

The 'Age of Love' for West Shore seniors



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"The Age of Love" documentary, showing at the Westlake Center for Community Services on Feb. 12, follows 10 seniors as they prepare for a speed dating event.

by LYDIA GADD

When chocolate hearts replace chocolate Santas in the world of retail, we know that Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Companionship and love never go out of style, although courtship rituals have changed over the years. Enter the world of Senior Speed Dating! Intrigued? You can find out more by registering to view "The Age of Love" documentary at the Westlake

Center for Community Services.

This free movie screening is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m., and is open to Plus Fifty residents of the West Shore (reservations are required, 899-3544). The "Age of Love" is a story of the universality of love and desire, regardless of age. In fact, the goal is to empower seniors to see themselves in a new way that is not limited by social stereotypes.

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Roll up your sleeves to stop hunger now!

by ELLIE PEIFFER

After a season of overeating and feasting, it's important to be reminded that one in every nine people on our planet still go to bed hungry each night. According to the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, hunger kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. It's also important to be reminded that we can do something about world hunger.

Stop Hunger Now is an organization whose mission is to end world hunger and they approach it by engaging local communities in packing individual, nutritionally dense, grain-based meals. Just 29 cents buys a meal! Meals are packed assembly-line fashion and 50 people spending two hours can pack 10,000 meals. These meals are shipped to the neediest places in the world with in-country partners in 71 countries.

Volunteers at Stop Hunger Now events can engage in the effort to end hunger while participating in a fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for anyone of any age.

There is a local meal packing event at Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Road, on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 2-4 p.m. and the community is invited to participate. There are two ways to help: donate and/or serve! With each meal costing just 29 cents, let's raise enough money to beat last year's total of 12,000 meals packed! It costs \$3,480 to provide 12,000 meals and with your help we can meet the goal. You can also help by bringing the whole family to set up, pack meals or tear down. Please sign up to participate by visiting westlakeumc.org or calling the church office at 440-871-3088. Show up, roll up your sleeves and know you will be making a difference in the life of a starving child. ♦

Interstate 90 wasn't always a fixture in Westlake

by DAN HIRSCHFELD

Should a resident of Bay Village or Westlake desire driving directions to Boston, Massachusetts, they would be quite straightforward: Simply enter Interstate 90 eastbound from the nearest access point in Westlake and follow that route all the way to the historic New England metropolis.

What if the above-mentioned resident wished to motor their way to Seattle, Washington, instead? The directions would be

similarly direct (although encompassing much more mileage): Again enter I-90 from one of the two Westlake interchanges that permit westbound access to the highway and keep heading west until reaching the Pacific Northwest hub of technology.

Interstate 90, sometimes piggybacking along with other interstate routes, runs roughly 3,120 miles, completely traversing the northern United States with its western terminus being in Seattle and eastern terminus finding itself in Boston.

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PHOTO BY DAN HIRSCHFELD

As seen from Wolf Road in Bay Village looking to the south, this is the earthen incline for the Clague Road grade separation over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. First proposed by Northwest Freeway planners in 1965, this grade separation was a source of controversy in the city of Bay Village from the beginning. Roadway designers insisted the grade separation was needed to prevent train traffic from potentially backing up auto traffic onto the Clague Road Interstate 90 exit ramp.

THE GREEN REPORT

Congress bans microbeads

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

The Great Lakes, as well as all other waterways, will soon have one less pollutant! On Dec. 28, President Barack Obama signed into law a bill sponsored by Sen. Rob Portman and co-sponsored by Sen. Sherrod Brown that will prohibit microbeads in personal care products.

Microbeads are tiny plastic beads that are in hundreds of different personal products, from face scrubs and skin exfoliants to

The Observer is excited to kick off the new year with a new columnist. Jennifer Hartzell is a member of the Bay Village Green Team. Her column, "The Green Report," will highlight simple ways to help readers lead a more "green" lifestyle. Jennifer has a background in grant writing for local Cleveland non-profit organizations. She grew up in Evanston, Illinois, and met her husband at Miami University. They reside in Bay Village with their three children, two cats and a dog.

toothpaste. These beads are washed down the drain after they are used, and water treatment plants are unable to filter them out due to their tiny size. They then make it into the lake, or ocean, and fish mistake them for food.

Microbeads are a huge polluter of water worldwide.

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I-90 *from front page*

In our little corner of the country, I-90 and a roadway known as the “Northwest Freeway” are one and the same, having become an established fixture in Westlake. While it may seem to be so, the highway, however it is known, has not always been part of the local landscape.

(Personally, I witnessed much of the highway being built in Westlake and now view it as something that has always "just been there.")

The Northwest Freeway was first proposed by area planners in 1952, along with a number of other limited-access throughways intended to criss-cross Cuyahoga County. These throughways were given descriptive names with their route designations to be determined at a later date. Not all of those originally planned throughways would go on to be built.

As its name implies, the Northwest Freeway was planned to provide speedy access to locations in the northwestern part of Cuyahoga County. As the national interstate highway system grew in the 1950s and '60s the scope of the Northwest Freeway evolved to that of a connecting artery linking the Ohio Turnpike west of Elyria in Lorain County to what would become the Interstate 71 Inner Belt interchange near downtown Cleveland.

While seemingly having no specific route assignment in mind for it while initially planned, it appears by 1961 the Northwest Freeway was to be incorpo-

rated as part of Interstate 90.

Construction of the Northwest Freeway was intended to begin in the mid-1960s and be completed by 1970. In Cuyahoga County numerous delays, for a variety of reasons, made that target an impossibility. Because the highway's planned route through Westlake ran through mostly unimproved land, city leaders welcomed its construction and the improved access to potential industrial and commercial development it would bring.

In the communities east of Westlake the situation was completely opposite, with the highway's route cutting through established residential neighborhoods, causing much disruption and the need to demolish a substantial number of homes and businesses. In those communities the planned highway was largely unwelcome by officials and residents, and many obstacles to its construction arose.

In Lorain County, once it started in the late 1960s, construction of the Northwest Freeway went relatively quickly and smoothly. The roadway ran east to the Cuyahoga County line where the pavement came to an abrupt end. On Oct. 1, 1970, the first section of the Northwest Freeway to be built in Westlake was started.

That section picked up where the roadway ended at the Lorain County line and included the creation of Crocker Road and the Crocker Road interchange. Crocker Road started where Bassett Road turns to the southeast, just south of the Norfolk Southern tracks, and at the time

extended only to Detroit Road. In December 1971 Westlake's first section of the Northwest Freeway opened to traffic up to the Crocker Road interchange, while remaining unopened pavement to the east ended in a field east of the old Bassett Road.

Unfinished sections of the Northwest Freeway would subsequently be built in intermittent stages, not only in Westlake but further to the east, and not until late 1978 would the roadway be fully opened.

As earlier predicted by its city leaders, construction of the Northwest Freeway through Westlake provided a catalyst for tremendous growth in the municipality. Vacant farmland abutting the throughway became quite attractive to various sized corporations, including Fortune 500 companies.

The commercial and industrial development spurred by the Northwest Freeway's presence in Westlake brought jobs and additional residents to the city. From its first settler in 1811 it took up to the U.S. Census of 1970 for Westlake to claim more than 15,000 residents in the city. By the U.S. Census of 1990, 20 years later, Westlake added 12,000 more residents, nearly doubling its population to 27,000, thanks in large part to the Northwest Freeway's construction early-on in that period.

There seems to be no question that the planners' decision in 1952 to have the Northwest Freeway run through Westlake has had a positive effect on the city, on balance. ●

The challenges of researching slave genealogy

by JAYNE BROESTL

Have you ever wondered about the unique challenges of doing genealogical research for African-American slave families? The typical vital records of birth, marriage and death which can be found for the colonial and antebellum free American

population, is lacking for African-American slave families. Finding the records of the slaveholder is critical to successful research.

Dr. Deborah Abbott, a nationally recognized speaker and a past president of the African-American Genealogical Society of Cleveland, will share her knowledge of how to research an African-American ancestor's journey, from slavery to freedom, at the Jan. 20 meeting of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Dr. Abbott says that “as difficult as this task might seem, it is not impossible.” Her lecture will focus on the clues and resources needed, including the U.S.

Federal Census records and those of the potential slave owner. Several case studies will be used to illustrate the methods and strategies needed to connect former slaves to their slaveholders.

As an Ohio Genealogical Society trustee, Dr. Abbott will also be installing the new slate of Cuyahoga West Chapter officers for the 2016-2017 term. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. The program begins at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend, at no cost. For additional information, visit rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

Love and Logic parenting class starts Jan. 27

by ANN BEYER

The Bay Village Council of PTAs and Westlake Council of PTAs are sponsoring Love and Logic, an entertaining parenting program that is designed to give practical skills that can be used immediately with preschool through teenage children.

This six-session class will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting Jan. 27 through March 2 in the Lee Burneson Middle School media center, 2260 Dover Center Road in Westlake. The cost for the class is \$75 per participant. Childcare for ages 3-12 will be provided at no cost by Westlake City Schools' Project LINK from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Dover Elementary, 2300 Dover Center Road (next door to LBMS); advance reservation required.

To register for Love and Logic, go to www.ChidseySeminars.com. ●

SENIOR SPEED DATING *from front page*

A first-of-its-kind Speed Dating event for 70- to 90-year-olds serves as the backdrop for this documentary, which offers an alternately poignant and funny look at the search for love among the senior set.

Over one summer, the cameras follow as 10 speed daters, recently widowed, long-divorced or never married, prepare for the big day, endure a rush of encounters, then anxiously receive their results.

Fearlessly candid about themselves and what they are seeking, these WWII babies are forced to take stock of life-worn bodies and still-hopeful hearts.

Bittersweet moments reveal how worries over physical appearance, romance and rejection, loss and new beginnings change – or don't change – from first love to the

far reaches of life.

Married couples would enjoy this documentary just as much as singles. A discussion, facilitated by Center Director, Lydia Gadd will follow. Then a few weeks later, for those who are interested in potentially meeting a new friend, or a potential mate, we will be hosting a separate Senior Mix and Mingle Event. Information can be obtained from our newsletter which can be found online at www.cityofwestlake.org under the Community Services Department tab. If you are not inclined to use the internet, give us a call at 440-899-3544, or stop in and see us at 29694 Center Ridge Road, and inquire about our mailing list.

Curious, but still not sure? You can view the movie trailer at TheAgeofLoveMovie.com. ●

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- Anyone who lives or works in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- Aim for 300-500 word articles.
- Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Review our Observer FAQs on our website at: wbvobserver.com
- Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process. Staff contact information is listed below.

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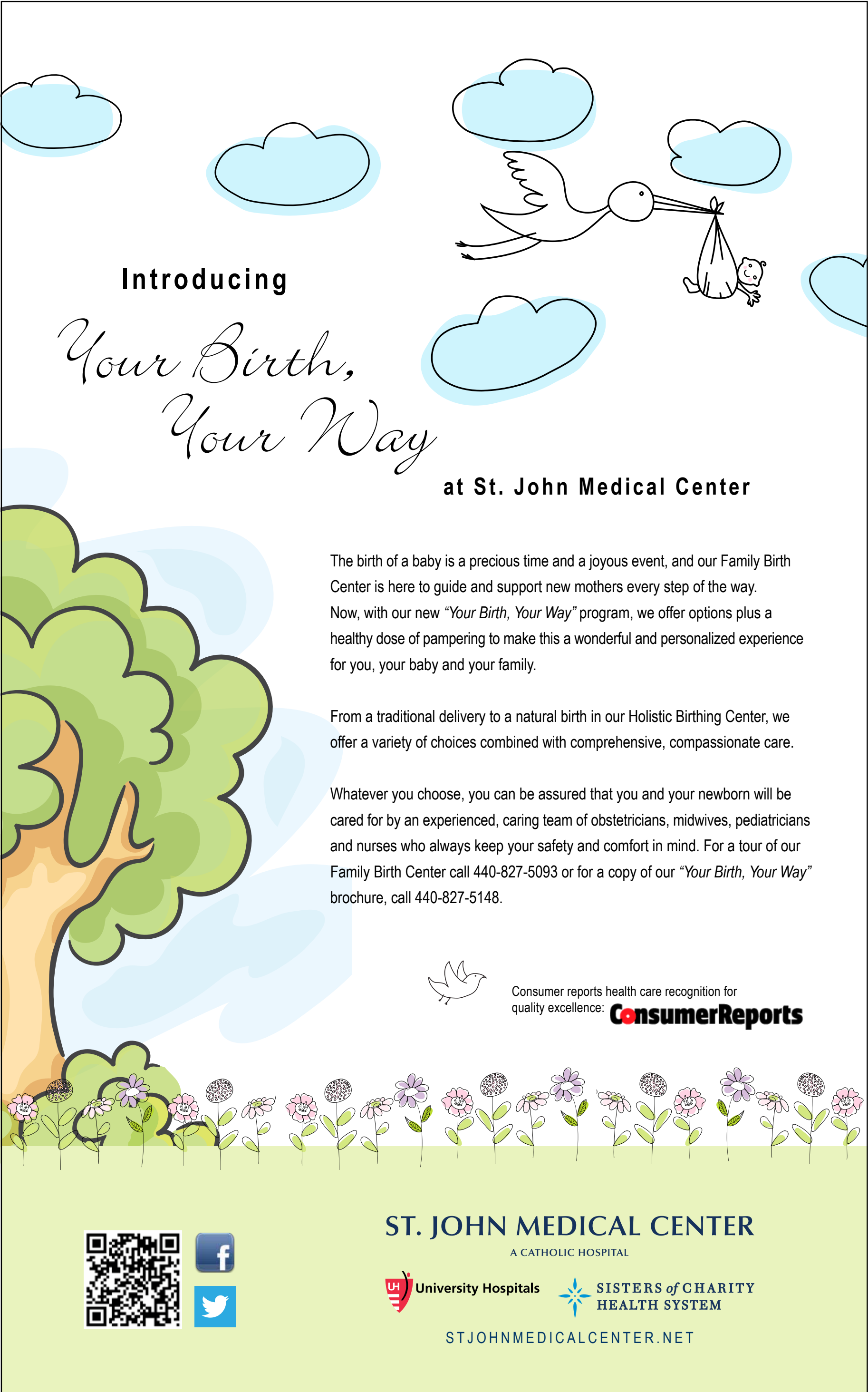
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LOCAL HISTORY

Dinner and talk on impact of LTV's bankruptcy

CWRU History Associates will host a dinner at the Cleveland Skating Club, 2500 Kemper Road, Shaker Heights, on Jan. 27 followed by a lecture entitled "LTV's Bankruptcy and De-industrialization of the Steel Industry in Northern Ohio." Bay Village resident Susan Murnane will deliver the lecture.

Murnane's talk will discuss Northern Ohio's development as an international center of steel manufacturing at the end of the 19th century, and its subsequent decline at the end of the 20th century, as seen through the prism of LTV's bankruptcy.

While many factors contributed to the restructuring of the steel industry, includ-

ing foreign competition, technological change, troubled labor relations, and the rise of private equity, Murnane argues that the distribution of gains and losses from the restructuring in northern Ohio was profoundly shaped by the 1978 bankruptcy reform that introduced Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Murnane's talk is based on research she undertook in connection with her book, "Bankruptcy in an Industrial Society: A History of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio."

A Minnesota native, Murnane graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and received a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977. She practiced law with the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division, as a United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan at Detroit, and in private practice, before moving to Bay Village in 1995. She received a Ph.D. in American history



Susan Murnane

from Case Western Reserve University in 2006.

CWRU History Associates supports the educational and research objectives of the history department at Case Western Reserve University. It funds annual student prizes and awards graduate student dissertation research grants. History

Associates presents several programs every year on topics of interest to history faculty, students and the general public. Murnane is on the board of CWRU History Associates.

For more information and to make reservations, contact Frank LaRue, CWRU History Department, at frank.larue@case.edu or 216-368-2625. A cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00, and the program at 7:00. Dinner costs \$40 per person and includes salad, herb chicken with roasted fennel, vegetables, and dessert. Vegetarian options are available if requested at the time reservations are made. ●

Bay Village school board seeks new member

BY KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Board of Education is accepting applications from Bay Village residents who are interested in serving on the school board. Board member Michael Caputo announced that he will resign his position effective Jan. 14, citing his increasing career responsibilities.

The newly appointed board member will complete Caputo's current term, which expires Dec. 31, 2017, and could run for election to an additional four-year term on the November 2017 election ballot.

Applications are available on the school district's website. Completed applications must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m. Interviews will follow. The board intends to announce its selection and appoint the new board member at its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 8.

More information about serving on the Bay Village Board of Education is available in the application materials at bayvillageschools.com. ●

This is COW we do it!

A new fifth-grade Destination Imagination team from Bay Village that goes by the name Seven Amigos is happy to announce that they will be holding a carnival to raise money for Heifer International.

Heifer International is an organization that gives animals and crops to hungry people worldwide. The animals they give can provide eggs, milk, cheese and wool.

The carnival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3-5 p.m. at Bay Village United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road.

Carnival game tickets will sell for \$1 each or in bundles which are seven tickets for \$5, 17 tickets for \$10, and 40 tickets for \$20. Our main goal is to raise \$500 dollars to gift one cow.

We hope to see you at the Carnival! ●
— The Seven Amigos: Andrew Lazowski, Charlie Macfarlane, David Macfarlane, Geoffrey Greunke, Owen Ballog, Will Clements and Ted Donahue



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Women's Board announces upcoming meeting topics

by KAREN HUHDORFF

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities for 2016? Please come and join the Women's Board of the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at our monthly meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month at the Center. Social time begins at noon with a 12:30 p.m. meeting time.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, we will be finalizing plans for our Fireside Party for members and guests to be held Saturday, Jan. 23.

Women's Board is a volunteer organization with a rich history. Begun in 1954, members have a diversity of skills, experiences and talents. We support the Center and its mission through service, leadership, community awareness and fundraising.

This year's plans include our March soup/salad luncheon for WB members and Center staff members. In April, we plan a tour of Rose Hill Museum. In May, we will learn about the Avon Lake eagles nesting and habits from an Avon Lake Parks & Recreation Department representative. As we break for the summer, our final meeting is a spring luncheon.

Please call the Center at 440 871-2900 or Karen at 440-670-6760 for more information. We welcome you! ●

FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

Resolutions: So easy to make, so hard to keep

by SHARON FEDOR

They're a great idea, and a holiday tradition – just like decorating Christmas trees, sipping eggnog, baking Christmas cookies with sprinkles on top, or singing carols. It is easy to create them, yet so hard to follow through with ... those New Year's resolutions.

It's a brand new year and starting fresh, shaking off the dust of the old, hoping for a better year, a better you, and embracing transformation is right up there with transforming the house with Christmas lights and decorated stockings. Funny how things sound good in theory, yet prove difficult when attempting to put them into practice. Most resolutions are set with sincerity, enthusiasm and interest, and fall by the wayside due to the passage of time, the difficulty of the resolution, or even forgetting what those resolutions were, as life becomes busy and complicated.

The question of why they are so hard

to fulfill intrigued me, so I turned to my friends to get the word on what makes it so difficult to keep these resolutions. I pondered them myself initially, and agree with the rest of the world, that making New Year's resolutions is a very good idea, but keeping them is a whole other ballgame.

My friend Carl shared that his prescription for success came through planning, and commitment to the self-made resolutions. My friend Deb agreed that the best of intentions can get swallowed up by a busy life that has you juggling many priorities at once. Her remedy – simplicity, a one-word resolution, that is written down. My friend Terri sets aside the word resolutions and replaces it with intentions. She scrutinizes her past, to see if any progress has been made, and then on New Year's Day writes in her journal the direction in which she would like to head in the future.

I think some of the best ideas came from my friend Larry, when he told me

the story about his son becoming an Eagle Scout. His son really wanted to be an Eagle Scout, but as the deadline drew nearer, he started to hesitate, it seemed unreachable. Larry told his son to sleep on it, give it some deep thought, and that he would be supported whatever the decision. In the morning Larry talked further with his son, and asked him, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer to this symbolic question is, "One bite at a time." Larry's son became an Eagle Scout.

At Unity Spiritual Center we believe God is everywhere present, that you only need to invite Him into your planning, your journaling, your future, your intentions/resolutions, and even your hesitating or uncertainty. Resolutions are easier to achieve if they are formed with self-honesty, come from your heart, and are memorized, or written on cards, a vision board or a journal. God, your Higher Power, will support you in making and keeping those resolutions, just ask! ●

Funding available for Bay Village projects

by EILEEN VERNON

Trustees of The Bay Village Foundation announced that the foundation is accepting grant requests for specific

projects of local civic and non-profit organizations. Applications are due by Feb. 29, 2016. Awards will be announced on May 30 at the foundation's Memorial Day celebration. Awards may range from \$500-\$5,000.

The Bay Village Foundation is primarily interested in capital projects that improve the quality of life in Bay Village. Projects must be responsive to community needs. Support for programs may also be considered. Reporting require-

ments from previous awards may be requested before the Foundation will consider a subsequent funding application.

Applicant organizations must be located in or provide services to residents of Bay Village to be eligible for a grant. Funding will only be awarded to tax-exempt organizations classified as 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations by the Internal Revenue Service, or programs that have a tax-exempt fiscal agent.

The grant application, additional required documentation and filing instructions are available

at thebayvillagefoundation.org. The additional required documentation includes such items as a copy of the organization's mission statement, IRS tax-determination letter, a list of current board members and key personnel, recent financial statements and the annual operating budget.

The Bay Village Foundation looks forward to supporting Bay Village through its 2016 grant recipients. If you have any questions, please contact the foundation's President, Al Paulus, at 440-899-8163 or the chairman of the grants committee, Steve Ruscher, at 216-346-5645. ●

Book group looks at socioeconomic inequality

by JOAN GRACE

The winter session of the Case Off-Campus Studies program in Westlake will study Charles Dickens' "Little Dorrit," a novel that looks at socioeconomic issues, some of which we are still addressing here and now. The leader-teacher for this course is Cheryl Wires.

Charles Dickens unleashed the full powers of his socioeconomic conscience and storytelling imagination in writing "Little Dorrit." We will examine these mighty forces in this book discussion course. They make "Little Dorrit" a must-read classic, especially since it is overshadowed by Dickens' more popularized works.

Little Amy Dorrit is born in a debtor's prison, but her life changes dramatically from abject poverty to abundant riches. We will discuss this novel on many levels: as a creatively plotted, serialized story by the inimitable Dickens; as an extended psychological meditation on freedom and family; and as a piercing social criticism of Victorian England, with its financial crises, unresponsive institutions and extreme inequalities. Comparing across time and place, we draw similarities, and differences, with America today. "Little Dorrit" is Dickens' conscience and imagination unleashed!

Cheryl Wires, the leader-teacher for this course, attended Harvard University, where she earned a master's degree from the Kennedy School of Government, a masters degree in political science from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the Levenson Award for Excellence and Dedication in Teaching. She volunteered as a lecturer for the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Baldwin Wallace University for nearly a decade.

Off-Campus Studies is a program offered in collaboration with the Association for Continuing Education (ACE). Courses are eight weeks long and meet for 1.5 hours per class. There are no written assignments or exams, but rather the classes provide an open environment for lively discussion based on meaningful examination of shared texts. Leader-teachers facilitate the discussion and provide academic background and context.

This group meets on Thursdays, Jan. 14 to March 3, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Road. Cost is \$80. Participation is open to everyone and we welcome new members with enthusiasm. To register, go to case.edu/lifelonglearning/courses/off-campus-studies or call 216-368-2090.

For questions, contact one of the co-coordinators, Sandra Berendt, 440-892-4931; or Joan Grace, 440-777-9381. ●

What do we really know about the law?

by LYNN TALIAK

"Living the Law," the winter course being offered in Bay Village through the Association for Continuing Education of Case Western Reserve University, will begin Monday, Jan. 11, from 10- 11:30 a.m. Our instructor is Barbara Greenberg, a practicing Cleveland attorney, and we meet at Bay United Methodist church, on the corner of Bassett and Lake roads.

Our focus will be the U.S. Constitution, specifically the Bill of Rights. We will look at Supreme Court cases involving the various amendments, the decisions rendered in each case and how they have affected our lives and laws.

Our book, titled "In Our Defense,"

is somewhat of a "primer" on the Bill of Rights and was written by Ellen Alderman and Caroline Kennedy (yes, THAT Caroline Kennedy). Such a study seems more than pertinent today as our Constitution seems to be under much scrutiny in these times of much "ado" in our nation.

Our first week's discussion will be the chapter focusing on the Second Amendment. This amendment concerns our freedom of speech. Seems to be much conversation about just that in the U.S. today. The cost of the eight-week class is \$80 which includes access to other ACE events. If interested call Marianne Wagner at 440-808-0076 or Lynn Taliak at 440-826-0658. You are responsible for obtaining your own book, whether borrowed from the library or purchased. ●

MICROBEADS *from front page*

Microbeads are made of plastic, and they absorb toxins like a sponge. Fish then mistake them for food, and eat them. It is feared that the toxins can then be easily passed on to humans and wildlife that eat the fish. Furthermore, microbeads found in some toothpastes can become lodged between the teeth and the gum, causing a range of dental problems. Because of all of these detrimental effects to both the environment and human health, many companies have already begun to phase out microbeads.

It is expected that the ban will go into effect in July 2017. In the meantime, you can help by not purchasing products with microbeads in them and tossing out the products containing microbeads that you may have at home. If you are unsure if your products contain microbeads, look in the ingredients list for "polyethylene." Some products say "contains microbeads" directly on them. Others are trickier, and the only way you can tell is by looking at the ingredients.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER HARTZELL

Although the ban has been signed into law, it likely won't take effect until 2017. There are still many products containing dangerous plastic microbeads on store shelves.

There is also a website, BeatTheMicrobead.org that offers a full listing of products with microbeads. Many people have not yet heard of this issue, and I hope that you all will take a look around your home to ensure you are not using these products! Please do not wash these products down the sink in order to recycle the package. While recycling is important, it is more important that the microbeads stay out of the lake, so please simply toss any products you might have into the trash. ●

BAYarts displays local woman's memories of Maine



"Around the Bend" is among the paintings of Maine in Eliza Wing's exhibition at BAYarts this month.

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Eliza Wing has lived in Bay Village since 1994, but ask her to talk about Maine and she admits, "I have always considered Maine my true home." It is this strong sense of home that Wing has conveyed in her artwork for the BAYarts exhibition, "Memory Served."

There's a reason why Maine is so cherished by Wing. "I've been going every summer for as long as I can remember and my father and grandparents before that," she shares. "It's in my heart. Monhegan Island, which has long been an artist retreat (since the early 1900s), was always a magical, faraway destination for me. We sailed the coast for weeks at a time and the island (which is about 10 miles off the coast) was always this faraway, alluring beacon. In recent years I've been lucky enough to be able to spend time out there plein-air painting and just capturing images that I want to use later in my studio." And the inspiration proved plentiful for her exhibition in the Diane Boldman Gallery.

Thematically, the focus in most

paintings draws on the sentimentality that roots and blooms from childhood. "These paintings are all from recent plein-air trips (the last few summers) but there are also many images of girls and young women. They are from photographs that I took and that resonated with me. The resonance is directly due to my senses as a young girl and a young woman."

Images of the present still transport Wing to earlier days. A keen ability to tap into the place through senses is multiplied by the tremendous amount of life that Wing says Maine offers in its every moment. What is impressed upon us in our youth often stays with us as we mature into adulthood. The pull towards home never leaves. Rather than deny it, artists like Wing are pursuing ways of honoring the feeling. "There is always (even when I am there) a sense of nostalgia, almost regret. Time passes doesn't it? I felt that same pull as I worked on these images."

An opening reception will be held at BAYarts on Friday, Jan. 8, from 7-9 p.m. The artwork will be on display through Jan. 30. ●

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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 and 13 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket.

Wednesday, Jan. 6 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Drop-in session for genealogy help provided by the members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter.

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 and 13 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, Jan. 7 and 14 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS – Stop by the Youth Services Department and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and each Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) WPPL HORROR FILM CLUB – Join us as we explore some of the classic films from the genres of horror, science fiction and suspense. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursday, Jan. 7 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, Jan. 8 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Family Sessions and 11:30 a.m. Pre-school Session) and Saturday, January 9 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Family Sessions) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE – This program is designed for children (ages 1-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. A board-certified music therapist will lead families in a fun and exciting music-making class. Throughout the session, the therapist will present experiences that address a variety of areas of development. Registration is required at connectingforkids.org/music.

Saturday, Jan. 9 (9:30-10:30 a.m.) NIA: NON-IMPACT AEROBICS CLASS – Join us for a fun-filled, movement-based class! Enjoy this blend of dance, martial arts and the healing arts that will invite your spirit, mind, body and emotions to play and find joy! Class is appropriate for all ages and abilities. Wear clothing for movement and athletic shoes and socks.

Saturday, Jan. 9 (10–11 a.m.) DIGITAL

BASICS – Hear tips on what to consider when purchasing your own computer or mobile device. Learn about library apps available for download.

Saturday, Jan. 9 (10:30-11 a.m.) MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE! – An interactive storytime featuring simple books, rhymes, songs and movement. For ages birth-3 with an adult caregiver.

Saturday, Jan. 9 (4-5 p.m.) FULL STEAM AHEAD – Each session will explore a different aspect of STEAM learning. This month we’ll focus on library databases. Grades 3 and 4. Please register.

Sunday, Jan. 10 – ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM BEGINS

Sunday, Jan. 10 (2-2:45 p.m.) ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE PARTY – Elephant and Piggie invite you to a friendship celebration! We'll play games, share stories and make a craft! Ages 3-6. Please register.

Sunday, Jan. 10 (2-4 p.m.) FRIENDS’ SUNDAY SOUNDS – Join us for “Hip to That,” featuring music from the Great American Songbook, with a twist!

Tuesday, Jan. 12 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: IMPROVING INTERVIEWING SKILLS – Learn how to discover what the employer needs so that you can differentiate yourself from other candidates in job interviews.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 (10-11 a.m.) PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS AS A CONSUMER – Hear from a representative of the Ohio Consumer Counsel as they teach us how to identify scams and unethical sales practices, how to say no to unnecessary services, as well as your rights as a consumer. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – In January we’ll discuss "Circling the Sun" by Paula McClain.

Thursday, Jan. 14 (Combined Basic/Advanced Session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Jan. 15 (Basics Session: 9:30 a.m. and Advanced Session: 11 a.m.) TEACH ME TO PLAY – For children 3-6 years old who need help with communication and social skills. Join us for a play-based program designed to

model and teach families strategies to improve their child’s social interactions, facilitate communication and manage behavior in a positive way. Led by an early intervention specialist in behavior from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. To register: connectingforkids.org/handsontaining.

Thursday, Jan. 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The January selection is "When Books Went to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II" by Molly Gupthill Manning.

Saturday, Jan. 16 (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) FASHIONS OF THE DOWNTON ABBEY ERA – Sara Hume, curator of Kent State University Museum, will present an in-depth look at the world of fashion during the early 1900s. Enjoy tea and cookies while learning the history of clothing styles worn by your favorite Downton Abbey ladies. Please register.

Saturdays, Jan. 16 and 30 (2-3 p.m.) BRICK BUILDERS CLUB – Bring your ideas and imagination to the club! Ages 3-12. Lego and Duplo bricks provided.

Monday, Jan. 18 (2-2:45 p.m.) KIDS IN THE KITCHEN! – Learn basic cooking skills with fast, simple, no-bake recipes just for kids! For students with special needs and their typical peers. If you have allergy or special diet concerns, please contact the Youth Services Department at 440-250-5471 for a complete list of ingredients. Please register.

Monday, Jan. 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVES-

TOR’S INTEREST GROUP – An Introduction to Annuities: Funding Your Future, Myths vs Facts. Mr. Zawatsky from The Society for Financial Awareness will answer these questions - What is an annuity? Should I choose taxable vs tax deferred growth? Which is a better choice fixed vs variable annuity? Please register.

Monday, Jan. 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAKER CLUB: TAKE APART COMPUTERS – Back by popular demand, learn how computers work by taking them apart! Patrons under 18 may attend as long as they bring a parent or guardian. Part of the Maker Club, which celebrates STEAM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and meets one Monday each month. Please register.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITION CENTER: KEYS TO FINDING HIDDEN JOBS – Competition for published job opportunities is fierce. Learn how to find out about positions before they’re advertised so you can get a jump on the competition.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 (7 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP – Meet other families as we discuss relevant childhood topics with local pediatric experts. Free child care is available. Denise Attie, COTA/L, will discuss "Does Your Child Have Sensory Issues? Registration is required at connectingforkids.org or call 440-250-5563.

To register for any of the programs, visit westlakelibrary.evanced.info or call 440-871-2600. ●

Get help with your new tech devices

by JOAN GRACE

It is that time of year again. Mom, Dad, Grandpa and Grandma might be getting the latest technology from well-meaning offspring. It happens with more and more frequency as the offspring become increasingly more attached to their latest gadgets.

“Wouldn’t it be great for Mom (Dad) to be able to get answers to all those questions that time has seemed to bury in her memory a little deeper each year by just asking Siri, Cortana, Google Now, or even Alexa (not to mention the about-to-take-the-world-by-storm, Hound app)?” Well the answer is yes and maybe no!

Yes, if they were as adept with the devices as the giver. No, if the gift receiver can’t “make it work” and even a more resounding NO if they spend hours – make that days – trying to figure out just how to turn the darn thing on and off. So then the confounded turn to grandchildren who seem to use these instruments of the devil with a knowledge that appears they were born with. The embarrassment that senior adults can’t understand what is being told to them by a fifth-grader usually ends the lesson.

Now the good news. There is a local club called North East Ohio Personal

Computer Club. NEOPC has been in existence since the early 1980s. Its sole purpose is to help individuals understand and how to use technology. The club’s home base location has moved from Rocky River to now Fairview Park and Westlake. This club has monthly meetings the second Wednesday evening every month. Prior to the formal meeting there is social time and the club furnishes refreshments of coffee and pastry.

The meetings primarily consist of a presentation on a current topic having to do with technology followed by questions and answers. Although the membership consists of individuals of all levels of expertise, the meetings are focused on beginning-level individuals.

This month’s meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Westlake Porter Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Bruce Brockman, the President of the club. The topics will include: benefits of NEOPC membership, 50 free products from Google, and help with your Christmas presents. Visitors are always welcome to attend for free; full membership is \$20 per year.

But you don’t have to wait for a meeting to get answers to questions. Club members have access to an online forum that is monitored by some of the club’s experts. Questions about almost any subject get a quick response. Every month members receive a copy of the club’s award-winning newsletter, which contains articles relating to tips and tricks for all manner of gadgets, old and new. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

World Day of Peace

Jan. 1 is significant for being the first day of the year, but it is also designated as a World Day of Peace for thinking about how we can bring peace and harmony into our lives.

Even as horrible violence and oppression are occurring in many parts of the world, we must not despair. As actors on this planet, there are ways we can create peace around us.

Some things are simple, like holding a shop door open for a busy mother with children, or making room for someone on a crowded bus, or taking yourself to Huntington Park to see nature’s beauty and meditating on the loveliness of our area.

Other ways are harder, like holding your tongue and keeping a juicy secret, or taking it on the chin instead of taking revenge when someone hurts you, or standing by someone and being the best friend they ever had.

Clearly, it is difficult to solve big international problems and bring serenity to the world. But one person can make all the difference – think of Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Jimmy Carter or even Mayor Clough!

To paraphrase Francis of Assisi, let us all try to be an instrument of peace and where there is despair, let us bring hope.

– Kathleen Maloney, Westlake



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Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. As we start 2016, many of us will make resolutions to kick off the new year. Stop by the Bay Village branch library to check out materials to get you started with your goals. If you plan to maintain a healthier lifestyle, we have a wide array of exercise DVDs, cookbooks, and fitness books to help you get on your way. Is decluttering on your list? We have plenty of books to help you organize your space. Or, have you joined a reading challenge? the library is the perfect place to help you reach your goal. If you need help finding or ordering titles either in the library or through our digital collection, please speak to a librarian.

Here are some of our upcoming events:

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Storytimes: Caregivers and their children are invited to enjoy rhymes, songs, fingerplays, books and stories together. No registration is required.

- **Mondays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** - ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** - ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages
- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** - ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** - ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Thursdays (6:45 p.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** - Geared for children who are developmentally at the preschool level and specifically designed for children with special needs and their families. The program incorporates a scheduled board, double visuals and sensory opportunities for participants as well as socialization time following the program.
- **Fridays (10 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

Saturday, Jan. 16 (2-5 p.m.) DIGITAL ANIMATION COMIC CREATION CAMP - Ages 7-10: Do you love the Avengers' Hulk, Ironman and Thor? Do like drawing and creating your own stories? Join us for an adventure drawing your favorite characters on computers and making them come to life! No experience necessary. Registration required.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (3 p.m.) TEEN ZONE - Students in grades 5 and up can stop in to enjoy fun apps, book discussions, video games, community service, challenges and more! Parents need to sign only one permission form for the school year.

Thursday, Jan. 21 (3 p.m.) TWEEN BOOK DISCUSSION - Grades 5-8: Join us for a discussion of "Courage for Beginners" by Karen Harrington.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday, Jan. 11 (2 p.m.) IPAD 101 - Learn the basics of using the iPad and how to take advantage of the library's great downloadable ebook and streaming audio/video

collection! We will provide an iPad for you to use. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Jan. 13 (7 p.m.) FROM REFUGEE TO NEIGHBOR - Through the showing of several short, documentary-style films, this presentation opens a community conversation about Cleveland's changing diversity in culture and population, thanks to the arrival of refugees to our community. Members of the Refugee Services Collaborative of Greater Cleveland will address myths about these newcomers, and offer stories and data to spark added discussion about opportunities for Cleveland.

Friday, Jan. 15 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION - Join friends, neighbors and library staff for this monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus in the Sullivan Gallery. Copies of this month's book, "Neverhome" by Laird Hunt will be available at the library and BAYarts one month prior to the discussion.

Please register to attend the programs at cuyahogalibrary.org, call us at 440-871-6392, or stop in to the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian. ●

Bay Village elected officials sworn in



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Members of Bay Village City Council began new terms on Jan. 1 with an inauguration ceremony at the Dwyer Center. Aside from a shuffling of committee assignments, the only change for the 2016 session is the addition of Marty Mace, who won an uncontested race for Steve Lee's vacant at-large seat. Pictured, from left: Paul Vincent, Ward 2; Dwight Clark, at-large; Marty Mace, at-large; Tom Henderson, Ward 4; Dave Tadych, Ward 1; Paul Koomar, President; and Karen Lieske, Ward 3.

St. Raphael girls win holiday basketball tournament

The Saint Raphael's seventh-grade girls basketball team showed heart, grit and resilience as they pulled out a victory in the finals of the annual St. Mark Athletic Association holiday tournament at the end of December. The champions, from left: Elizabeth Koeth, Ellen Lloyd, Anna Godlewski, Adele Frain, Reagan O'Leary, Carys Vargas, Natalie Leszcz. Not pictured are Stephanie Laraway, coach Jenna and Leo Godlewski, and Coleman O'Leary.



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FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

Riding with a cowgirl fairy princess

by RJ JOHNSON

Riding with your teenage driver can be a terrifying experience. One evening over the holidays, our family had a game night with another family at their home. “You can drive,” I said to my daughter as I passed the keys. “Your mother and I can sit in the back while you chauffeur us.”

“Ooh, that’ll be fun,” my wife said, “I

always wanted a chauffeur.”

My daughter rolled her eyes as we got in the car. Before backing out of the driveway, she took a few seconds to adjust the mirrors and steering wheel. “Good,” I thought to myself, “she’s still a cautious driver.”

My daughter is a good driver, but it is still terrifying for me when she drives. Maybe it’s because I remember her running around the house playing “cowgirl fairy princesses” with my sister. No matter how old she gets, that will still be part of who she is in my mind. I subconsciously ask myself if it is safe to ride with a cowgirl fairy princess at the wheel.

The first time I rode with her, I made a pledge to myself that I would not act nervous while she was driving. If I needed to offer any direction, I determined that

I would do so in a calm and quiet tone. I completely underestimated how difficult that pledge would be. As we approached the first red light, my right leg began to twitch. Instinctively, I wanted to search for a brake pedal that wasn’t there. She gently applied the brake to slow the car to a stop. I began to breathe again.

I used to think this nervousness would go away as I became more confident in her driving. That delusion was taken away the day after Christmas. My parents were in town, and I took my mother and the children to the Cleveland Museum of Art. As we exited I-90 and approached a stoplight, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed my mom’s leg start to twitch. Then she started pushing her foot against the floor.

“It doesn’t work, you know,” I said.

“What doesn’t work?”

“The brake on that side of the car,” I smiled. “It doesn’t work.”

“Oh, I know,” she said, “I’m just nervous.”

“I know,” I said.

I really did know what she felt like. I’ve been driving for the better part of three decades without an accident. She still remembers the little boy who cut his chin on the coffee table while testing a theory that he could fly. Is it really safe to ride with someone who once thought it possible that he could fly?

I’ll never be entirely comfortable riding in a car that my daughter is driving. I’ll always remember that somewhere inside of her, there is a cowgirl fairy princess, and I’ll never be sure it’s safe to ride with a cowgirl fairy princess. I wouldn’t have it any other way because I’m the proud father of a cowgirl fairy princess. ♦

SPORTING VIEWS

Lowering the Bar

by JEFF BING

Sometimes writing about a current, popular topic can be challenging. This is particularly true when addressing sports in Cleveland, where the Browns, with their ever-changing organizational structure, were expected to make changes after their final game Sunday, Jan. 3. The tricky aspect of writing about sports versus something less fluid, of course, is the changeability factor, particularly when addressing a currently

"volatile" topic.

While online information is often presented immediately, traditional print media requires lead time, understandably, to allow for the physical manufacture of the final printed product. A good example of how that can impact my situation was illustrated in the fact that, due to the production schedule, I had to write this by Friday, Jan. 1, for the issue you will see on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The general consensus is that Browns owner Jimmy Haslam will get rid of the clever little sideline texter himself, Ray Farmer, once the season ends Sunday, and keep coach Mike Pettine. I tend to agree with this approach, because due to Farmer’s incredibly poor draft choices, along with some hard-to-fathom free agent signings – not to mention ludicrous contracts

– how do you hold Pettine accountable for having to coach a number of players who clearly have no business being on an NFL roster? So I could write a column praising those decisions.

But there still *was* one game to be played, and the possibility existed that something might happen on Jan. 3 to change Haslam’s mind about things. (Candidly, Jimmy’s been known to act impulsively in the past. Yes, hard to believe, but true). So I couldn’t write about it like it was a done deal, correct? What if the Browns lost 70-0 (not beyond the realm of possibility, folks), and Haslam fired Pettine, and this issue of the Observer had me singing the praises of keeping Pettine? I’d look pretty dumb (okay, okay, dumber than usual), right?

So what if I’d written a column that assumed both Farmer and Pettine had been fired? That’s the second-greatest

probability, from where I stand (sit). I could approach it from that angle, and accuse Haslam of having rocks in his head for not retaining Pettine. Don’t get me wrong; it would be a fun column to write, but what if something had happened on Jan. 3 to persuade Haslam to fire Pettine, but *keep* Farmer? It’s difficult for me to fathom such a move but then again, it IS the Browns we’re talking about here. In which case, I’d appear to my loyal reader(s) (which reminds me: “Hi, honey!”) to be *beyond* dumb (stop right there; I *know* what you’re thinking).

So now you know how difficult it can be to write a timely column in sports. You may have also noticed how easy it is for me to “lower the bar” with the content of my articles. And just think: we have another whole *year* together!

Hey, I certainly hope those are “tears of joy” you’re crying. ♦

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Simplify to embrace new technology

by TAK SATO

If you made a New Year’s resolution to get your first tablet in 2016, or upgrade your beloved flip phone to a smartphone, or received one as a holiday gift from your well-meaning family member, you will be pleasantly surprised at what the digital world has to offer. As discussed in the last WBVO issue of 2015, these tablets and smartphones, what I call “Power of One” devices, are more intuitive to use compared to the traditional computer.

Still, for the uninitiated that first step can be intimidating as many manufacturers and purveyors of services based in the digital world still seem to assume a certain level of digital literacy by their users. This may be fine for those that have been exposed to technology and the internet, but for first-time users it can add to the perceived complexity even when using intuitive Power of One devices.

If you fall into the latter group, there is good news. Throughout my encounters with the community, on top of personal experiences helping my aging parents, in-laws and friends, I’ve received the same feedback time-and-time again that visual clutter induces intimidation. I have a method to remove that perceived

obstacle to clear your flight path into the digital world.

Consider how your flip phone does one thing best: make/receive phone calls. You didn’t have to learn anything new other than to push the green button to make calls and press the red button to hang up.

Smartphones make/receive phone calls and so much more. Those row after row of icons on your touchscreen can seem like they’re daring you to click ‘em all, possibly sending you down a rabbit hole ... but aren’t they so enticing?

Fear not – I’m not going to lead you down the rabbit hole. Just like you embraced and learned to use a mobile phone years ago, I know you can do the same with a smartphone.

The method I find effective when helping people in this demographic is to hide those other icons – at least until they have mastered one function like making/receiving a phone call.

Whether Apple’s iOS or Google’s Android is powering your device, simply dragging one icon on top of another which will create a folder. Once the folder is created you can drag other icons into that folder, essentially hiding those icons.

After you are comfortable with an app like the phone dialer that is responsible for making/receiving calls on a smartphone, go back into the folder to bring the next app that you want to learn and use. Repeat at your own pace.

Overly simple yet proven effective, it overcomes the feeling of anxiety that visual clutter brings. That should increase your success in embracing digital-world tools! ♦



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Please join us for a free event focusing on health and wellness in the New Year for ages 55 and up. Our nurses will be happy to take your weight, blood pressure, and blood sugars at check-in. Our dietitian will be doing a cooking demonstration. Breakfast will be provided. Call 440-892-2100 for more information.
Westlake Rehab & Nursing Center, 4000 Crocker Rd.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m. "Stop Hunger Now" Meal Packing Event

You can help the effort to end world hunger by helping to pack meals. Bring the whole family! Please sign up by visiting westlakeumc.org or calling the church office at 440-871-3088.
Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting of Chapter 91, Public Employee Retirees Inc.

Guest speaker will be Thomas Strong of Westlake, who is a medical lecturer and patient advocate. He will talk on the topic of "Understanding Your Medications." PERI Chapter 91 includes retired public sector employees from the northwestern suburbs. Light refreshments are served and all public sector retirees are welcome to attend.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All About Google and YouTube

At the January meeting of Northeast Ohio Personal Computers (NEOPC), Bruce Brockman

will discuss the many free features available from Google, including YouTube. Come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by the program at 7 p.m. All are welcome; for more info, go to neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:30-8:15 p.m. SkyQuest: Mars Rover Update

Learn what's happening on Mars right now with information gathered from 3 different rovers that are providing discoveries every day. Also explore the new landers scheduled to visit and NASA's upcoming plans. For pre-teens through adults. Fee: \$5/person.
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 12:30 p.m. College Club West Meeting

Unwind after the holiday rush and meet new friends at a social gathering involving board games and cards. Membership is open to women who have a bachelor's degree from an accredited degree-granting college. New members are welcome. See more at collegeclubwest.org.
Rocky River Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

Installation of 2016-2017 officers. OGS trustee Dr. Deborah Abbott presents "It is a Needle in a Hay Stack: Slave Research." Social time, with refreshments, is 6:30-7 p.m. Public is welcome, at no cost.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Post your group's free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Bay Village dropped from Buckeye recycling route

by TARA WENDELL

The recycling collection bins located outside Dwyer Senior Center and the Village Bicycle Cooperative will be removed on Jan. 12. Buckeye Industries, a nonprofit organization that recycles plastics, cardboard and Styrofoam while training and employing individuals with disabilities, has discontinued their Bay Village route. Citing a depressed recycling market and economic concerns, Buckeye representative Carmen Siciliano said the organization's final pick-up from the bins will be Jan. 11.

The Buckeye bins had been the only local option for residents looking to recycling Styrofoam.

After Jan. 11, packaging (not food waste) Styrofoam may be bagged and taken to Buckeye's westside Cleveland location, off West 130th Street near I-480. Visit buckeyeindustries.org for directions. Plastic film and bags can be dropped off for recycling at area retailers, including many Giant Eagle, Target



Recycling bins at Dwyer Center

and Lowe's stores.

The move does not affect the curbside recycling program managed by Republic Services. Bay Village residents may continue to recycle food, beverage and soap containers made from glass, metal and plastics numbered 1 through 7, as well as aseptic cartons, cardboard and newspaper, by placing items in the green carts for weekly pickup.

For information on recycling other items not accepted in the curbside bins, visit the Drop-Off Recycling page at bay-villagegreenteam.org. ●



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