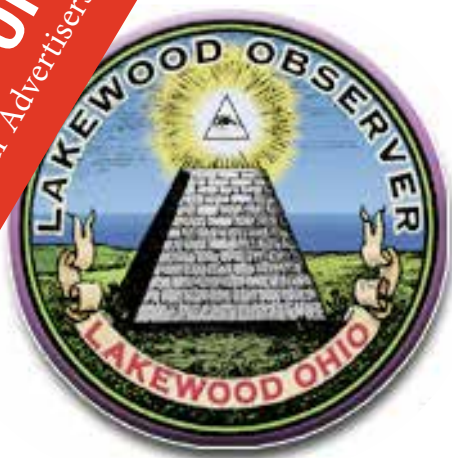


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## Councilman Rader Proposes Campaign Finance Limits For “Wild West” Local Races

by Matt Kuhns

No rules limit campaign donations to candidates for local office, in Lakewood. City Council member Tristan Rader (at-large) wants to change that.

At the January 22 council meeting, Rader introduced proposals for local campaign finance limits, and for a new commission to police campaign finance and other government ethics issues.

“This is a proposal that is intended to look forward, and ensure that local government remains responsive to people, not big donors,” Rader said.

Rader’s proposal would limit donations to local campaigns—currently subject to no limits—at the federal campaign contribution limit of

\$2,700. Additionally, Rader proposes an embryonic public-financing component. Based on a state tax provision, this would earn small donations a local tax credit of up to \$50 per year.

The proposal would also prohibit candidates for a local office from seeking or accepting funds from that office’s employees.

Transparency provisions and fines would reinforce the campaign finance rules, along with a citizen ethics commission appointed to oversee the entire system. Rader proposes a seven-member commission, empowered to promote ethics policies through education, reporting, and investigation of complaints, and to study and propose further ethics rules if

warranted.

Lakewood’s Third Amended Charter, approved in the November 2017 election, introduced general ethical standards but also included explicit provision for council to go further.

Local attorney Andy Meyer helped draft the amended charter, and said at the January 22 council meeting that “I see this legislation as the realization of much of what we envisioned” in the charter changes.

Meyer added that with regard to campaign finance, “it is really a Wild West standard right now,” in Lakewood, and that he supports this proposal for reform.

Rader says that he drew upon the work of other communities which have implemented similar reforms. Many cities in other states have created local ethics commissions, and a growing number of Ohio cities have adopted local campaign finance limits.

Campaign finance rules have come up in Lakewood already, at least once. In 2010, Ward 2 council member Tom Bullock introduced a proposal for expanded transparency in campaigns’ reporting; safeguards against fundraising from city employees; and study preparatory to a campaign finance limit ordinance.

That proposal ran into a wall of opposition from colleagues, including two other council members who denounced it in an open letter.

Mayor Mike Summers, who was also on city council in 2010, has criticized the new proposals in a statement to [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com).

But Bullock, now an at-large council member, thanked Rader for reintroducing the issue during the January 22 meeting. “Frankly it’s egregious that there are no [campaign finance] limits for municipalities, generally,” Bullock said.

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Left to right: Officer Scott Harner, Sgt. Steve Fioritto, Joseph Presley, Officers Michael Perhacs and Ron Bunner.

## Kufner Driver That Foiled Lakewood Kidnapping Is FOP Citizen Of The Year

by Ed Favre

Every year, the Fraternal Order of Police Western Cuyahoga Lodge #25 reviews incidents that may warrant a Citizen of the Year Award. The award is not always given, however this case in 2018 was certainly deserving.

At about 4:00 a.m. on November 3, 2018, Joseph Pre-

sley was working as a driver for Kufner Towing. He called Lakewood Police to report an accident at W.117th Street and Clifton Blvd.

Presley added that the driver of one vehicle forcibly took a female from the accident. He turned his tow truck around and began to follow the

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## Thank You Chas And Gordon Geiger And The Lakewood Fire Department

by Jim O’Bryan

Lakewood Fire Department’s C-Shift came back from a medical call involving a homeless man ending up in the Emergency Room at the Lakewood Family Health Center. When the firefighters got back to the station they still felt the need to help this homeless person further. The man had no socks, gloves, or shoes which are the bare minimum a human needs to survive outside in this weather. C-Shift Lakewood Firefighters gathered up some money from around the station and headed out to buy some basic clothing items to make sure he had a chance to survive.

They ran down to Geiger’s Lakewood at 14710 Detroit to get him some quality winter gear. It is where Lakewood-ites go for clothing. Geiger’s Lakewood and Chagrin Falls have made their bones with outdoor gear for all seasons. While the firefighters were shopping, why they were shopping became known by Chas and Gordon Geiger, who immediately said, “There will be no charge for these items,

we would also like to help out.” Funny, so many times over so many decades the name Geiger’s pops up in great stories about Lakewood like this.

At another fire call, another Lakewood Firefighter is telling a contractor about the homeless man and how everyone is helping out. The contractor mentions, “My brother runs a place to help homeless people, it’s called, Homeless Hookup.” Hearing that a call is made and the director said, “Yes, we would love to help this man.” So the information was sent back and forth and during that exchange, the director mentioned, “Boy I would love to buy a bus, and drive around the city giving these people clean clothes, food, baths etc.” Suddenly another person at the fire call said, “Well, I have an old motor home with a working shower, kitchen, and you can have it...”

This story does not end there, it is one of those great stories that could go on forever.

## Mid-Day Shoot Out On Delaware Ave.

by Jim O’Bryan

Around 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, on a quiet Lakewood street, Delaware, something happened that you never see on Lakewood streets: a shoot out.

It seems that a man was trying to sell four black youths guns out of a duffel bag as they drove around in a silver Chevy. The seller apparently got into the car to make the sale. One of the teens pulled a gun on him, they threw him out of the car and took off. He then got to his feet, grabbed his own gun, and chased after the car, shooting

at it as it headed east.

Two of the youths jumped out of the car, and ran east with the duffel bag of guns through backyards to Brown, then split up. One was described as wearing a red hoodie, the other in a gray hoodie with khaki pants.

Police spent the rest of the afternoon trying to track down the teens and get the story from the man who was selling the guns.

The man was a licensed gun-owner, and as of when we went to press, no charges had been filed.

## Bomb Threats At City Hall And Harding School

by Jim O’Bryan

As we were going to press Harding School, and Lakewood City Hall had been cleared because of a bomb threat.

Police called in RTA, as they have dogs that can sniff out explosives, drugs, gun powder, etc.

First they cleared Harding, then as City Council was

getting ready for their meeting, the dogs finished. Ward 4 Councilman Dan O’Malley said, “A bomb sniffing dog just walked by me!”

It seems that the threat was called into Lakewood, Washington. As they do not have a Harding School, those police contacted Lakewood, Ohio Police. Nothing was found.



# Hot Off The Deck

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pickup truck southbound on W.117th while he continued to speak with the Lakewood Police dispatcher.

The first officer to arrive on the scene of the accident verified that a pickup truck had intentionally struck

the vehicle. Somebody then pulled the female driver out of her car and forced her into the pickup truck. Another female occupant was left in the car.

Presley continued to follow the suspect vehicle while giving Lakewood dispatchers information on his location. Lakewood officers were able to catch up to the pickup truck as it pulled into a parking lot near I-90. Two males in the truck were subsequently arrested for kidnapping. No weapons were found. The female was rescued and had suffered minor injuries from the accident but was otherwise OK.

Further investigation found that one of the males was the father of the female's two children. He had tracked her down in Lakewood and tried to stop her near W.117th and Madison Avenue. When she refused to stop

for him, he rammed his truck into the driver's door of her car, pushing it across W.117th. The female was able to drive away, with him chasing her. When she reached Clifton Blvd., she attempted to turn around in a gas station lot but was rammed a second time. Her vehicle was then pushed up onto a curb and became disabled. The male then pulled her out of the car and forced her into the truck and took off.

Lakewood officers working that night believe that the female would have been seriously injured or killed by the male if Presley had not followed the vehicle and alerted Lakewood Police. For his actions that night, Joseph Presley was given the 2018 Fraternal Order of Police Western Cuyahoga Lodge #25 Citizen of the Year Award at the Lodge's January 2019 meeting.

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George (at-large) also praised Rader's proposal. Council president Sam O'Leary (ward 2) said he was "looking forward to a good discussion."

Council referred both of Rader's proposed ordinances to the Committee of the Whole. A schedule for committee discussions has yet to be announced, but Rader says he will provide updates on his web site and social media, and encourages the public to be part of this debate.

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## Mike And Mary Bring Special Valentine-Themed Concert To The Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

The jazz/pop duo of Mike and Mary specializes in the music of the Great American Songbook. Mike Elkins is an accomplished pianist who performs with a number of area bands, while vocalist Mary Osburn has a background in musical theatre and jazz standards.

Since the date of their concert, Sunday, February 10, 2109, is close to that of Valentine’s Day, Mike and Mary will take the opportunity to explore the theme of love -- with all of its joys and sorrows. They will perform some of the most beautiful love songs ever written by composers such as Rodgers and Hart, George and Ira Gershwin and Cy Coleman.

Mary has loved music her entire life. When she was a baby, her mother played Artie Shaw's "Begin



the Beguine" to soothe the colicky Mary. Mike studied jazz piano with Cleveland jazz legend, Hank Kohout. In deciding which pieces to perform, Mike and Mary look for songs with "beautiful melodies, harmonic sophistication, meaningful lyrics and emotional impact."

Mike and Mary’s concert takes place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.



## Great Lakes Theater presents "Treasure Island" At Lakewood Public Library

by Amy Kloss

Picture a pirate. Does he have a peg leg, a tricorn hat, a saber at his side and a parrot on his shoulder? You’ve just conjured Long John Silver, the pirate from Robert Louis Stevenson’s 1883 classic, “Treasure Island.” Stevenson gave us this indelible image, as well as an enduring adventure story. Now the Great Lakes Theater is bringing its version of “Treasure Island” to Lakewood Public Library.

On Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, Great Lakes Classics on Tour will present playwright Eric Schmiedl’s adaptation of “Treasure Island.” Each season, Great Lakes Theater presents a fully staged touring production for school-aged children that visits public venues in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties. Inspired by classic literature, these performances also intend to send a strong social message.

Born in Scotland in 1850, Robert Louis Stevenson was inspired by his travels through Europe, America and islands in the Pacific. When his health went into serious decline in the 1880s, he was often bedridden and spent his time writing, producing some of his most famous works, including “Treasure Island” and “Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.”

“Treasure Island” tells the story of Jim Hawkins, a young boy working at his parents’ tavern. He befriends an old pirate, who gives Jim a map pointing to an island where treasure is buried. Jim goes off on an adventure at sea, complete with mutinous pirates led by Long John Silver and a battle for the buried treasure. Schmiedl’s adaptation takes elements of Stevenson’s story, emphasizing adventure and fun. The actors, who use clowning, slapstick, puppetry and music to tell Jim’s tale, will stay for a post-show question and answer session.

## Mr. Alex's Magic Show

by Marge Foley

Abracadabra! Hocus pocus! Alakazam! Witness an amazing display of tricks and illusions and be dazzled by this performance when Lakewood Public Library presents Mr. Alex’s Magic Show. Children and their families are invited



to join in the magical fun as Mr. Alex executes fascinating tricks and amazing illusions. Classic magic fills this child friendly presentation that will be a delight for all ages. These mystical maneuvers will take place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room, which is located in Children’s and Youth Services. This show is free and open to the public and no registration is required. For details about other youth programs at the Lakewood

Public Library, please call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)

## Sharing The Dream

by Marge Foley

These beautiful handmade cards were crafted by students attending a program at the Lakewood Public Library on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. After stories and a song celebrating King’s life and legacy, the participants

had fun making a greeting card to warm the hearts of nursing home residents. The cards will be distributed to folks living in a local facility. Each child took home a booklet about the life of Dr. King to cut and color, a song sheet, and a bookmark.



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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Author Event - “The Super Ladies: A Novel”  
by Susan Petrone

Three middle-aged Cleveland women face conventional problems: sending a child to college, dealing with a stale marriage. But changes are coming. Margie, Katherine, and Abra are feeling a new power inside of them – literally. Of all the things they thought they’d contend with as they got older, not one of them considered they’d be becoming superheroes. At once a delightful and surprising adventure and a thoughtful examination of a woman’s changing role through life’s passages, “The Super Ladies” is larger-than-life fiction at its very best.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Non-Fiction Book Club

Come and join the conversation with our newest book club. There are sure to be serious and thought-provoking discussions about many subjects inspired by these non-fiction works. Tonight we will discuss “The Great Halifax Explosion: A World War I Story of Treachery, Tragedy, and Extraordinary Heroism” by John U. Bacon.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Film - “Silverado” (1985) Directed by Lawrence Kasdan  
Presented by Terry Meehan

Loner Emmett (Scott Glen) saves sweet-faced Paden (Kevin Kline) from death in the desert. The two of them then spring Paden’s brother, Jake (Kevin Costner) from jail. Joining up with the trio is Mal (Danny Glover), a black man who is out to avenge the death of his father. The four ride into the next town, Silverado, where they encounter a crooked sheriff (Brian Dennehy) and a formidable saloon owner (Linda Hunt). Terry Meehan concludes his series on Westerns of the 1980s, introducing each film with an original video, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Concert - Mike & Mary: Valentine’s Day Special

Mike and Mary are a jazz and pop duo specializing in the music of the Great American Songbook. With Valentine’s Day in mind, the main theme of this program is love with all of its joys and sorrows. They will perform some of the most beautiful love songs ever written by composers such as Rodgers and Hart, George and Ira Gershwin and Cy Coleman, songs that perfectly describe what happens when people discover that fabulous feeling known as love.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Documentary - “Deej” (2017), Directed by Robert Rooy  
Presented by Peace by Piece

Abandoned by his birth parents and presumed incompetent, DJ Savarese (“Deej”) found not only a loving family but also a life in words. In his advocacy on behalf of other non-speaking autistics, he embraces filmmaking and poetry and discovers what having a voice can truly mean. Members of the local organization Peace by Piece work with adults on the Autism Disorder Spectrum and adults with Developmental Disabilities; they will be joining us to discuss “Deej.”

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Lakewood Historical Society - Who Killed RFK?: Fifty Years Later  
Presentation by Bev Sadowski

Robert F. Kennedy’s campaign for the presidency was reaching its zenith when he was struck down in Los Angeles in June 1968. What evidence exists to dispute the conclusion that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was the assassin? Forensic, medico-legal, eyewitness and recently discovered acoustic evidence will be presented, some of which was never presented at the trial. This examination of the case, fifty years later, seriously calls into question Sirhan’s role in this tragic event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Great Decisions in the Library - Russia’s Foreign Policy  
Led by Dr. Stephen Crowley

Under President Vladimir Putin, Russia is projecting an autocratic model of governance abroad and is working to undermine the influence of liberal democracies along Russia’s historical borderlands. How should the United States respond to Putin’s foreign policy ambitions? After a brief video, Dr. Stephen Crowley will lead a discussion and help to answer some of the complex questions surrounding Russian foreign policy.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

## Children And Youth

compiled by Jeffrey Siebert

Saturday, February 9

Sew Your Own Library Tote  
For anyone age 8 and up

Create your own unique and stylish tote bag in this hands-on, no experience necessary craft program. Registration required.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Homework Room.

Saturday, February 16

Family Music and More Presents: Mr. Alex’s Magic Show

Witness an amazing display of tricks and illusions and be dazzled by this performance. No registration required.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Film - “The Red Violin” (1998) Directed by Francois Girard  
Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Spanning four centuries, the red violin has survived a long, strange journey passing through multiple hands, including gypsies, English virtuoso Frederick Pope (Jason Flemyng) and Chinese Communists. Eventually the exquisite violin is delivered to Duval’s auction house in Montreal by Charles Morritz (Samuel L. Jackson), an expert in rare musical instruments. Morritz uncovers the violin’s real secret which is far beyond anything he might have imagined. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Performance - Great Lakes Classics on Tour: “Treasure Island”

What is the price of adventure? Venture out on the high seas with young Jim Hawkins as he searches for the lost treasure of Captain Flint. A brave band of actors embrace clowning, slapstick, puppetry, and music in the greatest pirate story ever told! Each season, Great Lakes Theater presents a touring production that visits nearly two dozen public neighborhood venues in Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, a classics-inspired, educational performance for school-aged children with a strong social message. The performance is fully staged with sets, costumes, music and puppets, and a post-show question and answer session with the actors. This adaptation was written by Eric Schmiedl, and is based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Genealogy Workshop  
Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unravel your history with professional results using the free Library Edition of ancestry.com and other resources. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Also, keep in mind that the Library Edition of the famous genealogy resource, ancestry.com, is free to use every day at the Library. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City” by Matthew Desmond.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Presentation: Person-first Language and Disability Legislation  
Presentation by Disability Rights Ohio

Since the landmark signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, certain rights for people with disabilities have been protected by law. This ensures equal opportunity in everyday life, including employment opportunities, purchasing goods and services and participating in state and local government. Three decades later, the struggle for equality is ongoing. A representative from Disability Rights Ohio will share the latest developments in legislation and its impact on everyday living for people with disabilities. Disability Rights Ohio provides legal advocacy and rights protection to a wide range of people with disabilities.

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Mark Angel, MD

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Hypertension is diagnosed when your blood pressure is greater than 140/90 on two or more office visits after an initial screening.

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### Change your diet

Adopt the DASH (Dietary Approaches

to Stop Hypertension) diet, which limits red meat, sugar and sodium and is rich in whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products.

Cook with fresh and frozen ingredients. Become an avid label-reader; choose low-sodium soups, meats, cheese and condiments, and use salt-free seasonings, such as basil, oregano and parsley.

### Lose weight

Losing as little as five to ten pounds can lower blood pressure and improve the overall functioning of your body by easing digestion, increasing energy level, reducing strain on joints and more.

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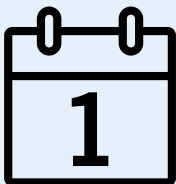
Regular physical activity strengthens your heart and helps it work more efficiently. As a result, your heart doesn't have to work as hard to pump, so the force on your arteries decreases and your blood pressure lowers.

Current recommendations call for 75 minutes of vigorous exercise or 150 minutes of moderate exercise a week.

"In addition to these lifestyle changes, continue to take any prescription blood

pressure medication, and avoid smoking, manage stress, and limit alcohol consumption," says Dr. Angel.

To make an appointment with Dr. Angel or another Cleveland Clinic cardiovascular medicine specialist, please call 440.695.4000. To learn more visit [clevelandclinic.org/loveyourheart](http://clevelandclinic.org/loveyourheart).



## Community Calendar

### Weight, Nutrition and Heart Health – What's the Connection?

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019  
5 to 8 p.m.

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# Lakewood Public Schools



These students were honored at the District level for their PTA Reflections artwork.

## PTA Reflections Ceremony Celebrates Student Creativity

by Christine Gordillo

The creativity and imagination of the Lakewood City Schools' students were celebrated at the annual Lakewood PTA Council Reflections Ceremony, held January 29 at Garfield Middle School. Seventy-three artworks from preschool through high school were honored. Of those 73 pieces of art, 28 were chosen to move on to the state PTA judging, with winners to be announced in late spring. Overall, 150 students across the eight PTA schools entered the contest.

The ceremony offered the young artists a chance to be recognized and congratulated by Superintendent Barmes, Board of Education members and other city leaders. Guest speaker was Lakewood High School graduate and Cleveland Print Room Executive Director Shari Wilkins.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in seven arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, visual arts and special artist. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was "Heroes Around Me."

Each school with a PTA can send up to 24 entries to the district level judging. Among works chosen for district-level recognition, the highest scoring works as deemed by a panel of judges evaluating on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme,

move on to Columbus to compete with students' work from around the state.

**The following students' work will move on to statewide judging:**

- Emma Bach**, Harding, visual arts
- Owen Bees**, Harding, photography
- Sara Bitter**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Zeylie Cheiky-Fakedej**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Ellie Clark**, Garfield, visual arts
- Amos D'Agostino**, Horace Mann, visual arts
- Anna Daso**, Harding, literature
- Nora Germaine**, Garfield, visual arts
- Riley Geyer**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Lillith Horschke**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Evelyn Jenkins**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Jacob Kvac**, Lakewood High, photography
- McKenzie Lane**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Isabella Lara**, Garfield, literature
- Sean Miller**, Grant, visual arts
- Deanna Patera**, Roosevelt, visual arts
- Emily Perry**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Anna Rigdon**, Lakewood High, literature
- Ursula Rosen**, Grant, music composition
- Claire Schuppel**, Lakewood High, literature
- Sarah Scott**, Garfield, visual arts
- Julia Thomas**, Lincoln, visual arts

## LHS Mock Trial Team Shines In Competition Debut

by Dan Shields

For the first time ever, Lakewood High School participated in the annual Ohio Mock Trial competition, sponsored by the Ohio Center for Law Related Education. Mock Trial is a program where students are given a case folder with facts and legal cases, and then present a trial. The participants act as lawyers and witnesses.

The students who participated in the January 18 competition were Lily Bacon, Laura Shields, Jason Melnick, and Cameron Levis as attorneys, and Hudson Fordu, Ivy Rook, Emma Pagsuyoin, and Jakob Hamilton as witnesses. Izzy Fallon served as the timekeeper, Max Gilliland served as the bailiff, and Emily McIntire served as the alternate lawyer/witness. Teacher Ron Lewis was the faculty advisor, while Lakewood attorney Dan Shields helped the team as legal advisor.

The trial was the State of Buck-

eye vs. Quinn Woolf. The main issue involved was the application of the Fourth Amendment to the search of Quinn's residence. Here, the question presented was whether the state could use evidence gathered by a drone flying over Quinn's house. It was a very detailed case, and the students worked for three months to prepare their case.

The Lakewood team tried two cases, one against Strongsville High School, and one against St. Edward High School. The team won the case vs. St Ed's, but lost a narrow decision to Strongsville. Junior Lily Bacon won 'Best Attorney' in the trial versus St. Ed's.

Said Shields about the team's debut performance at the competition: "The Mock Trial team should be very proud, as they competed well against more experienced programs. It was a great showing for the first year team!"



The LHS Mock Trial Team with adviser Dan Shields.

- Sebastian Tougouma**, Lincoln, visual arts
- Lillian Utrata**, Lakewood High, visual arts
- Meghan Walcheck**, Garfield, literature
- Tim Walcheck**, Garfield, literature
- Symon Worthington**, Harding, visual arts

**Joanna Wright**, Harding, visual arts

Congratulations to all our talented artists and to the hard-working Reflections Committee members.

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# Lakewood Public Schools

## Simcox Leads Swimmers With Conference Title

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to the Lakewood High swimming and diving team for a successful Southwest Conference Championship Meet that included sophomore Sistina Simcox winning a conference title. Many other Ranger swimmers and divers placed in the top 12 to earn points for their team as well.

Sistina led the way for the Rangers with her championship swim of 56.80 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle. She was also runner-up in the 200-yard freestyle and was a member of two relay teams that finished in 5th and 7th place. Also making it on to the awards podium were senior diver Joe Toole (4th), sophomore Ethel Woodford (5th in 200-yard IM) and the boys' 200-yard freestyle relay (6th) of senior Wilson Reynolds, juniors Parker Polen, Connor Peppard-Kramer, and sophomore Mateo Bussert. The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay finished 5th and included Sistina Simcox, Sophia Miranda, Ethel Woodford, and junior Alissa Leon.

Other individual point earners included senior divers Justin Crislip (8th), Sophie Sanders (12th), and junior diver Tru Smith (9th),



100-yard freestyle conference champ Sistina Simcox.

freshman Sarah Donaldson (9th in 100-yard breaststroke), seniors Nina Zanghi (10th in 100-yard backstroke), Marisa Campbell (11th in 200-yard IM & 12th in 100-yard butterfly), Sophie Sanders (12th), juniors Parker Polen (11th in 50-yard freestyle), Sophia Miranda (11th in 100-yard freestyle & 12th in 50-yard freestyle), and sophomore diver Acacia Uechi (10th), and Sam Saracina (12th in 500-yard freestyle).

Congratulations to all the swimmers and divers and coaches Doreen O'Malley, Adrienne Grande, and Denny Dyke!

## LHS Academic Challenge Team Headed Back To Nationals

by Christine Gordillo

Over the past couple months, the Lakewood High School Academic Challenge Team has competed successfully in two major tournaments. At the Solon Tournament in November, Lakewood finished fifth of 32 schools. At the Olmsted Falls Tournament four weeks ago, the team finished second of 38 schools. Because of that success, the team has qualified for the Regional Ohio Academic Challenge Tournament (OAC) in late April and the National Academic Quiz Tournament (HSNAQT) in Atlanta, Georgia.

The HSNCT is NAQT's premier high school event. The tournament is held at the end of each school year and features the top quiz bowl teams from across the United States and, increasingly, is now attracting teams from other countries. Over 350 schools will be attending the event in May.

Starting in February, the team will be competing weekly in our 10-team Southwest Conference matches and will also be attending several more Saturday tournaments, in preparation for the major end-of-year competitions.

The team will not be competing in the Channel 5 Academic Challenge program this year because it won the 78-school competition in the spring of

2017, so the team is excluded from the competition for two years per the rules of the show. The team will return to the program next fall.

Money is always a concern for the team when traveling to tournaments. Adviser Bob Sedlak says the team particularly needs help this year to defray the cost of the Atlanta trip. The team plans to take two teams – 12 students – to the tournament held May 24-26. Any contributions to help defray those costs is appreciated.

Sedlak and fellow teacher Peter Petto have been the co-advisors for the team for the past seven years, during which the team has won more than 90% of its matches with a dual meet record of 57 wins and 7 losses. With invitations every year to national tournaments, the champion of the 2016-17 Channel 5 Academic Challenge, and several conference championships, the team has grown from six members in 2012-13 to a current roster of 24 students and is one of the more popular clubs at LHS.

With strong leadership from co-captains and seniors Michael Ferrone and Tim Daso, the team is very optimistic going into the conference matches. We wish them luck in all the future competitions.

Below is a listing of team members.

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshman
Michael Ferrone	Aidan Bohac	Gina Marjanovic	Josh Mika
Tim Daso	Evan Bell	Simon Thompson	Joey Daso
Sasha Seckers	John Bobik		Jimmy Allio
Tyler Stallbaum	Alice King		Maggie Dineen
Alex Gutierrez	Kathryn Oleksa		Aidan Dever
Franc Lleshaj	Sydney Wilhelmy		Emma Hart
Abby Allio	Tristan Rumsey		Camille Seiler
Jacob Potter	Dalton Lammers		Sam Stallbaum

## Lakewood Soccer Association: Saturday Soccer Spring 2019 Registration

by John Hueter

The registration deadline is coming up soon for the spring season of Lakewood Soccer Association's Saturday Soccer program.

The deadline is Friday, March 8th. Registration cost is \$40 for the spring season. LSA still will take registrations after the March 8th deadline, but they are subject to a \$20 late fee.

There are a few ways to sign up. Visit the "Saturday" page of LSA's website, [www.lakewood-soccer.com](http://www.lakewood-soccer.com), and you can sign up with a credit card online. You also can print a registration form from the website and mail it to us.

LSA's six-week season of games



starts Saturday, April 6th. Games are played at Memorial Field in the Metro Parks on Saturday mornings at four time slots: 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Schedules are posted on the

website about a week before the season begins.

Registration is open to players age 4-14. Nearly 500 kids of all ability levels played on 40 co-ed teams, coached by parent volunteers, during the fall season. LSA has run a recreational soccer program for more than 35 years.

For those who register for the spring season, team assignments will

be emailed to them during the week of March 23rd. Team practices and league-wide footskills – U05 and U06 FUNDamentals with Coach Joe Julian, and U07-U14 footskills with Coach Mirsad Curri & Coach Andrei Plop - will begin the week of April 1st.

If you have questions, please visit [www.lakewood-soccer.com](http://www.lakewood-soccer.com).



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# Lakewood Cares

# Pop Up

*by Heidi Murray*

We didn't forget a word, no typos here. Lakewood Historical Society is moving and some exciting things are in the works. The society is transitioning into a new home, a home of our own! The new location at 13314 Detroit will house the library, archives, offices, work spaces and a gift shop/Pop-Up Shop. Our Mid-Century Modern building was designated as a local landmark, awarded Ohio Historic Tax Credits and has been undergoing renovations which are almost complete.



# Shop

The new space has a large lobby that is perfect for Pop-Up specialty sales which will augment our traditional sales at the Nicholson House. We're popping up for the first time just before Valentine's Day! On Saturday, February 9, from 10am-3pm you'll get a sneak peek at the new lobby/gift shop in advance of the grand opening, and delight in a wide variety of jewelry, decorative boxes and beautiful gift pieces including Waterford crystal. If you're shopping for a special someone (and that someone might be you!) don't miss this one-day sale. Fill in the word JEWELRY on the February 9th square on your calendar, and keep an eye out for other Pop-Up sales. For more information visit [lakewoodhistory.org](http://lakewoodhistory.org) or call 216-221-7343.



*Bryant Carroll on the set of "Happyish" with comedy superstar Kathryn Hahn.*

# HBO Star Bryant Carroll Teaching Acting Classes In Lakewood

*by Eric Swinderman*

Star of stage and screen, Bryant Carroll of HBO's critically acclaimed "Boardwalk Empire" and Showtime's "Happyish" will be teaching Scene Study and Auditioning classes for both adults and teens at the newly opened West Side Actor's Studio on Madison Avenue.

Carroll, who grew up in Cleveland, started his career dancing with Cleveland Ballet and Cleveland Opera, has worked with such Hollywood heavyweights as Steve Buscemi ("Reservoir Dogs," "Boardwalk Empire"), Kathryn Hahn ("Happyish," "Bad Moms"), the late great Michael Clarke Duncan ("Green Mile"), Tommy Chong (Cheech & Chong), Dan Lauria ("Wonder Years.") His latest movie was filmed right here in Lakewood, the dark comedy "Anhedonia," starring Breckin Meyer ("Clueless," "Road Trip") and Emily Kinney ("The Walking Dead") and Giselle Eisenberg ("The Wolf of Wall Street," "Life in Pieces.")

"Blue Bloods" Actor Shaun O'Hagan credits Carroll for much of his success as an actor. "When I started working with Bryant my bookings increased by ninety percent," said O'Hagan.

## Adult Scene Study & Audition Class

This class is geared towards adults wanting to learn how to break the scene down and make split decisions that

will help you book jobs and get paid! The first week begins with an evaluation of where the student is and where they need to go. In the following weeks students work on prepared scenes that will be analyzed and workshopped

## Teen On Camera & Audition Class

In this six week class students, ages 13-17, learn the dos and don'ts of auditioning as well as the art of scene study. Students will learn how to break a scene down to get to the heart of each scene. They will also learn how to create the emotional arc that is needed to bring a fully fleshed out character to life. Final scenes are taped each and emailed to each student so that they can see what progress has been made.

The class is limited to 10 students and is scheduled for Saturdays, beginning February 9 from 10am-1pm.

Creative Director of West Side Actor's Studio Eric Swinderman is very excited to offer this service to Lakewood and the surrounding areas. "Lakewood is very lucky to have access to an actor of Bryant's experience and caliber," said Swinderman. "Anyone looking to break into the business from this area, needs to be in this class."

Westside Actor's Studio is located at 15022 Madison Avenue on the corner of Elmwood. For more information and to enroll, visit [www.westsideactorstudio.com](http://www.westsideactorstudio.com)

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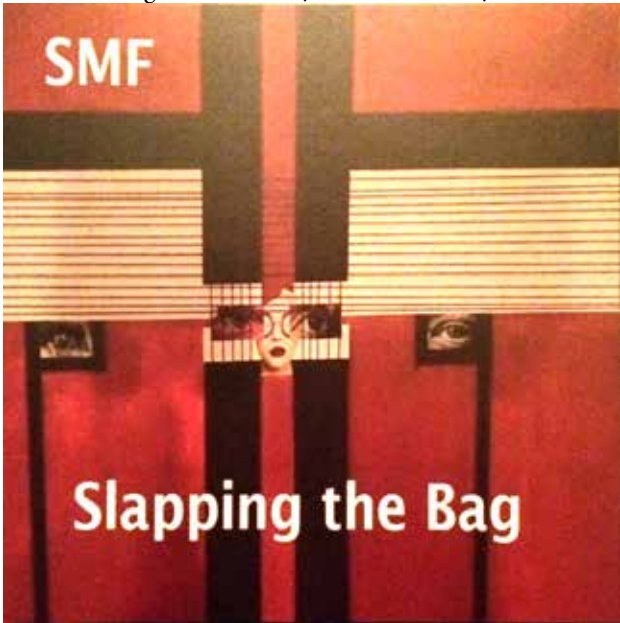
Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 84

by Buzz Kompier

**Stinky Monkey Finger - Slapping The Bag - DF Records - 13 songs - CD**

I tend to get a build-up of stuff to review (especially CDs, since I usually let records get priority) and so I've misplaced the envelope this was sent in but I believe this...group? project? has something to do with Dennis Baker, whose work I've reviewed here before. (I confirmed this when I looked up where to get the CD— see below). This is a weird one. Somewhere close to half of it is lo-fi acoustic sorta-indie rock, sometimes featuring synth and/or drum machine as well, which is most reminiscent to me of the lo-fi acoustic songs on a Guided By Voices record. That's the nearest comparison I can draw, I'd say. However, instead of then kicking into a full band tune like "Echos Myron" or whatever after one of these songs, Stinky Monkey Finger instead goes into full experimental weirdness. Some of these songs, like "Jazzy Jeff Becomes A Pig" and "ZLT" have a kind of quality to them that makes me want to say they're kind of like the aural equivalent of stumbling across some strange video online, the kind of video that there's nothing nec-

essarily wrong with it in any kind of tangible sense, but you just feel like it wasn't exactly made for you to see— and yet it's there, available to be seen (or heard) by the general public, so clearly in some sense it was meant for you to see. And then there's "I Won't Ask," which is a rather melodramatic piano piece with some keyboard strings and opens with "Have you ever opened an envelope? I mean really opened it up?" Is this song a joke? If it's a parody, it's an interesting one, and if it isn't, well, it's an abrupt change of gears that doesn't really mix with anything else on here. That's kind of my question at the center of this whole thing. I genuinely can't tell how much of this is at least somewhat tongue-in-cheek and how much is entirely serious. In any case, some



of the more normal songs ("Have You Met Me?" and "I Fold You," for example) are not bad, and while I still don't know what to make of certain parts of the rest of it, it makes for an intriguing listen. 3.3/5

(I can't even find where you can get the CD! You can listen to some of these at [soundcloud.com/dennis-baker-13](https://soundcloud.com/dennis-baker-13) and perhaps contact the artist through there)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email [vaguelythreatening@gmail.com](mailto:vaguelythreatening@gmail.com) or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Lakewood Overture: An Introduction

by Paul Stringer

Over 26 years living in Lake Shore Towers I look back on writing a book in the efficiency I lived in, now in my one bedroom apartment, my library of three books and hundreds of notebooks is a dream as far back as when I was fifteen. I'm now fifty-five.

Originally growing up in Cleveland, Lakewood has been a mainstay for over half my life.

I have performed comedy clubs as well as poetry readings with the same impact: Get people to think in terms of the true reality of infinite chaos.

It is important for me to stress hockey as a down-to-earth way amidst the chaos to understand a rough sport played by generally the finest gentlemen in the world.

Lakewood itself has St. Edward High School which has more state titles in hockey than any other high school in the state.

I played hockey at St. Ignatius High School which is where I started to write. Defending state champs are now St. Ignatius. The new hockey powerhouse. The same powerhouse they were when I gave a talk to a Creative Writing Class at St. Edward three years ago.

Living in Lake Shore Towers is an honor. The building has a history of well-known tenants. Gangsters such as Al Capone and Law Enforcement Agent Eliot Ness both resided here. A criminal and a crimefighter. Movie stars such as Marilyn Monroe have come to abide.

It is the oldest building on the Gold Coast in Cleveland's finest suburb. A suburb I reflect on my CD cover for my album "Between." It features an open kiwi with a blue background. St. Ignatius' colors are blue and gold. St. Edward's colors are the green and yellow of the kiwi.

Yes, after the talk I gave at St. Edward I am fruitful about that school, as opposed to now being blue about St. Ignatius. I am no longer gold about it.

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The Rockport Miracles - Part 4: Episode 2:

"The Ballad Of Derecho Dan"

*Fiction by Scott MacGregor*

They didn't call him "Big Dan" for nothing. Standing tall at 6'4" and weighing 280 lbs., "Big Dan" was built for power and he needed every calorie of it to do the hard work that rolled up everyday to the Gas & Lube. His wife, Wilmena, was a strong, firm and clear thinking woman. Large boned and big hearted, Wilmena Newman knew how to take care of her boys. Each day she showed up at the Gas and Lube before noon carrying the boys' lunches and dinners which invariably consisted of her famous tuna salad sandwiches, lunch box sized bags of Dan-Dee potato chips, and ice cold 8 oz. bottles of Coca Cola. The deliciousness of her tuna salad was so well known in Rockport, the Gas and Lube began selling "Mrs. Dan Tuna Salad Sandwiches" alongside the windshield wipers and spark plugs. No one knew why her tuna salad tasted so good or dared ask for her recipe. There were rumors swirling about town that it had something to do with dill, but it was never confirmed.

Their only child, Dan Newman III (aka "Little Dan") worked at the Gas & Lube after school and on weekends. At 6'5" and 300 lbs. he was "little" in name only. Little Dan pumped gas, towed cars, picked up parts and ran the "Tire Corral" that Old Dan Sr. had started way back in 1920. Little Dan would



organize discarded and worn tires that could still hold air and then sell them to people that needed something cheap and made of rubber. Assisting him everyday in this task was his beloved Boston Bull terrier that he called "Boston Dan" or "BD" for short.

BD was smaller and a might homelier than usual for his breed. He looked like a mutant Holstein cow in miniature. Big Dan used to say that BD was made from the parts of Boston Bulls that people threw away. He had a crooked back leg, one floppy ear and one straight ear, and a tongue that hung out of the side of his mouth. The

proportions of his head were small for his body making his sad brown eyes look big and bulgy. His forlorn looks endeared him to everyone who patronized the Gas & Lube. A good helper, BD would fetch small tools for the mechanics or issue authoritative glares and yips toward any customer he didn't recognize. His favorite thing to do was play in the Tire Corral. After running and climbing through all the freshly sorted tires he would crawl inside the biggest tire he could find and go to sleep in it. Life at Big Dan's and Little Dan's Gas & Lube was sublime in those years, and as constant as the stars in the sky.

Then, Rockport's "storm era" began. At first the storms created a windfall for the Gas & Lube. Their repair business saw a huge increase and townspeople knew their pumps were always dependable. But, Big Dan was worried. Though situated squarely in the middle of "Storm Alley," the Gas & Lube was miraculously shielded from the storms by the Lincoln Casualty Insurance building next door. Big Dan was worried because the fate of his family and business depended on the survival of a 4-story orange brick building made from post-war prefab materials.

The irony of prospering while so many suffered was not lost on Big Dan and Mrs. Dan. Feeling blessed, they used the Gas & Lube to stage food and clothing drives to help storm victims. When the "Miracle at St. Swithun" attracted thousands of people from all over the world to Rockport, they created a shuttle service to deliver religious pilgrims to and from the site. The pilgrim shuttle profits were then donated to Rockport Hospital.

When Mrs. Dan entered a national contest to invent a new slogan for the leading brand of canned tuna, her old saying that tuna fish is "like peanut butter from the sea" won the top prize. She then donated the \$1000 award to help build a memorial for victims of Rockport's ill-fated Christmas tree bonfire (also known as "Storm 1.1").

And then one day, the Lincoln Casualty Insurance Co. went out of business. Thousands of storm damage claims had driven them into insolvency. Big Dan was real worried, now. Without the protection of the 4-story

Lincoln Building, the Gas & Lube wouldn't stand a chance.

Then, Storm 4.6 struck and the abandoned building lost a third of its roof. All of the windows on the building's north side blew out during storm 4.10 and storm 4.12 caused the remaining roof to fall in. After that, it became just a matter of time.

Big Dan and Mrs. Dan prayed and kept faith that the freakish weather would end before the Lincoln building did. As Year 5 of the storm era beckoned, the building was barely hanging on. It had lost all of its windows and suffered a partial collapse of its north wall. It was storm 5.2, a perfectly wicked derecho, that delivered the fatal blow. After that storm had passed, the Lincoln Casualty Insurance Co. gave out a final, pitiful groan and crumbled into a massive orange cloud of brick and asbestos dust.

Now that the building was gone, the Gas & Lube was exposed to the destructive power of the mysterious storms. Storm 5.2 tore off the iconic "Gas & Lube" sign that Old Dan Sr. had erected way back in 1916. It tossed the 7-Up machine around like a pack of Lucky Strikes, and the gas globes that sat on top of the pumps were never seen again. The damage wasn't so great, however, to keep Big Dan's and Little Dan's Gas & Lube from opening for business the very next day.

Meanwhile, 'Little Dan' had been living comfortably in denial. He didn't think an end was near because he didn't think about it at all. An uncomplicated, soft spoken and genial fella, Little Dan just wasn't a big picture kind of guy. His family's business had been his past, it was his present, and it was to be his future because that's what his mama told him. He wasn't ready for a world without his parents, his job, his mom's tuna salad, and his beloved BD.

But, when storm 5.5 rolled in with a vengeance, Little Dan's perfect world would change whether he was ready for it or not.

NEXT: Part 4: Episode 3: "The Ballad of "Derecho" Dan" continues  
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LakewoodAlive

# LakewoodAlive Honors Volunteers With Annual Appreciation Breakfast

by Matt Bixenstine

As the saying goes, it takes a village. This is certainly true in the case of LakewoodAlive, a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization that relies heavily on community members to help fulfill its mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods.

LakewoodAlive hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday morning, January 18, in the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park. The event, attended by more than 60 volunteers from throughout the community, featured coffee, waffles and stories of remarkable volunteerism. LakewoodAlive recognized the nearly 750 volunteers who, in 2018, contributed their time and talents to supporting the community-centered nonprofit organization and to helping improve quality of life in Lakewood.

Volunteer Champion Awards were bestowed upon the following individuals for their outstanding service to LakewoodAlive:

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Lauren Brocone, Brenda Gravelle, Tiffany Hickey, Nate Tomasch

A special award is bestowed each year to volunteers who demonstrate uniquely exceptional commitment to LakewoodAlive. The Laskey Service Award was named for Tim Laskey, a founding member of LakewoodAlive. This year's Laskey Service Award recipients are Tim Dewald and Dianne Needles.



Volunteer Tim Dewald (center) accepts the Laskey Service Award from Board President Brittany O'Connor (left) and LakewoodAlive Executive Director Ian Andrews (right).

Tim, a member of the Marketing Committee, serves as a volunteer videographer, devoting countless hours to shooting video at LakewoodAlive's community events and housing projects. Thanks to his dedication and talent, LakewoodAlive looks forward to unveiling a "brand anthem" video in the coming months. Dianne oversees Onix Outreach, a charitable arm of Onix that strives to provide assistance to the underserved within our community. In this role Dianne has been instrumental in supporting LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program with everything from furnishing tools to providing volunteers for projects.

"We can't begin to express our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support we receive from our family of dedicated volunteers," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director for LakewoodAlive. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for Lakewood, and for helping us fulfill our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods."

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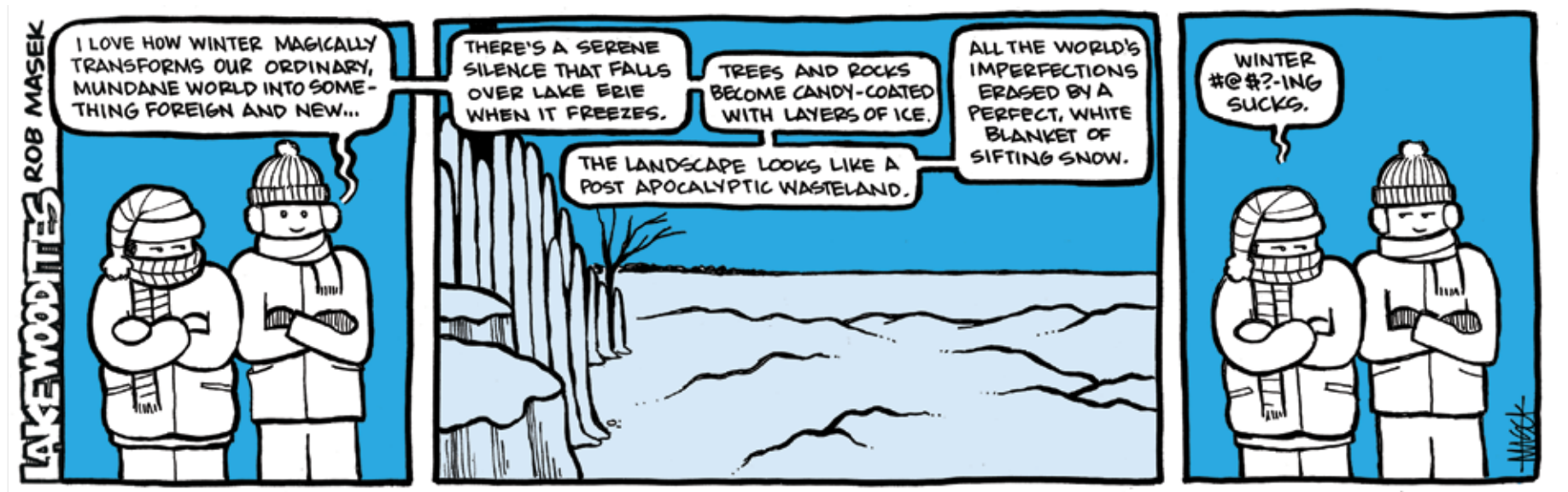
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