

Swim club pool floods again, damage costly

By Susan M. House

The subject of the "citizens input" portion of the May Village Council meeting was the flooding of the Terrace Park Swim and Tennis Club (TPSC) on Saturday, May 10. Shannon DeCamp, a resident at 715 Park Ave., and President of the TPSC, told council members and the administrative staff that this is the second time that the club has been flooded with rain water. David Walter of 102 Fieldstone, and Vice President of the club, told Council that the creek which runs parallel to Elm Ave., and adjacent to the TPSC, overflowed because the large amount of rain runoff could not be properly retained in the creek.

DeCamp and Walter said that the pool will need to be drained and the necessary environmental clean-up will have to be done. The cost of repairs will probably run about \$10,000.

This is the second time that the creek has overflowed since the village completed work to stop flooding on Elm Court. TPSC officers hope to work cooperatively with the village to find the cause of and solution for the flooding. Walter offered to meet with George Kipp, the Terrace Park Engineer, to study possible remedies to the flooding problem so that future damage can be avoided.

In other business

- The hiring of Terrace Park's newest auxiliary Police Officer, Jeffery Stamm, was approved by Council. As his parents, grand parents, and girlfriend looked, on. Stamm was sworn in by Mayor Dan Startzman.
- Village Clerk Francine Glassmeyer remarked that she had

been notified by the office of Dusty Rhodes, Hamilton County Auditor. His department will soon be sending representatives to Terrace Park neighborhoods for the purpose of taking new photos. These photos are to be used for new property

value appraisals. The auditor's staff should have photo identifications indicating that they are with Hamilton County.

- Lieutenant Hayhow, Terrace Park Police Department, reported that Chief Bacon met with the dis-

trict manager and the manager of the United Dairy Farmers store on Wooster to discuss and hopefully remedy recent shoplifting problems at the Terrace Park store (see related article on the front page).

- Lt. Hayhow spoke of the recent Police Memorial that was held in Cincinnati. The Terrace Park Police Department was well represented. Patrolmen also attended a beneficial "Traffic Crash School" in April.

- Councilman Jim Peterkin, Building and Grounds Chairman, reviewed the rules for our Environmental Services Area ("the dump").

Now that spring is here, and lots of yard waste is generated, residents need to remember to back in, as close as possible, to the proper drop off area. If the yard waste is not correctly placed in its proper place, the space is quickly filled and can not be used by all residents. Peterkin sent out the reminder that dumping of dirt or construction material is prohibited. Please be considerate and follow the rules. Residents should remember that this is a convenient service for all.

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Local gardeners brought home the gold from the Cincinnati Flower Show last month. Garden Club members Ogle Annett, Jean Belliveau and Frances Stafford pulled together this lovely winner. Congratulations, ladies! (Please see related story page 4.)



Photo: Chandi Findley

And they're off! Students in the Flying Piglet marathon sprinted .2 miles to the finish line on Friday, May 9. (Please see related story, page 10.)

Village to honor veterans

By Ray Normile

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the truce agreement by President Eisenhower ending the Korean War. The community of Terrace Park will honor all veterans who served during this conflict.

On May 26, the Memorial Day parade will form at Terrace Park Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. and start at 10 a.m. The US Navy Color Guard will lead the parade. The parade route will travel through Terrace Park and end at the Village Green.

The Memorial Day program will start at approximately 11 a.m. United States Congressman Rob Portman will offer remarks. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont is providing a memorial wreath to be placed at the flag pole in honor of all veterans. A Terrace Park sixth grade student will read his or her winning Memorial Day essay.

All Terrace Park residents are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Residents are reminded to fly

flags at their homes.

The following Korean War Veterans will be honored this Memorial Day:

- Hugh Arnold - Navy
- Ken Burkman - Coast Guard
- Bob Doelling - Navy
- Bob Halley - Air Force
- Norval Julnes - Coast Guard
- Dick Hildbold - Army
- Bill Krummert - Army
- Ed Kirby - Navy
- Tutt Lambert - Army
- Jack Leonard - Army
- Bill Lock - Army
- Bob Lowery - Army
- Jim Madewell - Navy
- Al Nelson - Army
- Ted Northrop - Navy
- Frank Obradovich - Army
- Don Olson - Air Force
- Chuck Rockel - Army
- Nick Shundich - Army
- Bob Terwilliger - Army
- Ralph Vilardo - Army

Theft at UDF hurts community

By Sherry Holcomb

Terrace Park police, local parents, employees of United Dairy Farmers (UDF), and the owner of the Proctor Insurance building are uniting to correct a recent trend — juvenile crime. They are attempting to curb unacceptable behavior by some young Terrace Park residents because in the last six months, three kids, ages 11 to 15 years old, have been caught stealing merchandise at UDF.

According to UDF employees, the most recent financial audit of the store came up thousands of dollars short for the quarter. The employees see the explanation for the shortage in beverage cans that are missing from six-packs and empty candy and merchandise wrappers found around the store. The result is that UDF employees are not being paid bonuses.

"Kids will be kids," said Stewart Proctor, Jr., who rents part of his building to UDF. "But, this situation is now beyond a nuisance. This is hurting the community, hurting UDF financially, and ultimately it is hurting the kids that are involved. They are getting caught and landing themselves in trouble."

Chief of Police Robert Bacon, who has met with UDF management to discuss the situation, said the behavior needs to change. "On a first offense with young kids, we are getting a hold of parents, going through a small parenting conference and then leaving consequences up to the parents," said Bacon. "We are getting a great response and the parents are all very supportive so far."

Bacon added, "We let everyone know that there are no second chances. Anyone caught a second time will be formally charged with shoplifting and sent downtown."

If the situation continues or worsens, other preventative measures could go into effect. "If it keeps up there could be limits on the number of kids allowed on the property and things like that," said Bacon.

"UDF is an asset to our community and a great convenience to the people of Terrace Park," said Proctor. "I want UDF to enjoy being in the village."

One employee of UDF echoed Proctor's sentiment, "This is a nice community where everybody worries about each other and takes

care of each other. We're just concerned about kids getting into trouble taking things or getting hurt skateboarding in the parking lot."

The Chief believes that with awareness and prevention, things will improve. Bacon explained, "I have the utmost confidence in the parents and families in this community to help us resolve this issue."

To that end, Bacon offered some advice for all parents in the village. "First and foremost, talk to your kids and let them know you're aware of the behavior problems at UDF and that they can't be a part of it," said Bacon. "Then talk to your kids about talking to their friends," he continued. "Kids are good at policing themselves. They can talk to each other and say 'don't blow it for us.'"

Don't hide your fire hydrant!

If the volunteer firefighters were coming to put out a fire in your house, would they be delayed because they couldn't find the fire hydrant? Would they have to take valuable time to dig it out or uncover it? Please discuss this with your neighbors and make sure the fire hydrant that serves your home is free and clear. If you have any comments or suggestions please give them to any Terrace Park volunteer firefighter.

Volunteer Firefighters Wanted

After years of service, some of your volunteer firefighters have retired and there are openings in the department. We have two drills per month and a lot of fun. It's a great contribution to your village. If you are ready to join us please call me: **Captain Jack Gambetta @ 248-9400.**

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Terrace Park Memorial Day Committee would like to express its thanks to the following companies for providing financial support for this year's Memorial Day Parade and Program honoring the Korean War Veterans: The Drackett-Harth Construction Company; Kaeser/Blair Inc.; Addison Maupin Inc.; Fletcher Homes; Keffer Construction Company; Rixey Insurance Agency; Terrace Park Citgo; Proctor Insurance Agency; Ogle Annett, Coldwell Banker/West Shell; and R. J. Vilardo Auto Sales.

Thanks is also extended to Stephanie Fitzgerald, parade coordinator; Al Nelson, Terrace Park Marching Band director; Roger Stafford, television coordinator; Bill Holloway, feature writer; Katie Troller, vocalist; U. S. Navy Color Guard.

We hope all Terrace Park residents will come out and enjoy Memorial Day 2003.

Terrace Park Memorial Day Committee

To the Editor:

At the Village Council meeting on May 13th, Council member Jim Peterkin announced that he is not running for re-election to a second term.

First, I would like to thank Jim for his service to the village. He has been most willing to take on tasks that required much time and effort outside of council. His talents in the computer area have proven invaluable to the village and I hope he will make himself available to the village after his term ends.

Secondly, I would like to commend Jim for making his decision public well prior to the filing deadline of August 21, 2003. Now interested parties can plan on running for an "open" council seat.

I would hope that the holders of the other positions required to run this year — Mayor Startzman, Council member Rugh and Clerk Glassmeyer — will make their intentions to run or not public at the June (or at the latest, July) meeting of council so that interested persons or groups within the Village can plan ahead.

Yours truly,

Jack Brown
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A man, a woman, and a broom

By Jeffrey Koreman

As I recently gazed at bright Venus and scarlet Mars on the twilight horizon I realized that it is again that time of year that seems to highlight the differences between men and women, or at the very least, between my wife and me: Spring Cleaning. Several days later Tammy and I decided to get started.

The first job I tackled was cleaning out the garage. This was my first act of defiance for it was actually third on the list Tammy had made. "That'll show her who's in charge," I thought as I separated the junk from the items I knew I would someday use. When I was finished I called Tammy in to look at the magnificent job I had done; after all, being a man, I require praise for even the smallest accomplished task ("Honey come here...look, I replaced the empty roll of toilet paper.")

She gave me the requisite "attaboy" then began sifting through the bin of material I saved and proceeded to discard over half of it. She came to the last item she deemed superfluous and was about to toss it into the garbage when I said, "Whoa there...we may need that."

"We will never need that," she replied in an even tone.

"You never know," I countered. "Trust me, I know," she stated calmly.

I began to walk away but then decided I had to pick up the glove. I looked her in the eye and said, "When the day comes...and oooooohhhhhhhh believe me the day will come...when the day comes that you need a perforated, z-shaped metal thingy, well don't you come crying to me, missy."

I turned and left, basking in my triumphant parting shot.

Next, we tackled the garden (number two on the list...man I'm a rebel). We began weeding and planting. I noticed that we were replacing some plants that appeared to be fine to me.

"What about this azalea you told me to pull?" I asked.

"It has dropped several leaves in the past few days and some of the others are yellowing," Tammy answered.

"But it looks perfectly healthy to me," I said.

"It's on its way out...trust me," she replied.

I yanked it and replaced it with what had been deemed a healthier specimen. Then, when she went into the house, I took our three sons aside. "Boys," I said, "if the day ever comes when Papa is on any form of life support, for the love of God, keep Mama out of the hospital room, understood?" I could just imagine the scene. "Pull the plug Doc." "But Mrs. Koreman, it's a routine appendectomy." The boys looked up at me nodding their assent to my request. As I walked away I heard one of them ask the other two, "What's life support?" Time for a living will.

The final item we tackled was to find the source of an odor in the family room (number one on the list...see how I make her bend to my iron will.) We believed the source was the hamster, which had recently escaped from its cage and had decided it needed to mark its new, vastly enlarged territory. Yes, it is a male hamster, but that is beside the point. I was not even aware there was an odor until I had walked in the door, late one afternoon, several days earlier. I was greeted by the sight of my wife and one of her friends, derrieres raised in the air, and their noses pressed against the Oriental rug. Now I believe this is actually a sign of respect in some Amazonian cultures, but I found the scene somewhat disturbing.

"What are you two doing?" I asked before I could stop the question from coming out of my mouth.

"We're trying to find that odor that has been in here for the last week."

"What odor?" I asked, again failing to self-edit.

"How can you not have smelled the odor?" Tammy asked, looking puzzled. Her friend looked at me, equally perplexed. "I asked Ann over to help me find where it is coming from and she smelled it the second she walked into the house," she stated.

I had forgotten about her keen sense of smell, which I believe is a trait shared by many women. (I first found out about Tammy's sharpened olfactory sense early in our relationship, about fifteen years ago. We were at a party and she said, "That man we were just speaking to had a cigarette sometime around 1973.")

She looked at Ann and said, "You know the other day I came downstairs and Jeff was watching a basketball game on TV. I smelled something burning in the oven, the smoke alarm was going off, and I do not even know how he could see the TV from the smoke filling the room. Sometimes it is like being married to Helen Keller without a nose." Ann gave her a knowing laugh.

"But the game was in overtime," I retorted in my defense. "Hey, I'm a guy...we don't multitask, okay?" I said, retreating, their laughter following me down the hall. I muttered under my breath, "Just because I can't put on make-up, drink a latte, and talk on a cell phone all while driving my car does not make me an inferior being."

"We both heard that," Tammy called after me. I forgot about their heightened sense of hearing.

Anyway, they had marked the malodorous spots on the carpet with masking tape and Tammy and I scrubbed them together, our last bit of spring-cleaning for the day.

The boys were upstairs playing a game and Tammy and I decided to retire to the bench on the front porch. As we sat side-by-side, exhausted, I put my arm around her and pulled her head onto my shoulder; grateful we had spent the day together. Sitting in silence, darkness began to fall, and my eyes slowly drifted up to Venus and Mars. Suddenly, I realized why Mars is red. He's biting his tongue. At least there is one male who knows when to keep his mouth shut.

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- Councilman Peterkin announced that he will not seek re-election after this Village Council term.
- Stephen Holmes, Public Works Chairman, reported that he has discussed the additional work needed by the Architect Colin Russell for the final selection of “renovation” plans for the Community Building and adjacent facilities. The five selected development schemes were discussed at the April Council meeting. These plans consist of everything from renovating the existing Community Building, to building a new Community Building with the necessary fire department/EMS facilities and new administrative offices. The architect will provide building renderings and, as applicable, preliminary construction estimates for each alternative plan. The architect will participate in at least two community meetings to answer questions and aid in the final development scenario. This expenditure was approved for an amount not to exceed \$23,350.
- As promised, Council Member Terry Howe has done research on a public address (speaker) system to be used at the Community Building for Village Council meetings and other applicable activities. He described a system costing \$1,700 with two microphones in addition to a podium microphone for use by citizens who wish to address Council. The portable system has speakers that can be placed on both sides of the room. Subsequent to discussion, it was decided that Howe would do additional investigation and provide alternatives at the June Council meeting.
- Village Engineer, George Kipp,

presented bids for needed sidewalk work on Stanton, Floral, Elm, and a portion of Wooster, in front of Kris Circle. The low bid, which is recommended by Kipp, is \$11,767. The Village maintenance crew will tear out the old sidewalk. The contractor will pour the new.

- Kipp presented three bids that he has received for this season’s street paving. The low bid is from J.K. Meurer at \$55,415. The hiring of J.K. Meurer, who did street paving in the Village two years ago, was approved. Work will begin after the end of the school year.
- A storm drain easement on Red Bird Lane is needed by Terrace Park, in accordance with the newly approved Hamilton County Phase II Storm Water Plan. Kipp has discussed the easement with adjacent property owners. Council Members authorized Kipp to negotiate the appropriate easement. A plat map of this easement, for submission to the County, will be required. Council approved the cost of the plat map at \$2,000.
- Bill Fiedler, Building Inspector submitted the Report of Building Department Services for April 2003. Seven building permits were issued in April, bringing the total of permits issued in Terrace Park to 39 in 2003. Councilwoman Julie Rugh discussed the contest that will be held at the elementary school age level promoting traffic safety in Terrace Park. As set forth by Rugh in December, 2002, a traffic safety logo and slogan contest will be held among our elementary school age children. The student who designs the winning logo, in grades K-3, as well as the designer of a traffic safety slogan in grades 4-6, will each receive a \$50 savings bond. All entrants will be awarded a small prize.

Village Calendar 2003

May

25 TP Recreation Committee 3-on-3 Basketball Shootout Noon TP Elementary. Questions? Call **Branden Fisher @ 248-1279** or visit www.tprc.net

26 Memorial Day — no school. TP parade begins at 10 a.m.

June

3 TP Garden Club Flower Show 3-6 p.m. Community Building. Open to the public. All village children Grade 6 and younger are invited to enter. Call **Jane Allan @ 831-3943** for details.

7 TP Social Club “Jazzed on the Green” 5:30 p.m. Village Green. For reservations call **Sybil Schooler @ 576-1571**.

8 MHS Baccalaureate 2 p.m.

8 MHS Graduation 7:30 p.m.

9 AARP meeting 1:30 p.m. Community Building. Program: Wendy VanHolle — Music. Call **Virginia Marquett @ 831-2650** for details.

9 TP Mayor’s Court 7 p.m. Community Building

10 TP Village Council 7:30 p.m. Community Building

12 Last day of school for Mariemont district students

15 Father’s Day

16 Summer Fun begins (all K-6 children eligible to participate). Call **Roseann Hayes @ 248-2619** for details.

16 Mariemont Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.

17 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting 7:15p.m. @ MHS

Lynn Nelson gives talk on John Robinson Circus to Brownie troop

By Ann DuCharme

The circus came to town Friday, March 14, for Brownie Troop 822. Actually, it was “as if” the circus came to town, when Mrs. Lynn Nelson enthralled the girls with wild stories at the Community Center. It was not hard to imagine the escaped panther or an elephant scratching himself on a house from Mrs. Nelson’s description.

Mrs. Nelson (Rachel’s grandmother) shared her expertise on the John Robinson Circus, which comes from her own experience as a girl and from her great aunt Em, who was a close friend and companion of the family. Many people know that Terrace Park was the winter resting grounds for the circus animals and that the Robinson family moved to 1 Circus Place in 1916, where they remained for 30 years. The elephant barn, which was partially built into the ground to retain warmth, was not far from the house and animals like camels, panthers, lions and horses were also housed in the area. Residents digging in the area may still find bones leftover from the circus animals’ meals. Mrs. Nelson related how the train lines to Terrace Park were an important part of circus transport, with 35 cars carrying the circus people, equipment and animals. There was even a dedicated spur to bring the animals to Terrace Park.

Of all the animals, the elephants were the most beloved, and of these Tilly took precedence. She had a special relationship with John Robinson the circus owner, and was actually able to vocalize the word “Poppa” when he came by. Tilly was only the second Indian elephant to ever come to America. At 7,960 pounds her size was considerable, but it is her leadership that she is most remembered for. Mrs. Nelson told a story about Tilly propping up a tipping wagon once during a difficult transport and another about her stopping the murderous Charlie in North Carolina, during a tour. Charlie was an elephant who, after killing his trainer, broke loose, running through the streets of Charlottesville. Tilly broke her chain to run after him, sitting on him to subdue him until the trainers could catch up and contain Charlie themselves.

When the circus was sold in 1916 due to a bank panic, Tillie remained with the Robinsons in Terrace Park with her elephant pals, Tony, Pitt and Clara. When it became clear that Tilly’s health was failing in 1932 (she was 120 years old) Mr. Robinson cleared the barn



Photo: Yvonne Martin

Lynn Nelson shared the history of the circus in Terrace Park with the local brownie group. Her granddaughter, Rachel Nelson, was one of many young girls who had the opportunity to relive these times and hear the circus bell chime.

of her three friends so they would not witness her death. Mr. Robinson however spent much of her last night with her. She died and her funeral was a village event. An airplane dropped flowers and the children were let out of school to perform a pageant honoring their friend. For two days after her death Tony, Pitt and Clara mourned her by making what Mrs. Nelson described as “lonely weird calls.” Mrs. Nelson passed around a photograph of the three elephants presiding over a canon salute for Tillie at her funeral.

The time the panther escaped, Mrs. Nelson said school was closed until it was found. Although all the girls thought no school was a wonderful idea they agreed running into a panther on the playground would be very dangerous. Mrs. Nelson also told about a couple that sat on the back steps of their Terrace Park house, plucking a chicken. They heard a rustle in the grasses on a nearby hill. When they saw the source — a visiting lion — they dropped the chicken and hurried into the house. But, being on the portly side, they got stuck in the doorway. The community center filled with giggles when Mrs. Nelson said they quickly got “organized” and through the door, bolting it locked as soon as they were safely inside. The couple peered out at the unwanted guest who helped himself to the chicken and stretched out on their yard for an afternoon nap.

And what about the poor doctor at 101 Miami who thought his shaking house was going to tumble

from an earthquake? Was he relieved to find out it was only an escaped (and very itchy) elephant from the Robinson Circus scratching himself on the corner of the house or merely alarmed for different reasons? These incidences are all amusing but not the normal goings-on of a small village. The Village Councilor tried to pass an “Off Street Ordinance” in 1910 prohibiting animals from the streets. It did not succeed.

Mrs. Nelson then passed around items from the circus family, that were given to her great aunt Em. There was a beautiful ostrich fan with pearl handles encased in a glass display case. This belonged to Lorna Robinson and was also visible in a formal framed photograph of Mrs. Robinson that was shown to the group with the aid of Rachel Nelson. Mrs. Robinson is wearing an exquisite ball gown in the portrait, which is currently archived at The Cincinnati Museum.

We saw many photographs of the elephants and some with Mrs. Nelson as a young girl. When Meghann Williams asked, “Did you ever get to ride the elephants?” Mrs. Nelson replied, “Yes, and we fed them apples too!” A cane was brought out with a sharp point on the bottom. After two girls’ attempts to guess its function Olivia Cooke finally got it, “It’s to make the elephants go!” It was in fact a training device, with a beautiful, tiny carved edelweiss in the handle. A large brass bell with a horn handle from the circus was the last item to be examined and rung. It was extremely loud and its’ role is unknown.

Lastly, Mrs. Nelson wanted to clarify one point of history. Tilly is not buried at the site on 1 Circus Place as many believe, but rather memorialized. Tilly was too large to bury there. In fact she was too large to remove from the elephant barn in one piece. It was necessary to dismember her in the removal process, and as was the fashion of the day, her feet were turned into umbrella stands. Some girls were aghast and some were fascinated (and so it goes when examining the details of history). Tilly’s final resting place is a mystery but it is certain she will live on in the hearts of many Terrace Park residents. Troop leader Yvonne Coyan and the girls thanked Mrs. Nelson for so clearly elucidating our recent and close by past.

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Garden club members grow golden winners

Terrace Park Garden Club members Frances Stafford, Ogle Annett and Jean Belliveau received a gold medal for their window box at the Cincinnati Flower Show held at Coney Island this year in late April. This is the only show in North America that has the seal of approval of the Royal Horticultural Society.

The window box was pictured on the front page of the Tempo section of April 25, 2003 issue *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. According to the same issue of the paper, Judge Hillenmeyer said the box earned high marks because of "the consistency of the planter, the fullness, the texture of the ferns peeking out from the calla lilies and the colors." Their window box display was in contention for Best of Show, but was narrowly beaten by a professional designer from Benken's Florist. These prize winning plants were auctioned off during the May meeting which was held at incoming-president Sara Osborne's home.

Garden Club member Lanie Grever won eight blues, six reds, and five whites in the amateur horticultural division of the Amateur Flower Show. These were all plants cultivated in the Grevers' yard.

Terrace Park was well represented as Rhonda Mindrum of Abbotswood Ltd. designed the garden "An Invitation to Dine Al Fresco...on the Lower Terrace at Mulberry" which received the Janet Meakin Poor award and the Country Living Gardener Award. She had help from Steve Smith of Smith's Camargo Landscaping with the installation of the garden.

Upcoming events

At our June 3 meeting, we will have a flower show entitled "Ohio's Bicentennial" that will be open to the public from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. All residents of the Village are invited to exhibit horticulture. There is also a class in artistic flower arranging titled "Birthplace of Aviation (The sky's the limit)" open to all village children sixth grade and younger. Please encourage your children to participate. Who knows? They may be destined to win gold at the Cincinnati Flower Show one year. On display will be the Terrace Park Elementary School fifth grade Arbor Day posters. For more information please contact chairman Jane

Allan 831-3943.

Thank you to all who purchased annuals at the plant sale last week. Proceeds from this sale and the Garden Club fundraisers go to beautifying the village. Karen Ballinger and Susie Gray did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Lucy Maish, outgoing president, presided over the May meeting with the president's report of the year in review, the installation of officers and a beautiful luncheon. She thanked her outgoing board. Sandy Wittman-Shell installed the 2003-2004 officers, president: Sara Osborn, vice president: Tami Blowers, recording secretary: Karen Ballinger, corresponding secretary: Annette Askam, treasurer: Ogle Annett, members-at-large: Betsy Ecker, Jenny Whitaker, Marla Bagley, Shirley Brown and Lucy Maish- past president. After the luncheon a perennial plant exchange was held. This is another valuable reason to be a garden club member as we exchanged Proven Winners of Terrace Park grown plant material.

\$plit the pot raffle

By Jack Stautberg

A new fundraiser is on its way. Yes, that's right, the Stautbergs are doing a split the pot raffle for The Kim Hanes Lung Transplant Fund. Kim Hanes is a lady in Terrace Park who has been diagnosed with scleroderma.

Scleroderma is a hardening of the organs. She is probably going to need a lung transplant. The transplant itself is covered by insurance



These are just a few of the scouts that combined forces to clean up the bike trail. Job well done!

Scouts combine forces to clean up bike trail

On a bright and beautiful Saturday morning, girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts united to clean up the bike trail traversing from the Milford bike trailhead to the county nature preserve. Over eleven cub scout dens and girl scout troops, grades kindergarten through fifth grade, met at the Village Green on March 22nd to receive their assigned area on the trail and worked for approximately two hours to give service to their

community.

"This is our third annual all scout clean up," stated Cubmaster Craig Sattergren. "Boy and Girl Scouts have always believed the importance of giving service to their community, but to also show

them how important our environment is and that we, as keepers of this beautiful earth, should take care of it."

Because of the length of the bike trail clean up this year, the scouts collected six huge pick-up truck loads of garbage, rusted metal items, oil drums, rotted wood and of course the hundreds of beer and soda and hundreds of plastic and glass drink bottles. The scouts not only throw this garbage away, but also take pains to separate the recyclable metals, glass & plastics. The recyclables were placed in five large garbage cans to be recycled after it was all sorted.

"We hope that next year we will find less garbage and that the human population of Terrace Park and outsiders will respect this land and dispose of garbage through Rumpke," said Sattergren. Thank you to all the kids and adults who participated and helped in this important event. Please recycle those cans and bottles in your orange bins and not down the sides of the bike trail!

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Terrace Park Historical Society

Tracking our past and present for the future

By Carol Cole

What an interesting meeting we had this month entitled "Memories of the Community House!" Of our five designated speakers each one brought some new information to light, beginning with Helen Barnett's story of her mother's participation in the actual groundbreaking ceremony for the original Baptist church. Others spoke of dancing lessons, making bandages for the war effort during World War II, lawn fetes, a fire in the building while school classes were being held there, church suppers, the rifle range in the cellar, the American Legion, Clodhoppers and 40s Plus.

In 1934 a very important 100th



The Terrace Park Marching Band has been an integral part of Village celebrations for more than four decades.

Birthday Party was held there for Rachel Corey, wife of George Washington Corey, developer of Park Avenue and builder of the Bap-

tist church. Several residents still living here attended that party and Virginia Marquette remembers playing the accordion for the festivities.

Residents remember Korean War

By Bill Holloway

At 4 a.m. on June 25, 1950 North Korean armed forces invaded south into the Republic of Korea (ROK). The ROK forces that met them were under strength, under trained and unprepared.

Apparently the communists thought the United Nations (read Americans) would not fight in Korea — a bad misjudgment. The first one third of this conflict was a seesaw series of battles. This went on for a year and ended geographically just about where it began. US forces had recovered the ground lost, badly hurt the North Koreans and countered a major ground offensive by at least four Chinese armies.

After that, for the remaining 25 months of the conflict, a stalemate ensued with a combination of air and ground battles of attrition and defense played out around intermittent attempts to reach a truce agreement. At no time did the wounding and the dying stop. More than 54,000 Americans, including non-battlefield casualties, lost their lives. A final truce agreement was reached at 10 p.m. on July 27, 1953.

Three of Terrace Park's own lived through that momentous time...a "war" that was "forgotten." They did not forget and here they share their experiences.

Francis S. Obradovich

Brad Obradovich served in the U.S. Army in wars as frequently as

some people buy houses. Korea was his second of three. After WW II he was out for a short time but in 1948 he returned to the Corps of Engineers. On April 15, 1949 Captain Obradovich was assigned command of Company B, 185th Engineer Battalion (Combat) at Fort Campbell Kentucky.

When Brad joined the 185th he found his battalion had been "Johnsonized." Louis Johnson, the new Secretary of Defense, had begun reducing the military forces. The battalion had been reduced to two companies. These included A & B (his assigned company) and a headquarters unit. The authorized strength for B Company was 199 men but he had only 90. Brad remembers that they had "ash and trash" duty performing functions for which they had not been trained. Their specialty was building bridges, roads, and other construction in support of combat operations. It's difficult to train soldiers for combat operations when all you are doing is housekeeping.

In June of 1950 all of that changed. Brad's company was in Fort Monroe, Virginia on an "ash and trash" assignment breaking up old concrete gun emplacements. He got a call from the local Post Commander who informed him he was to return to Fort Campbell at once, the North Koreans had invaded South Korea.

Brad's company was ordered

to Camp Stoneman, California as part of the 19th Engineer Combat Group. He had a full complement of officers but no more enlisted men. In fact, some of his men were considered essential for Fort Campbell so he left with only 60 enlisted personnel — barely 30 percent of the full complement.

After arriving at Stoneman it was not long before they were loaded aboard freighters with all of their equipment and were on the way to Yokohama, Japan. When they got to Japan, Brad found out that Company C was to be reconstituted and that he would receive a full complement of men and all the necessary equipment for a complete engineering company. He did get an excellent cadre of non commissioned officers drawn from some of the other companies but no engineer soldiers.

The next step was getting his company loaded for transport to Korea. He and his officers were so

It's obvious that this building has been an important part of the lives of people in Terrace Park — a true center for the community!

Memorial and Labor Day celebrations are also very special to Terrace Park. Have you ever wondered how Terrace Park came to have its own marching band?

Back in the 1960s the VanWye family was living on the corner of Elm and Franklin Avenues, across the street from the baseball field. Their young son Benjie was pitching for a team that had been losing and badly needed a win. Joyce and Jack VanWye got together with a few of their friends and put together

a pep band for Benjie's team. They played and the team won!

This led in time to orchestral rehearsals in the VanWye's driveway Monday nights during the summers, Concerts on the Green, full orchestras for Terrace Park Pops' concerts and other Players' productions and the Marching Band for Memorial and Labor Day — not to mention Santa on the Green. They even had a bagpipe player come out for one celebration and also a singer who has gone on to perform in operas all over Europe.

I hope you'll all come out this Memorial Day to cheer on the still marching Terrace Park Band.



Terrace Park resident Nicholas Shundich formed this group to help entertain the troops during the Korean War. l-r: Tenor — Don Sutherland (Philadelphia) Lead — Terry Narazinski (Cleveland) Baritone — Emery Knoes (Mansfield) Bass — Nick Shundich (Cincinnati) Guitar — Cicero Harris (Chicago)

busy getting ready that they hardly had time to be concerned about their destination, Inchon.

Inchon was the location of a very risky landing: A masterstroke of planning by General MacArthur to land Marines on the northwest coast in the rear of the North Korean forces. With the remarkable success of this landing the North Koreans had no choice but to fall back from their position surrounding the United Nations forces, pri-

marily American troops clinging to a small perimeter around Pusan on the southern coast.

Brad brought his unit ashore at Inchon on the fifth day after the landing and immediately went to work operating a ferry over the nearby Han River. This work didn't last long but Brad added five Koreans to his company who spoke some English and had engineering experience.

He received orders to move his

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company to Pusan to board ship for the east coast of Korea. As a result of the overall command decision to move with two prongs into North Korea, the United Nations was also attempting to establish a line across Korea from east to west. This meant the movement of a large force, the 10th Corps including the 7th Division, of which Brad was a part, to the eastern coast. Brad's outfit landed at Iwon, far north of the 38th parallel. The Iwon area was not yet secure for the United Nations forces but the landing was unopposed.

Now Brad found himself in the "railroad business." He had his own railroad to maintain and operate. After a number of adventures with train engines and supply and troop movements Brad found himself detached from the 7th Division and ordered to become part of an Army construction group. His new job was to maintain the road from Koto-Ri north to Hagaru. This road was the Main Supply Route (MSR) for the Marines and the Army's Seventh Division fighting in the Chosin Dam area. This was the same road that the Marines and the Army would later use on the retreat from Chosin.

On arrival in Koto-Ri Brad could see smoke and attacking aircraft north of the town. He went to the local Marine Regimental Command Post to check in with the commander who happened to be the

famed Chesty Puller. Colonel Puller was a colorful veteran of World War II and expeditionary service in China, Nicaragua, and Haiti. He had been awarded the Army Distinguished Service Cross and five Navy Crosses for his exploits by the time his career was over.

Colonel Puller suggested to Brad that he bivouac his company in the area for the night. He pointed out that the enemy was on the road north of Hagaru where Brad was headed and had temporarily stopped an American convoy. Brad decided that was a good idea and set up his own command post right next to Chesty. They were located on a 7000-foot high mountain and the weather was bitterly cold. He was expecting some bulldozers and had to go with one of his officers in a jeep to check for their arrival. This was an 18-mile trip down the mountain and back. When they returned things had changed. North Koreans were active in the area and American troops were engaging them.

His executive officer greeted his return with some surprise. He did not expect that Brad would make it back since the area had been surrounded for three hours. The outfit remained surrounded for about two weeks before the siege ended.

Then they were ordered to move south to the port city of Hungnam. To get to transportation Brad led a column of mobile units the 9 miles back down the moun-

tain on foot, in bitter cold. At the bottom Brad got his company loaded out to Hungnam.

They were all glad to reach the coast. A warm sleeping bag and a hot shower were luxuries he and his troops had not enjoyed for some time.

Nicholas Shundich

Nick Shundich was a football player, and a good one. He was also going to be a foot soldier, he thought. When the Korean conflict came along Nick was just out of the University of Cincinnati where the football team, of which he was co-captain, had won 10 games and lost only one under Coach Sid Gilman. Not a bad way to end a college football career.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area was home. Nick had played football at a local high school and did so well that he got offers from a lot of big colleges. He had to decide among them. His high school coach gave him some advice. "You could go to Penn State and sit on the bench or you can go to UC and get to play." The decision to go to UC had obviously worked out well.

Beginning back in July 1951, the Korean situation had reached a stalemate. Young American men were still fighting and dying, but from defensive positions, while the nego-

tiators from both sides sparred back and forth interminably attempting to reach a cease fire agreement. Still, draftees were reporting for induction every month by the thousands.

In September of 1952, Recruit Nicholas Shundich reported to Fort Meade, Maryland for induction into the U.S. Army. After induction he was put on a train for Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Nick may not have known about the intensive rivalry between military post sports teams. The football team was probably the most important team at any military installation. Any new recruit who had a good football record was an immediate candidate for the Camp Breckenridge 101st Airborne team. Nick was told to report to Special Services where a Major and two Captains informed him that they needed a defensive tackle. He was ordered to report for practice at 2 p.m. that day. This new recruit gave the officers what he hoped might be a military salute and did as he was told.

The team practiced regularly. If they won their Friday game they were off duty until the next Tuesday. One of the players on the team was married and lived in Pittsburgh so Nick would hitch a ride to Cincinnati for the weekend where he was court-

ing his future wife Rosie. The team went undefeated for the season and Nick got a lot of time for courting. With this winning record they played in the Salad Bowl in Phoenix, January 1, 1953 against the San Diego Naval Training Center for their first, and only, loss. Not many new Army recruits spent their first few months in service playing football and courting their future wives.

Now the season was over and Nick was quickly sent to Basic Training. He had an opportunity to go to Officer Candidate School (OCS) but turned it down. He wanted to complete his required enlistment and use his accumulated G.I. Bill time for graduate school. He completed Basic on April 1 and was soon on his way to Japan. He arrived in Tokyo and found himself headed for Camp Drake to play more football due to the intervention of a former teammate at UC. He declined this option and was sent to Camp Crawford, Sapporo, on the island of Hokkaido.

Do Army football recruiters ever give up? They don't if a good player is around. The Athletic Officer, a former sports writer at Ohio State, wanted Nick to play and coach football at Camp Crawford. Again he declined and was sent to the First Cavalry Division, First Regiment of the Field Artillery. The Korean conflict ended on July 27, 1953, Nick soldiered until June of 1954.

During this time, in addition to performing all of his regular duties, he helped form a quartet to entertain the troops and worked through the USO giving performances. In addition to these activities Nick and some of his friends also worked to create better relations with the Japanese. Japan was still an occupied country from World War II. The local people didn't like the soldiers very much. Nick and his buddies tried to help the local Japanese understand that Americans were not just conquerors.

Richard Hildbold

When North Korea invaded South Korea Dick Hildbold was just out of high school. He was only seventeen so he didn't sign up for the draft until later. But when he did, and reported for induction on December 11, 1951, he got a surprise. An official walked down the line of inductees. He would point to one and skip one. For each of those he pointed to he said, "You are going to the Marines." Dick was among those chosen.

The Marine Corps had a tradition of volunteer enlistment. Part of the mission of the Corps was to be the amphibious first strike compo-

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ment of a battle to prepare the way for those to follow, more typically a job for those who were seeking adventure and danger. Being drafted into the Marines was not unheard of but it was not the most common path to military service.

Dick arrived in San Diego, California for eight weeks of boot training. There is a saying among some marines that the world was made by God in seven days and that on the seventh day God rested. On Monday morning God created the Marine Drill Instructor (DI) to make the lives of recruits miserable. The DI was up close; eyeball to eyeball to teach his recruits that their life was all changed. Dick learned how quickly he could understand an order, make a decision and act. It was this discipline and training for instinctive response that would save lives in battle. To this day Dick remembers his DI and the importance of what he learned.

After boot training Dick was transferred to Camp Pendleton, further up the coast of California, for specialized training in communications. He trained to be a radio operator and also learned to operate in the worst kinds of conditions. Included was an assignment in 29 Palms, California where the temperature could get above 100 degrees and also some time in the High Sierra's just to insure that he remembered what operating in cold weather was like.

Late in 1952 Dick boarded ship for Korea. He was in a draft of communications specialists who would report to the First Marine Division as replacements. In November of 1952 he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion of the First Division Artillery Regiment as a radio operator.

The First Marine Division was part of the Eighth Army battle force and defended a segment of the United Nations Main Line of Resistance (MLR). The Division was engaged in the "Battle for the Hook" with the Chinese Communists, a prolonged engagement that went on for weeks. The artillery battalion had to move several times and Dick's unit was constantly trying to maintain communication lines. The problem was that wiring was strung on the ground and was very susceptible to destruction by incoming mortar and artillery fire. One time Dick served as a forward observer out in front of the battalion's 105 howitzers providing information on targets.

By January of 1953 a lull had settled over the battle zone which would last through February. This provided some relief to the Marines. During this period the cease-fire talks between the North Korean and United Nations negotiators had been suspended. However, this did not mean the fighting had stopped. Patrols, minor skirmishing and artillery firing continued along the MLR.

In March the Chinese forces began a massive offensive in part of the Marine sector of the front.

This continued until mid-May and the enemy forces sustained heavy losses. By June, truce negotiations had begun again and the United Nations forces had settled into a defensive line. Finally on July 27th a truce agreement was reached.

Sergeant Hildbold was in Korea until November of 1953 and then returned to the United States.

The following is an excerpt from the First Marine Division Presidential Unit Citation: "For exceptionally meritorious service during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea...the First Marine Division, Reinforced, maintained the integrity of over thirty-five miles of defense line...against the constant aggressions of the enemy. ...it was under fire and attack by a resolute, well-equipped and fanatically hostile force. The Division maintained an aggressive defense and constantly kept the enemy off balance by continuously patrolling, probing and raiding enemy positions, accompanied by the full weight of artillery and air support.

The Marine Corps changed Dick's life. He learned much about his own capabilities and how he could shape his future. He fully appreciates what that experience did for a kid from Ft. Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio. He still remembers the name of that Drill Instructor.

How council is structured

By: Terry Howe

Editor's note: This is the first in a series on our village government

For a village like Terrace Park the organization of its government, contracts entered into, laws adopted etc., must conform to guidelines set forth in the Ohio Revised Code. Having standards by which these non-chartered governments operate, the state of Ohio is able to oversee and audit its local entities thereby hopefully ensuring they live within their means and follow the "code."

So, how is the Village of Terrace Park set-up? Because we are a village (less than 5,000 population) we have a mayor and six council members. The mayor only votes in cases of ties, but don't let that fool you; the mayor is in effect the "CEO" of the village. He is the direct supervisor of all village departments and also appoints all council members to their respective committees. In addition to these committees the mayor also appoints some other village officials with the

confirmation of council. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals also have their members appointed by the mayor.

So what's left for council to do? Village council is the legislative body of our government. It debates and votes on ordinances and resolutions that govern the behavior of its citizens. This could be anything from traffic laws and building codes to buying and selling property. Typically these laws and other issues are brought to the whole council through its committees. The six committees are "Building and Grounds" (health, sanitation, parks, community property), "Finance" (budgets, ways and means), "Planning and Zoning" (building and zoning codes), "Public Safety" (police, fire etc.), "Public Works" (utilities, sewers, streets), and "Rules and Law" (laws, contracts, claims). Council also has control over the "purse." All expenditures, salaries, levies, etc., must be approved by a majority of Council.

All elected officials (mayor, council, treasurer, clerk) serve a four-year term but not all are elected at the same time. We have staggered elections which means every two years some of the elected officials are up for re-election. For example, at the end of December, two council members' (Jim Peterkin and Julie Rugh), the mayor's (Dan Startzman), and the clerk's (Francine Glassmeyer) terms will expire. The election for these offices will be held this November. In November 2005 the election for all other offices will take place.


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Cub scouts trade rockets for sailboats

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Pack Winners:

- 1st Place-Barrett Albrecht
- 2nd Place-Keith Henneberry
- 3rd Place-Brennan Warner

Den Winners:

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- Luke Parker
- Alec Ahrens
- Griffin Rolander
- Nate Wagner
- Jonathan Saxton
- Joe Fening
- Andy Gorman
- Conner Carman



Scouts used their own hot air to power their sailboats down a raingutter at this derby event.

- Most Creative:** Teddy Murphy
- Funniest:** Timmy Sattergren
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Study skills

By Vivian Franz, Ph.D.

How many of us think study skills as an aid to school achievement is based on strategies? If so, we are only partly correct. The primary factor in school success is motivation, and motivation is tied to responsibility. Students who know they are responsible, within their abilities, for doing well in school—will do so.

There are many children, some with only average ability, who take their work seriously, meet all the requirements, do all their homework and outside assignments and yet have little formal instruction in how to study. Their willingness to work shows them the way, whether it is habitually using the index and the glossary in the text or asking the teacher when there are questions.

There are others to whom life has given much, children of high ability, who, for whatever reasons, squander their gifts and do not achieve. They have not yet learned that knowledge is an integral part of successful adulthood.

Ideally, all teachers would teach study skills in the context of subject matter. Study skills taught in a vacuum will not be remembered. Before students are asked to outline, teachers should show them how outlining is accomplished within the subject matter being taught. The same is true of taking notes.

Teachers who require in-and-out-of-class dictionary or encyclopedia work are teaching study skills. Those who interrupt the lesson to clarify the meaning of a word are teaching study skills. The teacher is demonstrating the importance of stopping to look up words in context.

Formal instruction in study skills, knowing how best to read the text, can be summarized by the SQRRR method, a method practiced until it is habitual. For example, prior to reading the chapter, students survey the entire chapter, paying attention to special vocabulary, graphs, pictures, and captions. Then they read the questions at the end of the chapter or pose their own. The answers will be found within

the text.

With surveying and questions out of the way, students have a framework for understanding what is to come. It is like entering a house and knowing ahead of time where all the rooms are. Now, having been prepared, they read. After reading, they should be able to answer the questions. That step is the “recite.” If they cannot answer the questions, they review. So, it is survey, question, read, recite, review.

Students can take classes in learning these methods, but unless methods are taught in the context of subject matter, taken seriously, and used habitually, they will accomplish little. Many think there is some magic in the technical steps to school performance, but without an on-going acceptance of responsibility by students and by significant others, technical strategies can fail.

Fortunate are those young people who have thoughtful support systems by parents and teachers, by adults who understand how great is the need, who know the importance of individual responsibility of all concerned, and who have the capacity to pass on that understanding and knowledge to others.



Four-year-old Sean rides a lap at the Cincinnati Country Day School Bike-A-Thon. Lower School students participated in a fundraiser for Children’s Hospital Medical Center on May 2. All money raised by the students will be donated to the hospital’s recreation program and used to buy toys for patients staying at Children’s.

Summer Fun 2003

Is tie-dye your thing? How about garden crafts and patriotic jewelry?

No ... you’d rather play capture the flag and good old-fashioned dodge ball. Or take a field trip to Sawyer Point or the Woodland Mound “spray” park.

Summer Fun is all of this — and more! If you will have completed grades K-6 in the 2002-03 school year and reside in Terrace Park, you’ll want to take advantage of this program offered by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee the last two weeks in June. Organized field trips will take place June 16, 20, 23 and 27, with specific departure and return times to be announced. Indoor crafts and outdoor play will take place June 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25 and 26 at Terrace Park Elementary from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration materials will be available (and sent home in Terrace Park Elementary “Wednesday envelopes”) the last week in May. Contact Roseann Hayes at 248-2619 for more details.

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Terrace Park Sports

Gymnast advances to regionals

By Lon Stirsman

Catherine Conway is in the sixth-grade at Terrace Park Elementary. She has been involved with gymnastics since kindergarten and practices for 17 hours each week at Hyde Park Gymnastics located at the Sports Mall. As a team, the Hyde Park gymnasts have traveled to Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, and Tampa so far this year.

Catherine competes in the various tumbling events with the floor being her favorite of the group that includes the bars, beam, and vault. Her best event has consistently been the vault and she has attained unusual height during competitions. Her greatest achievement was recently earning a position on the Ohio State team in the age 12 group. She scored a combined 36.5 points in four events to rank sixth on the team, and she advanced to the Regionals in Louisville on May 10. Her team performed well,



Catherine Conway performs her floor routine with a spanish flare.

placing second out of the five states competing.

Competitive gymnastics requires a great deal of time, disci-

pline and commitment. She has learned to develop strong study skills and maintains A's in school. While there have been periods of wavering interest over the past seven years, gymnastics has become an important and major part of Catherine's life. This sport can take a physical toll and she has had to deal with injuries such as a broken toe, a sprained ankle, and "jumpers knee" which resulted in a full-leg cast. She has also gone through more than her fair share of ice packs and Advil.

As Catherine finishes up her sixth grade year at TP Elementary, she will be leaving her name on one of its walls when she graduates in June. Study skills are not the only area of strength that she has developed.

Look for the *Village Views* next month to read more about her accomplishments, as well as those of several other record setters from this year's sixth grade class.



Photo: Joddy Perry

Team All Sports refurbished the three baseball diamonds at Drackett field.

Baseball diamonds refurbished

By Buz Ecker

Thanks to the generosity of several residents and boosters, the three baseball diamonds of Drackett field have just been completely refurbished for the first time since the fields were dedicated in 1983. Team All Sports, owned by Greg Blanton and Rick Alford, were paid \$16,200 to complete the refurbishment.

The A diamond (the one with the dugouts) received 120 tons of pro ball mix, which is 70 percent sand and 30 percent clay. The B

diamond and C diamonds received 80 tons each. Additionally, all three diamonds got two tons of soil master calcine clay that aids in drying. Each field was measured and lasered to perfection based upon the age group of our Terrace Park children who use the particular field.

Thanks to the donors who contributed to the cost of this project: Bill Drackett, Kim Baird, Rusty Wilson, Jack Smith, the Mariemont High School Boosters and the gift received in the memory of Rogue Burchenal.

Tiger Sharks to host the Village Meet

Young swimmers up to age 18 are invited to attend and compete in the Village Meet that will take place between swimmers of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park on June 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. Terrace Park Swim Club (TPSC) is the first host of this "comeback meet."

"When I was a little girl I remember how much fun it always was to swim against friends in Fairfax and Mariemont," Shannon DeCamp said.

Swimmers do not have to be affiliatated with the three community

summer club swim teams to enter. "We want to continue to promote swimming as a youth-adult life-long sport! Any child in the district may enter with a form and the entry fee and be eligible for ribbons!" Beth Srofe added. "The kids will have so much fun! We hope members of the community will join in the fun at the Terrace Park Swim Club!"

Information can be obtained under "special events" from the TPSC Tiger Shark Web site linked to www.terracepark.com. Questions or comments can be addressed to

Susan Austin at 831-8235.

It is an exciting time in the Mariemont School District for swimmers and community members as the board of education has given the thumbs up to plans to renovate the aging and leaking existing pool liner. The new high school pool will be ready for the winter swimming season. The pool has been a winter home to several TPSC swimmers the last few seasons at MAC, as well as community members who use this facility for daily exercise.

When piglets fly

By Chandi Findley

Friday, May 9 marked the fifth annual running of the "flying piglets" — a .2 mile run to the finish line marking the end of a 10 week marathon. Medals, t-shirts, congratulations and some cold ice cream awaited the competitors — along with a whole lot of pride in a job well done!

Flying piglets started in 1999 in conjunction with the first running of the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon. More than 80 Terrace Park Elementary students and their parents made the commitment to walk, run or jog the 26.2 miles of a marathon over a 10 week period to learn about marathons, fitness and, hopefully, spend some time together as a family.

"The program was designed to raise awareness of the marathon and what is entailed in training necessary to complete such a distance," said Flying Piglet organizer, Robin Pendery. "Since children should not be attempting such a distance, it is broken up into 10 weeks and requires parental partnership to make it a family focus.

Speed is not emphasized, but rather setting a goal and sticking with it until the end, despite an understandable urge to call it quits."

The following students (and a few teachers), completed the marathon. Congratulations!

Piglet Roster 2003

Kindergarten

Chad Williams, Mackenzie Kaschalk, Elizabeth Kirkhorn, Emma Toman, Juliana Overbey, Jack Findley, Julia Whittelsey, Jennifer Saxton, Connor Osgood, Maeve Harrington, Gretchen Wittry, Elyse Ehrnschwender

First Grade

Maddie Graumlich, Dalton Osgood, Luke Parker, Andrew Hamm, Braden Stautberg, Grant Ramey, Grace Fitzgerald

Second Grade

Polly Brittingham, Christopher Simons, Meghan Williams, Rachel Nelson, Ian Hillenbrand, Sally Portman, Henry Neal, Robby Troller, Julia Murphy, Quincy Taylor, Julia Saxton, Olivia Cooke, Rosie Ecker,

Mrs. Roberts, Rachel Emery, Allison Frey, Paige Barrett, Mara Coyan, Blake Smith, Jeffrey Guggenheim

Third Grade

Mrs. Coates, Maggie Keiser, Jonathan Saxton, Maren Machles, Emily Clark, Abby Mathis, Elizabeth Keller, Katherine McCormack, Andy Wittry, Ben Gorman, Chase Stutenroth, Emily Graumlich, Elizabeth Anne Douglas, Sara Austin

Fourth Grade

Brian Austin, Mari Mileham, Ted Murphy, Brooke Parker, Jack Stautberg, Stacey Purcell, Hillary Purcell, Emily Taylor, Tim Purcell, Emma Brittingham, Erin Purcell, Andy Gorman, David McCormack, Connor Coyan, Austin Kokoruda, Louise Myatt, Elizabeth Arington

Fifth Grade

Daniel Carrigan, Max Pendery, Lauren Neal, Will Portman, Michael Srofe, Emily Fitzgerald, Michael Keller, Katie Keiser, Michael Carrigan, Brennen Warner,

Sixth Grade

Zach Arington, Christian Frey

The Cincy Pro Sports Report by Joe Fan

If you haven't visited Great American Ball Park to watch a Reds game yet, do yourself a favor and get down there. I don't care what a bunch of local architects have been quoted as saying in The Enquirer, the place is beautiful and a wonderful new home for the Reds. My mom loves the smokestacks in center and my youngest thinks that Gapper is cool. The team is coming back and winning games in the 9th and 10th innings. The place is raining home runs, with three Reds currently among the league leaders as I write this. The bullpen looks strong and we will score a bunch of runs. Just maybe, the defense will steady itself and the starting pitching will hold together. In any event, the division looks weak and we are contenders. Catch the fever and check out a game.

As for the Bengals, call me

crazy but I am beginning to believe that the Lost Decade may be coming to an end. Marvin Lewis is a head coach who looks and acts and talks like a real football coach...and he's a Bengal. The NFL draft has just concluded and there is a team being publicly praised for its picks...and it's the Bengals. I've heard crazy reports, although all unconfirmed at this point, of season ticket holders actually renewing their seats after experiencing the worst season in the history of the franchise. Lately at night I've heard the distant sound of drumbeats, and they seem to have a once familiar, jungle-like sound. I look up in the sky and a cloud resembles Paul Brown in profile, wearing his hat and a scowl. I hear a faint voice in my head and it sounds like The Great One, and it sounds like he is saying... "who-dey...who-dey."

Residents strut their stuff at Flying Pig

Following is a list of Terrace Park residents that ran or walked the Flying Pig Marathon. Because there are several ways to enter (relays, age groups, weight groups, etc.), we have included the times of those runners that ran the entire marathon. Congratulations to all these committed athletes!

Jamie Burchenal (4 hours 15 min.)
Jack and Henry Burchenal
Gibson Burchenal
Patsy Kaschalk
Matt Keller (3 hours 37 min.)
Katie Mileham

Melissa Mitchell
Jean Marie Nelson
Tiger Nelson
Steve Osgood
Ellie Pohlman
Dennis Purcell (4 hours 12 min.)
Robin Pendery (who also organizes the most popular aid station)
Melanie Stutenroth
Kelly Wittry

Unfortunately, the Flying Pig website will not allow a search by zip code, so this list was compiled via word-of-mouth. If you or someone you know was not included in this list, please contact the editor for inclusion in next month's issue.

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