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YMCA seniors bid *adieu* to Genny Flaisman

Genevieve Flaisman (seated, right) was feted by well-wishers at a picnic luncheon in the Euclid Y pavilion last month. She recently moved to Pennsylvania with son, Jack (center, in dark shirt). Among those stopping by to offer good wishes was Euclid YMCA executive director John Reid (standing, white shirt).

By John Sheridan

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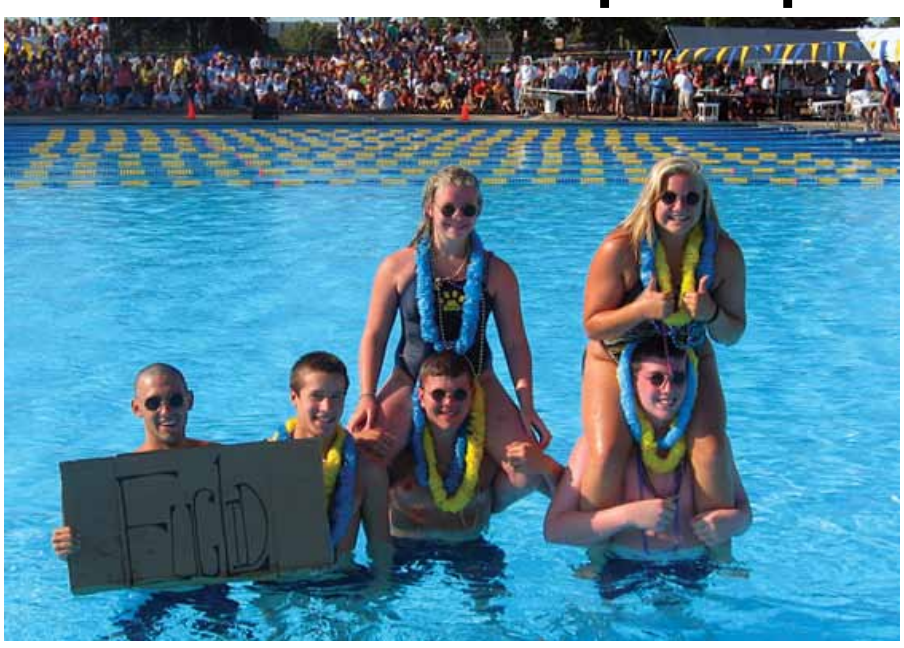

Celebrating their last meet on the Panthers team, 15 year old swimmers (l to r) Jack Joyce, Derek Hren, Michael Wenrich and Kevin Scott pose with (l to r) Valarie Mignogna and Rachel Essel. Swimmers compete for points until age 15.

By Kurt Steigerwald

Euclid played host to the Suburban Swim League (SSL) Championships, Aug. 8, as 995 swimmers and their families took over Memorial Pool and the surrounding park for the annual event. The culmination of a summer of swimming for 10 local city teams with swimmers competing in events up to age 15, the SSL Championships was a two day event split between two local community pools. The event started Saturday in Willoughby and continued Sunday at Memorial Pool. Euclid last hosted the event in 2006 as part of its rotation within the league.

With a total crowd estimated at 2,700 by Euclid officials, the event was a massive undertaking for the Euclid Panthers summer swim team, an organization run by volunteers with support from the city. Planning for the event began almost a year ago as the Euclid Panthers swim team board began outlining what they needed to accomplish to make sure the event was a success.

"We viewed this as a great opportunity to showcase our city, our pool and let people see what Euclid has to offer," said Pat Essel, co-president of the volunteer board of the Panther swim team. "We got a lot of volunteers, help from the city and support from many local businesses to make it a success."

Meet Director Matt D'Arcy, who coordinated the event with Karyn Ross, agreed: "We're in a league with communities all over the east side and sometimes we hear negative comments about Euclid. Some people just don't

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ALDI opens in Shore Center

"Savvy shoppers come to ALDI not only for our high quality fresh foods and groceries, but because of the great savings we offer" said Corey Stucker, ALDI Hinckley division vice president. "Once customers try our products, they quickly realize that inexpensive can taste great."

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Euclid Observer

Update from the mayor

Investing in Euclid's infrastructure

Work has begun on the replacement of the sound walls along Route 2 in Euclid. All of the old panels have been removed and in a very short time the new red brick panels will be inserted. This $3 million dollar project will greatly enhance the appearance and perception of our community for those that travel by on a daily basis.

There is also a tremendous amount of resurfacing and waterline work scheduled for this summer and fall on the streets of Euclid. Some of the larger projects include the completion of East 214th Street, East 204th and Dille Road, East 248th, East 264th, parts of Tungsten and East 276th as well as the construction of the Downtown Euclid Transit Waiting Area on Lakeshore Boulevard and Bliss Lane. These projects alone represent an investment exceeding $12,000,000.

The 2010 resurfacing program includes the streets of Delaware, Seminole, Seneca, Wyandot, East 263rd, Parklane, East 286th, and sections of Ivan, Elinore, East 200th, and Bliss Lane. Also the waterline/resurfacing program includes East 276th from Euclid to Mills, Edgecliff from East 205 to East 217th, Brush Road to East 276th, as well as sections of Drakefield, Nicholas and Briardale. This represents an additional $750,000 in investment. Many more projects are scheduled for 2011, including the complete paving of Lakeshore Boulevard.

On a closing note, the new Wendy's, Dollar Tree and Aldi's have all opened up in Downtown Euclid and the long awaited renovation work on both the Lakeshore Plaza and Shore Center

Plaza have commenced. Each shopping center is slated for about $1,000,000 in improvements that will further enhance the new and vibrant atmosphere of Downtown Euclid.

Enjoy the summer and take notice of all the good things happening in our community.

Mayor Bill Cervenik

From the publisher

The history of the Euclid neighborhood is as fascinating as its future. In an effort to learn some more about the history of our neighborhood, and where we are now, we are having a get-together at the Shore Cultural Centre Aug. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. If you have a story to tell, please join us for complimentary coffee and pastries.

Bring your pictures of the good old days, or the good new days. We can scan them there so you can take them home, without worrying about losing them. If you've always wanted to submit a story, ask a question, explore an issue in the Observer but don't think you're a good writer, or just aren't sure how this whole things works, come tell us a story and we'll help you figure it out. If you can tell it, you can write it, or we can write it and show you how to submit it (so you can write more)!

I'd like to thank all the contributors to the Euclid Observer for their dedication and their hard work. It has truly been a joy to meet all of you wonderful people; thank you and keep the good stories coming.

— John Copic

Farewell, Genny

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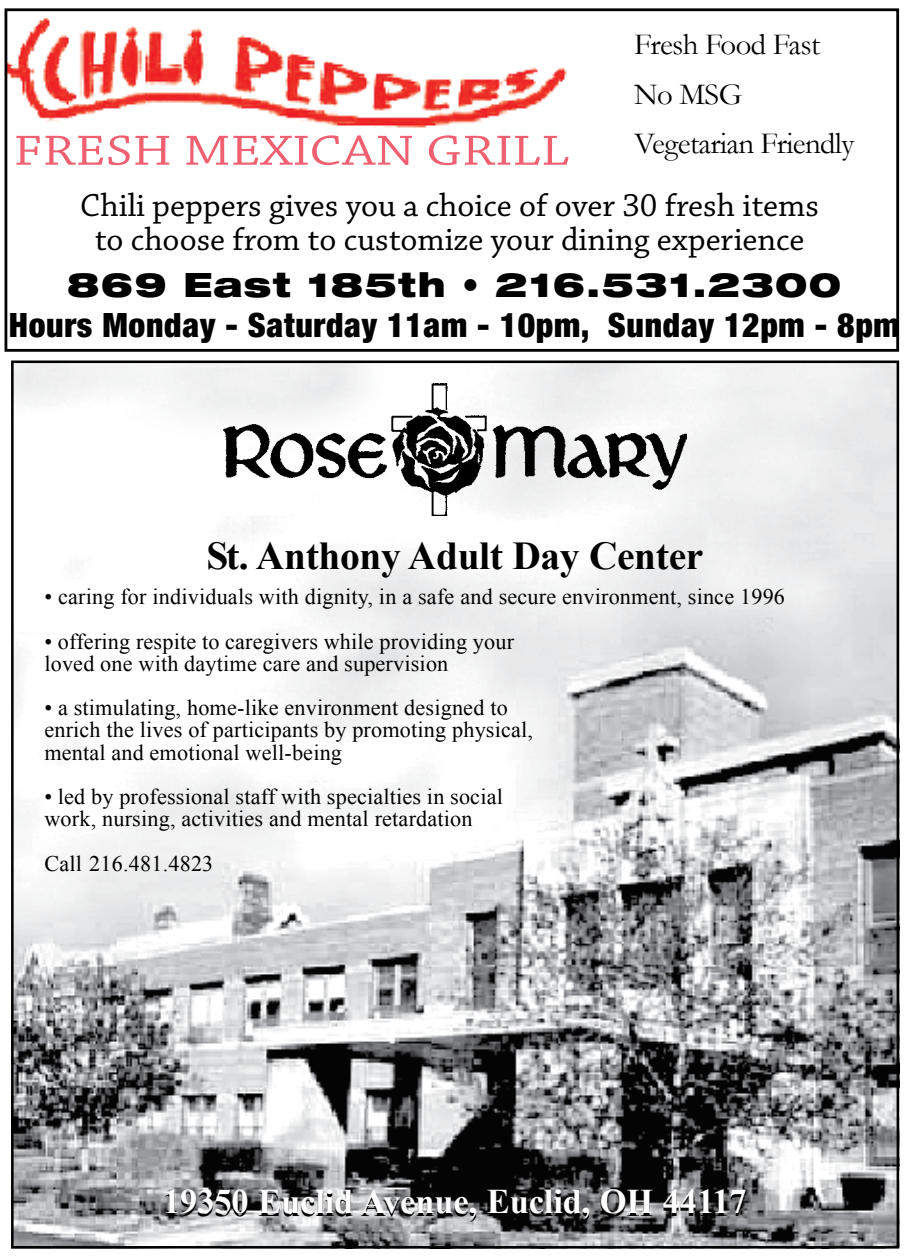

Health News

Class prepares baby boomers for Medicare enrollment

By Barbara Comiskey

Medicare keeps getting more complex every year. It can be overwhelming for anyone approaching retirement or using Medicare for the first time. Those who are tackling this subject for the first time will find it helpful to attend an informational workshop called Getting Started with Medicare, Sep. 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Shore Cultural Centre. The class offers those approaching retirement or enrolling in Medicare for the first time a chance to gain a basic understanding of how Medicare works.

Presented by Laura Mutsko, a certified senior advisor through the Society of Senior Advisors, the class offers fundamental information about what Medicare Parts A, B, C and D cover. She will also provide information on the difference between the original Medicare plan and Medicare Advantage plans.

"The transition to Medicare can be a daunting process. It requires people to make important decisions affecting their retirement health care coverage. It is not something that should be decided without considering all options. People who attend Getting Started with Medicare are much better prepared when the time comes to enroll." said Laura Mutsko.

Pre-registration for the class is required. The fee for the class is $10, payable to Shore Cultural Centre. To register, call Shore Cultural Centre at (216) 289-8578.

Laura Mutsko presents Getting Started with Medicare throughout Northeast Ohio at colleges, libraries and through numerous community education programs. For other class locations, dates and times, please visit www.mutskoinsurance.com.

Laura Mutsko is an independent insurance agent and owner of Mutsko Insurance Services.

Getting rid of headaches

By Amy DiMarco

One of the most common sickness experienced by people is headaches. In the United States alone, one out of every six Americans suffers chronic headaches each year. Some are occasional, some frequent, some are dull and throbbing, and some headaches cause debilitating pain and nausea.

What do you do when you suffer from a pounding headache? Do you grin and bear it? Pop a pill and lie down? There can be a better alternative.

Research shows that spinal manipulation or adjustment – the primary form of care provided by doctors of chiropractic --- may be an effective treatment option for tension headaches. Spinal manipulation can also reduce nerve irritation in the upper neck that will help relieve headaches. Aside from getting relief from the headaches, chiropractic treatment could also help you deal with the discomfort you usually feel in your neck and upper shoulders with a headache.

For tension headaches, chiropractic doctors may also recommend therapy. Since tension headaches may be due to muscle tension and stress, regular chiropractic treatment can be performed to loosen and strengthen stressed muscles.

Let us help you get rid of your headaches by calling today to make an appointment to see us!

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Oops, we need to make a correction

We owe an apology to the pastors of Ss. William and Robert, St. John of the Cross and Our Lady of the Lake parishes for mixing up the pictures and bios last month.

Father John Betters, Ss. Robert & William Parish

Father Sal Ruggeri, St. John of the Cross Parish

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City News

RTA ready for Browns season

By Jerry Masek

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Ride the Blue and Green lines. All light-rail trains will continue on and serve the Waterfront Line. Take that to the West Third Street Station, directly across the street from a Stadium entrance.

Buy a $5 All-Day Pass, especially if you need to transfer from the Red Line to the Waterfront Line. All-Day Passes offer unlimited ridership until 3 a.m. the next day.

The Browns play their first pre-season home game at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21, against the St. Louis Rams.

Some other home games are:

Sept. 2	Chicago Bears	8 p.m.
Sept. 19	Kansas City Chiefs	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	Atlanta Falcons	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	New England Patriots	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	New York Jets	1 p.m.
Nov. 28	Carolina Panthers	1 p.m.
Dec. 26	Baltimore Ravens	1 p.m.
Jan. 2	Pittsburgh Steelers	1 p.m.

Learn How to Strengthen your Finances

By Barbara Pistillo

The city of Euclid and Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland are partnering to offer a Personal Finance Health workshop Sep. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Euclid Public Library's Shore Room.

Come to listen and speak with HUD approved counselors, Mahria Harris and Elizabeth Sanchez of NHS, who will be prepared to discuss credit wellness, homeownership preservation, savings and budgeting and the importance of homebuyer education.

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Corbran's observations

By Jerry Corbran

Our city lost two first class civic activists in the past year, both widely admired for their exceptional volunteerism. Dennis Berzinskas and his wife moved to Jefferson, Ohio and Bob Tilk and his wife moved to a retirement village in Lorain. Dennis was voted the Sun Journal CitiSun of the Year in 2004. He volunteered thousands of hours rehabilitating both the Shore Cultural Centre and the Henn Mansion. Bob was Sun Journal CitiSun of the Year 1993, Kiwanis Man of the Year 1996 and the American Legion Citizen of the Year 2008. Bob held leadership positions in countless school and civic organizations. Both Dennis and Bob frequently offered solid commentary at the council microphone during the public sessions. We're going to miss these fine human beings.

The Council Assets Committee met and listened to an impressive one year report by Coral, the management firm at Shore Cultural Centre. The meeting was preliminary to a September vote to extend the management contract to five years. The improvements in just one year have drawn accolades in the community. Many want to give Coral an opportunity to secure long-term leases and other improvements. Giving the firm five years is a no-brainer as a risk. The contract has escape clauses in the event Coral does not deliver on its strategic vision.

Bob Tilk and Dennis Berzinskas

A tip of the hat to Ward 4 Councilwoman Mary Jo Minarik. When the Council Safety Committee recommended imposing a fine on property owners who fail to remove graffiti within 72 hours, feisty Minarik correctly objected to the fining of victims of a crime. She posted her objections on her BlogSpot and encouraged residents to speak out to council regarding the outrageous legislation, and speak they did. The sponsors sheepishly sent the legislation back to committee, hopefully never to return.

The city honored the late William J. Tomko, 89, with a tree planting on Arbor Day. Bill and his wife Helen had eight children. He served on many commissions and was a member of the school board and council clerk. He was tireless in his activities in support of patriotism, veterans and Boy Scout groups. This World War II Bronze Star combat photographer for Patton's army has been officially recognized by many civic organizations. He has chaired the city observances of Memorial Day and the nation's bicentennial. Bill's gentle manner, his dedication and his patriotism has made him one to fondly remember.

EXAM FOR ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

The city of Euclid is accepting applications for its fire fighting and paramedic force now through Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Euclid Municipal Center, 585 East 222nd Street. Applications are available at the municipal center or online at www.cityofeuclid.com and www.euclidpd.org.

While the number of applications distributed will not be limited, the city will accept a maximum of 200 applications. Completed applications will be accepted at the Euclid Municipal Center Aug. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Aug. 30 through Sept. 10, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those applying must include all supporting documentation with the submitted application.

Candidates must hold a current emergency medical technician-paramedic certification (State of Ohio certified) or must be currently enrolled in a paramedic training program. Only a certified paramedic shall be eligible for original appointment to the Euclid Fire Department. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, high school graduates or holders of GED certification and possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license. Additionally, those applying must be at least 21 years of age, but not over 31 years old, on or before the effective date of appointment.

There is a written exam scheduled Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. The date for the physical agility exam is Sept. 19, by appointment only.

Additional information is available at www.cityof euclid.com.

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There is a physical agility examination, by appointment, Aug. 22 and Sep. 19. There is also a written examination, scheduled Sep. 25 at 9 a.m.

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City News

Sound barrier replacement project begins!

By Michael Akos

Finally, after many long years of looking worn, aged, drab and broken in many places, the sound barrier panels forming the wall along the north side of the Shoreway from East 260th Street to East 200th Street have been completely removed. This completes the first part of the construction project, which will have a new wall built to match the much more aesthetically pleasing type of sound barrier wall currently in place along Route 2 in Eastlake, Willowick and Wickliffe, ending at East 260th Street. All that is left there now are the steel posts the panels were stacked up in between. The current plan is for the new sound barrier wall to be completed by late October. The new walls will look more like an actual brick wall in between white posts and topped with white caps. There should be along the wall markers designating the city's name and maybe other markers with artwork which would highlight Euclid's lakefront, parks and citizens.

When the sound barrier wall was first installed in the mid-1990s, the panels were a reddish color that had to be painted over, in what only could be nicely called "Eastern Bloc" gray/white to hide a whitish material leaching and discoloring the red color of the concrete. The drab nature of the new color did little for the city aesthetically, and over the years the condition of the walls deteriorated quite a bit, so much so that finally, one former councilperson made it a central point of her 2008 campaign to have these sound barrier walls replaced. Now, more than two years later, kudos to the mayor and his staff for taking advantage of the opportunity to get this eyesore replaced with something we can feel a bit better about looking at while driving along the Shoreway. I am sure somewhere out there along the quiet(er) byways of Euclid that Bernie Walsh is smiling.

The old sound barrier walls

New wall section between East 260th and the Lake County line.

St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School

By Lillian Centa

The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School is beginning its tenth year of classes Sep. 11. Classes are taught two Saturdays each month from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through May 21. The location of the classes is St. Martin de Porres High School (formerly St. Vitus School), 6111 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland.

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Community

East Shore Garden Club to hold show and sale

By Jackie Kraince

The East Shore Garden Club (ESGC) of Euclid will hold their eighth annual non-standard flower show and plant sale Sep. 14 at the Euclid Public Library. The hours of the show are from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This year the ESGC will adopt-a-spot at the new children's Playground Express behind the Euclid police station. Two gardens will be created after the fencing is placed around the playground.

ESGC actively participates in projects at the Cleveland Botanical Garden (CBG). We create a scarecrow each year to be placed in the Hershey Children's Garden. The scarecrows, created by garden clubs affiliated with CBG, remain in the garden throughout the month of October. At that point we can reclaim our scarecrows and place them in our own gardens. We have also created pedestal displays for CBG's lobby.

We also take part in the East 185th Street Alive event and the East 200th Street Stroll. We sell plants to help raise funds for various activities we sponsor or are sponsored by CBG, GCO or the National Garden Club.

The ESGC was established in 1938 and is a member of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc (GCO). We meet every second Tuesday of each month from September through May. Most of our meetings take place at the Euclid Public Library unless we are on a field trip. Our programs generally start at 11 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

The Garden Club held a plant sale at the 200th Street Stroll in June.

Scarecrows at Cleveland Botanical Garden created by the East Shore club

Euclid Beach Villa welcomes Showagon

By Paula Oravec

The seniors at Euclid Beach Villa recently enjoyed a performance of Showagon and picnic sponsored by Resident Council and PK Management

The Youth Performing Arts Series gives children and young adults with performance arts ability the opportunity to develop and showcase their talents locally. This performing arts troupe dance, sing, act and perform poetry through the summer on a mobile stage unit called the Showagon. Youth between the ages of 5 and 17 audition annually in May and then entertain throughout the Cleveland area from early June through August.

Lakeshore Garden Club partners with Mary Mavec School

By Carol Price

The Lake Shore Garden Club has partnered with the Mary Mavec Opportunity School to "Adopt-a-Spot" at the school's new location. Christine Hazlinger, the school's director, enlisted the expertise of the garden club to beautify their grounds. Barbara Shivak, Garden Therapy chairperson, headed the project, devoting countless hours to its development and maintenance.

Club members donated various plants, perennial and vegetable, and continue to weed and water. The school provided annuals. Stronger volunteers helped with some of the heavy bed preparation. In order for the school students to take an ownership of the project, Hazlinger will guide them in keeping the gardens watered.

Do drive by and enjoy this beautification project.

Barbara Shivak, Lake Shore Garden Club's Garden Therapy Chair Christine Hazlinger, Director Mary Mavec Opportunity School Women of the Lake Shore Garden Club with Mary Mavec clients

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Community

Euclid Ohio PAL announces mentoring program

By Audrey Cobb, Euclid Ohio Pal Chapter

The Euclid Ohio Chapter of Police Athletic League established a mentoring program Apr. 1. With funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. is providing program awards to 135 PAL Chapters. The Euclid Ohio PAL Chapter is pleased to have been selected as one of the 135 grant recipients for this exciting program.

Research data indicates that mentoring programs have reduced first-time drug use by almost 50 percent and first-time alcohol use by 33 percent. Additionally, mentored youth displayed greater confidence in their schoolwork and improved their academic performance.

Program Coordinator Mac Stephens is busy recruiting conscientious adults to take up the responsibility of being a mentor. If you are interested in sharing your time and your knowledge and making a difference in the life of a child, contact Mac Stephens at (216) 701-0952.

Euclid AARP meeting

By Betty Czumber, Corresponding Secretary

The Euclid AARP Chapter #1550 will meet at the Euclid Community Center, One Bliss Lane, Sep. 13, the second Monday of the month. This is a change from the usual first Monday of the month due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Our speaker will be Rachael A. Kabb, a certified elder law attorney. Light refreshments will follow.

Some of our future topics and entertainment will include the new health care law and "Wiz Kid." Our meetings consist of local information regarding dates for computer round-ups, shred days and hazardous waste collection opportunities. Additionally, we share information on up and coming national news, such as Social Security, health and income tax changes.

All seniors and new comers are welcome to our meeting. Got a question? Call Bob at (216) 731-3428 or Ray at (216) 731-3507.

Hospice of the Western Reserve announces plans for Lakeshore property

Hospice of the Western Reserve plans to perserve the history of the St. Joseph Christian Life Center by removing re-usable part of the building through a process called deconstruction.

By Paige Boyer

Hospice of the Western Reserve plans to use the former St. Joseph Christian Life Center property, purchased by the agency in June 2009, as a green space which can be used as a place for reflection and healing for the community, and for patients and families from the neighboring Hospice House on E. 185th Street. The memorial Vista Walk and gardens will be expanded to connect the two properties.

After much consideration of the historical value and current condition of the St. Joseph Christian Life Center, the agency decided to demolish the building because of structural problems, a leaking roof, extensive water damage, black mold, asbestos, an antiquated electrical system, and internal and external vandalism.

In order to preserve the legacy of the building - which dates back to the late 1920s when it was the Georgian Hotel for the Cunningham Sanitarium - Hospice of the Western Reserve decided to use a process called deconstruction to reuse, resell or recycle building materials. Marble bathroom dividers, vanity mirrors, wrought iron glass doors and rails, an ADA mechanical lift, lighting fixtures and over 10,000 cubic feet of brick will be salvaged during deconstruction, which began July 10.

"Deconstruction is a sustainable way to dismantle a building before demolishing portions of the space that aren't reusable," explained Hospice of the Western Reserve CEO David Simpson. "We are committed to preserving the legacy of this building which served as a place of peace, healing and restoration for so long."

While deconstruction has been used in Cleveland to take down old homes prior to demolition, the St. Joseph Christian Life Center is one of the first commercial buildings to use this process.

Once deconstruction and demolition are complete, the grounds and green space will be open to the community. The carriage house and former priest house will remain on the property, but plans for these facilities have not been determined.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is offering an opportunity for those who have a connection to and a memory of the former St. Joseph Christian Life Center to share their stories, feelings and photos online at HospiceWR.org/CLC. Planned historical markers will recognize the history of the space which was used as a sanitarium, hospital, Catholic Youth Organization headquarters and orphanage before becoming the St. Joseph Christian Life Center.

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families, regardless of age, disease or ability to pay. Care is provided wherever the patient lives - in the home, hospital, assisted living/long-term care facility, or at Hospice House, our 42-bed residential facility overlooking Lake Erie. For more information visit www.hospicewr.org or call (800) 707-8922.

Take classes at Shore

By Monica Nagle

Educational Skills Class Orientation (formally known as GED classes) will be held on Sep. 8 and 9 at Shore Cultural Centre.

We design our skills classes to meet each student's academic needs. Whether you want to earn your GED, go to college, find a better job, or just want to brush up on specific skills, our classes may work for you.

This school year we have planned four orientations, each to begin in September, November, January and March.

Call (216) 797-2942 to reserve your seat for the September session.

Learn to speak English

Free classes to learn to speak English for speakers of other languages will begin at Shore Cultural Centre on Sep. 7, 8 and 9. There will be an orientation that begins at 9 a.m. for morning classes and 6:30 p.m. for evening classes. All classes will be held in room 127.

Classes focus on improving English skills through speaking, reading, writing and listening. There will be instruction on grammar, pronunciation and civics. Beginning, intermediate and advanced levels of instruction will be available, as well as experienced instructors to assist in individualizing the program to meet each person's needs.

Shore Cultural Centre is located at 291 East 222nd St., Euclid. Call now (216) 261-5006 to reserve your seat!

Gateway Sunday set for Sep. 12

By Carol Geyer

It is time, once again, for Gateway Sunday, Sep. 12! Come and celebrate Gateway's "community within a community" and join in the fight against hunger and Alzheimer's.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, we will serve a delicious pancake breakfast on the Gateway campus, 3 Gateway Drive, off East 200th Street. Bring your family for good food, classic cars, cash prizes, entertainment, the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, and Petals & Daisy the clowns.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $2 for kids, and seniors over 55 are free.

All proceeds will go to the Euclid Hunger Center and the Alzheimer's Association. For free tickets, please contact Carol at (216) 383-1459, extension 4001. We hope to see you there!

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Community

Long time Euclid resident receives honor

It takes a special man to be selected as the Slovenian Workman's Home Man of the Year. Fred Nevar has been honored as this year's recipient for his tireless work to preserve the Slovenian heritage and for his involvement in fraternal, civic and veterans' organizations.

Nevar received additional proclamations from the City of Euclid, Senator George V. Voinovich, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Ohio District 7 Representative, Kenny Yuko, and Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensak. From the Slovenian community, Nevar received plaques and awards from the Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia, Jurcek Zmauc, the Federation of Slovenian National Homes and the Slovene National Benefit Society. He also received a plaque from the Euclid Veterans Association.

Nevar was born on East 70th and St. Clair to Russian and Polish immigrants, William and Katherine (Wawrenuk). The family moved to a home on East 239th Street when Nevar was 2, and he has lived in Euclid ever since. His only sibling is Arthur, who resides in Chardon. Nevar is proud of his family of two sons, Don and Nevar (Kay), stepdaughter Pam (Paul) and three grandchildren Dennis, Derek (Ann) and Dayna.

Nevar has fond memories of growing up in the area. He attended Noble Grade School and after graduating with the Shore High School Class of 1942, he enrolled in Case Western Reserve University. Going against his parents' wishes, he joined his friends as they enlisted in the military during World War II even though, being a college student at the time, he could have avoided the war by taking advantage of a deferment.

Nevar served in the U.S Army's military intelligence unit. He studied Russian at Indiana University to become a translator. He was then shipped to Asia to work with General McArthur's unit in Tokyo. While there, he attended shows at the Emperor's palace. It was there that he rode a horse for the first time and he's never forgotten the pain that three-hour ride caused! Another memorable moment of that assignment was playing volleyball against the Russians at the Russian Embassy, a highlight being having a photo of him spiking a ball published in Stars and Stripes, a military newspaper that was distributed world-wide. After completing two years in the Army, he returned to Case and earned his mechanical engineering degree in 1948.

After college, Nevar worked for several local companies before joining the Zagar Corporation located in Euclid and retired after 45 years at the age of 72. He enjoyed his engineering career and relished the stories he would tell his friends about the jobs he engineered or sold to customers in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. His work involved equipment that drilled holes for items such as ceiling tiles, airplane engines, pianos, cameras, wheels, chairs, irons, etc.

Nevar has also enjoyed his career as a professional volunteer. He became an active member of the Euclid Veterans Club in the 1940s. He was the chairman of the first Blue Babies benefit, and his efforts led to a sizable donation to the cause. Another memorable event was being in charge of the Miss Euclid contest. He still boasts that more prizes were given to the Miss Euclid than the Miss Ohio. Most people in the Cleveland area remember the huge Euclid Vets Festivals, which were initially held in the parking lot of the Slovenian Society Home, nicknamed, "Recher," and later moved to East 260th Street, between St. Clair and Euclid avenues. Nevar was always involved with those festivals. Nevar was also the chairman of the Euclid Vets Steak Roasts, which were held annually at the SNPJ Farm and enjoyed by over 600 people each year. SNPJ stands for Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota and is translated "Slovene National Benefits Association." These events enabled the club to make donations to such worthy recipients as the Brecksville Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Euclid Boys League, Euclid High School Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), Mary Mavec Opportunity School and many more. For all of his volunteerism, he was presented the Lifetime Membership Award in 1964.

Nevar also belongs to the American Legion Post #343 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #4358, of which he is a charter member, and the Euclid Lions Club, where he was recently named their "Unsung Hero" for all he has done for the club's fundraisers to help the visually and hearing impaired.

SNJP Lodge #158, nicknamed, "Loyalties," is another of Nevar's long-term fraternal organizations. He enjoyed traveling to different states for bowling, golf and balina tournaments through the years. Balina is the only sport he still plays. He and his Pennsylvania-born wife, Pat, also enjoy the friendships they've made as members of the Keystone Social Club.

Nevar is not only a pro at volunteering, but he is also talented and well-travelled. Until the Jadran Singing Society disbanded a few years ago, Nevar traveled with them around Slovenia as a bass singer. Nevar's lifetime of travels sum up to having visited every state, except Alaska, and 20 different countries. Some of his favorite trips include travel to Russia and Poland, many trips to Mexico, and a 30-day trip to China.

About 20 years ago, Nevar's friends convinced him to purchase Slovenian Workman's Home stock, which made him eligible to be elected to the board of directors, on which he served several terms. While he no longer serves as a director, Nevar can always be counted on to help in some way with the hall events - working behind the scenes, assisting with mailings, peeling onions and potatoes, shopping, or selling tickets at events.

There will be a Swiss steak dinner to honor Nevar on Aug. 30 at the Slovenian Workman's Home, located at 15335 Waterloo Road in Cleveland. Dinner will be served from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at $10 per person. For additional information about the event, please call (216) 481-5378.

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Community

One of Euclid's best kept secrets

Euclid Cooperative Preschool

By Donna Sudar

According to E. Kim Coontz from the University of California Davis, cooperative preschool programs are one of the best kept secrets in early childhood education today. Cooperative preschool education began in 1916 in Chicago and continues to provide preschoolers with affordable, quality preschool programs. Cooperative preschools are run by committed parents and qualified staff members who appreciate parents and welcome them as partners into the classroom. Parental participation is geared to suit each family. Parents can participate with a varied level of commitment as administrators, board members, committee heads, committee members and classroom participators. At a time when parental involvement is being promoted as key to student academic achievement, cooperative preschools offer parents the opportunity to be actively involved in their child's first educational experience.

Families of Euclid have the opportunity to participate in a cooperative preschool experience at Euclid Cooperative Preschool. The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2010 school year. Euclid Cooperative Preschool, a non-profit school that welcomes all families of preschool age children regardless of race, creed, national origin or religious belief, is presently located in the Church of the Epiphany at 21000 Lakeshore Boulevard.

Not much is known about the early years of Euclid Cooperative Preschool. The school's founder, Audrey Bass was a mother of preschool age children who moved to Euclid in 1945 and found there were no preschools in the area. Cleveland Day Nursery Association provided support to Mrs. Bass and a small group of parents who opened Euclid's first preschool. In 1948 Andrew Bass was the first student enrolled in Euclid Cooperative Preschool. Hazel Beaufait Stroh was one of the first full time teachers in the school. After leaving Euclid Cooperative Preschool, Stroh joined the Cleveland Day Nursery Association and assisted in setting up 40 cooperative schools in the Cleveland area. The original location of the school is not known. It was located at the Boulevard Presbyterian Church at 24600 Lakeshore Boulevard before it was moved to its present location.

In 1993, under the direction of Marilyn Eckert, the school became one of the few preschools in the area to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The preschool has historically focused on providing children with a meaningful and developmentally appropriate early childhood experience. Eckert, too, understood the importance of this in her 23 years as a teacher and director from 1982 to 2005 and she promoted staff professional development opportunities that supported classroom instruction.

Continuing in its' tradition of excellence, in May 2005, Euclid Cooperative Preschool became one of the first preschools in Cuyahoga County to volunteer for a Star Rating by Ohio's Step Up to Quality program and for the past four years it has been recognized as a Three Star program, a level of quality achieved by less than 15% of all Star Rated programs. This distinction has been earned by providing families with low staff to student ratios, highly qualified teachers with 44 total years of experience, and a developmentally appropriate curriculum that is aligned with the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards.

Over the past 62 years, Euclid Cooperative Preschool has served more than 1,500 families. Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail and her husband Kevin chose to send their three children and, when asked to comment on her experiences, Gail shared the following:

"Euclid Cooperative Preschool provided our children with a wonderful foundation for learning. The teachers were nurturing, creative and made learning fun. The cooperative component helps to promote the importance of being involved in your child's education and being active in the community. The Euclid Cooperative Preschool provided a great way to make connections with other parents and build strong friendships. Many of the parents who were involved in the preschool are now serving in volunteer and leadership roles in community organizations such as Euclid Youth Soccer, Euclid Youth Hockey, PTAs, parish councils, etc."

If you would like more information about the unique early childhood educational experiences provided by Euclid Cooperative Preschool, call (216) 731-1316 or visit the preschool's website at www.euclidcoop.org.

If you have information about the early years of Euclid Cooperative Preschool contact the director, Donna Sudar, at (216) 486-5987.

Join Ss. Robert & William Parish for a fun, family event

By Ellen Ivory

Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish is hosting its inaugural parish picnic on Aug. 22 and you are cordially invited to join us!

The parish picnic begins with 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Lennon. Immediately after Mass, we will begin serving food favorites, such as bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, snacks and ice cream until 4 p.m. In between burgers and ice cream, you'll have the opportunity to bid on your favorite bakery at the pie and cake auction. You will also be able to buy chances on the gift basket auction, have your portrait done by our caricature artist, and ride the Euclid Beach Rocketship.

An annual favorite is the Euclid Beach rocket ride!

Our featured highlight is the parish raffle where we are awarding $6,000 in cash prizes. Stop by the parish office during weekday office hours to purchase your tickets, or purchase them on the day of the picnic.

Other fun events include bocce ball, corn hole toss, carnival games, Big Al the Clown, face painting, DJ contests and a variety of children's activities. Come and join us for a day of good family, fun.

Ss. Robert and William Catholic Church is located at 367 East 260th St. Euclid. Please feel free to call us at (216) 731-1515, or log onto www.srweuclid.cc.

Youth Explosion event is a big hit!

By Jeffrey A. Beck

The Euclid Weed and Seed Committee hosted its first Youth Explosion June 12, designed to promote the many programs available to youth in our city.

The event, held at Moore Counseling Center, 22639 Euclid Avenue, allowed a number of churches and social agencies to share information about their various youth programs. The kids, and their parents, had a great time eating great food and playing games, while gathering great information.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who helped in the event as well as the many churches and agencies who participated. We look forward to further activities to aid in promoting youth programs in Euclid. Stay tuned!

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County Primary

Get to know the District 11 Council candidates

Editor's note: The Euclid Observer *contacted as many Cuyahoga County Council District 11 candidates for which we could find contact information. The following candidates submitted their answers to our questions in time for publication.*

Rich Devor, Jr.

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

My name is Rich Devor Jr. I am 26 years old and I currently live in the city of Euclid, where I have been a resident for 25 years. I make my living working full time as a manager at a automotive repair facility.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The main duty of a member of county council or any other political office is to represent the will of the people with honesty and integrity. They should work to reduce the tax burden on the citizens as well as keeping debt to a minimum and never passing debt onto future generations. Finally, the council should work to reduce the size of government.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

My qualifications include having a high level of integrity and honesty. I also have a working knowledge of American history and the intended role of government in our lives and economics. I am by no means an expert in these fields and I am constantly learning, but I have a good understanding of them.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

Being that this is a completely new structure for county government, the first couple weeks will be hectic. I imagine I will spend some time getting to know the fellow council people, and working out the final details for meetings, offices, etc.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

You will know that I am doing a good job when the county budget gets reduced, taxes are lowered, we become more business friendly, and the citizens become more educated and involved.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I feel like I have to get involved in politics because I can no longer watch elected officials ignore the voices of the people and do what is in their own interests. Many people have given up because they no longer feel that their elected officials do what is in their best interests. This is what I strive to change. I want to show the citizens that I work for what integrity and honesty is about. I hope to restore their faith in the system and inspire them to become educated and involved. I also want to create a better future for the younger generations. If we sit back and do nothing, the kids will grow up and ask "why didn't you do anything?" What will be our excuse? We just need to do what is right. www.redvorjr.com.

Rose M. Allen

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Rose M. Allen, 62 years old. I am a 34 year resident of Euclid, currently living at North Pointe. I am a semi-retired pharmacist. I review projects as an independent contractor for the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, on an as assigned basis.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The charter states in Article III Section 3.01, "The Council shall be the legislative authority and taxing authority of the County and a **co-equal** branch of the County government with the executive branch."

There are 12 powers and duties assigned to County Council. In order to stay within the word limit requested, I am listing only three of them that may be of greater interest to the residents of Cuyahoga County.

#2 The County Council will be responsible for establishing departments, divisions and sections of departments, board, agencies, commissions, and authorities the Council deems necessary for efficient administration of the County.

#3The County Council will establish procedures under which the County Executive may employ experts and consultants in connection with the administration of the affairs of the County.

#4 The County Council will establish procedures governing the making of County contracts and the purchasing of County supplies and equipment pursuant to competitive bidding.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I want to serve on county council to be sure that the county moves forward rapidly toward economic development that will generate the revenue to continue the support provided by county's health and human services departments. I want to also make sure that we start marketing this area in way that will attract jobs, population growth and draw people to the recreational activities that Lake Erie and Cuyahoga County can provide. I would like to develop Cuyahoga County into an international manufacturing center for supplying and shipping via the Port of Cleveland, alternative/green energy components, such as wind turbine parts, solar panels, photovoltaic arrays, geothermal components and non-fossil fuels. Doing this would quickly provide thousands of decent paying jobs manufacturing **American** made products.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

From the economic development aspect, I currently am a member of the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force (GLEDTF). This task force has been meeting monthly for several years. Through the effort of the task force, work is already under way to place a test wind farm on Lake Erie by 2012. As a member of the task force, I am already helping to move projects forward and gaining valuable experience and knowledge that will be useful in moving the county forward.

From the health and human services aspect, I am a pharmacist with practical experience in the county's justice center's medical unit. As director of pharmacy, I implemented polices that established accountability for medications dispensed to inmates by nurses. That policy probably saves the county several thousand dollars monthly.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

The first task at hand will be to work with other council members to elect a council president and vice president. After that, the council must start the process of determining what departments and divisions need to be kept or eliminated.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

You will know that I am doing a good job when I am able to engage in effective consensus building to garner support for projects that I would like to see move forward. I think that residents will be able to determine that I am doing a good job, when I am able to sponsor and pass legislation that puts into effect policies that will benefit the entire county, with full support of other council members.

Kathy Gambatese

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Kathryn E. Gambatese, 68 years old. Lives in Richmond Heights. Current position, 21 years as councilwoman, city of Richmond Heights (compensated), volunteer.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The council has two primary duties: fiduciary and legislative. As legislators we have the power to introduce, enact and amend ordinances and resolutions relating to all matters within the legislative power of the county as stated in the charter that formed us. Council may write or amend ordinances or resolutions and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: appointments, establishment of departments, policy, procedures, contracts. Council provides the oversight and approval of the annual tax budget, operating budget and capital improvements program and makes appropriations. These and other responsibilities are enumerated in the charter that formed it. Primary duties are the same as those of

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municipal councils.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

My overarching goal is to provide accessibility and accountability to the resident and business tax payers of Cuyahoga County. Fifty percent of the core county services is the safety net it provides of health and human services. The new charter allows us to promote economic development opportunities to provide those businesses and residents reasons to work and live in NEO, particularly in our county.

In 2006, I was appointed to the Mental Health Board of Cuyahoga County by the current commissioners and became chair in 2007. Two months into that role CEO Bill Denihan and I, along with our counterparts at the AOD Board, were charged with consolidating the two boards. July of 2009 saw the completion of two years work to form the new ADAMHS Board, which I continued to chair.

The experience of leading the process of consolidation of the two boards ignited my interest in running for the new council. The transparent, inclusive, thorough process demonstrated by the ADAHMS Board commitment to creating a better, more efficient, effective, and cost saving county department is at the heart of my passion to be part of improving the services and reputation of Cuyahoga County.

The first year of existence as the new board resulted in:

1) Administrative cost savings: The board administrative budget was reduced by $1.9 million, which was put back into services. 2) Personnel cost savings: ADAMHS Board has 70 budgeted positions, 30 positions less than the separate boards, saving $2.5 million that was put back into services. 3) Facility cost savings: ADAMHS Board *is saving $440,000 each year of a ten year lease* for new office space located, which is a reduction of the prior combined lease costs were $790,000.

I have the experience to help reduce redundancy and waste to realign our county departmental structure and redistribute already insufficient tax dollars and other revenue to get more bang for the tax payer's buck.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

In addition to my 21 years experience on city council, I have served on several boards, in particular ADAMHS, and including a multi city chamber of commerce board, as president for six of the 12 years on a Girl Scout board that encompassed three counties, and as a board member of the Northeast Ohio City Council Association board that any given year has 30 to 40 municipal cities council members. I have demonstrated consensus building and vision planning skills that have helped me build countywide and beyond relationships. The new council must address the fragmentation of the 57 municipalities with hundreds of taxing agencies thwarting any forward thinking. My city council has demonstrated effectiveness in cooperative ventures with other cities and entities that have resulted in reduce costs and improved service.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

First steps are outlined in the charter itself, which covers what needs to be established, how the council will run itself including setting up committees, assigning or hiring new staff, and appointments, to name a few. The object is to learn as we go while keeping the business of the county running until changes are made or not. Hopefully we will have ethics training for everyone, including employees. I would keep my campaign web site up and begin routine communication to my district and beyond as we engage in what will be a steep learning curve to drill down into the myriad departments and programs of the county organization. Initially we need to engage in some team building of the council, executive and staff while we review and analyze what's there and realign the organization structure with the dollars available. We need to develop the vision and strategic plan for the next three years.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

Overall, when we meet the benchmarks we set for ourselves immediately upon taking office that we routinely lift up for examination. If you can't measure it, create expectations that can be. When business and new residents are lined up to come here. When all you read about the county is good news. We will know if we don't lose ground providing critical services as we seek to reorganize and we have been able to improve services. We will know when our constituents call for help with a problem, not to holler at us. We will know when there is evidence of good employee morale that results in improved work ethic. The persons elected to two year terms will know if they get re-elected. Believe me, as much interest as the citizens had in the passage of this extraordinary charter, we will know.

Ray Schmidlin

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Raymond J. Schmidlin Jr., 46 years old, Attorney.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The legislative power of the county is vested in the council. Including the power to introduce, enact, and amend ordinances and resolutions.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I want to serve to make a difference and participate in the new county government.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

Attorney for 21 years, Lyndhurst Civil Service Commission, my practice includes complex business transactions, corporate matters and real estate issues.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

I will assist the county executive in making the necessary appointments and form committees. We also need to address the $20 million budget deficit.

Phil Robinson

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Phillip Robinson, Jr., 29 years old. Resides in University Heights. I currently serve as a 2010 Cleveland Executive Fellow, where I have developed business growth plans and co-authored a study on improving local neighborhoods. Previously, I worked for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and later, for two Fortune 500 global communications firms.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

The new county council has these primary functions:

1. Provide an adequate check and balance to the county executive.
   - Deciding formation of county departments
   - Confirming appointments to numerous boards and commissions
2. Overseeing the county's $1.5 billion budget, including the administering of the sales tax and approval of government contracts.
3. Making our government open, honest and accountable once and for all
   - A strong ethics code
   - Conducting open meetings
   - Making all records available to the public
4. Providing excellent health and human services while holding down costs.
5. Developing a regional growth plan, including five-year economic development and infrastructure plans.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I moved back to Northeast Ohio three years ago because I believe in this region and its people. I love calling this region home and want to be part of its future**.** I am running because for our community to continue growing, we need a government that can operate in the 21st century. My experience in all three sectors--public, private, and non-profit--gives me a unique perspective on how to move Cuyahoga County forward.

We have a rare opportunity to reinvent our region and write its next chapter, and I believe we can make our new government as good as its promise.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

I have experience working in all three sectors—public, private, and non-profit—and that gives me a unique perspective on how to move our region forward. This experience includes working on federal legislation for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, managing multimillion dollar budgets for two Fortune 500 global communications firms, and helping nonprofit organizations thrive in difficult economic times as a Cleveland Executive Fellow.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

Aside from working to immediately pass a robust code of ethics for council members, I will direct my energy toward a thorough review of county budgets, operations and the final recommendations of the transition committees. This will help determine the most efficient and effective ways to support health and human services and drive economic development in the county.

I will also meet with elected officials throughout District 11 to talk about how we can collaborate under the new county system to address the district's challenges.

Next, I will begin crafting legislation focusing on three priority areas:

Energizing Our Economy by redeveloping existing space and retraining our workforce. I will spearhead a county development fund in the model of the Third Frontier program to back projects such as product development grants for small businesses.

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a welcome center for new Ohioans, making college affordable for county residents, and promoting our region with a comprehensive marketing effort.

Making Our Government Work by providing excellent county services while controlling costs.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

Ensuring an open, transparent and accountable county council through communication is a cornerstone of my platform. To accomplish this, I will increase the level and quality of communication from the county to city elected officials and from the county to residents by live-streaming council meetings over the Internet and holding regular town hall meetings with residents. I also plan to meet frequently with city council members, mayors, and other elected officials throughout the district to foster collaboration and gather feedback.

Philip Fine

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Philip Fine, 65. I live in Beachwood. I am an attorney who specializes in bankruptcy, foreclosure defense and family law.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

County council duties include introducing and passing ordinances, adopting an annual budget, setting terms for intergovernmental partnerships, investigating departments, and establishing procedures for the executive branch to follow. The council may offer a scholarship to enable residents of the county to participate in post-secondary education, including job training and vocational education. The council may provide for the procedure for making public improvements and levy assessments to make such improvements. The council will approve contracts.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

Thirty years ago I transitioned into private practice doing bankruptcy and divorce work for mostly blue-collar workers. Recently my practice has changed. Due to the economic downturn I am seeing too many people hitting a brick wall because of layoffs and job loss. I am handling a lot more foreclosures and personal bankruptcies than before. The numbers of people who are unemployed are not mere statistics; I see their faces as they sit across my desk trying to keep their homes and dignity because the economic downturn has affected their livelihood. Something is badly broken in the county; good hard working people cannot find jobs or keep their homes. I want to help them and bring this region back to life.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

Along with serving on a number of community boards, I was also an elected member of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board for eight years and its president twice. I was there during strikes, failed levies and agonizing cuts in services. During that time I displayed common sense and true grit, essential qualities in an elected official. My logical thinking, ability to zero in on problems and come up with ready solutions is needed during good times as well as during an unexpected crisis. I also know how to deal with the massive foreclosure crisis and save our neighborhoods, many of which are on the brink of turning into unstable areas due to absentee rental landlords and vacant housing.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

The first order of business will be to adopt a strong code of ethics. This code must prevent self-dealing and provide an effective means of policing the newly formed county government. County council ,along with the executive, should carefully examine and implement many of the transition suggestions offered by the volunteers who gave thousands of hours of their time so that the new county government could hit the ground running and continue to provide reliable, well-managed county services. Council members must also get to know each others' strengths and quickly learn to act as a team whose goal is to work for the greater good of the residents who placed their utmost trust in their governing ability and good judgment.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

There are certain benchmarks that I want to accomplish. First, there must be a strong code of ethics adopted and followed by everyone on council along with the county executive. There will be zero tolerance for any breach of ethical behavior. Second, there will be definite signs of economic revitalization including production and manufacturing jobs based on new tax incentives and creative financing. Third there will be regularly scheduled town hall meetings held throughout the 11th District so that residents' voices can be heard and issues discussed. If there is a sense that the people in District 11 know that I will fight for their best interests and for that of the county, then it will be apparent that I am doing a good job.

Jim Joyner

Please tell us your name, age, where you live, and how you make your living.

Jim Joyner, 62 years old. Resides in University Heights. My current position is as a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC) and Internationally Certified Clinical Supervisor (ICCS). I have worked in the field of addiction treatment, prevention, education and intervention services for 39 years. I am in private practice providing counseling, consultation and formal intervention services for families and other individuals who are concerned about someone's alcohol or other drug use. I also provide over 150 trainings each year for groups and organizations like MADD, the Society for the Prevention of Violence and the Northeast Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program, to name a few.

Describe for us the duties of a member of the County Council.

As stated in the charter, "The legislative power of the county, including the power to introduce, enact and amend ordinances and resolutions relating to all matters within the legislative power of the County is vested in the Council." Other duties include, but are not limited to, those outlined in Sections 3.09 – 3.12 of the Charter. As the council elect from District 11, I would represent the best interests of the electorate in all matters of county business as described in the charter.

Why do you want to serve on County Council?

I view the opportunity to serve on the council as a continuation and extension of my efforts and commitment over the last several years both personally and professionally to be a part of and invest in a healthier, more stable community. I have a unique skill set, which will add leadership, strength and depth to the overall council. I believe that Cuyahoga County can do better and be better. I am committed to being a part of the leadership which will steer this county through these difficult times.

What qualifications do you bring that make you the most qualified?

I believe I have the necessary leadership, management, planning, problem solving, budget, and communications skills necessary to meet the qualification requirements of county council representative. I have integrity, and a strong value system. I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in. Thirty-nine successful years of professional service in the health and human services field, which includes 15 years as manager of Public Information and Training with the Cuyahoga County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, along with my personal life's experiences further confirm my qualifications for the position.

What will you do in your first weeks? Please describe in detail, to give our readers an idea of what this position will actually be like.

The first day council meets we will elect a council president and vice president, and determine the rules and order of business for the council. My role the first week will be a continuation of the process which will begin in detail after the November election, developing a working relationship with the other council members and the county executive. I will continue to educate myself in detail about the county systems and services, including the budget challenges ahead in order to execute the duties of council as smoothly as possible with little or no disruption to the provision of services the county provides for its citizens. And of course, the realities of the old fashion process of getting adjusted to something that will be new for us all.

How, specifically, will we know that you are doing a good job?

The role of government is to serve the people. I'm a firm believer in "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." If I am not meeting the expectations and duties of my role of council representative for District 11, I would expect the electorate if they are meeting their responsibility, and the council members if they are adhering to their responsibilities, to hold me accountable.

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Swim League

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have a good image of our city. This represented a great opportunity – not just for our summer swim team, but for the entire city of Euclid to showcase how great of a community we have. We've been hearing and overhearing how well received everything has been from people visiting from other cities."

In the days leading up to the event, city workers could be found throughout Memorial Park cleaning, painting or repairing where needed. City leaders made sure the event was fully supported.

"Swim championships is a rite of summer. We knew people would be coming from other areas, so just like at your home, you spruce up before getting visitors before the holidays," said Annemarie Finch, aquatics director for Euclid. Finch, recreation director Kathy Will and other staff members worked extensively with the swim team volunteers to make sure that things went smoothly in the weeks leading up to the Sunday event.

"The city worked really well with us and everyone pulled together to make this a very successful event," said Ross.

"The best thing is how all the parents stepped up to help wherever it was needed," added D'Arcy.

Anyone walking through Memorial Park would have seen a park filled with over 100 colorful tents, a large concession area being manned by 10 to 15 parent volunteers throughout the day, headed by coordinators, Sean and Kristi Ward and an impressive Chinese Auction spearheaded by Barb Diturno. Spectators watched the races in bleachers just outside the pool area while the C.E. Orr ice arena was filled with hun dreds of waiting swimmers, organized by Clerk of Course head Marty Sudar.

In addition to the positive feedback from the other cities' teams, the Panther swim team was able to raise money to support the self-funding organization. Any profit from hosting championships is put back into the program in the form of swimmer support including keeping fees low, helping to buy new equipment or covering other necessary expenses.

While the event itself was a success, the Euclid swim team had some ups and downs in terms of their performance. Entering the meet, the team was 5-1 in dual meet competition, with the team's only loss coming at the hands of SSL powerhouse Highland Heights. By Sunday night of championships, Euclid had accumulated enough points to finish in fourth place, just two points behind the Willowick squad. The Highland Heights team dominated the meet with Mentor easily capturing second place. Euclid's top-four finish ensures they will continue to swim in the more competitive division for dual meets next season.

The Euclid team pulled off some impressive accomplishments throughout the two-day meet. One of the highlights of the weekend involved the 200-meter four-man medley relay in the 13-15 age group. The Euclid squad broke a 27-year league record in the 200-meter race, with a time of 1:59.07. That team included local swimming star Derek Hren, who was scheduled to swim at the Junior Nationals later in the week, Jack Joyce, Michael Wenrich and Marcus Brochetti.

Hren, who begins his sophomore year at Ignatius in the fall, swam in his final race for the Euclid team at the pool where he has spent much of his youth perfecting his stroke. Hren holds numerous records at Memorial Pool. "I liked all the teamwork and having fun as a team," said Hren. "It doesn't matter what any one individual person does; it's the team that matters. What we did today was pretty amazing. It ended on a good note." Over the course of the weekend, Hren added to his collection of records, setting individual, league, team and pool records in the 100-meter backstroke, the 100-meter butterfly and the 200-meter individual medley.

Spectators watch the swimming action at Memorial Pool as part of Championships weekend for the Suburban Swim League.

Other records the Euclid squad broke during the weekend were: Girls' 8 & Under team members Sophia Holzheimer, Grace Delaney, Alexa Moe and Faith Gron set a new team record for the 100-meter medley relay. Girls 11-12 team members Maggie Jones, Jordi Hughes, Lorelei Brochetti and Jane D'Arcy set a new team record in the 200-meter medley relay.

Andrea Bartel set a team and pool record in the 100-meter breaststroke at Willoughby Pool. Bartel also set a pool and team record in the 200-meter individual medley.

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Sports

Unfazed by arsonists

World Series crew overcomes an unexpected setback

By John Sheridan

Anyone staging a major baseball tournament – like the Continental Amateur Baseball Association's High School World Series recently hosted by Euclid – has to be prepared for an occasional glitch or two. For example, the monsoon-like downpour that forced suspension of the Euclid team's first night game after just one inning.

However, no one connected with the week-long, 50-team diamond classic could have expected anything like the blaze set by vandals three nights later that destroyed the World Series "command center" – the two-story brick structure at Memorial Park's Paul Serra Field that housed not only the press box, but also the concession stand, restrooms, a key telephone communication line, controls for the electronic scoreboard, and the public address system at the lighted field behind Euclid City Hall.

The fire occurred about 4 a.m., July 27, prior to the start of the tournament's double-elimination phase featuring the 16 teams that survived the three-day round-robin qualifier. Lost in the inferno were hundreds of dollars' worth of food and beverages in the concession area, souvenir T-shirts, and the large team trophies and numerous individual awards that World Series officials had planned to present to the top teams and players at the closing ceremony.

Improvising — Using a makeshift press box set up near the first base line, C.A.B.A. Commissioner John Mocny (white cap) confers with game announcer/scorekeeper Jack O'Breza (foreground).

Ed Carpenter, national director of the C.A.B.A. World Series, got a phone call at 4:30 a.m. delivering the bad news. After all the hard work that he and his loyal team had put in over the course of a year preparing for the event, it had to feel like a kick to the solar plexus.

Yet, with many of the key playoff contests, including the championship game, scheduled to be played at Serra Field, the tournament staff was determined to keep things on track. With the able assistance of Euclid Recreation Department personnel, they managed to guide the World Series to a successful conclusion.

"We always find a way to keep going," said Carpenter. "The city workers did a great job enabling us to continue. They hosed things down, shoveled off debris from the fire, and made it possible for us to continue to use the field. We received great cooperation from [recreation director] Kathy Will and her recreation department crews."

Euclid Mayor Bill Cervenik also praised the efforts of the recreation department personnel. "I'm very proud of what Kathy Will and her staff were able to do to keep the tournament going," he said. "It is a tremendous tournament and the work they did to keep it going is a testament to how important we feel this tournament is. I also want to thank the tournament directors for all of their hard work."

Will noted that tournament games resumed at Serra Field at 8 a.m. – just four hours after the fire occurred. The press box building, declared a total loss, has been demolished and will be rebuilt. The city had insurance coverage on the structure.

As for the vandals who started the fire, Cervenik asserted: "We will catch the miscreants."

For playoff games at Serra Field in the final days of the World Series, a makeshift command center was set up under a small tent behind the fence along the first-base line. A portable speaker system was installed to enable game announcers to keep fans up to date, an important feature, since the fire knocked the electronic scoreboard out of commission. A rudimentary concession stand with a limited menu was set up. And with the grandstand seats roped off as potentially unsafe, folding chairs were brought in to accommodate fans, many of whom brought their own chairs with them.

Not surprisingly, one consequence of the fire was that gate receipts and concession sales took a substantial hit. "The entire inside of the building was gutted," Carpenter noted. "Even the food stored in the concession-stand freezers was burned to a crisp."

"It's a shame," he asserted, "since we need both gate receipts and concession revenues to help pay all the umpires and cover other expenses. I think our financial safety cushion, the money we carry over to support the next year's World Series, is probably gone."

A total loss — Work crews began boarding up the two-story press box structure at Serra Field the day after a fire, attributed to vandals, destroyed the building and everything inside it, including the concession stand and restrooms. It has since been demolished, but will be rebuilt.

All the same, he was pleased that the many people working behind the scenes were able to keep the World Series rolling along. "In trying times," he emphasized, "sometimes good things happen because you've got good people."

Those "good people" include at least five others who, like Carpenter, have been instrumental in staging the World Series in each of the 24 years that the event has been held in Euclid. They are:

Paul Serra: The former Euclid Panther baseball coach, for whom Serra Field is named, now coordinates the recreation department's baseball and softball programs. His World Series duties included hiring the umpires and scheduling the ball fields and the scorers. He also pitched in as a scorekeeper when needed.

John Mocny: The long-time Euclid resident has been national commissioner of C.A.B.A. for more than a decade and is a former commissioner of the Euclid Boys League. During the World Series, he steadfastly tracked game results and entered them into a portable computer to update the C.A.B.A. website and keep all participants posted on the status of the tournament. Mocny, who spends the off-season revising the C.A.B.A. rule book, proudly notes that his grandson Eric, a student at The Ohio State University, developed the C.A.B.A. website.

Tom McNamara: The former Euclid city councilman, assistant law director, and Charter Review Commission chairman does "a lot of the year-round work," Carpenter notes. "He contacts team coaches and gets all of the paperwork straight." On opening night, McNamara did triple duty—working as official scorer and announcer for games at Serra Field, while also fielding phone calls on game results at nine other diamonds.

Dee Trobenter: A hardworking volunteer, Dee manages the Serra Field concession stand during the World Series and also recruits people to work at the gates.

Joe Perpar: The recreation department crew chief ensures that the Memorial Park ball diamonds are well maintained during the tournament.

"Without these key people, it would be impossible to hold the World Series," says Carpenter. "Everybody knows what they have to do. And everyone just pitches in."

Another key contributor who has been involved for quite a few years is **Jack O'Breza**, who did an outstanding job as scorekeeper and announcer for many of the games played in Euclid. The long-time Sun Newspapers sports writer and TV sports analyst, known familiarly as "The Breeze," was working one of the games at Serra Field the day after the fire. Amid all the buzz over the bad news, he smiled and declared: "The good news is that we're still playing baseball!"

Euclid out early; Illinois repeat champs

By John Sheridan

After starting off with a bang in the C.A.B.A. High School World Series, the Euclid squad representing American Legion Post 343 failed to survive the six-game round-robin stage and, thus, did not qualify for the double-elimination championship playoffs.

In its opening game, Euclid defeated the Dayton Classics, 10-1, as Rey Guerrini smacked a three-run home run. Unfortunately, the team subsequently suffered a couple of heart-breaking losses and finished with a 1-5 mark in the qualifying round.

Meanwhile, the Top Tier Americans from Lake Forest, Ill. went undefeated from beginning to end and repeated as World Series Champions, halting a valiant comeback bid by the Midwest Stallions in the title game, 9-1. After dropping their first game in the double-elimination playoffs, the Stallions proceeded to win six straight in the losers bracket to reach the championship finals.

This story continues on the Web! To read more highlights from this year's C.A.B.A. High School World Series, go to www.euclidobserver.com.

Sports

Euclid Youth Football & Panther Hoops enrich community

By Susan McGinn

When was the last time you were excited about sharing some good news with someone regarding an unfamiliar thing or place? Maybe it was a new vacation spot or a new restaurant you stumbled upon. Maybe it was educational, cultural or even spiritual. But it was unique and refreshing. Three years ago our family had the experience of discovering some good news in Euclid. This is when we discovered two programs sponsored by the city of Euclid Recreation Department.

As parents nothing should be more important than the formation, growth and well-being of our children. The people we entrust and partner with in their development must be very special individuals. Our family was fortunate to find some of these special individuals when we discovered and participated in the Euclid Boys Football League and Euclid Panther Hoops.

Euclid Recreation Assistant Director Mac Stephens and his team of volunteer coaches and parents manage both programs. Anyone who has met Mac or experienced his commitment to Euclid's youth, know how privileged we are to have him working for our community. Mac moved to Euclid in 1992 after playing professional football for the New York Jets, the Minnesota Vikings and a brief tenure with the Toronto Argonauts. In addition to his position with the city of Euclid, Mac is assistant football coach for Euclid High School and president of North Coast Youth Football. In his so-called free time, he serves as a board member for Euclid Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) and is a role model for many of our city's youth, as well as his own children.

What is impressive about Mac and his programs is not only the sportsmanship, but the life lessons he and his coached teach and model. They exhibit commitment, dedication and hard work throughout a rigorous season. The philosophy of encouraging the boys to look out for one another as family, to have greater expectations of themselves and the unique idea of not only producing great athletes, but fine young men will no doubt have a long lasting and profound effect on the participants.

Euclid Youth Football has been a part of our city for twenty years. What was originally one tackle team of 25 kids has grown to four tackle teams of about 100 kids. Each year one or more of these teams reach the playoffs or win championships. This tackle program has become a model that other cities and organizations follow. It currently includes a mentoring program funded through Euclid P.A.L., and partners with other organizations that provide tutoring to some of the league participants. Proudly the league has alumni who have gone on to college and been academically successful, such as Howard Drake, Andrew Bailey, Tony Gordon and Johnny Pokorny.

Beginning with practice in August and wrapping up with play-offs in November, the youth football season is long and tough, but immensely worthwhile. Hard work, teamwork and commitment are constantly encouraged and a pre-requisite to participation is a good report card. School must come first.

Panther Hoops Basketball began in 2001. Managed by Euclid Parks and Recreation Director Kathy Will, interest in the program through the years has sparked growth in participation from roughly 75 kids enrolled in the program to the current average of about 375 kids enrolled in the winter and summer leagues. Mac and a team of 75 volunteers work year round to keep this program running successfully. When league play is not in session, they offer basketball clinics and camps. The league includes participants from Chardon, Mentor, Streetsboro, South Euclid and Painesville.

Unfortunately, we need more facilities and space to accommodate the numbers. Basketball courts are a necessity to fulfill the goals of this program and to implement the lessons and formation it offers. Currently the Memorial Park Concept Committee, an assembly of residents formed by Mayor Bill Cervenik and Council President Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail is reviewing a plan to include new supervised courts.

Some Euclid residents travel to other eastern suburbs for youth football and basketball programs. Euclid needs the commitment of all of our residents to keep our recreation programs thriving. Sometimes we must do what is dissimilar to make our lives fuller. Working together our lives will become richer and our community stronger when we share in these recreational experiences. I know for our family this has truly been the case.

Friday night lights

By David Bechtel

The lights come on for another season of Euclid Panther football August 26, as the Strongsville Mustangs invade Euclid. This season's opener will be a Thursday evening game, in order to be televised. Coach Tom Gibbons and his staff have worked extremely hard once again to continue the great Euclid Panther football tradition. It promises to be another exciting season, as the Panthers vie for the Lake Erie League honors, and spot in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) playoffs.

The Panthers play four home games this season. In addition to the season opener, the other dates are Sep. 17 for a first time meeting with Akron's St. Vincent / St. Mary, Oct. 1 with Warren Harding, and Oct. 15 against Cleveland Heights. All games begin at 7 p.m., but why not come early to enjoy the food, the band and spirit of your hometown high school football.

Euclid High School football is one of the greatest entertainment values in this town. Admission is only $6.00 for adults. Parking is free and concessions are reasonable. Euclid residents over 65 year old can go to the Board of Education, located at the Fordyce Building, with proof of residency to obtain a free pass. The Euclid Panther Booster Club concessions are known throughout the area as the BEST! The Booster Dog is a quarter pound, all beef dog that is perfect with stadium mustard. Pizza, popcorn, walking tacos, candy and soft drinks complete the menu. You will not walk away hungry or broke.

Looking forward to seeing everyone cheer on the Panther's this year.

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(Jan 20 – Feb 18) Is this the time to be ambiguous? Yes and No. Make friends with a neighbor. This month spend time out on the water, but beware of pirates. Lucky Number: 0x1EF

PISCES *****
(Feb 19 – Mar 20) Stormy days are ahead. Remember that letting the cat out of the bag is easier than putting it back in. This month your loyalty may get you in trouble. Avoid the man with the moustache. Lucky Number: 0x9A

ARIES *****
(Mar 21 – Apr 19) You like to ride ahead of the herd. Take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. This month plunge right in, the water and the money will flow. Lucky Number: 0x777

TAURUS *****
(Apr 20 – May 20) Your sign is the bull, do not feed the bull a bomb. If you do, it will be abominable. If it blows up it will be noble. This month seriously don't feed the bull. Lucky Number: 0xE5

GEMINI *****
(May 21 – June 20) Rely on others for your independence, but make sure it's on your terms. Wax your car and drink Cherry Kool-Aid. This month remember that two can live as cheaply as one, but only half as long. Lucky Numbers: 0x1, 0xC2, 0xB

CANCER *****
(June 21 – July 22) Your life resembles a water tower. Watch more sunsets. Do not fly any propeller-powered planes. This month remember a fool and his money throw one heck of a party. Lucky Number: 0xAC

LEO *****
(July 23 – Aug 22) Be as melodramatic as possible at work. Spend all your extra money on presents. Birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live. Lucky Number: 0xAA

VIRGO *****
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) Be narrow-minded and passionate when making all decisions. Your hidden talent will bring you great success. This month do not go to sleep angry, stay awake and plot revenge. Lucky Number 0x20

LIBRA *****
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) You were wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger, then it hit you. Your charm and diplomacy will give you a chance to prove that money can make you happy. This month follow your dreams, except the one where you are naked at work. Lucky Number 0x5

SCORPIO *****
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) A change in your work environment will prove to be for the best. Spend as much time in a pool as possible. This month remember those who forget the pasta are doomed to reheat it. Lucky Number 0xEC

SAGITTARIUS *****
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance. Work will proceed smoothly except for the lady with the scarf. This month paint yourself purple and call yourself Barney. Lucky Number 0x324

CAPRICORN *****
(Dec 22 – Jan 18) Remember that a clean desk is the sign of a cluttered drawer. Your heart's desire is on the way. This month it's not who you know, it's whom you know. Lucky Number 0x1

**** Hide, ** Could be better, *** So close, **** Average, ***** Yahoo !!,***** Not gonna happen***

Publisher note:
all Lucky Numbers
are in Hexadecimal

Cool pool reviews

By Michael Sweet

All kids love to go swimming on a hot summer day. I visited all the Euclid City pools in order to write this review. The City of Euclid boasts of five pools: one very large pool near downtown Euclid and four smaller neighborhood pools.

Memorial Pool, by far the largest, has five Red Cross trained lifeguards. The smaller pools have at least three Red Cross trained lifeguards on duty ready to pull you out of the water, if need be. However, these amazing lifeguards need a break sometimes, so there is a fifteen-minute rest period on the hour.

All pools supply plenty of Adirondack-like chairs and lounge chairs as well as humongous umbrellas - enough to shade more than one family.

For a full list of hours of operation and other information from the City of Euclid Parks and Recreation Department, visit www.cityofeuclid.com or call them at 289-2700 ext. 3955.

Euclid kids at Willow Pool

Willow Pool: Willow Pool is small, but great. At Willow Pool, there is big green "water mushroom." The "mushroom" sprays water out of the top and the water falls into the pool below. My little four year old sister calls it the "Mushroom Pool!" The pool's shallow end is so cool because it begins like the shore of a beach (safe for infants) and gradually increases to four and a half feet deep.

This story continues on the Web! To read the rest of Michael's story and the full descriptions of the other four Euclid city pools go to www.euclidobserver.com.

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