

# VILLAGE VIEWS

## TERRACE PARK, OHIO

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## Swim team beats odds—CHL champs for first time in 30 years

By Susan Austin

Thirty years ago Mariemont High School was having exciting things happen. A one-year-old natatorium was host to some phenomenal swims by then local talents, Jim Stites (parents Pedro and Edna, 819 Douglas), Ed Bachman, Mark Pruiss, Monte Hopkins and Ray House. These men set pool and team records some of which still stand today. In 1974 they were the CHL champs. That was the last time Mariemont High School won the Cincinnati Hills League Championship.

Saturday afternoon history changed. Five Terrace Park boys were part of a team of nine that won the CHL championship, outscoring

Taylor, Madeira, Wyoming, Finneytown, and Reading. Dan Austin, John Austin, Wren Dupre, Nick Thoman, and Ted Winters celebrated the win in typical fashion, more training on the following Monday. "It was a great accomplishment for all of us because we have not tapered yet. It was back to work, business as usual as we prepare for the sectional, district, and the state swim meets in Canton at the end of the month," Dan Austin remarked.

"I have never seen such excitement from a group of guys!" Henry Thoman added. "One swim after another was remarkable." Henry is a High School Official for the State

of Ohio and was on deck for all of the races. He was excited as his son Nick, a senior this year, set two league records in the 100 yard fly and back. Nick swam the 100-yard fly in 52.11 breaking a one-year-old record, and 51.10 in the 100 yard back, which was a new pool record as well. Wren Dupre and John Austin won both of their events. Wren swam the 50 yard free and 100 yard free just missing two league

records. John, a freshman at Mariemont won the 200 yard free and 500 yard free, making it on the SUB 5 board at MHS with a 4:58 in the 500 free. Dan and Ted were also certainly competitive in freestyle events as well as taking relay spots that ultimately had teams finishing in first place.

"The newspaper had us losing to Wyoming three days before the meet and I just did not want to see

that happen. It was a great day for the men's team at Mariemont on Saturday," John Austin said.

"The boys were awesome and the girls from Terrace Park turned in their season best times," added Kevin Maness, MHS Swim Team Head Coach. "Laura Carrigan, Kaitlyn Adams, and Sarah Donley have all done very well this season." The girl's team finished third in the CHL this year.

## Council bids fond farewell to Wachtermans

By Susan M. House

Thanks and sad farewells were expressed by the Village Council and administrative staff to Dick and Candy Wachterman who are moving out of state. Both have been a valuable and much appreciated asset to Terrace Park. Dick Wachterman was praised for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Stefan Olson remarked that Dick has a lot of valuable information in his memory bank, and he will be hard to replace. Candy will be greatly missed as a long-time member of the Village Emergency Medical Services (EMS) squad and Assistant EMS Chief. John Maggard noted that "it will take four people to take on the duties that Candy has regularly performed."

Brown mentioned that he also met with Dick Hird this month. Hird is a civil engineer and Terrace Park resident. It is Council's intention to eventually have a study of village-wide storm drain problems done by an engineering firm. Brown urges residents to tell Council about their individual storm water problems. The Mayor remarked that storm water is a village-wide problem and needs to be addressed as such rather than on an individual basis.

The Mayor announced a desire to fill the full-time position of Terrace Park Office Manager, and is accepting applications. The office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Francine Glassmeyer has resigned from this position, although she still holds the elected position of City Clerk of Courts.

### Police department

Police Chief Bacon reported that a police stop was made this month by one of our auxiliary police officers, which he is "99 percent sure" averted an attempted robbery of the U.D.F. The suspect was apprehended with a loaded weapon in his car. Chief Bacon commended the officer for his quick thinking and excellent work.

The Chief asked for Council's approval to put into effect a 2004 drug policy for random testing of all village employees. Not only does

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## Council creating storm water damage database

As part of the project developing a long-range plan to deal with storm water run-off problems, the Village Council's storm water subcommittee would like to put together a database of damages done by flooding in 2003. If your property

was damaged and you have documents showing the amount of the damage, please send them to Councilman Jack Brown, Terrace Park Community Building, 428 Elm Road, Terrace Park, Ohio, 45174. If you do not have documents but have a damage figure, please provide that property address and the date of loss.

With the assistance of Dick Hird, the committee intends to establish a base from which information can be extracted to identify problems, share information with other entities, and apply for potential assistance from the Village.

## Family business finds a niche

By Sherry Holcomb

"We thrive on jobs other people don't want to do," says Lockwood Doench of Doench & Daughter Remodeling. And thrive he has, after 30 years of working for Terrace Park families and homeowners. Adding a deck, enclosing a porch, updating a bathroom and performing repairs has made Doench Remodeling one of the companies changing the "face" of Terrace Park.

It has also made Lockwood and his daughter Quay, his only employee, part of the community. They've chosen to keep their business small and personal, taking on only one project at a time in order to focus on all the details and meet their customers' needs. Doench concentrates on smaller remodeling and repair projects that aren't of interest to the big companies.

"I really like doing the work and being involved with the clients," says Lockwood. "If the company grows you end up coordinating subcontractors and talking on the phone all day. I get a lot of satisfaction at the end of a job being able to say, 'This is me, this is something I did.'"

Though the company has stayed small by choice, Doench continues to promote his business through the village directory and by advertising in the *Village Views*. In fact, after more than 25 years of ads, Doench has become the longest continuous advertiser in the history of the paper. That promotion, and referrals from some of the bigger construction and remodeling companies in the area has kept Doench & Daughter busy with Ter-



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

**Lockwood Doench and daughter, Quay, enjoy keeping their remodeling business personal and hands-on.**

race Park projects.

Lockwood and Quay's connection to the community is not just business related, however, since the Doench family lived here in the 1970's. Quay attended Terrace Park elementary school and Mariemont middle school. Lockwood and his wife now live on a self-described "mini-farm" south of Bethel, Ohio where they can store equipment and more easily pursue their love of animals. They still hold a special place in their heart for the village, though.

"I've lived different places in my life but if I had to pick where home is, I'd say Terrace Park," says Lockwood. "This also has been a wonderful place to work over the years. Now in some

cases we're working for the second generation of a family. We knew these folks as toddlers and then they're off to college and now they're married and becoming homeowners themselves."

As for the future of Doench Remodeling, Lockwood and Quay plan to continue their hands-on, personal approach to the business. Look around the neighborhood and you'll see their name on the truck and Lockwood's home phone number on the business cards.

"This has been a super business," says Lockwood. "I'll probably keep doing this until I can't anymore because the people I work for have become friends and they make it fun."

### Last chance for changes!

The 2004-2005 Terrace Park Telephone Directory is being prepared for publication!

If you have an address change or correction, please contact Laura Colston at lcolston@cinci.rr.com or mail the "errors/changes" card (yellow tear-out card) from your existing directory.

If your business would like to place an ad, please contact Pete Findley at 576-0595.

All proceeds support your Terrace Park Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services.

### Kindergarten Registration/Parent Information Night

Parents of children entering kindergarten in the 2004/05 school year are invited to attend the Registration/Parent Information Night on Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in the library of the Terrace Park Elementary School. Registration packets will be available in mid-February from the area preschools and in the office at the elementary school. Please bring the completed registration packets to the Registration/Parent Information Night.

*This night is for adults only.*

For more information, please contact **Wendy Woodruff at 248-1985.**

### Boy Scout Mulch Sale

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### Deadline

The deadline for the March issue of the *Village Views* is Friday March 5th.

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this protect the Village, but testing can be helpful in maintaining the integrity of policeman and other employees, if ever questioned.

The Terrace Park Police Department, in conjunction with the Mariemont and Fairfax Police Departments will hold a kindergarten through sixth grade skating party on April 19 at the Castle Skate Land.

Chief Bacon would like to thank Betsy Ecker for supervising Mariemont High School students Drake Perry, Robbie Lewis, John Ecker and Owen Gibby during the great community service they performed by cleaning up the basement in the community building. Chief Bacon and Dave Evanchyk pitched in and the group did a fine job on a long needed project.

**Broadband to run on utility poles**

Councilman Stephen Holmes initiated a discussion based on a letter that he received concerning the intention of Cinergy and CCB Ohio LOC to run broadband internet access lines over the utility line. Cinergy owns the utility lines. Terrace Park is apparently one of the first areas where this new system will be implemented. The letter also stated that Cinergy is the first utility company in the nation to offer this service. Residents will be eventually notified by mail and invited to subscribe.

**Annual reports**

Annual reports were submitted to Council by Chief Bacon for the police department and the maintenance department, and from John Maggard for the fire department and Candy Wachterman for EMS. Wachterman reported that the new ambulance is wonderful. She thanked Maggard for spending so much time to select just the right one. She also reported 119 EMS runs in 2003, with the majority of runs occurring between the hours

of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Most of the patients transported by EMS go to Bethesda North hospital. It is the nearest hospital and now has become a trauma center.

**This is Terrace Park**

Pat Henley, 327 Rugby announced the future publication by Concerned Citizens of Terrace Park called This is Terrace Park. The book will be ready for preview by the Village Council in April of this year. Pat also mentioned an excellent publication discovered by Al Nelson called Know Hamilton County. The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County publishes this booklet.

**Bike trail**

The Mayor reported a letter which he received from Scott Zodie stating that the planning for the bike trail on the right of way through Terrace Park is proceeding. Pruning of the right of way area will begin at the end of February, 2004. A bike trail committee, headed by Councilman Jeff Koreman held a meeting on February 9, 2004. A primary concern of the committee will be to address the concerns of Terrace Park residents. They will also try to see that the trail is completed in the best way possible.

Chief Bacon reported that the maintenance crew will begin working on fixing pot holes in the streets beginning next week.

Councilman Jack Brown has asked our engineer to take a look at the Findley property on Terrace Place, with the idea of possible installing a curb to prevent traffic from driving over the corner of the lot. Council also voted to approve the purchase and placement of signs which will announce the monthly Village Council meeting. Also approved was the purchase of safety signs, with the safety logo "Slow down When Going Thru Town." The signs will be strategically placed throughout the neighborhood as a reminder to watch your speed.

*Village Views* welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, March 5th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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Articles are accepted in any form. If possible the staff prefers to receive contributions on disk. Save articles on disk as Microsoft WORD files. Please put your name and date on disk. Photographs will not be returned. **The deadline is Friday, March 5 at 9 p.m.**

Advertisements for *Village Views* may be placed in a variety of sizes. A business card size (2x4) is only \$24 per month. A classified ad is \$5 to Village residents only. **Payment must accompany ad.** Call Business Manager **Gerri Kennedy @ 831-2388** for additional rates. *Village Views* welcomes your business.

**March deadline :**  
The March deadline for *Village Views* is **March 5th**. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Gerri Kennedy at 152 Wrenwood. All articles go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or call 576-0595 to e-mail an article.

*Village Views* welcomes readers to submit their ideas for articles: promotions, awards, school activities, engagements, weddings, births... things you think people would like to know and read about.

**Leaving the Village**  
Subscriptions are available for \$18.50 per year. To subscribe call **Gerri Kennedy @831-2388**.

**Real Estate Sales for 2003**

407 Amherst Ave.	\$245,000
619 Amherst Ave.	\$246,500
209 Cambridge Ave.	\$200,000
410 Cornell Ave.	\$190,000
3 Denison Lane	\$600,000
12 Denison Lane	\$730,000
815 Douglas Ave.	\$999,900
731 Elm Ave.	\$870,000
918 Elm Ave.	\$526,000
100 Fieldstone Dr.	\$245,000
819 Floral Ave.	\$231,000
726 Franklin Ave.	\$863,300
210 Harvard Ave.	\$192,500
228 Harvard Ave.	\$630,000
611 Home St.	\$450,000
721 Indian Hill Rd.	\$237,000
723 Indian Hill Rd.	\$730,000
742 Indian Hill Rd.	\$1,325,000
615 Lexington Ave.	\$540,000
708 Lexington Ave.	\$390,000
819 Lexington Ave.	\$455,000
207 Marietta Ave.	\$375,000
2 Melissa Ct.	\$267,000
101 Miami Ave.	\$285,000
104 Miami Ave.	\$525,000
705 Miami Ave.	\$340,000
906 Miami Ave.	\$725,000
103 Michigan Dr.	\$375,000
109 Michigan Dr.	\$425,000
601 Myrtle Ave.	\$225,000
706 Myrtle Ave.	\$970,000
806 Myrtle Ave.	\$652,500
204 Orchard Hill Ln.	\$329,250
303 Oxford Ave.	\$610,000
307 Oxford Ave.	\$648,000
308 Oxford Ave.	\$399,500
720 Park Ave	\$240,000
910 Princeton Dr.	\$525,000
305 Rugby Ave.	\$410,000
601 Stanton Ave.	\$300,000
707 Stanton Ave.	\$275,000
804 Stanton Ave.	\$336,800
100 Wagon Road Ln.	\$415,000
109 Wagon Road Ln.	\$380,000
127 Windingbrook Ln.	\$359,900
718 Wooster Pk.	\$340,000
823 Wooster Pk.	\$200,000
104 Wrenwood Ln.	\$149,900
136 Wrenwood Ln.	\$265,000
142 Wrenwood Ln.	\$229,900
408 Yale Ave.	\$880,000
615 Yale Ave.	\$380,000
714 Yale Ave.	\$675,000
726 Yale Ave.	\$317,000

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(from left) Judy Deeter, Tammy Fisher, Connie Laug and Sandy Koehler - all of Terrace Park - comprise Team Stepping Stones.

## They stepped up!

Pictured are four of the members of Team Stepping Stones - a group of runners and walkers dedicated to training and completing the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon while raising funds for Stepping Stones Center. Stepping Stones is a nonprofit agency that has been serving children and adults with disabilities for more than 40 years. Funds raised will help support vital services for children and adults with disabilities and their families. In the first two years of Team Stepping Stones, volunteers have raised more than \$75,000.

These four Terrace Park women are members of Team

Stepping Stones. Connie Laug has been a long time volunteer for Stepping Stones as chair of their annual auction, but has stepped up for the pig team as well. The support of the team helps individuals reach their personal goals and raising money provides added motivation. So, when you see them out walking, give them a honk of support. Or, better yet, show your support by sending a donation to help them meet their fund raising goal.

It's not too late to join them. For more information call Theresa at (513) 831-4660, ext. 12 or visit [www.steppingstonescenter.org](http://www.steppingstonescenter.org).

## Village Calendar 2004

### February

- 21 TPRC Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser 7 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall. For more information, contact **Paula Albrecht at 831-1790.**
- 23 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library
- 28 Kindervelt #76 Mardi Gras Party 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Hall. For reservations, contact **Vanessa Peterman at 831-3074.**

### March

- 2 TPE PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m. School Cafeteria.
- 2 Kindervelt #76 Meeting 7 p.m. at the home of Alison Connor. For more information, contact **Missy Osgood at 831-2637.**
- 4 TPE Kindergarten Registration and Parent Information Night. 7 p.m. School Library. For more information, contact **Wendy Woodruff at 248-1985.**
- 8 AARP Luncheon Noon Sem Laurels. Program: Mr. Terry Rawlings of Seniors Speakers Network discusses "Retirement Planning and Wealth Preservation." For reservations, contact **Betty Smith at 831-5434.**

- 8 TP Mayor's Court 7 p.m. Community Building.
- 8 MHS Fine Arts Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 9 MHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 9 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building.
- 10 TP Garden Club Table Settings Luncheon Noon Community Building. Theme: "All Creatures Great and Small." Table decorations and centerpieces on display for public viewing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact **Sara Osborn at 831-1136.**
- 16 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15 p.m. MHS.
- 17 MJHS PTO Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 22 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 TP Social Club "Meet and Greet" 5:30 p.m. Community Building. Open to all Terrace Park residents. For more information, contact **Christie Lundeberg at 831-9221.**
- 25 Mariemont Foundation Meeting 7:30 p.m. MJHS Library.
- 30 TPE "Everybody Counts" Week begins

Please call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** with calendar information

## Garden Club wants you to think "Spring"

Through all the cold weather, the Terrace Park Garden Club is warm and going strong. In January the Club enjoyed a "Meet and Greet" type meeting by inviting new neighbors and friends to an evening at the lovely home of Jenny Whitaker. Getting acquainted with the Garden

Club and its members was the focus of the evening. The meeting was so well attended and received; it's bound to become an annual event.

February's meeting was equally well attended with guest speaker, Dewey Hollister of Ammon Landscape, who entertained members with his expert knowledge of plants.

**IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:** THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH. The March meeting is an annual favorite with table decorating and a luncheon. This year's table decorating theme is "All Creatures Great and Small." Members are teamed together to create a decorative table with place settings, props and flowers accenting the theme. Tables are judged and awards are given. The Community Building will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on March 10 for anyone to take a look at these wonderful creations!

Other Garden Club notes of interest; the Club will once again participate in the window box competition put on at the Cincinnati Home and Garden Show. The Cincinnati Home and Garden Show runs from March 11 to 14. This year the club

has a special interest in the show with member Lucy Maish working on the Garden Market, which is a boutique with 100 booths featuring unique artisans and garden stores. Anyone interested in group discount tickets (four or more attending, at \$5 each, a 50 percent discount) is welcome to call Lucy at 831-5665.

A donation was received by the club from a tennis group, in which recently deceased long-time member Shirley Brown played. The tennis group also planted a tree in Shirley's memory. Also a community note of interest, long-time resident and avid gardener Libby Clancey has moved into Mercy-St. Theresa Center in Mariemont. Her address is 7010 Rowan Hill Drive, Assisted Living-4th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45227. No doubt she would love to hear from or see any of her friends, neighbors or acquaintances.

Last month's *Village Views* carried the order form for our spring plant sale, hopefully we received your order, Susie Gray chair 831-7626, can field any questions. We cannot thank the community of Terrace Park enough for the continued support. Think SPRING!



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Worship: Saturday 5:00\* pm; Sunday 8:00, 9:15\*, 11:15\* am;  
Sunday School 9:15 am; Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 am

\*Child Care Provided for these events



**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**

February 24, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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February 25, at 12:00 noon\*  
and at 7:30 p.m.\*



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**EVENSONG\***

Choir of  
Men and  
Boys

Sunday,  
March 21

5:00 pm





# Neighbor to Neighbor



## Terrace Park student accepted in Cincinnati Boychoir

Terrace Park Elementary fifth grader Andrew has been made a member of the Cincinnati Boychoir. Boys throughout the Tri-State audition for positions and are first eligible in the third grade. The Boychoir presents a six-concert subscription series and gives approximately 35-40 performances per year. The Boychoir was founded in 1965.

## Free computer collection event

Registration has begun for the fourth annual free Computer Recycling Collection Event. The deadline for registration is March 12, 2004. The event is scheduled for April 15-17, and is open to Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Northern Kentucky residents and businesses. This is a FREE program, but registration is required. Please visit [www.hcdoes.org](http://www.hcdoes.org) or call 946-7732 for details, including an online registration form and a list of acceptable items.

## Mariemont's National Merit Finalists

Mariemont High School seniors Samuel Howles-Banerji, Joshua Kuempel, David Rosson (Terrace Park), and Benjamin Walker have been named National Merit Finalists. Last September the National Merit Scholarship Program named 16,400 students National Merit Semifinalists. Now, about 90 percent of them have reached finalist status. Students enter the program by taking the 2003 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as an initial screening.

Approximately 8,000 of the 15,000 finalists will be selected to receive corporate or college sponsored scholarships, which will be announced beginning in March.

The National Merit Scholarship Program has consistently recognized Mariemont High School students since 1959.

## OMEA competition

The Mariemont High School Band, Vocal and String Orchestra members did well at this year's Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble competition. Hamilton and Clermont County schools participate in the competition. The following students from Terrace Park received superior and excellent ratings:

### The String Orchestra

Jane Deeter, Emily Moorhead, Emma Reeder, Nick Thoman, Susan Kipp, Ben Walker

### Violin Trio

Jane Deeter, Emily Moorhead

### Cello/Bass Duet

Ben Walker

### Viola/Cello Duet

Emma Reeder

### Percussion Solo

Ben Seeley

### Vocal Soprano Solo

Katie Troller

## AARP has an advocacy volunteer opportunity

AARP members in Cincinnati and surrounding areas are invited to become citizen activists and work on issues that impact millions of people in Ohio. AARP Advocacy Volunteers help win legislation that improves lives and protects Ohioans age 50 and over.

AARP Advocacy Volunteers recruit and mobilize local volunteer activists and develop grassroots networks. They communicate with state representatives, state senators and US congressional representatives about AARP priority issues like access to affordable health care, Social Security solvency, consumer protections, long-term care and independent living.

Volunteers receive assistance in developing strategies to communicate AARP's concerns and positions, develop relationships with elected officials, and educate and

engage other activists. AARP Ohio provides training, orientation and issues briefings. Candidates with a strong interest in participatory democracy, willingness to lobby elected officials and ability to build grassroots networks are encouraged to apply.

Volunteers need a commitment to AARP priority issues of Social Security, Medicare, affordable health care, long-term care and independent living. Advocacy Volunteers are selected on a competitive application basis. Reimbursement is provided for travel with assigned district and to regional or statewide meetings. Time commitment is flexible and based on volunteer's availability.

For more information, contact Tamara James, AARP Volunteer development Specialist at (614) 222-1526 or [Ohvolunteers@aarp.org](mailto:Ohvolunteers@aarp.org).



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Elementary students from across the Mariemont school district skated away the afternoon on January 30 at Beechmont Rollarena.

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- ◆ Bunny Bingo
- ◆ Games (Face Painting, Moon Walk, etc.)
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Bid & Buy
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Lots More Fun



Any questions, please call Deidre Byers (576-9334)

Or Lisi George (965-0317)

(Rain Date: Sunday, March 28th 1:00-3:00)

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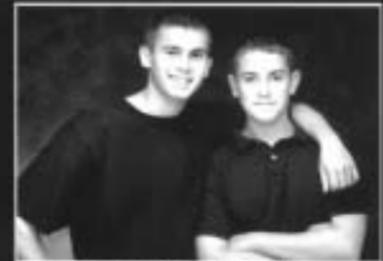
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# A dog's life

By Jeffrey Koreman

It was a 90-mile round trip from our home to the breeder. We made it twice in one day. The first time we watched the six-week-old litter of English bulldog pups frolic in the grass. They all romped together. All but one, that is. He would not leave us. He did not sit at our feet; he sat on our feet. Cold feet as it turned out for we decided that maybe we were not ready for a dog and we turned around and headed home. We made it all the way to our driveway, looked at each other, nodded and laughed and went back to pick him up. We named him Cecil, the way the British say it, with a short "e." We would never have guessed that the hand-sized pup riding on Tammy's chest on the way home would one day become a 60-pound cinder block covered in fur.

Two months later Cecil died for the first time. He was on a long lead tied to a bush and he kept circling the trunk. With each orbit around the trunk the leash shortened until he could go no further. He ended up with his head under a branch, his flat bulldog face pressed into the fresh mulch cutting off his air. He could have taken two steps back and freed himself but in keeping with a trait that turned out to be the hallmark of his personality, he kept trying to push forward. Maybe not much head but certainly all heart. When Tammy came out she saw him make one final lurch and go still. She pulled him out and saw he was no longer breathing, his tongue blue and lolling out of the side of his mouth. She pressed her ear to his chest and heard nothing. She called out to the woman next door, a pediatrician, who immediately ran over and proceeded to give him mouth-to-snout resuscitation and CPR. He revived and after several days in the hospital returned home.

Everybody in our old neighborhood knew Cecil. They would call his name and wave to him as we walked around the block. Many of them did not have the slightest idea what our names were. They just knew us as "Cecil's parents." The nearby children would knock at our

door to see if Cecil could come out to play. One night at a block party I was introduced to a new neighbor. He said, "Oh, you own the bulldog."

"Oh, boy," I replied, "what did he do now?"

"Nothing," he laughed, "It's just that the other day my son came out of the house to find me and said, 'Dad, there's a dog asleep in our family room.' I went in and sure enough Cecil was snoring by the couch. I just opened the door and said, 'Go home,' and he did."

That was Cecil, always making himself at home. And always snoring when asleep. Passing gas too. We found out the hard way that flatulence is another bulldog trait. Once, while sleeping, he broke wind so loudly that he woke himself up, shot us a dirty look thinking we had made the noise, then fell right back to sleep.

Bulldogs are wet too. At least their noses are. Cecil would constantly sneeze and snuffle on you. Our eldest son's first learned reaction as an infant was to squint his eyes whenever Cecil came close to his face.

True to his breed, Cecil was greedy about food and would eat anything left unattended. Like the time I left my fish sandwich on the coffee table so I could get something to drink. When I returned I picked up the sandwich and bit into it only to find it was an empty bun. I was about to call the restaurant to complain when I noticed the trail of tartar sauce on Cecil's chin. He had somehow managed to filch the filet without disturbing the bun.

One morning I found Cecil lying on the couch, unable to move. I was nearly hysterical because my dog was paralyzed. We carried him to the car and took him to the emergency veterinary clinic. I had to lay him on the cold tile floor while I filled out the paperwork at the counter. Suddenly, I noticed he was dragging himself across the waiting room floor slowly regaining the use of his legs. He was leaving behind him a



Jeffrey Koreman

trail of peanuts. The veterinary staff burst into laughter. Apparently Cecil had eaten so many peanuts that it had temporarily blocked his colon so he could not move. When we returned home we found the empty three-pound tin of nuts under the end table.

When we moved to Terrace Park nothing changed. Many of you met that lovable lug with the big heart long before you knew who we were. Having three young boys who often fail to close doors created an easy avenue of escape for Cecil. I apologize to the village for my family's lack of vigilance and I thank all of you who helped him safely find his way home.

Nobody could get mad at Cecil. Our friends a few blocks over told us a story last spring. They had relatives in town for Christmas and had cooked a huge ham. After the meal it was still too big to put in the refrigerator so they covered it in foil and put it on a shelf in the cold garage to cool before slicing. The husband, Rick, left to run an errand and failed to close the garage door. When he returned he parked in the drive and walked into the garage. Lying in the middle of the floor was Cecil, snoring, with the now clean ham bone protruding from his mouth. Rick yelled, "Cecil. What are you doing?" Cecil rose groggily, stumbled out of the garage, lifted his leg on their favorite tree then moseyed home. It was a testament to Cecil's lovability that Rick was still laughing about it three months after the fact.

Those of you who have a dog may have similar stories. Regardless, you know what I mean about these wonderful creatures. They are selfless, loving, devoted friends. They ask for so little and give so much. They forgive us our flaws and strengthen our souls. They are truly the embodiment of unconditional love. As for Cecil, he died of an enlarged heart on February 2nd. It was a death befitting who he was. You see, his heart had grown so big even he could not handle it.

# Lang is musical inspiration in t-shirt and jeans

By Ann Ducharme

Can a 22-year-old sing the Blues? If anyone can, Jonny Lang can, as evidenced by his performance at the Taft Theater, February 5.

Jonny Lang began his recording career at 16 and by age 18 he had two platinum albums and a Grammy nomination. At the ripe old age of 22, *Long Time Coming* is his third album and the one tied to the cross country tour that stopped in Cincinnati. When you see him live in concert, it's hard to say which is more shocking - the skill of his guitar riffs or his vocal ability. Although his interpretation of standard 12 bar blues is clever and exceedingly proficient, it is the product of much heartfelt practice and conscientious absorption of older Blues masters like his idol, B.B. King. *Prodigy* is a tempting term, but I'll wager that there are more than a dozen 16 to 18 year olds in this country of his skill or better.

It's the voice, or rather the voice in combination with the guitar, that's so impressive. Live, he sounds like a decipherable Joe Cocker. For ears tired of *American Idol* kids trilling their virtuosity around the melody - but never on the melody - a kid screaming the Blues is refreshing. It's not a stylistic choice; it's who he is. Where Blues intersects Rock is where he's best, and most acces-

sible to his peers. As he matures in his ability to solo, he has a tendency to go where Blues almost becomes Jazz. This is where he loses me. He can scat a la George Benson, right along with his solos. Even if you don't like the sound you have to admire the skill, and the homage.

And Lang is nothing if not passionate. Recently, at a Terrace Park Elementary Recognition Night, high school senior Jessica Pardue spoke about passion - how passion, motivation and striving for excellence are intrinsically linked. Lang exudes both passion and excellence from the stage. When he smiles his goofy smile and yells to the audience, "Having fun Cincinnati?" you know that he is. I asked my guitar playing 11 year old to rate Lang and himself on a scale of 1-10. He replied, "Mom, I'm a 2 and Jonny, well, he wrote the book." He added that Lang was "very, very inspirational." The parade of freshly tuned, mostly Fender guitars (I counted seven) that the roadies handed over for each new song was also, undoubtedly, very, very inspirational.

If Jessica is right and excellence follows passion, then passion must start with inspiration. And inspiration can come to your own hometown in a shiny, silver tour bus bearing a skinny kid wearing a t-shirt and jeans, named Jonny Lang.

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# Terrace Park Historical Society

*"Tracking our past and present for the future"*

By Carol C. Cole

First and foremost, this month I must remind everyone that in order to belong to the Terrace Park Historical Society and receive our newsletter *The Tracker* one must pay dues. Our new year started January 1 and according to our new treasurer there are in fact more past members who have not paid their dues than those who have. Dues are only \$25 for a family and \$15 for a single member. A corporate membership is \$50 and we'd love to have the support of some local businesses. Of course we always welcome new members! Please send your dues to Carol B. Cole, 725 Wooster Pike, Terrace Park OH 45174.

At our February meeting Helen Tollefsen gave a most informative talk on Terrace Park artists. This was especially appropriate since John Rockaway has made arrangements for us to visit the Cincinnati Art Galleries (225 East Sixth Street downtown). They have invited us and our guests to a preview of their show of paintings by Terrace Park artist Charles Meurer (1865-1955). This is scheduled for March 3 at 5:30 p.m. Besides viewing a large selection of Meurer paintings, the staff of the gallery will present a discussion of them and of Meurer's life. If you have paintings by Meurer you are invited to bring them along for appraisal. If you would like to attend this special event (you don't have to be a member of the Historical Society) please let John Rockaway know at 965-8660 or jrockaway@cinci.rr.com. The Galleries need to know how many people to expect. Please also let John know if you need a ride or can offer a ride to others. This Meurer show will open to the public March 5 and run through the beginning of April.

The January issue of *Village Views* carried a long article entitled "TP Tree Program much more than slash and plant." That article told mainly about what's going on now with Terrace Park's tree program. In fact our interest in trees has been going on for a very long time. Early settlers found this area covered by trees, mainly oaks, but felled most of them for homes and farmlands. However, as early as 1841 the trustees of Columbia Township planted some silver poplars at the intersection of Indian Hill and Given Roads. Later each of the men who laid out subdivisions planted trees. George Washington Corey planted mainly oaks in the area he owned west of the railroad when he was developing Park Avenue. On his own



Photo: Anne Bauer

The large tree pictured here in front of 108 Miami is a golden rain tree (*koelreuteria paniculata*, family *sapindaceae*) - unusual in Terrace Park. The tree in the background is an eastern pine (*pinaciae pinus strobes*) that was damaged by the tornado that swept through the village in the 1970s. It lost all its branches on one side but continued to grow above the damage, remaining lopsided for quite a stretch.

Wooster Pike property (now listed as 723 Indian Hill) he planted pine and silver poplar. Pattison and luen planted both hard and soft maples north of Rugby Avenue. South of Rugby, James Sibley planted red maples. The trees on Elm Avenue between the bridge and the bend to the right were set out by the father-in-law of Chauncey Stuntz (625 Elm). Evidently those trees were a gift of Thomas Biggs (Gravelotte 720 Elm) and included maple, elm, ash, cherry, sycamore, poplar and tulip trees. When Terrace Park was incorporated in 1893, one of the first council's accomplishments was planting some 800 ash and maple trees. Last month's *Village Views* article states that the village planted 1,600 trees between 1896 and 1898. A note in the archives states that one could buy 600 trees for \$200 in 1895. Early pictures of Terrace Park show very few trees so it's easy to see why early developers and villagers planted trees.

Up to the end of the century there was no real plan as to what was planted, nor had care been taken to choose trees that would do well here. In January of 1900 Russell Errett and Lewis Gatch submitted a lengthy report to the mayor and council of Terrace Park on the subject of trees. They noted that "owing to the lack of system, and lack of intelligence in the work thus far done, the condition of our trees is in every respect anything but satisfactory. There is no uniformity whatever in the character of the trees, in the distances at which they are planted, or even in the arrangement of the different varieties." "In all but a few instances the selection of trees is perhaps the worst that could have been made."

There were more red maples than any other tree and those were in particularly bad condition. All the trees blown down in gales the previous spring were red maples. A definite distinction was made "between trees suitable for Avenues and Streets, and such as are suitable for lawns and Parks. In the former class, uniformity is the desideratum; in the latter, variety."

The report goes on to discuss many trees as to their various characteristics including shape, foliage, rate of growth, eventual size in height and width, general durability and expected length of life. It would be interesting to compare their list of trees with those now on our master plan. A final suggestion in the report of 1900 was "the advisability of introducing in the Village School, in some grade, (preferably the High School grade) a course of instruction on shade trees, so that the next generation of citizens of the place may give more intelligent consideration to the subject than we have done."

Thus it can be seen that the Village of Terrace Park has for over 100 years taken enough interest to establish a plan by which trees were planted and cared for. I think we can be proud that this and later efforts have led to our designation since 1985 as a Tree City USA.

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# Terrace Park Social Club gears up for 2004 events

Jazzed on the Green, playgroups, book clubs, bunco, dinner clubs and much more - how can we help you get involved?

The Terrace Park Social Club (TPSC), also known as the Newcomers Group, is gearing up its activities for the year to introduce new residents to Terrace Park, as well as provide activities for new and long-time residents.

The kick-off meeting to welcome new residents is the Meet and Greet, scheduled for Thursday, March 25. All residents, new and long-time are welcome and encouraged to come to the Community Building from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to see friends and neighbors and welcome new residents to the community.

If you can't make the Meet and Greet, but are interested in meeting some new people, the TPSC provides other avenues for social-

izing. Bunco groups, Book Clubs, Playgroups, and Dinner Club are always forming to encourage social activities among families as well as individuals in Terrace Park.

If you are new to the community, or have been here a while and are interested in meeting some new people or in being a part of the TPSC, please contact **Christie Lundeberg at 831-9221**.

Bunco Groups and Book Clubs are a big part of TPSC. For more information about these groups and how to become a member, contact **Melissa Gearhart at 831-0320** or **Becky Shoemaker at 576-9699**.

Dinner Club has long been a popular activity for TPSC members. Known to spawn such ideas as pizza parties, picnics, brunch, and the usual or even unusual dinner, Dinner Club groups have grown and continue to thrive throughout Ter-

race Park. Hosts and hostesses have been known to take pride in their creativity when it comes to dinner club activities and offerings. For more information on joining the TPSC's Dinner Club, contact **Patricia Lopez at 831-9887**.

Relief is here! Are you looking to get out of the house, or help your little one burn some calories while you take a breath and meet some new people? Wait no longer. The TPSC's Social Hour Playgroup, is now underway. While the days are cold and outdoor play is not an appealing option for most kids, TPSC has come up with a way to help you out! Friday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., the playgroup is meeting at the Community Building. Bring something for yourself and your child to drink, and come to the Community Building for some winter weather fun for parents and kids.

Keep your calendars open and your eyes peeled for the release of the date for this year's TPSC's Jazzed on the Green. A huge hit last year, Jazzed on the Green brought residents from all over Terrace Park to the Village Green for dinner, music, and a table-decorating contest. Originally scheduled for the Spring season, the impending cicada invasion has pushed the date for Jazzed on the Green back until later in the year. The tentative date currently set is September 18, 2004. For more information, contact **Sybil Schooler at 576-1571**.

Membership for the Terrace Park Social Club is \$15 annually.

# Monte Carlo Night and other TPRC News

By Matt Nickum  
www.tprc.net

Terrace Park Recreation Committee, Inc. (TPRC) needs your support. Our fall labor day and garage sale have been our only fundraisers for years. Last year rain nearly ruined that fundraiser. Our committee (TPRC) started talking to the current labor day chair person and decided that we needed an alternative fundraiser - Monte Carlo Night. TPRC will host this evening of bingo, cards and other games at St. Thomas parish hall on Saturday, February 21 starting at 7 p.m. A silent auction, food and beverages will round out the evening.

## The other news

Unfortunately we almost ran out of money last year due to a lot of unexpected expenses. Most of the expenditures went to badly needed uniforms for teams, which I might add have really gone up in price since the last time we purchased them while our income from Labor Day, Garage Sale, and sports fees have stayed the same.

Our ball fields up until last year had deteriorated so badly that when it rained it took 4 to 5 days before you could play on them. Our committee wanted to make sure our new baseball commissioner did not have to go through that nightmare. So we, TPRC, needed some expert advice. After speaking with some of our local communities to find out who they use to revamp their fields, we found a company that specialized in ball fields. They came out and gave us a bid on all three diamonds for almost \$17,000. So our committee said how in the world could we ever get that kind of money, but much

to our surprise our local community still has some die hard baseball fans. We raised the money through private donations and completed the project.

The project consisted of re-grading; cleaning vegetation from infield areas, from back stops and fence lines; straightening edges at turf/soil interfaces; removing lips at infield/grass edges; and bringing in 280 tons of Pro Ball Infield Mix dirt and four tons of Pro's Choice SoilMaster Calcine Clay. The dirt and clay needed to be laser graded and installed so that there were no low spots for water puddles to form. Pitchers' mounds were also installed to proper specs using four tons of Processed Native Clay.

Other needed repairs are a new roof, replacing damaged siding, and painting that is needed for the building at Drackett Field. A new water fountain is needed at the A Diamond as well as a new net for the batting cage. Other improvements are needed as well including tree replacement as some trees have died and new aluminum bleachers to replace the old and very heavy and hard to move steel/wood ones. Also something that is on our wish list would be to repair pot holes and tar and chip the road and parking lot. If you have ever driven on the road by Drackett Field, it gets quite dusty.

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# Terrace Park Sports



Not only champions on the court, "Team Double-Threat" is shown here after the recent Academic Achievement Night at Terrace Park Elementary.

## 5th graders win Mariemont hoops tournament

By Tim Fening

The Terrace Park team of fifth grade boys coached by Tim Fening, Dennis Glaser, and Ted Murphy upset a heavily favored Mariemont team in this year's Mariemont Holiday Classic Tournament, with a final score of 17-16 in the championship game.

The Terrace Park squad marched to the championship game with two victories in the preliminary rounds before meeting a steamroller of a team from Mariemont in the finals. They had lost to this same team only a week before in a regu-

lar season game by six points in their only loss this season, so revenge was definitely on their minds.

The Mariemont team was much taller than the Terrace Park boys, but a stifling defense clogged the "paint" and enabled the team to disrupt the Mariemont low-post offense. By allowing the open shot from the outside, the TP boys issued the challenge...if you're going to beat us, you're going to have to do it from the outside.

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Drew (Shaq) Hyer, and tenacious defense from Joey Fening, Teddy Murphy, and Nick Stirsman keyed the upset victory. The hero and MVP of the day was Luke Glaser, who hit two critical baskets to ice the victory late in the fourth quarter.

### Soccer referee classes

If you are interested in becoming a new referee for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission's fall soccer program, you must be 13 years old by September 1, 2004, attend a one-day training class and pass a written examination. The training class will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Center building (located immediately behind Mariemont Elementary School). Register at the door. Please call **John Finningan at 831-5121** if you have any questions.

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In an effort to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), two Terrace Park residents are literally racing for a cure. Silver Streak Racing's John Cascella and Dan Neal will participate in a cross country event formerly known as the Cannonball Run. Renamed One Lap of America, the event requires the team's two members to drive non-stop across America and back. Along the way there will be stops at various check points, as well as racing on some of America's most famous race tracks. The team chose to support a worthy cause while participating in this event. They chose Juvenile Diabetes because it is just as much a reality in Terrace Park as it is in homes all across America.

Juvenile diabetes is destructive both to children and to childhood. Controlling the disease requires 24/7/365 vigilance and imposes a grueling regimen. It includes eating a carefully calculated diet, checking blood glucose lev-

els several times each day (by lancing a finger) and insulin injections - as many as six per day - or delivery of insulin through a pump just to stay alive. It means children and families living by the clock, day and night, for the rest of their lives - lives that turn out to average about 15 years less than normal.

You can't outgrow juvenile diabetes. As JDRF International Chairman Mary Tyler Moore has said, "Diabetes is an all too personal time bomb which can go off today, tomorrow, next year, or ten years from now - a time bomb affecting millions...one which must be defused." The only solution is a cure. That's why JDRF has a singular mission: to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research as soon as possible.

Team Silver Streak Racing hopes to raise approximately \$50,000 through sponsorships and individual donations. Please visit [JDRF.org](http://JDRF.org) for more information on Juvenile Diabetes and [SilverStreakRacing.com](http://SilverStreakRacing.com) for more information on how you can help.

## Row, row, row that boat

By Lon Stirsman

Prior to last week, if someone had mentioned "crew" or "rowing" to me I probably would have imagined a scene involving ivy leaguers on a river somewhere east of here. Not anymore.

Todd Jesdale is a resident who has coached the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club since 1994. During his tenure his crews have won four National Championships and 40 Midwest Championships. While Todd seems to be a humble guy and made it clear to me he wanted this article to focus on the program rather than himself, I would be remiss if I did not mention that he has also coached the US Junior National Team on three occasions, winning a gold medal at the World Championships in 1992 and silver medals in 1997 and 1998.

The Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club began in 1992 and now con-

sists of approximately 130 kids during the spring, split about equally between boys and girls, with a bit smaller group at other times during the year. Their local competitions, "regattas," take place at Harsha Lake at East Fork State Park. Races are approximately 1.25 miles in length and the lake is wide enough to permit six crews to compete at one time.

Coach Jesdale notes that while Terrace Park kids have been members of the club in the past, none are currently. He would love for that to change and is always open to local boys and girls joining the club. Most kids who become members have not rowed before, so if you've got a teenager who might be interested in learning more about the sport, please feel free to give Todd a call. It is a strenuous sport, but one that can be learned easily and that helps improve a person's overall conditioning. Todd also notes that individuals who stick with the sport generally end up loving it (he started as a freshman in college "a few" years ago) and passing that enthusiasm for the sport on to their friends. Inside practices are at the city's rowing and fitness center located on the first floor of the Montgomery Inn Boathouse, and outside practices are held on the Licking River. The cost of the sport runs about \$20 a week, which covers the cost of the equipment and operations.

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