And now, in some cases, one may even wear clear retainers instead of metal brackets so that no one will know you are undergoing orthodontic treatment.

One or a combination of the treatments mentioned above can dramatically improve the appearance of your smile. A whiter, brighter, more radiant smile can boost your confidence and improve how you feel about yourself. Talk with your dentist to see if any of these treatments are clinically appropriate for you. And always make sure to use American Dental Association accepted products.

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Looking Good

Set The Trend For Spring 2010

by Alexis Li

Amidst the wind and hail, spring has snuck itself upon Lakewood and with it comes rib cook-offs, fresh flowers and best of all, the perfect weather for dressing up. Spring is a time for proms, weddings and garden parties. What better way to usher in a new spring than to attend your special event in style. These looks are can work with any body shape and budget. Whether you are a Wall Flower or an Earth Child, there is something for every style.

Classic

If your hair is never out of place and you pride yourself on never going out of style, then show your elegance with a black and white ensemble accented by a tidy headband and embellished ballet flats. Keep jewelry simple. If texture is what you crave, sequined flesh tones and antique metallics will have you turning heads everywhere you go.

Earth Child

Love mother earth and all her lovely children? Then embrace this eclectic global style. Earth tones in a variety of prints and textures represent your status as an appreciator of culture. Scarf dresses are a great way to create a sense of grace and movement. Piece together accessories of all origins and materials to balance out your look.

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Rocker Girl

Black + Leather + Studs = Attitude. This season big shoulders amplify the look even more. To really get the message across, finish off your look with metal chains and boots. If you are just a Rocker In Training, work in this look by incorporating belts, zippers and shoes that echoed the attitude.

The Flirt

Think you have to show a lot of skin to be a flirt? Think again. Draw the eye by subtly enhancing your best features. A dress with a low back is universally flattering. Try to find one with an interesting detail to really call attention to the area. If legs are your asset, then show it! Just make sure the rest of the dress is less revealing. Same goes for décolletage. Fun sunglasses, animal print accessories and wedges show your sense of fun and confidence. And what is sexier than that?

Trend Spotter

Being a trend spotter is hard work. Reward yourself by indulging in the amazing colors now available in apparel and makeup. Think fun, colorful and loud. Try mixing 2 to 3 bright eye shadows or grab a dress that resembles Joseph's amazing technicolor dream coat. Just remember to tone down the other aspects of your look or else the other party goers will mistake you for a time traveler from the 80's.

Wall Flower

The sweetest trend of the season is soft, bouncy, and floral. Think chiffons, organza and tulle for texture; pastels for color; and country flowers for patterns. This innocent and ethereal look will keep you from ever blending into the wall. Accessories should be kept at a minimum lest they distract. Flesh tone shoes complement and elongate the figure. If you are not a girly-girl, join in the fun by pinning flowers (better if they're real!) into a loose updo or tousled waves.

Wrap Up

The looks for this spring are endless and there are a number of great trends to be discovered. The key to a great look is to wear at least one item that really catches the eye. And always make sure to balance your look so you are not overpowered by your clothes.

Wear it with a sense of adventure and a sense of confidence and you will be admired.

If you are in the market for high end items, you might look to former Virginia Marti student, Ali Rahimi's line Mon Atelier out in LA. But if you don't have the bank account to join A-list Hollywood celebrities in donning Rahimi's gowns to major award shows, not to worry. Looking great does not have to break the bank and Lakewood offers a variety of value conscious options. Try Lion and Blue or Local Girl Gallery for one of a kind jewelry. Or see what gems can be found at The Eclectic Mixx or Haute Stuff. Of course, if you are really creative venture into Virginia Marti College of Art and Design to check out their designer discount fabrics, or even sign up for a class!

Some ideas include: The Designer Consigner; Cerny Shoes; Lion and Blue; Torry's Threads; Dots; Cosmic Collectables; Deja Vu; Local Girl Gallery; Geiger's Clothing and Sports; The Mission Boutique; Chain Link Addiction; Payless; Virginia Marti; Green Smart Gifts; Jo-Ann Fabrics; The Eclectic Mixx

Alexis Li has studied History of Art and Fashion Design at The Ohio State University and Kent State University.

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Out And About

Exciting Parties In Spectacular Homes Benefit The Beck Center

by Fran Storch

Warmer weather ushers in the party season and what better way to celebrate the season than attending the Beck Center for the Arts Spring Fling! Summer Socials! 2010, May through July 2010. This series of six exciting and unique art-focused events is held in some of the Cleveland area's most fabulous homes and hosted by devoted fans of the Beck. All proceeds benefit the Beck Center, one of the area's most comprehensive performing arts

and arts education centers. Our first party was May 15th and two others have already sold out, but there are a limited number of spots available for the remaining three, although tickets are selling fast. Don't miss out on the remaining parties listed below. To purchase tickets, visit www.beck-center.org, or call the Beck Center at 216.521.2540 ext. 19.

The Music Man & Sing-a-long, Saturday, June 19

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Shaker Heights Bloodgood Tuttle-designed Tudor Revival manor—once the official residence of the Canadian Consulate—with its stunning landscaped English gardens and architectural splendors, including an octagonal foyer and the exotic wood-paneled adjoining rooms. Includes a magnificent buffet and performers from the world of light opera will sing Meredith Willson's The Music Man.

June Is Bustin' Out All Over, Saturday, June 26

Tour this charming renovated 1838 Greek Revival home in Westlake, once the residence of U.S. Senator Theodore E. Burton, with fantastic murals, stained glass windows, and winding passages that lead to secret rooms. The expansive, lush grounds of Dover Farm are perfect for strolling, friendly games of badminton and croquet, or casual dining on a scrumptious gourmet barbeque. Plus a beer-tasting expert advises

on beer epicure etiquette, a DJ takes requests, and Beck previews its upcoming production of The Producers.

Music of the Night: Phantom of the Opera, Saturday, July 31

Explore this 24,000 sq. ft. majestic home, also in Westlake, with it's gorgeous terraces, magnificent European interiors, crystal chandeliers, a stunning art collection, movie and sports memorabilia, and Hollywood screening room. Select a cocktail from one of the open bars, savor the buffets, and applaud the guests of honor, the Phantom and Christine Daae.

Located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, the Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, and gallery exhibits featuring regional artists.

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Business Bits & Bytes

by Maggie Fraley

Did you attend the Girls Night Out Party on Madison 2 weeks ago? Over 120 people attended to show their support and donate to battered women's shelters. Nicole Flagg, owner of Beshe Boutique (children's clothing consignment) held this event with organizer, Terrilynn Amos, owner of Turnstyle Boutique. "It's been a fantastic turn out and good to see women come together to relax and have fun while supporting other women", said Terrilynn. Also involved was Carol Lynn's Salon Plus owner, Carol Congeni, doing nails and paraffin dips. Watch for another event soon!...

If you ever need anything mended or made, Torry Tustan of Torry's Threads can help! Her needle skills come from decades of seamstress experience at the Ritz Carlton and Playhouse Square...Ever since they were kids, sisters Natalie and Brandi Schwartz dreamed of opening a salon together. Their shop, Color by Numbers, offers standard services plus those harder to find like long lasting gel lacquer nails and Brazilian blow-out smoothing treatments, to name just a few. They also participate in the "Matter of Trust -Oil Spills Program" in which salons donate cut hair to soak up oil spills! (Yes, really!) ...

Our next Observer will feature a 'keeper' pull-out section of restau-

rants, patios & takeout food. A preview includes ...Lindi Mellaraj and Sokol Gjerazi, who invite diners to their Lake House Café (behind Lake House condominiums) or order your food 'to go' and eat on their lakefront patio (after Memorial Day). Have you tried Nunzio Traina's Nunzio Pizza? They won the Best of Cleveland 2009 award. Or how about Aladdin's for delicious and healthy Middle Eastern food? Diverse people, services and products- there's always something unique in Lakewood!



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Out And About

H2O Helps Local Veterans Commemorate Memorial Day

by Nicholas Aylward

The time surrounding Memorial Day is always busy for H2O – “Help To Others.” This year we have two events in place to help honor and remember those who have served in the Armed Forces.

First, Harding Middle School students/staff and H2O are hosting a continental breakfast on Thursday, May 27th for all veterans of the armed forces. All veterans are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30am. Following breakfast there will be a special program featuring Lorain Southview High School’s

Junior ROTC Honor guard performing the MIA/POW ceremony in recognition of Memorial Day. The keynote speaker for the program is Lakewood POW, Maynard “Doc” Unger. The program will be put on in conjunction with the Lakewood and Rocky River Joint Veterans Council.

Veterans wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. by calling Jules Rewald at 440-899-7050.

H2O is also hosting their 18th annual Grave Decorating. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 29th from 9:00am to 1:00pm to help veterans honor U.S. soldiers who have died.

Volunteers and veterans will place flags on the graves of over 3,000 service men and women who are buried in Lakewood Park Cemetery in Rocky River, OH. After all flags are in place, lunch will be served at the American Legion Hall in Rocky River.

Interested student volunteers need to go to the City of Lakewood’s website and download the permission slip from the H2O page, and bring the completed slip with them to the event. Anyone needing transportation must contact H2O at 529-6045 by Friday, May 28th. H2O will only transport students in grades 6-12 who are Lakewood residents and have called ahead to reserve

their seat.

Interested adults and families are encouraged to participate and meet us at Lakewood Park Cemetery at 9:30am. We ask that you contact H2O at 529-6045 so that we have an accurate head count for the veteran groups who are providing lunch.

H2O is a program of the Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Youth in partnership with Lakewood City Schools. Under the direction of staff from the Division of Youth, H2O programs are intended to build and strengthen the confidence and resources of Lakewood’s young residents through service projects.

Lakewood STREETWALK 2010 – Get Ready To “Tug” And “Run”

by Susan Walker

Get Active! There is much new to do this year at STREETWALK 2010. Try belly dancing, play 4-Square, test wall climbing skills, run a 5K race, and compete in a tug-o-war for the ultimate challenge against the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team. Or, maybe you would prefer to eat great food, listen to music, and watch the Burning River Roller Girls roller-derby demo or the skate boarders try out the Red Bull ramps and jumps. There is definitely something for everyone.

The Second Annual STREETWALK will take place on July 17, 2010 from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Detroit Avenue between Arthur and Marlowe Avenues. This community event promotes “active living” and last year drew more than 5,000 residents and visitors from Northeast Ohio to Downtown Lakewood. Check out last year’s event at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Yj3xRpMSfM.

New this year is the STREETWALK 5K Run which will begin at Lakewood Park (5 p.m.) and end in downtown Lakewood with the awards ceremony at 6:00 p.m. This Hermes managed event will be advertised to the running community and will also include a Children’s Run to begin at St. Charles Green proceeding on closed

Detroit Avenue and ending in front of Lakewood Center West. Register at www.heremescleveland.com.

Also new this year is the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team and Local 382 Firefighters’ Union Tug-o-War competition. We will be accepting 8 teams of five to compete with the final two teams tugging-off against the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team. Awards will be provided. To sign up your team call 216-521-0655. Cost is \$10.00 per team of five, with all proceeds going to the Lakewood Firefighter Combat Challenge Team.

If you would like to promote your business, church, or non-profit at STREETWALK 2010 we are still accepting applications to provide an “active” program or to be a food vendor. To obtain an application go to www.downtownlakewood.org or call 216-521-0655 to obtain additional information. To be included in the STREETWALK 2010 printed map, all program providers must submit their commitment application by June 1, 2010. STREETWALK 2010 is presented by Downtown Lakewood, a program of LakewoodAlive, a 501(c)(3) economic development organization focused on the revitalization of Lakewood’s historic downtown.



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Pulse Of The City

Advice? For The Graduates Of 2010...

by Gary Rice

I think that perhaps the most despised word in the English language (to a graduating high school senior at least) is the word "advice."

After all, seniors have spent the last thirteen years of their lives (including kindergarten) receiving instruction, and education, and yes, advice. In their eyes, what more could possibly be told to them now, by ANYONE five MINUTES older than they are, about life?

Seniors, who have had virtually every aspect of their lives directed by adults up to this point, want to get on with their own lives, plans, and futures. They certainly want to have little to do with well-meaning but otherwise totally BORING grown-up advice.

Well, too bad. Here it comes anyway. Wisdom, as anyone who has ever graduated from high school could tell you, is not the accumulation of facts, but rather the successful blending of those facts with life's experiences. There's an old saying attributed to American writer Mark Twain about never letting school get in the way of one's education. See, it's like this: If the choice came right down between "book-learnin'" and common sense, give me the common sense, anytime. Still, you really need both aspects in order to get by in this wild world of ours.

I'll make my own advice here real simple for you. There really are only two kinds of jobs out there. There's the job you will like, and the job you will not like. Which kind would you rather have? You've been in school now for thirteen years. Did that seem like a long time? If that question seems to have a rather obvious answer, then



Gary's '69 LHS and '73 CSU tassels, along with his Lakewood letter sweater

consider this point: You will be spending about three times that amount of time at your job. Unless you go into the teaching field, forget about those weeks off in the summer, and at Christmas and Easter time too. You'll now most likely be on the job for fifty out of fifty-two weeks of the year.

Yes, you'd better like that job. Over the years, I've worked as a photographer, a professional musician, a private music teacher, a sales manager of a retail music store, and a musical instrument repair person. I've also done some public speaking and, of course, write these columns for you. The most important job I believe I've had has been in the field of school teaching. I was a teacher for more than thirty years, and those were some of the best days of my life. Truthfully though, each of my

jobs has been an enjoyable experience. Enjoyable jobs are usually the ones that require some specialized training. If you receive specialized training, you will likely be paid more as well.

Remember, this is 30 years of time that we're talking about. As previously noted, you'd better REALLY like what you will be doing...or you could end up being REALLY unhappy.

It is critical, as well, that you keep your good name and a clean record. One silly mistake on a Saturday night, and your chances for a good employment future can go down the drain forever. Watch what you do on the internet, as well. The internet is indeed forever, and some of your unwise chat-room postings can follow you throughout your life like the reeking smell of a road-killed skunk.

Sometimes too, even when you think that you might have your future planned, you may need to shift gears when a better idea comes along. For example, I originally trained as a regular education teacher, but teaching those large classes for many years might have been a real challenge for me, due to my having a serious speech impediment. A VERY wise principal friend of my father's suggested that I go into special education teaching instead, as there would be smaller classes to teach, and young people could perhaps also identify with someone who had exceptional issues similar to their own.

When I thought about it, it made great sense, so that's exactly what I ended up doing. In fact, my "job" actually became more of a mission for me. Helping young people having special

needs also helped me gain a better perspective on some of my own former childhood experiences.

In short, while I certainly hope you will make plans for what you think you want to do in life, always remain open to new opportunities as they come along.

Don't forget, as well, the lessons taught to you when you were young about making sound decisions and knowing the difference between right and wrong. The fact that there are many shades of gray in this world does not eliminate the fact that clear choices must sometimes be made.

I'll simply close with one more thought, again attributed to Mark Twain: "It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."



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MINISTERIAL MUSINGS: “Follow Me”

by John Tamilio III

I had lunch with a parishioner in Berea today. On the way back to the office, I stopped for gas and asked the cashier, “What is the quickest way to get to Route 71?” As she looked into the distance and scratched her head, a scruffy man in line behind me began giving me directions. “What you want to do is to keep going down this main road here and turn left at the lights. After that, you want to turn...”

Now keep something in mind. If directions require more than two turns, I get lost. You might as well give them to me in another language. I need

to write them down at that point. So, I asked the cashier for a piece of scrap paper, but before she even moved the man in line said, “I’m actually headin’ that way. Follow me.”

He got in his gray mini-van and I followed close behind. Somehow, I got in the wrong lane when we approached the first major intersection. I was in the “turn right” lane; he was in the left lane. (Remember: JT3 = not good with directions.) He beeped his horn, rolled down his window, and called to me, “Hey, you’re going the wrong way. Cut in front of me and I’ll swing around. Just follow me. Trust me.”

We drove several miles. We took a right, then another left. He made sure that I was behind him the entire time. At one point, when we hit a multi-lane road and I was trailing a few car lengths, he rolled down his window again and signaled for me to keep going straight. He brought me right to Route 71 and he turned right to catch Route 480. As our paths forked, he rolled down his window again and continued to wave until he was out of sight. I kept waving, too. I could feel the smile on his face. I am sure it matched the one on mine.

I met an angel today.

Was he wearing wings? No — just a dirty, old baseball hat and a three-day old beard. But just the same, he went far beyond where most people would

venture to guide a stranger. Something tells me that the road he took was not where he was actually heading. He probably had to double-back to get to where he was going.

God guides us on our respective journeys as well. God points the way, even when we feel we need to veer off in another direction. God is patient. God is smiling. Through Christ, God simply says, “Follow me.”

Sometimes it is hard to trust when we cannot see the road ahead or where God is pointing. It is during such times that we either want the directions written down in black-and-white or we want to forge our own trails. It is also

during those times that we need to pause...breathe deep...and look closer — look to truly see where God is leading us. Like the angel who guided me today, God says, “Just follow me. Trust me.”

Keep your eyes open when you lose your way, my friends. I am sure that God will send you an angel, too.

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Lakewood Observer At Large

Still Lives:

Kent And The Bloody Crucible Of American Civilization

by Kenneth Warren

The memories of antiwar struggle, cultural politics, generational conflict and the traumatic murder of unarmed students on the Kent State campus fuel nineteen narratives in Robert Buckeye's latest novel, *Still Lives* just released by Amandla Publishing.

"For many Kent State shut down the sixties," explains the Lakewood born novelist and column writer for the Lakewood Observer. "The promise of a turbulent, if to some frightening, decade cut short by Guard bullets. Its freedoms in the harsh spotlight of Vietnam seen to be fleeting, its idealism unreal, its goals unlikely. Casualties of the decade were heavy. Road-kill along

evident is a bulletin. The Bullet the Boston Tea Party," declares Amiri Baraka in Ed Dorn & the Western World. Dorn, the great American poet and author of *Gunslinger*, taught in the early 1970s at Kent State University. There he inspired Devo founders Gerald Casale and Bob Lewis.

"It was basically a civil war," Casale testified at The Kent State Truth Tribunal, an event organized by Laurel Krause to honor the memory of her older sister Allison and others whose lives were lost or affected by the events that took place on May 4, 1970. Forty

reports announced six Guardsmen dead, no students (no Guardsmen were killed). When reports of dead students finally surfaced, many in Kent thought good, they should have killed more of them. They sat on porches, shotguns in their laps, fearful of rampaging students. Students could not believe what happened. This was the world? "The Times They Are Changing" against "America Right or Wrong."

"Like the battlefields of the Civil War, people with strong and opposing belief systems collided here during a four day period in a series of demonstrations

disproportionate casualties reflected the disparity of arms."

"Troop G was really hard core conservative, strident, macho gun freaks who did not hesitate to relish the opportunity to kill those they hated. It was a twenty four minute hunting expedition for macho red-necks with guns seeking human prey. They aimed at the people they wanted to kill," explained Alan Canfora, who was wounded at the Kent State debacle.

Elections matter, perhaps. Nixon, Rhodes, Satrom. Links in the chain of law and order. Elected to government particular people may through moral conscience and emotional intelligence be capable of making a difference in critical situations. "If John Carson had been mayor, it's unlikely Kent would have happened. We know for certain he would not have asked for the National Guard. He might have asked for the State Patrol," says Grace.

The publication of Buckeye's *Reports From the Road: Robert Kramer and Still Lives* and the testimony from the Kent State Truth Tribunal are reminders that American history cuts artistically, radically and tragically through Kent Ohio into consciousness and community. As Lakewood Observers gathered together in the Root Café on May 1st to reflect on the lessons of Kent, their narratives turned on ballistics, chocolate chip cookies, cover-ups, Quaaludes, patriarchy, politicians and scarred adolescent psyches.

"I thought Kent was terrifying," recalls Lakewood Observer Advisory Board member Steve Davis, who was a teenager working in a Twinsburg grocery store when the armored personnel carriers and military jeeps rolled by. "Vietnam is here. I told my mother, I'll go to jail or Canada."

It was time to teach the kids a lesson. "We were scared out of our wits," says Davis, contrasting the radically wild political rage of the frontline Utopian pod of Baby Boomers born prior to 1950 to those, like himself, born after, still in living room with parents viewing repeated televised images of innocents slaughtered.

"So much came down so fast in the Sixties that the simple recitation of name, place and event could not begin to measure the shocks to each of us and the system," Buckeye writes in *Reports From the Road: Robert Kramer*, a chapbook on the radical filmmaker aligned with the SDS. "The world entered homes without being invited."

Mania turned to depression. Anger was introjected. "After Kent, that's when people started 'luding up,'" reflected Davis.

"I Wanna Be Sedated" sang The Ramones on *The Road to Ruin*. Joey Ramone wrote the song circa '77-8 watching *The Guns of Navarone* in a London hotel. Johnny is now a declared Republican.

Lakewood Observer Publisher Jim



Kent State survivors.

the highway of progress."

"With the surname of Buckeye, this Ohio native may have been destined to write a fictional account of an event that was judged the state's best-known historic event of the last half century" says historian Tom Grace, a student shot in the Kent State Massacre, whose long awaited book *Kent State: Death and Dissent During the Long Sixties*, will be published in 2011 by University of Massachusetts Press.

The North meets the South in Ohio. Kent itself may have been destined by history and geography to represent the bloody crucible of American civilization and revolutionary praxis. From the early days of eighteenth century land settlement claims, the Connecticut Western Reserve pressed against Virginia Military District. In 1836 John Brown, the American Abolitionist, moved his family to Franklin Mills, an active stop on the Underground Railroad, which would become Kent. For good reason, then, Ohio is known as the battleground state, the heart of it all.

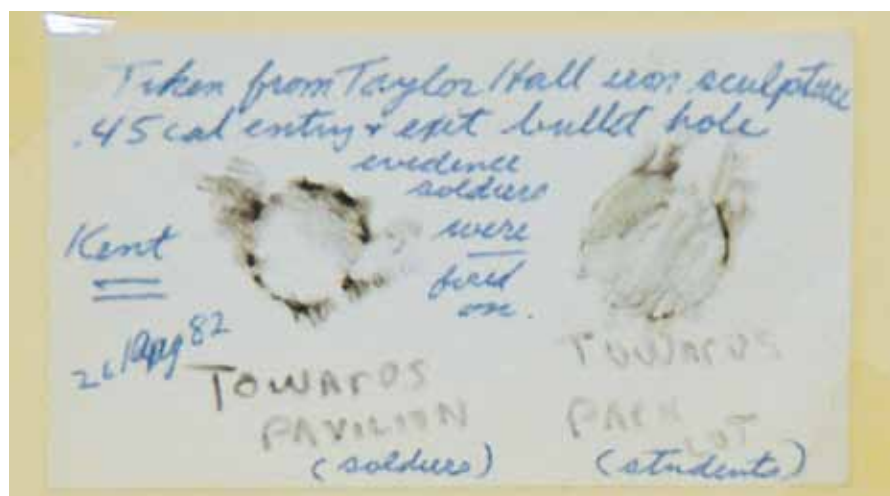
"We hold these truths to be self

years ago, Casale was positioned in "the middle of the action that day." He was a senior and member of SDS. "Clearly in retrospect this was a set-up. All of us naïve students were playing right into a completely planned ambush."

The massacre of unarmed students at Kent State University in 1970 reveals the lineaments of an unreconstructed South in a military state of siege.

"We were two nations that day in Kent," says Buckeye. "Initial radio

over the heated exercise of their convictions," Grace once remarked in a speech at Kent State University. "Only so much can be done with the metaphor of Civil War, however, because battles are usually fought by opposing groups of armed men. At Kent, one side was outfitted with bayonets, M-1 rifles, 12-gauge shotguns, and .45 caliber automatics. Some in the opposition were equipped with stones. While the guardsmen were outnumbered, the students were outgunned. The



A rubbing from the statue.

A Lakewoodite's Perspective

Forget About The Wall And Fix The Stinkin' Door

by Bret Callentine

My son comes to me all the time asking for help looking for something he lost, and my reply is usually the same: "How about you clean your room first. After that, if you still can't find it, I'll be glad to help." Although it's not the answer he's looking for, it's the solution he needs. After all, losing something rarely is the main problem; it's usually a side effect of the real issue-- disorganization.

Unfortunately, kids aren't the only ones who spend way too much time trying to alleviate symptoms while never addressing the real problems. In fact, I believe Congress has raised it to the level of an art form.

What would you say if a friend came to you asking for help saying, "Every time I climb through the window to get into my house, I cut my hand on some glass." Would you help him fix the window, or would you first ask what's wrong with the door? First, you'd probably ask yourself why you had such idiotic friends. But this is exactly what's happening on our borders. Prompted by the continuous flow of illegal immigrants flooding in from Mexico, Arizona took it upon itself to try to do something. In theory, what *Still Lives:*

Kent And The Bloody Crucible Of American Civilization

O'Bryan, convinced Quaaludes, LSD and crack were all CIA formularies to control the masses, recalled his visits to Kent with Kit Carson, "the self-proclaimed head of the SDS in Lakewood." When O'Bryan was twelve years old, he met Carson in trumpet class, instantly impressed by the Hungarian F bomb tattooed on his arm. Carson's sister Chris, who was attending Kent and living with a boyfriend near the Ravena Arsenal, provided an easy flop for the boys. "Kent was a place where we could get away and act like college kids," said O'Bryan.

"Rhodes was a parental figure for the entire state. And one thing we all knew is we didn't want to go to Vietnam," he remembered.

Betsy Voinovich recalled a memory from 1978, when as a girl of fourteen she was on the campaign trail for James Rhodes, because her father shared the Republic ticket with him in the slot of Lieutenant Governor. She remembered a time in the RV with Rhodes, and her family, when her mother served chocolate chip cookies. "I was shocked that Rhodes ate them all, leaving none for us." As a fourteen year old campaigning for her father in Kent, she learned about the student tragedy from a cute looking boy who challenged her conscience and spirit of youthful solidarity. "I didn't campaign anymore that day," she admitted.

"America eats its young," declared James Williamson, once a member of the

tory and promotions practically giving away tickets, the risk of getting caught is nowhere near the potential gain.

So in 2010, why does the path toward citizenship seem to take longer now than it did back on Ellis Island a hundred years ago? Work permits should be relatively cheap and easily obtainable at every border crossing and point of entry. The government should hand out temporary work permits like candy on Halloween. If you cut through the red tape and offered an easy path to lawfully work and live, the flood of illegal immigrants would quickly dry up. And if you backed that up with stronger enforcement and punishment for the businesses that hire those here illegally, the only people who would risk crossing the fence would be drug dealers and terrorists. And at that point, you could pretty much tell the border patrol to shoot on sight.

This doesn't have to be that difficult. Illegal immigration hurts everyone, as we're all forced to pick up the tab for the extra public services and bridge the gap in the loss of pay-

roll and income taxes. This may come as a surprise to many of you, but this is actually one area in which I would welcome an increase in the size of government. And if the government can't pick up the slack and build an express lane to the American Dream, then they need to find a way to let private industry get it done.

Either way, a work visa should be as easy to get as a fishing license. People are coming into the country one way or another, so we might as well embrace the situation and make it work for us, rather than continuing to fight it to the detriment of all. This isn't like the people who say we should legalize drugs since you can't keep people from doing them. In most cases, it's a matter of speeding up the clerical issues separating an honest day's labor from an otherwise honest day laborer.

To solve the problem of illegal immigration we need to quit focusing on the immigrant and start fixing the legal system.



Ken checks out a young radical's files from the event at The Root Caf .

New York University SDS, who traveled to join comrades and to honor memories at the fortieth anniversary of the tragedy in the basement of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent George Segal's bronze sculpture "In Memory of May 4, 1970: Kent State-Abraham and Isaac" speaks to the wounds of patriarchy that marked psyches in Kent, suggested Williamson. But Kent State University rejected the sculpture which depicts the biblical Abraham ready to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Nixon was a Capricorn. John Dean was born in Akron; he grew up in Marion. Contra-dictions make for poeticity according to Russian linguist Roman Osipovich Jakobson.

"Remember explanations need to be plausible, like Chomsky says, traceable to ground," Williamson added as wise counsel.

At the Kent State Truth Tribunal Janet Cubic Sima remembered her times in Kent and Washington, D.C. with Terry Norman, the enigmatic gun carrying FBI informant in the center of the action on May 4th 1970. In 1968, Norman took her to target practice in a field between Kent and Akron. He flew her to Washington as Mrs. T. Norman to save a few bucks on airfare, a piece of co-ed camouflage, she suggests, perhaps needed to normalize appearances on the way from Kent to a government meeting in December 1968. She shows the airline ticket stub to the camera.

"I don't think I would have started Devo had it not been for the events of that day," Casale explained to Emily Kunstler and her camera.

If truth be told, Yahweh capped Dionysius on a grassy knoll. That day the party ended.



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Notes From Afghanistan

Dispatch 15:

The Long Ride To Pol-e Khomri

by Eric Smith

US forces in Afghanistan have just begun to receive a new vehicle in the past few months, known as the M-ATV. In addition to having the eponymous distinction of embedded acronyms (M-ATV stands for “Mine resistant ambush protected – All Terrain Vehicle”) the M-ATV was also designed specifically for use on the unimproved roads and byways that are the rule in Afghanistan. It’s armored against direct fire, protects against homemade bombs of a variety of types, and has a full set of communications equipment designed specifically to allow every passenger the ability to talk from his seat using the handy vehicle intercom.

Unfortunately, the seats are horrendously uncomfortable.

Six hours into a nine-hour trip from our camp to the neighboring Hungarian headquarters in Pol-e Khomri, my thoughts were dominated with diabolical plots to track down the engineers who had designed the seats and force them to sit in where I was sitting for hours on end, wearing body armor and all the accoutrements issued to the modern infantryman.

Pol-e Khomri (pronounced “Pole-ee-Koamree” or PeK) is the first major town north of the Salang Pass, the network of tunnels and tortuous mountain roads that surmounts the Hindu Kush north of Kabul, and connects the rich northern grasslands of Afghanistan with the arid, rocky south. The “ring road” that circles Afghanistan bisects PeK and serves as its crowded central avenue. The influence of Soviet central planning remains evident in the unusually gridded streets, poured concrete row-houses, and derelict factory complexes. The Hungarian Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters sits in a small compound on the north side of the city.

Our trip began in the pre-dawn darkness, as we sought to traverse Mazar-i-Sharif before the morning rush hour. We were travelling in a group of six M-ATVs, each with a growling diesel engine and gunner on



The Samangan Pass

the roof, spinning with the turns of the road to look for insurgents and hazards. On the east side of Mazar-i-Sharif the road was fast, and the green fields turned brown while the mountains to our south grew out of the haze.

We turned right at Kholm, a small forested city at the river delta where the Samangan River, held captive by the rocky valleys to the south, empties into the flat grasslands and spreads itself into multiple channels, each winding their way to the sluggish Amu Darya that forms Afghanistan’s northern border. Here the road narrowed to a small shelf over the rapids with vertical cliffs on either side. When we emerged, temporarily blinded by the morning light after the shadow in the cleft, the vista made me think of Jurassic Park meets a Thomas Cole painting. Tall cliffs on either side bounded lush green pastures and orchards, where old men

with flowing white beards tended the trees and young goatherds chased their gamboling charges.

As we drove south, the mountains on either side distanced themselves from the road, leaving a rolling green plain for us to traverse. I felt like I was in Western Nebraska, driving for hours through vast empty spaces. Occasionally we passed old Soviet wreckage on the side of the road; armored vehicles stripped of everything but their steel fuselage. After we passed the third one my gunner made the sentient observation, “We better be careful when we see those old wrecks. If the Russians got jacked up here, it’s probably a good place to jack someone up.”

Several kilometers outside of Pol-e Khomri we stopped in a traffic jam. Some American Special Forces, operating with the Afghan Army, were moving into a defensive position on the south side of the road. There was a lot of activity as Soldiers ran back and forth between vehicles, antennas and cables waving from their helmets, directing traffic and signaling to each other.

One of the traffic-directors ran up to our vehicle and banged on the driver’s door, so he could brief us on the situation.

“Go on through! Keep moving! We’re about to be ambushed!” the American yelled at us.

“Then why are you staying here?” my driver asked.

The Soldier shut the door, apparently satisfied that he had conveyed the message, and waved us through. We continued into the city where the small Hungarian headquarters compound was located. A few sharp turns and a

serpentine entrance through the front gate and we were there. I practically leaped from the M-ATV, massaging feeling into my legs as I staggered around the parking lot like a tin woodman in need of oil.

The Hungarian compound was a busy place, with vehicles large and small from a variety of nations moving back and forth between tents and buildings. We left our body armor in the M-ATVs and went to find the Commander in order to introduce ourselves. He worked in a small, but well-appointed office and was able to impart a great deal of knowledge particular to the area. He was also an amateur historian and treated us to a long dissertation on notable 19th century Hungarian military leaders. We had a long trip ahead of us, so we had to politely excuse ourselves and return to the motorpool.

On our way back we ran into the Special Forces unit that we had met out on the road. The expected ambush hadn’t materialized, so they were stopping by to get some fuel and water before heading off with their Afghan counterparts on another mission. To my disappointment, they told us the road was clear and we should have no problems driving back. I was grasping for an excuse not to have to climb back in the M-ATV for another eight hours.

The return trip was marked by only a brilliant sunset over the mountains. Like all trips that retrace familiar ground, it seemed to go faster than the first one, and the landmarks, so novel in the morning, were now indicators of our growing proximity to home.

What did I learn? Next time I make that ride, I’m bringing a seat cushion.



Home And Garden

Local Artist Immortalizes Homes, Works With Lakewood Company For Worthy Cause

by Don Milewski

Late afternoon sun washes across the deep salmon-colored bricks and green shutters of the Georgian colonial in a watercolor painting that hangs above Gary Richards's fireplace. The home depicted in the painting is the very house in which it hangs—the 97-year old home on Lake Ave. near 116th St. that Richards has lovingly restored over the last decade.

When he completed the restoration, Richards chose to have his finished project immortalized by watercolor artist Bill Mannion of Bay Village, a painter whose other collections Richards had

seen and admired. "I'm proud of what I've accomplished restoring the house," Richards says. "I hope the painting will stay with the house for the future generations who will live here."

Mannion has been creating these renderings—"housetraits," he calls them—for more than 25 years. And it is not just the residents of Cleveland's great or historic homes commissioning Mannion to paint pictures of their houses. Homeowners from tiny bungalows to grand mansions come to him to capture the places they call home.

"I like the idea that sentiment is there," says Mannion. "That a house

is not just brick and mortar, shingles and siding. Everything about the house matters to the people who live there."

Mannion has a master of fine arts degree and had already been commissioned by corporations and showcased in galleries when he began to make small pen and ink drawings of the homes and buildings that caught his eye. He then added watercolors to the drawings. The work caught the attention of an acquaintance who then commissioned Mannion to paint the home of a neighbor as a going-away present. Since then, Mannion has painted hundreds of "housetraits" of homes as far away as Alaska.

The reason for the demand lies probably in the both the detail he captures in the renderings and in the intangible element he lends to his subjects. "Housetrait" owner Julie Helm says, "It looks just like your home down to the littlest touches, like the door knocker." Mannion's "housetraits" also show the home in the best light, subtracting things like chipped

driveways and telephone wires. "It looks like you live there and it is just right," Helm says.

Mannion works from photos he takes himself or that are provided for him by the homeowner. He likes the qualities of watercolors. "There is a clean, clear, fresh look you get with watercolor that you do not get with oil or acrylic paints," Mannion explains. "The paper comes through in certain parts and helps to give some light and transparency to the painting."

In 2008, Lakewood-based contractor Neubert Painting launched its annual Charity Paint Giveaway. When Mannion found out Neubert had chosen Providence House as its 2009 Giveaway recipient, he offered to create one of his signature "housetraits" to help celebrate the rebirth of the cream and red 6,000-square foot Victorian home. "It was such a good cause, and my wife and I had a chance to go there and meet the kids who live there....It was such a worthy thing to be involved with." Mannion will again paint the recipient of Neubert's 2010 Charity Paint Giveaway.

Letters To The Editor

Yard Waste Collection Changes

Dear Councilpersons:

I was astounded to read the recent Public Works notice that garbage cans may no longer be used for yard waste. And the reason is they, "Didn't realize how many residents would use garbage cans." Is this some sort of bizarre joke? I have been a Lakewood resident for over 20 years, committed to recycling from the day I first learned of the Berea Road facility. My household rejoiced when curb pickup service service began and applauded when recycling became mandatory, despite those who found the policy heavy-handed.

Remember the fundamentals of resource conservation: REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE.

Where is the sense in a recycling mandate that in fact contributes to deforestation as we abandon our properly marked receptacles to instead purchase paper bags on an ongoing basis with which to gather and compost yard waste?

Consider our unemployed residents and others experiencing financial crunch. This policy will do nothing but discourage homeowners from cleaning their yards. What happened to 'Keeping Lakewood Beautiful?' The notice states that collecting yard waste from cans slows collection and causes employee injuries. I seriously doubt it has been any surprise to individuals hired as trash collectors that lifting cans is a component of the job. Rather, I suspect that the problem lies with an over-reduction in force. Why not rehire of those let go in the enthusiasm to make budgetary cuts last year? Obviously they are needed.

Please reconsider this new and absurd policy - a thorough violation of conservation principles. Your taxpayers deserve better. So does Mother Earth.

Sincerely,
Sharon Woznicki

Foster A Litter For The Lakewood Animal Shelter

by Dawn Pyne

With the weather beginning to warm, kittens will soon be overflowing the Lakewood Animal Shelter. Fostering means opening your home to provide the care and socialization these young kittens need to prepare them for adoption. Foster care usually lasts around 6-8 weeks.

The Citizen's Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) arranges foster care for these litters, reimburses for vet care, and provides food and supplies when available. For those with the means and time please seriously consider fostering kittens.

Serving as a foster volunteer is a great opportunity for children and parents to work together, knowing they are supporting a critical part of life for these animals. It is also a great opportunity for people who are unable to care for a pet long term. Some may think it difficult to give the litter up when they are ready for adoption, but knowing you



have given them the best possible start in life is worth a small bit of heartache. For more information about fostering, visit <<http://www.cclas.info/>>www.cclas.info, email <<mailto:cclasfoster@yahoo.com>>cclasfoster@yahoo.com, or call CCLAS at (216) 744-6318.

Donating supplies to the shelter is also a great way to help for those who can't commit to caring for a litter. The Wish List includes: pet store gift cards; Powdered Kitten Milk Replacement Formula; canned and dry food; clay litter; pet toys, crates, carriers; small nursing bottles

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Home And Garden

Think Outside The Box With Your Lakewood Home

by Robby Zettler

The way we decorate our dwelling has changed over the years. We used to think of our homes as our worth and although that value may still hold true for some, style, function and personal identity play an important role as well. I think we'd all agree that Lakewood is like no other place in the Cleveland area. Same goes for the people here. It's the perfect place to express your personal identity.

Take a minute to think about your Lakewood identity. You wouldn't be here if you didn't appreciate diversity, older homes, city living and the lake. Making it the perfect place to experiment with your personal decorating expression and think outside the box. Here are some tips to help get you started:

1. Start with a few magazines for ideas. My favorites are House Beautiful, Veranda and Elle Décor. They offer all kinds of wonderful ideas for period homes as well as eclectic style. Photo copy the pages and create a design journal you can reference. Lakewood library carries all of these.
2. Gather color chips. I recommend Sherwin Williams. They are a local company and they offer the latest trend setting colors in the industry and they now offer sample sizes of paint. Color is an important factors in design and decorating. Experiment. Try green

- and a shade of orange. Better yet, paint a wall or room your favorite color!
3. Try something new. Perhaps you've never worked with wallpaper. They don't necessarily have to overpower the room. Grasscloth or textures are a striking option.
 4. Design is everywhere. It's fashion, the landscape, the seascape, the things you love. Learn to glean ideas from everything you see.
 5. Mix it up. Lakewood has some of the best vintage and second hand furniture stores in the area. Add something completely different to your décor like a chair, table, vase or lamp in a different style. You'll be amazed at how it adds a fresh perspective to your existing arrangement.
 6. Bring nature inside. Take a walk through the Metroparks. You'll be surprised at what you can find. Driftwood, dried grass, wild flowers, weeds... yes weeds. Some weeds have striking blooms and can make interesting arrangements when combined with other elements of nature. Sea glass and stones. Add them to a bowl and place a candle in the center or put them in the bottom of a glass vessel with some of those weeds or flowers. If you can't find some of these things outside, take a drive over to Pat Catan's or a local flower shop.
 7. Whitewash- Watered down white or cream paint. Wash it over

- an armless old chair for a place to set books and create an interesting end table. You can probably find the chair in one of the second hand stores for next to nothing.
8. Everything doesn't have to match. As a matter of good design, it shouldn't. Objects of varying pattern, color, texture and size add interest and encourages the eye to look throughout the room.
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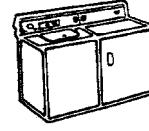
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