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## Princesses and Knights Unite

by Ellen Ivory

On the evening of February 14, The Princess Prom was held at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School.

The school's Parent Association had been looking for fresh ideas and opportunities to connect socially with other parents in the school. This evening offered them the opportunity to dine, visit, and laugh with each other.

All female students, preschool through grade 8, were given invitations to take home and distribute to their "Knights"- their dads, brothers, uncles or whatever male family member the student chose to bring to the event. As the prom drew near, there was a great buzz around the school as to what outfits would be worn and how the young ladies' hair would be styled.

Parents and faculty joined together to decorate the gym. Massive red balloon strands crisscrossed the ceiling. Mr. Chicken catered the event and offered several choices of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, and rolls. Pizza and soft drinks were also served. Parents baked and provided the dessert. It was a meal fit for a king! The evening even included a Boothographer! Pictures were taken and packages were available for purchase. Faculty member and dad, Mr. Rich Smith served as the D.J. and provided a variety of music; participants joined in on the twist and line dances.

"I loved the event," states Smith. He continues, "It was such a great opportunity to meet the other knights of the school. I see them in church and this just gave us a special bond as the male figures of the family. Additionally, it was priceless spending time with my daughter. She danced all night and was exhausted at the end of the evening."

107 girls attended the event with 90 of their knights.

In April, Sons and Moms will be given equal time, as a Mother and Son Bowling night is being planned.

*Ellen Ivory is Director of Development and Discipleship at Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish, Euclid Chamber of Commerce Trustee, on the Euclid Hospital Leadership Council, and a Euclid Symphony Orchestra Trustee.*



An opportunity to connect with other parents and our children.

## Euclid residents team up for roller derby March 16

by Dana Shaffer

The Burning River Roller Girls, Cleveland's premier flat track roller derby league, will be hosting its first home team bouts of the season Saturday, March 16, marking the league's seventh year.

The four Cleveland home teams will face off in a double-header at the Ohio Nets Sports Complex in Parma, featuring some of the top athletes of Euclid.

Euclid residents can don their black and red to support city resident Cyndee Jackson (Action Jackson) and Euclid High School alumna Dani Reagan (Bustin' Stuff), both skaters for Cleveland's reigning champs, the Hellbombers.

The Hellbombers will open the night battling against the Cleveland Steamers. The second bout will feature the Rolling Pin-Ups and the Hard Knockers.

Tickets are available for \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/244691> for advance tickets and season passes. Discounted tickets available for children 12 and younger.



Action Jackson, at left, of Euclid leads a line of her fellow Hellbombers at a roller derby bout last season.

Games in the past have sold out, so the league strongly recommends ordering in advance.

For more information, visit [www.burningriverrollergirls.com](http://www.burningriverrollergirls.com).

## Shoreview Fifth Grade Dancing Classrooms

by Audrey Holtzman

Beautiful young ladies sparkling with taffeta, silk and lace were led onto the stage by partners clad in suits, button-down shirts, and ties. "One-two-three-please-begin. To the lady outside, to the gentleman inside," dance instructor, Miss Layla Schwartz's voice guided Shoreview Elementary School fifth-graders as they waltzed around the stage. For 10 weeks leading up to this special evening, students in Mrs. Mackin, Mrs. Manich and Mrs. Rich's classrooms have been learning how to ballroom dance, thanks to a program funded by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and programing provided by Dancing Classrooms of Northeast Ohio.

Dancing Classrooms is not about teaching ballroom dancing. Executive Director Jo Jo Graham said, "This is life lessons wrapped up into ballroom dancing." Graham went on to share that, "Dance is a tool for getting the children to break down social barriers, learn about honor and respect, treat others carefully, improve self-confi-



Mrs. Mamich's students demonstrating the waltz.



Dressed in their "Sunday best" students danced the merengue, waltz, foxtrot, tango, rumba, and swing.

dence, communicate and cooperate, and accept others even if they are different." This curriculum-based teaching approach included writing assignments after each lesson that are directly con-

nected to the Ohio Academic Content Standard, as well as challenge related to health and wellness.

Dressed in their "Sunday best" students danced the merengue, waltz, foxtrot, tango, rumba, and swing for their parents, grandparents, and siblings. The culminating event ended with an all student dance called "the stomp" and a community dance we all know and love, "the Macarena." Each student received a certificate for their participation, and in return these thoughtful fifth-graders extended their appreciation to Miss Layla with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers.

Saturday, May 11 six ladies and six gentlemen from Shoreview's fifth grade will perform in a competition called, "Colors of the Rainbow Team Match- Semi Finals" at Cuyahoga Community College.

Dancing Classroom is celebrating its fifth school year in Northeast Ohio. For more information about this fantastic program visit <http://dancing-classroomsneo.org>.

## Euclid Hospital celebrates 75 years of AHA membership

by Angela Smith

Euclid Hospital recently received the Pathway to Excellence designation The American Hospital Association is very pleased to recognize Euclid Hospital with a plaque for 75 years of continuous AHA membership. The plaque is signed by AHA president Richard J. Umbdenstock and Teri G. Fontenot, chair, board of directors, to commem-

orate this milestone. The AHA marks membership anniversaries at 25, 50, and 75 years of membership.

The plaque reads "The American Hospital Association recognizes Euclid Hospital, Euclid, Ohio, on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary as a member (in) 2012. The Association honors this hospital for its leadership in advancing the health of its community."

Founded in 1898 and headquartered in Chicago, the AHA is the national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks and their patients and communities. Close to 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 40,000 individual members come together to form the AHA.

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Mayor's Corner



by Mayor Bill Cervenik

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring and Summer, and welcome to the following additions to the Euclid Community.

Basketball Courts at Memorial Park:

Now under construction are the new basketball courts located in Memorial Park. These courts will be a welcome addition to supplement programs offered by our Recreation Department. The courts will be used for instructional programs, youth league and open court pick up games. Various mentoring and character-building programs will be offered to the youth of our community in conjunction with their use of these courts.

Dog Park at Babbitt Road and St. Clair:

After years of discussion, Euclid's first Dog Park will be opening in early spring at Sportsman Park next to the RTA Park-N-Ride at Babbitt and St.Clair. There will be a separate fenced-in area for both large and small dogs that will allow our four-legged friends to socialize and exercise without being on a leash. Outdoor furniture and other amenities will also be available for the comfort of their two-legged owners.

Walking paths and pier at Sims Park:

The new paths provide passive, yet invigorating exercise opportunities. These paths will also be connected to the soon-to-be constructed phenomenal fishing pier.

The fishing pier and paths, which are ADA compliant, will be a dramatic addition to our lakefront, providing a venue for all to enjoy Lake Erie's amazing sunrises, sunsets and natural beauty.

Thank you all for making Euclid a great place to live. Stay safe and remember to be thankful for what has been given us.

Rotary News

by Dave Carlson

We're doing something different in March. Instead of lunchtime meetings at Kristy's, we will meet for breakfast in March at Euclid Hospital at 18901 Lake Shore Blvd, Euclid - just east of 185th St.

On **March 5, 12, 19 and 26** the meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. so please arrive by 7:15 a.m. so you can get through the breakfast buffet.

The Euclid Hospital cafeteria is located on the lower level. Parking is near the main entrance and closer to the lake between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you at a Rotary Club of Euclid - Sunrise meeting in March.

**March 5** Kacie Armstrong, Director Euclid Public Library, sponsored by Tony Basala.

**March 12** Lee Lazar, Executive Director Rainey Institute, sponsored by Tony Basala.

**March 19** Club Assembly, sponsored by Tony Basala.

**March 26** Harold 'Doc' Daugherty, former Euclid HS Basketball Coach, Member & Co-Chairman Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum, sponsored by Tony Basala.

The Rotary Club of Euclid has been serving our community since 1949. Currently the club is focused on education in our community.

- The club distributes dictionaries to public, private, parochial and charter school elementary students in Euclid.
- We also award three college scholarships at \$1,000 each to Euclid High School students.

We meet weekly on Tuesday for a noon lunch at Kristy's Tavern 434 E. 200th St. in Euclid (216) 486-4826. Our main fundraiser is a reverse raffle held each May.

Here is the Rotarian Roster: Bob Addis, Don Anzells, Tony Basalla, Keith Bell, Dave Carlson, Bill Cervenik, Lowell Davis, Chris Frey, Joyce Heuer, Joyce Hribar- Fiebig, Dick Kerr, Shelly Korman, Bill Monroe, Brian

Moore, Fred Siegel, Jack Thomas and Steve Vasek.

Dave Carlson is the president of the Euclid Rotary Club.

Valentine's Day donation benefits domestic violence center

by Fred Siegel

Eaton Family Credit Union's Valentine's Day "dinner and a movie" giveaway resulted in \$579 donation to Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center, which empowers individuals, educates the community and advocates for justice to end domestic violence and child abuse.

This special Valentine's Day fundraiser was the brainchild of Eaton Family Credit Union employees, Kenyita and Kristina. They sold tickets for three weeks and chose the winner right before Valentine's Day.

Longtime member, Mike from Concord Township, received movie tickets donated by Atlas Cinemas plus Olive Garden and Giant Eagle gift cards.

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The Taste of Nations Returns to Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

by Ellen Ivory

Croatia, Eastern Europe, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latin America and Middle East cuisines will be the main feature of this year's, "Taste of Nations" dinner which is being held at Ss. Robert & William Catholic Church on Saturday, April 13.

Eight of the school's classrooms will be transformed into each of these countries where taste-sized portions will be served to the guests. The ethnic fare will highlight items such as pierogis, cabbage and noodles, and other delicacies. Coffee and ethnic pastries will round out the menu.

A special treat will be provided by Pastor John D. Betters and his parents, John and Marianne Betters. "It was my wish, and that of my parents to contribute a dish from our native roots, which is Lebanese. We feel that stuffed grape leaves would be appetizing, and perhaps, a new dish to some guest's palates," states Betters.

The evening will begin with a Polka Mass at 4:00pm; music will be

provided by the Don Wojtila Orchestra. Doors to the school will open at 5:00p.m. and the dinner journey will begin at 6:30p.m., where the Orchestra will continue to play a splendid array of music. This adult's only event will also include a Casablanca Room-which will feature David Lynch in concert- beer and wine, strolling minstrels and a Chinese Auction with great prizes.

Additionally, Art Teacher, Ms. Emily DiFiore and her students are adding to the merriment. They have spent weeks designing and painting small church pews which are being recycled from the chapel and will be up for raffle. According to DiFiore, "We've selected some beautiful works based on Monet's and Renoir's works - very classic and sublime. These items will be suitable when placed almost anywhere."

On Sunday, April 14th, we will be presenting our first, "Taste of Nation's Breakfast." Begin your day with the uplifting sounds of a Gospel Choir at our 9:00 a.m. Mass and then join us for



breakfast in the school gym. This meal consists of crepes, an omelet station, coffee and delectable ethnic pastries.

Dinner Passports (Tickets) are \$40 a person; pre-sale tickets are available with a \$5 discount (\$35), if purchased by Sunday, March 17. Breakfast Passports are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



The evening will begin with a Polka Mass at 4 pm, music will be provided by the Don Wojtila Orchestra.

Combo Passports for both events are just \$48 (\$43 if purchased by March 17). Tables of 8 are available (with priority seating, special recognition and gift items).

Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish is located at 367 East 260th St., Euclid. ([www.srweuclid.cc](http://www.srweuclid.cc)). Contact the Parish Office at (216) 731-1515 for ticket information or additional details.

Euclid Hospital's Department of Nursing Receives Pathway to Excellence

by Angela Smith

Euclid Hospital recently received the Pathway to Excellence designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Euclid is now the fourth hospital in the state of Ohio to receive the distinction, joining Lakewood, South Pointe and Marymount hospitals.

"Our Euclid Hospital caregivers realize what a great job our nurses do every day, but receiving the Pathway to Excellence designation truly validates what an incredible team we have," says Dawn Bailey, BSN, MAOM,

RN, Chief Nursing Officer for Euclid Hospital. "Our nurses have such amazing talent and care so deeply about our patients and our organization." Euclid Hospital earned the Pathway to Excellence honor after successfully undergoing a thorough review process that documented foundational quality initiatives in creating a positive work environment where nurses excel. The American Nurses Credentialing Center is the world's largest nurse credentialing organization and is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association.

Euclid residents invited to tour David Simpson Hospice House on March 19

by Laurie Henrichson

The public is invited to tour the house and grounds at David Simpson Hospice House, located at 300 E. 185th Street on the Lake Erie waterfront, on Tuesday, March 19, 10 to 11 a.m., during a free Community Open House sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations can be made by visiting the hospice's Website at <http://www.hospicevr.org/david-simpson-hospice-house-community-open-house>.

"Hospice of the Western Reserve is part of the fabric of the community, so we encourage Cleveland residents and those in the surrounding East Side communities to bring their friends and stop in during one of our open house events," said Bill Finn, chief executive officer. "It's a great way to see first-hand the unique range of services we offer as a non-profit agency with 35 years of history in Northern Ohio," Finn said.

The 42-bed David Simpson Hospice House provides a peaceful, home-like, therapeutic hospice environment for patients and their loved ones. Located on the shores of Lake Erie, families may walk the beautifully landscaped

grounds and winding Vista Walk — a living tribute paved with engraved bricks and lined with gardens.

Among the unique amenities people will see on the tour are a gallery walk, meditation room, art and music room, patios, family kitchen, library, guest accommodations and beautiful views of the water and gardens. Hospice House was re-named David Simpson Hospice House in 2011 to honor Mr. Simpson, who served as CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve for 25 years and rallied community support for its construction. Intense Pain and Symptom Management/General In-Patient (GIP) care, residential and respite care are available at David Simpson Hospice House.

"David Simpson Hospice House is a home away from home for our patients and their families, Finn said. "Our experienced clinical teams have the ability to handle even the most complex cases, including pediatric hospice and palliative care, ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), COPD, HIV/AIDS and patients coping with multiple diseases.

"There are differences, so it's important to do your homework when the time comes to choose a hospice provider," Finn said. "As a non-profit agency, funding from our donors allows us to provide a comprehensive range of care at David Simpson Hospice House that incorporates music, art and massage therapy, life enrichment activities and an integrated, customized plan of care tailored to each patient's specific needs."

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Board-certified family practitioners George Thomas, DO, and James Thomas, DO, and family nurse practitioner Karen Lewis, RN, have joined the Thomas Family Practice Group in Euclid and Mentor. They join family practitioners Paul Thomas, DO, and Harold Thomas, DO.  
Dr. George Thomas earned his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship at Charles Still Hospital in Missouri. Dr. James Thomas earned his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship at Richmond Heights General Hospital. Karen Lewis earned her advanced nursing degree from Malone University.  
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## Join Us In April For A Night Of Food, Fun, And Horse Racing In Euclid

On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, The Shore Cultural Centre and EPD Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be hosting “A Night at the Races” at the Lakefront Community Center. A \$30 ticket will include a buffet meal, beer, wine, and soda, sideboards, a Chinese raffle, and door prizes! Sponsors will be able to purchase ads in the event program, sponsor a horse and

name it, or even sponsor a race. All the fun starts when doors open at 6:00pm followed by the buffet at 7:00pm, and then post time! The Lakefront Community Center is located at One Bliss Lane, Euclid, Ohio 44123. Come hungry and ready to cheer! **For tickets, call (216) 289-8578 or check our website at [www.shoreculturalcentre.com](http://www.shoreculturalcentre.com).**

## Come Expand Your Creativity At Shore

**Card Making Stamp Camp**  
On Saturday March 9, Creative Creations Papercrafts and Instructor Rochelle Schiffbauer will be holding a card making stamp camp. Students will create 30 projects using rubber stamps, a variety of papers, embellishments, and inks. Snacks and beverages as well as a hot lunch will be provided! Participants are encouraged to bring scissors, a bone folder, double-stick adhesive, and foam tape or dots.  
Fees: \$45

**Stained Glass**  
For three Thursdays in April, Instructor Michelle Biondo will be offering a course on stained glass for Adults and Children 12+ (if accompanied by an adult). Students will be able to transfer their own visual ideas into a piece of stained glass.  
Dates: Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25.  
6:30-8:00pm Fees: \$45

**Pottery Open Studios**  
Shore Cultural Centre has three Pottery open studios each week! Instructor

Jason Hayes will be in the studio (Room 43) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9pm, and instructor Eileen Sheehan will be there on Tuesdays from 1-4pm. All skill levels are welcome! Learn hand building, throwing on a potter's wheel, and glazing methods. Students work on projects of their choice. Adults must accompany children under 10. All this learning is a bargain at \$8 an hour. Come get creative!

Shore's new After School Program offers an array of options for kids from preschool through high school. Registration is ongoing, so students can enroll any time in classes ranging from dance to music and studio arts. **Limited scholarship opportunities are available;** call us for more information. And visit our website regularly to learn about new class offerings.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shore Folk Festival on Saturday, February 23rd was a huge success. Music lovers from Chagrin Falls, North Olmstead, Oberlin, Cleveland Heights, and all over north-east Ohio came to participate in workshops and to enjoy a wonderful concert in the evening. Workshops included children's song writing and poetry, bluegrass banjo, clogging, roots music guitar styles, fiddle, square dancing, and many more. Before the headline concert, Roots of American Music put on an interactive children's concert in which kids were able to participate and take home a free kazoo. The fantastic headline event featured spirited performances by local talents such as Mark Olitsky, Janice Pohl, Gusti, Ray McNiece,

Katie Daley, Lynn Frederick and the Hillbilly IDOL Trio.  
Many of the performers were making their debut in the historic Shore auditorium, and spoke eloquently about the importance of community arts centers such as Shore, and the role they play in uniting talented artists in the region. The line-up of talent was impressive, and visitors to the fest were unanimously enthusiastic about this first-ever event.  
Look for the Folk Festival to return to Shore next year. And keep an eye out for monthly workshops in the meantime, building on the popularity of Saturday's sessions. There's going to be lots more great music being made right here at Shore!



Music filled the air during the well-attended afternoon open jam session

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## Honoring Our Lady of the Lake students

by Anne Hribar  
Our Lady of the Lake wants to recognize the awesome achievements of some of our students. Firstly, Paradise Thomas won a \$500 scholarship for her winning birthday card for the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast Celebration.  
Eighth grader India Harrison won 1st place for her bumper sticker to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking. She attended the Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking's annual event at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center and was awarded a generous cash prize.  
Finally, our fourth grade students took the time to write to President Barack Obama expressing their hopes for the United States for the next four years and they received a letter responding to their concerns.

Anne Hribar is a teacher at Our Lady of the Lake School.



Paradise Thomas sharing her published work from her MLK scholarship award.



Noah Brazytis showing President Obama's reply.



India Harrison at the Justice Center with her 1st place bumper sticker.

## Insights on Insurance

by David Carlson  
For the first time in 44 years, Ohio is elevating its minimum liability coverage for drivers. This will lead to higher premiums for those Ohio drivers who carry only minimum coverage, but will likely lead to lower auto insurance premiums in the future for everyone else.  
Under the current Ohio Financial Responsibility Laws, owners of vehicles in Ohio must carry insurance liability coverage that will pay up to \$12,500 per person to cover injuries and medical costs, up to \$25,000 per accident, and up to \$7,500 property damage per accident. The new requirements double the injury liability and more than triple the property damage liability limits. The new requirements call for \$25,000 injury per person, and up to \$50,000 per accident. The property damage liability coverage must be at least \$25,000 to cover damage to the other driver's vehicle or any other property damaged as a result of your negligence. The changes in the law have no effect on the Physical Damage coverages for the owner's vehicle, only those which apply to the other vehicle.  
The new law brings Ohio more in line with other states, most of which have at least or higher minimum coverage than Ohio's proposed limits. When you consider the current values of automobiles compared to 1969 vehicles, along with the cost of automobile repairs, medical costs for injuries, lost wages, and 'pain and suffering' issues, the previous legal financial limits have

been woefully inadequate. It has been estimated that at least 15% of Ohio drivers are without insurance at any given moment of time. The closer you are to a big city, the greater the likelihood for you to have an undesirable encounter with an uninsured vehicle.  
The new law is slated to take effect in March, however there is a nine-month grace period, meaning that the higher minimum policy coverages will take effect on the first renewal date following December 22nd.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrea Bartel (senior) and Sam Lisy (junior) who represented Euclid at the 2013 OHSAA Swimming & Diving Championship! Andrea placed 11th for the 200 IM, and Sam placed 6th for the 200 IM and 8th in the 100 Fly.

## Euclid City Schools



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## Making Sense of School Funding

by Audrey Holtzman

Making sense of school funding is truly a difficult task. Tax Levies and Bond Issues-- what are they and why do we need them? A Tax Levy is a property tax that is used by the school district for a "legally defined school district purpose." In the case of Euclid Schools, our Tax Levies are used to operate the district. A specific millage is assigned to the levy by the county auditor and if passed by the voters this property tax will be collected continuously. An Emergency Levy is a property tax that is collected for a limited time. A proposed dollar amount is requested. These funds will be collected for the length of time determined at the time the Levy is put to vote. A Bond Issue is a property tax that provides local revenue to support construction projects. The Euclid Voters passed a Bond Issue in November of 2009 that made the construction of four new elementary schools possible.

Property Taxes are collected by the County Treasurer in January and July. The appropriate funds are then paid to the school district from the County Auditor to be used for operation of schools. This is how school districts make ends meet. Property tax dollars collected do not increase with the cost of operation. School Districts are continuously forced to go to the voters to ask for yet another increase in property tax to support schools.

To better understand the process let's take the most recently passed Emergency School Levy Issue 109 as an example. In the spring of 2011, the Treasurer of the Euclid City Schools came to the board and communicated the financial needs of the school

district. State funds had been cut, a business tax--the Tangible Personal Property Tax--was being phased out, property values, and income tax collection were on the decline. Over a two-year period of time, Euclid City Schools lost \$6 million in revenue.

The school district needed more funds to make ends meet. The first course of action was to tighten the district's belt and make cuts. If the district was going to go out to the voters for additional financial support, we knew we had to do everything that we could to lessen the burden on Euclid's property owners. Cuts were made.

The Board of Education made the decision to ask voters for a 6.9 mil Levy, Issue 2, to support the operation of the schools.

In May 2011 this issue was defeated. More cuts were made. All employees took a 3% cut in wages and benefits. The Board made a decision to go back on the ballot because the district still faced a \$2 million deficit. A 5.4 mil levy was on the ballot in November of 2011 and failed. More cuts were made including high school busing.

Issue 109, a 9 mil 10-year Emergency Levy, was placed on the ballot this past Fall. In November of 2012 the issue passed. The district will collect \$5.4 million additional funds over the next 10 years as a result of the issue's passage, however, it is important to realize that over the last 3 years Euclid City Schools have reduced their staff by 12% and spending by the district has been reduced by more than \$5million.

The support of the Euclid voters has made it possible for Euclid's public school's students to receive a high quality education. Those who supported the Issue should understand how much they are appreciated and that, because of their support, our public schools provide students with the 21st century skills they need to be successful in the future.

On January 31, Governor John Kasich announced a plan to reform school funding in Ohio. Gov. Kasich

### MARCH EVENTS

- March 4** Shoreview PTA Meeting 6:30 pm @ Shoreview Elementary
- March 5** Early Learning Center Bakers Square Fundraiser @ Bakers Square, 28601 Chardon Rd. Willoughby Hills, from 5-8pm (10% of all sales during this time will be used for instructional materials for the ELC)
- March 5** "Make It/Take It Math" 6:30 pm @ Bluestone Elementary
- March 11** Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) Week begins @ 7:30am
- March 11** Regular Board of Education Meeting 7:30pm @ Fordyce Building
- March 12** Central Middle School PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- March 12** "Game Night" @ Shoreview 6:30 pm
- March 12** Bluestone PTA Meeting 7:00pm
- March 13** "Family Night" @ Bluestone 6:30pm
- March 13** Chardon Hills PTA Meeting 6:45pm
- March 14** Early Learning Center Open House from 6-8 p.m. Register for Summer Camp or Enroll for Fall 2013
- March 18** Dental Sealants for Grade 2
- March 19** EHS Winter Sports Banquet 6:00pm
- March 21** 3rd & 4th Grade Concerts @Shoreview 6:30pm
- March 21** "Line Dancing" @ Bluestone 6:30pm
- March 22** Spring Fling Dance @Central 6:30pm
- March 25** Special Meeting of the Board of Education 7:30pm @ Fordyce Building
- March 26** NJHS Induction Ceremony @ Central 6:30pm

**Spring Vacation is March 29 to April 7**

**Save the Date:**

**April 11, 12 & 13 - Big Show "Hairspray"**

**April 20 - Friends of Euclid Football Night at the Races**

**May 9 - The third "State of the Panther" Meeting 7:00 pm @ Chardon Hills Magnet School**

said that his "plan will not cut any school district's funding, but it will work to reduce gaps between the wealthy and poor." He also said "the program is fully-funded, which was made possible by extra revenue gained from Ohio's economic rebound." If the budget does indeed become law, Euclid Schools may be receiving additional funds from the state of Ohio. Hopefully this new school funding system will provide an alternative to a system that relies too heavily on local property taxes. Time will tell how the proposed budget will benefit the district.

But for now our schools, thanks to the residents of Euclid, have made ends meet and continue to educate children.

## Euclid City Schools

## 14th Annual Local Heroes Program

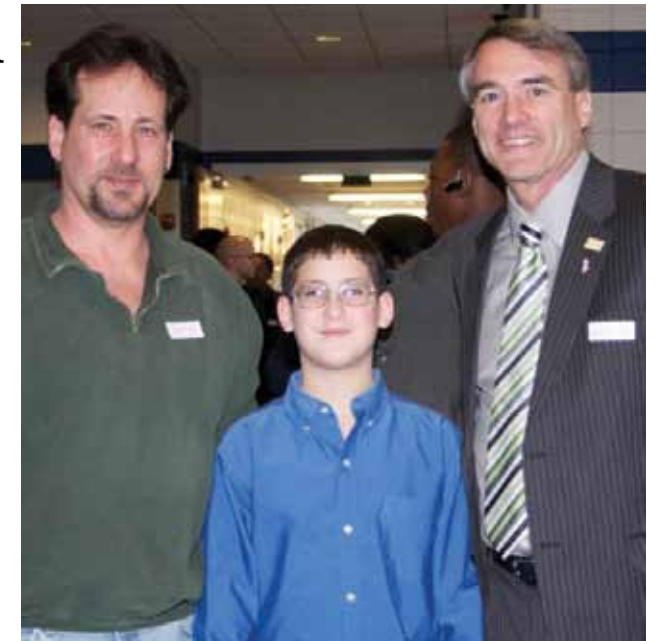
by Audrey Holtzman

The gymnasium at Bluestone Elementary School was filled with excited heroes for the 14th Annual Local Heroes Program on February 28th. Several months ago, students were asked to write essays about their heroes, the essays were turned in and went through the judging process. Two students from each grade were chosen to share their essays. Students then invited their heroes along with local community heroes to the 14th Annual Local Heroes Program.

The Bluestone singers and orchestra captivated the audience with their performance, while Ms. Gibson and Mrs. Jackson presented the essays and introduced the heroes. Superintendent Keith Bell wrapped up the program by thanking these heroes for their dedication to the students. Mayor Bill Cervenik was also present to help honor our local heroes. A special thanks to Mrs. Knight for putting this phenomenal program together for the past 14 years, bravo!



Mayor Cervenik, Superintendent Bell with essay winners and a hero.



Mayor Cervenik, Nikolas Correll, and his Grandfather filling in for his Uncle Jesse a Marine in The United States Marine Corps.



Mrs. Knight, Antwanne Easton (essay winner), and his hero Mrs. Schneider.



Bluestone Singers and Mrs. Riley singing "Lift Every Voice & Sing."

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Chardon Hills Elementary School kicked off Black History Month with the African American Read-In. Superintendent Keith Bell and Beverly Weaver came to read stories and poems to students.



EHS Band Students were recognized at the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on February 25 for their participation and honors at the Ohio Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Contest.



81st Annual LEL Choir Festival featuring Bedford High School's A Cappella Choir, Cleveland Heights High School's A Cappella, Shaw High School's Choir and Euclid High School Choral Masters conducted by Professor Robert Vance (BW professor) and accompanied by Anne Wilson. Photo Credit: Kathy DeAngels



We are Arbor Stars! Arbor Elementary School Students from Dr. Vaslavsky's 3rd grade class present their community service blanket project before the State of the Panther Address.



EHS Seniors honored at the Mayor's Breakfast with Mayor Cervenik, Superintendent Bell, Dr. Smialek (Principal), and Ms. Obradovich (12th Grade Principal).



## Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School

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### VASJ '92 basketball state champs honored

Friday, February 8, was a big night for Viking boys basketball. The team was coming off an exciting win against Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary the night before and were about to take on another big challenge against Cleveland Central Catholic.

Even more nerve-wracking was having the team of VASJ's 1992 state champions, including London Fletcher '93 from the Washington Redskins, in the stands to watch.

During the pep talk he gave the Vikings at Chapel before the game, London did the opposite of wracking the teams' nerves. Instead he shared words of wisdom and encouragement.

"When you become a Viking, you become a part of something bigger than you," London said to the team.

The powerful impact of being a member of the Viking family was exactly what current VASJ boys basketball coach Babe Kwasniak '94, also a member of the '92 state champs, wanted his team to experience firsthand. It was with this in mind that led him to organize the special ceremony.

"If I want my players to learn one thing – it's that these relationships last forever," Babe says. "Watching all the guys see each other for the first time in 20 years was special."

London ended his talk to the team with this message: "Go out there and be Vikings. Once you're a Viking, you're always a Viking." And they did. The Vikings beat the Ironmen 88-75, ending the game with seven straight dunks – an impressive show for all in attendance, including the 1992 state championship team.



London Fletcher '93, left, and Kashem Sawyer '93, right, proudly display the state champs t-shirts they received during the ceremony.



The VASJ 1992 boys basketball state champs were honored in the Viking Village on Friday, February 8, 2013.



Coach Mike Moran '69 pays tribute to his team.



London Fletcher '93 and current coach, Babe Kwasniak '94.



The VASJ 1992 boys basketball state champions and their coaches pose for a group picture.



London Fletcher '93 with VASJ President Richard Osborne '69.

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### VASJ alum shares internship experience

Nick Garuckas '09 returned to share his Washington D.C. internship experiences with Mrs. Maureen Joseph's AP government class.

Nick, a senior political science major at St. Bonaventure University in New York, applied to every government branch he could think of to increase the odds of getting an internship – something he was sure would benefit him when trying to find a job after college.

His hard work paid off when he was selected to serve as an intern in Washington D.C. for Rep. Steven LaTourette in the summer of 2012.

The internship, which Nick described as a lot of work and a very eye-opening experience, was the perfect balance between the stereotypical mundane internship duties and actual real-life work experience.

"I was shocked to learn what an immense amount of work goes into a single bill that will probably never



VASJ alumnus Nick Garuckas '09 and VASJ AP government teacher Maureen Joseph.

even get passed," he says.

As for how he ended up with a political science major, perhaps the credit goes to his experiences at VASJ taking Mrs. Joseph's AP government class and his four-year involvement with VASJ's student government.

"I have always liked political science and history," Nick says. "And he was really good at them, too," Mrs. Joseph added.

The choice to attend VASJ was an easy one for Nick since his mother, Patrice (Valley) Garuckas '75, uncle, John Valley '75 and brother, Rick Garuckas '07, are all alums.

It was a choice he doesn't regret and in fact, a choice that sparked

many conversations with his college roommates.

"I had a very different high school experience than any of my college roommates," Nick explains. "I loved (VASJ) and I was sad to leave. I liked almost every single person that I attended high school with."

And like so many of our students, both past and present, Nick also remarked on the family atmosphere he felt while attending VASJ. "I always liked not being a number. (The teachers) all knew my name."

And someday, everyone might know Nick Garuckas' name, too, as he hopes to one day become a political figure himself.

### VASJ boys basketball earn top all-district honors

The Associated Press released the 2012-13 Northeast Lakes all-district team honors for boys basketball and VASJ received the top honors in Division IV.

Duane Gibson '13, who signed with Evansville in November, was named player of the year while Babe

Kwasniak '94, who is in his third year of coaching at VASJ, received coach of the year.

Gibson, along with teammates Demonte Flannigan '13, who signed with Cleveland State, and Carlton Bragg '15, who is a national recruit, also received first team honors.



Demonte Flannigan '13, Babe Kwasniak '94 and Duane Gibson '13 named Division IV district honorees.

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### Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

Back in the day, we called the gym the "Purple Palace" for the purplish hue cast by its overhead lights. And it really did seem like a palace when – just like this year – Viking hoopsters gave the royal treatment to the competition on a regular basis.

Likewise, there was a regal nature to the place when – again, just like this year – our star student performers enchanted audiences at the annual musical.

But among the most memorable events in the Purple Palace were the mixers that packed in crowds on Friday nights. That's the story behind the annual "Classic Mixer" fundraiser that has grown significantly in attendance and support over the past couple of years.

This year's Classic Mixer is set for Saturday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Once again, it promises to be THE event of the year at VASJ. Couples (including my wife and me) from the days back when will revisit their old stomping (or should I say twisting?) grounds to relive the good times.

But make no mistake: This is not just an event to remember the past.

It is an event where new memories are made, and where support for the future is generously given. Last year's event, in fact, was the most successful fundraiser in our school's history.

The 2013 Classic Mixer promises to be another not-to-be-missed celebration, a tribute to our young men and women who represent Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School and carry on the school's legacy. We will feature music, great food and drink, and many silent auction items that are sure to generate interest and competitive bidding.

We're counting on you to support the Classic Mixer not only by attending, but also through donations of auction items. We encourage you to visit [www.vasj.com](http://www.vasj.com) to get the links to our forms, make "in-kind" donations, sponsor the event, advertise in the program, buy a table or purchase individual tickets.

VASJ is a special place, and your support enables us to hold a special evening to help our students "continue the dream" of a VASJ education.

As we said back then: Be there or be square.

See you at the Palace on April 6. And I hope to see you in the Village even sooner.

*Richard Osborne, St. Joseph High School Class of 1969, is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.*

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Arts

## Join us in April for a night of food, fun, and horse racing in Euclid

by Dain Williams

On Saturday, April 13th, The Shore Cultural Centre and EPD Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be hosting “A Night at the Races” at the Lakefront Community Center. A \$30 ticket will include a buffet meal, beer, wine, and soda, sideboards, a Chinese raffle, and door prizes!

Sponsors will be able to purchase ads in the event program, sponsor a

race and name it, or even sponsor a race. All the fun starts when doors open at 6:00pm followed by the buffet at 7:00pm, and then post time! The Lakefront Community Center is located at One Bliss Lane, Euclid, Ohio 44123. Come hungry and ready to cheer!

For tickets, call (216) 289-8578 or check our website at [www.shoreculturalcentre.com](http://www.shoreculturalcentre.com).

## Come expand your creativity at Shore

by Dain Williams

**Card-Making Stamp Camp**

On Saturday March 9, Creative Creations Papercrafts and Instructor Rochelle Schiffbauer will be holding a card-making stamp camp. Students will create 30 projects using rubber stamps, a variety of papers, embellishments, and inks. Snacks and beverages as well as a hot lunch will be provided! Participants are encouraged to bring scissors, a bone folder, double-stick adhesive, and foam tape or dots. Fee: \$45.

**Stained Glass**

For three Thursdays in April, Instructor Michelle Biondo will be offering a course on stained glass for Adults and Children 12+ (if accompanied by an adult). Students will be able to transfer their own visual ideas into a piece of stained glass. Dates: Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25. 6:30-8:00pm. Fee: \$45.

**Pottery Open Studios**

Shore Cultural Centre has three Pottery open studios each week! Instructor Jason Hayes will be in the studio (Room 43) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9pm, and instructor Eileen Sheehan will be there on Tuesdays from 1-4pm. All skill levels are welcome! Learn hand building, throwing on a potter's wheel, and glazing methods. Students work on projects of their choice. Adults must accompany children under 10. All this learning is a bargain at \$8 an hour. Come get creative!

Shore's new After School Program offers an array of options for kids from preschool through high school. Registration is ongoing, so students can enroll any time in classes ranging from dance to music and studio arts. Limited scholarship opportunities are available; call us for more information. And visit our website regularly to learn about new class offerings.

## Music lovers travel far to make first ever Shore Folk Festival a success!

by Dain Williams

The First Annual Shore Folk Festival on Saturday, February 23 was a huge success. Music lovers from Chagrin Falls, North Olmstead, Oberlin, Cleveland Heights, and all over northeast Ohio came to participate in workshops and to enjoy a wonderful concert in the evening. Workshops included children's song writing and poetry, bluegrass banjo, clogging, roots music guitar styles, fiddle, square dancing, and many more. Before the headline concert, Roots of American Music put on an interactive children's concert in which kids were able to participate and take home a free kazoo. The fantastic headline event featured spirited performances by local talents such as Mark Olitsky, Janice Pohl, Gusti, Ray McNiece, Katie Daley, Lynn Frederick and the Hillbilly IDOL Trio.

Many of the performers were making their debut in the historic Shore auditorium, and spoke eloquently about the importance of community arts centers such as Shore, and the role they play in uniting talented artists in the region. The line-up of talent was impressive, and visitors to the fest were unanimously enthusiastic about this first-ever event.

Look for the Folk Festival to return to Shore next year. And keep an eye out for monthly workshops in the meantime, building on the popularity of Saturday's sessions. There's going to be lots more great music being made right here at Shore!



Music filled the air during the well-attended afternoon open jam session

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## Calling All Urban Beach Ambassadors

by Stephen Love

Thanks to a start-up grant from The Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Metroparks is working on a collaborative effort with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and volunteers from Friends of Edgewater State Park, Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team and Drink Local Drink Tap, to pilot the Urban Beach Ambassadors program this summer!

This volunteer program, similar to Cleveland Metroparks Trail Monitor program, will take place along the beaches and park trails at Edgewater and Euclid/Villa Angela Beach. Volunteers will be trained to educate and inform park and beach visitors about how their actions can adversely impact beach and water quality and diminish visitor experience. Ambassadors will

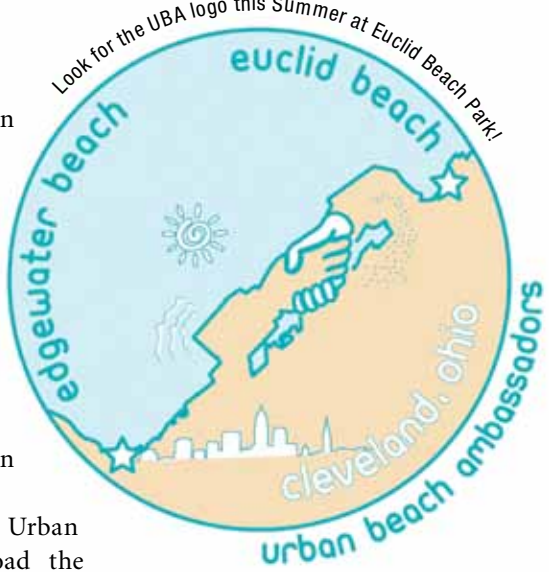
also provide park visitors with information about how to get involved in volunteer activities and programs in the park and provide monitoring and observation for park staff by reporting safety and maintenance issues.

Individuals interested in the UBA program must be 21 years of age or older. Ambassadors will monitor park pathways and beaches in pairs during two-hour shifts. Each Ambassador must be certified in First Aid and CPR and participate in UBA training. First Aid, CPR and UBA training is provided by Cleveland Metroparks, the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Cleveland Lakefront State Park and volunteer group representatives from Friends of Edgewater State Park, Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team and Drink Local Drink Tap. Two training sessions will be offered in mid-

April. The UBA season begins on May 1 and ends on October 1. Each volunteer must commit to a minimum of 25 hours for the entire season.

Each UBA applicant will be interviewed. Upon successful completion of the interview, applicants must submit to a background check before being invited to attend an April training session.

Interested in becoming an Urban Beach Ambassador? Download the UBA application! You can either submit the application digitally or in the mail. To download and print the application, please visit: [goo.gl/K9IPO](http://goo.gl/K9IPO) To download and submit the application digitally, please visit: [goo.gl/SVMJC](http://goo.gl/SVMJC) Connect with UBA on facebook!



Please contact Heather Triplett at [hat@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:hat@clevelandmetroparks.com) or (216) 635-3258 for additional information and/or to receive a copy of the UBA application.

## Kickoff 2013 Euclid Beach Cleanups for World Water Day!

by Stephen Love

The snow might still be falling and the lake might be freezing over but there are signs of spring all around us! And with spring comes beach cleanups!

Adopt-a-Beach volunteers will kick off the 2013 beach cleanup season on March 23 in celebration of World Water Day. World Water Day <http://www.unwater.org/watercooperation2013/> is a United Nations' recognized day to focus attention on the importance of fresh water and sustainable use of fresh water.

Volunteers will meet in the Euclid Beach (16250 Lakeshore Blvd.) park pavilion at 10 a.m., break up into teams and head down to the beach to pick up trash, conduct water quality tests and have a trash weighing and World Water Day trivia contest!

Our World Water Day trivia sponsor is STAR POP vintage + modern!! STAR POP vintage + modern, just a few short minutes from Euclid Beach Park in the Waterloo Arts District, buys and sells toys, clothing, music, movies, video games, books, art, toys, and other pop culture collectibles. The store was almost named Sustainable Pop, but despite siding with a shorter name, promoting sustainability remains at the heart of what STAR POP is all about. Everything from the hand selected merchandise to the fixtures are

recycled from area families and defunct businesses. Come check it out for yourself! 15813 Waterloo Rd. #5, Cleveland [www.starpopcleveland.com](http://www.starpopcleveland.com)

Please be sure to thank owner Troy Schwartz for his generous support of our efforts!

Please dress for the weather...whatever it may be and wear tennis shoes or boots! Coffee and refreshments will be provided before and after the beach cleanup. Gloves, trash pickers, rakes and bags will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you prefer!

All participating volunteers will receive a Burrito gift card from Chili Peppers Fresh Mexican Grille (869 East 185th St.) and are invited to join us for lunch after the cleanup. Please be sure to thank Steve Newman, owner of Chili Peppers!

Hope to see you out at the Beach!

Can't make it out to the beach cleanup? Don't worry, there are more this spring!

**Saturday, April 27 • 9:30 am -1:00 pm**  
Global Youth Service Day Super Beach and Park Cleanup

**Saturday, May 18 • 9:00 -11:00 am**  
Beach Cleanup and Alive on 185th St. Parade

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## Floss to prevent tooth loss

by Dr. Herbert Orlansky

“Do I need to floss?” is a question often asked by patients. Typically, I respond by saying, “You only need to floss the teeth you want to keep.” That's because, next to brushing, flossing is the best thing you can do to ensure good oral health.

The benefit of both brushing and flossing is that they reduce the bacteria in your mouth. This bacteria produces acids that erode the tooth enamel, creating cavities. In addition, they emit sulfur compounds that can create embarrassing bad breath.

You can prevent harmful bacteria from forming (and causing plaque and tartar build-up) by practicing good oral hygiene. The American Dental Association recommends brushing twice daily, and flossing to remove bacteria missed by the toothbrush. Brushing alone will remove approximately 65% of the plaque. If you add flossing to your regimen, you will effectively remove the remaining 35% of plaque between teeth --- resulting in a more complete tooth cleaning.

It's a good practice to floss before you brush. Dental floss is a unique tool that is specifically designed to remove plaque from tight spaces between teeth and under gums. With less plaque between teeth, the fluoride in your toothpaste can cover more of the tooth's surface. This combination gives

you a “one-two” punch for taking care of your teeth and gums.

How do you floss? Here's what the ADA recommends:

- Begin with about 18 inches of floss, and wrap it around the middle finger of each hand.
- Holding the floss between your thumb and forefinger, gently use a sawing motion up and down the tooth. Form a “C” shape following the contour of the tooth down to and around the gum line.
- Proceed around your entire mouth including the backs of your molars.

If you find dental floss cumbersome to use, there are other options such as floss holders, dental stimulators, narrow spiral brushes or water irrigation (waterflosser).

If you notice your gum is bleeding, it means your gum is slightly inflamed and it is even more important to floss to remove the bacteria. Continue to floss. Bleeding should stop in a week or two, at which time you should notice your gum is feeling better, and perhaps “aching” on days you forget to floss. If discomfort or bleeding persist, be sure to contact your dentist.

Keep your smile bright and healthy by adding flossing to your daily routine. For more information, call (216) 797-1401 or visit [www.acaringfamily-dentist.net](http://www.acaringfamily-dentist.net).

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Horoscopes

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) \*\*\*\*\***  
March will be a time of beauty and peace. The new moon will be traveling through your 12th house. So will many unwanted relatives. In March your leadership skills will be challenged. It will be like running a cemetery, you will have many people under you and no one listening. As you run into the usual delays and postponements work harder. Storms are coming at the end of the month, gallop through them. Lucky Number: 19

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
This month should bring lots of money. With Mercury in retrograde you are likely to meet former contacts in the first half of the month. Hopefully you won't run into HER. The last two weeks of the month money should be falling from the skies. Spend it. Lucky Number: 635

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
If diligence is the mother of good luck, then in March you are the father. O Lucky days. Six heavenly bodies are aligned in your sign. May you meet one of them. Accept all invitations to parties. The monster moon, on March 27 will be a especially magical time. Go dancing. Lucky Number: 327

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
Take some time to travel, especially near water. Indulge yourself in luxury. Your smile inspires thousands. Your tips inspire waiters. The last week of the month could bring turmoil, especially with a coworker or friend or family member. Or pretty much anybody you know. Remain calm. Lucky Number: 444

**Leo (July 23 – Aug 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
The spotlight is on your creative genius. Your inner and outer beauty are only outshone by your talent as a parent and a partner. It is the perfect time to take on new projects. Your wit and your easy-going charm are an inspiration to all around you. You and all around you shall be blessed with good health. Lucky Number: 12

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
Horoscope Not Found: Abort, Retry, Ignore?  
Lucky Number: 22

**Libra (Sept 23 – Oct 22) \*\*\*\*\***  
You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed. Hire some new help. Go on a trip. You are very very close to

becoming a master of productivity. Persevere. The full moon on the 27th will make the last week of the month, tumultuous and emotional. March on, join bravely. Lucky Number: 5

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) \*\*\*\*\***  
Remember to speak forthrightly and truthfully, unless exaggerating is more advantageous. If you are not sure, be indecisive. Facebook will get you into trouble this month. Carbs are the devil. If you feel that there are too many demands being placed upon you it is probably because there are too many demands being placed upon you. Fabulous opportunities and solutions to your problem, all float to the surface mid-March. Lucky Number: 7

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) \*\*\*\*\***  
Both you and Everything Bagels seem to be making promises that you cannot keep. This is the month to buy and sell property, renovate the kitchen, or buy new modern accessories. Make all monumental decisions after March 18. Remember to make other important decisions every day. The last week of the month is the perfect time to eat at a local restaurant. Over tip. Lucky Number: 100

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) \*\*\*\*\***  
March begins a time of great peace and healthfulness for you and all around you. You begin to realize that all the important decisions you have made were correct. Be strong. Be happy. Finish that longtime project, especially if it is a movie. The last week of the month, expect the unexpected. Lucky Number: 25

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) \*\*\*\*\***  
Your transcendent beauty is only exceeded by your intelligence and skill with people. The month of March will find you receptive to new and wonderful experiences. The middle of the month is the perfect time to travel. The monster moon on the 27th could bring a large sum of money your way. Kick up your heels. Lucky Number: 23

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) \*\*\*\*\***  
Now is the time to acquire great knowledge. Consider reading books on tape on fast forward. If you feel antisocial, consider joining a support group that never meets. The month of March could be magical for you for many reasons. The number six will be very important. The last week of the month will bring an explosive discovery. Shop local. Lucky Number: 6

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