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Uncle Jim Kurt's "How-Is-It-This-Easy?" Hummus & Pita Chips

For Hummus:
 3 cans chick peas, drained & rinsed
 2-3 Tablespoons olive oil
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 1 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)
 4 cloves crushed garlic
 Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients in a food processor or blender until smooth and creamy. Add more or less olive oil and lemon juice to adjust to desired consistency and taste.

For Pita Chips:
 1/2 cup olive oil • 3 cloves crushed garlic
 1 Tablespoon kosher or sea salt
 1 Tablespoon ground black pepper
 1 package pita bread

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix together olive oil, garlic, salt, and pepper. Cut pita into triangles and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush pita with oil mixture.
3. Bake for 15 minutes or until crispy golden brown. Serve with hummus and assorted raw vegetables.

Perfect for Parties!

Hey, Kids!

There is still time to enter the Dear Santa contest! Send us your Letter to Santa, making sure to include the good deed you did in 2009.

Each entrant will receive a Boyk yo-yo, and the winner will receive the top item on their list, up to \$500. Send entries to

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Cases of Interest our office is handling

38-year-old woman was told by her doctors that she had cancer. After she underwent a complete hysterectomy, it was discovered that an error was made and that the woman never had cancer at all.

56-year-old woman goes to hospital for routine testing. The nurses drop her while carrying her to the bathroom, causing her to need surgery and an extended nursing home stay to treat her broken right tibia.

20-year-old college student was rear ended, causing serious injuries to her head, neck, and chest. The woman also suffered a concussion and spent five days in the hospital.

71-year-old man suffers severe burns and permanent scarring after his legs were kept in a medical motion machine for over 15 hours too long after surgery.

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Owens nursing students take on college with lawsuit

Nursing students at Owens Community College may not be able to look forward to the "seamless transfer" that the school promoted after it was discovered that the Owens nursing program lost its accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

The attorneys at Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC have filed a lawsuit in the Wood County Court of Common Pleas on behalf of nursing students who feel they have been misled by the college.

The lawsuit alleges that Owens Community College did not fulfill the obligation to their nursing students to maintain its accreditation status. It also claims Owens failed to inform their students that it lost

their accreditation. Attorney Chuck Boyk was interviewed by local news stations including WTOL, Fox 36, and



Channel 13's Andre Grimes interviews Chuck Boyk

13 ABC on the Owens issue. During his interviews, Chuck said Owens committed a bait-and-switch. "Owens promised through their 'seamless transfer' advertisements that the students would get a good education that had some value because there was accreditation. Now that's not the case," he said. "Owens should be ashamed of themselves."

The suit also alleges that

Owens was informed that they could lose their accreditation in 2007, and then was stripped of the accreditation in July 2009. Under those circumstances, Owens had an obligation to inform the students about the accreditation loss instead of allowing them to enroll in fall semester unaware.

Accepting tuition money through the nursing students' See Owens nursing, pg 2

Over 125 Yaz birth control lawsuits filed in U.S.

Yaz birth control lawsuits are now being handled under multi-district litigation out of the Southern District of Illinois. The attorneys in our office are handling a large number of these cases, as women have approached us with serious health problems while taking Yaz birth control. These health problems have included stroke, heart attack, blood

clots, gallbladder removal, and pulmonary embolisms. There are also emerging medical links to support these claims, as cited in two recent articles by BMJ, a British Medical Journal.

A recent article by Law.com reported that there have been 129 lawsuits filed against Bayer Corporation as of October 8, that are related to Yaz birth control or its generic

form, Yasmin birth control. Yaz and Yasmin account for \$1.8 billion of the Bayer's total sales. If you or someone you know has suffered serious health problems while taking Yaz birth control, you need information. Order your free copy of our Yaz Birth Control Special Report by calling 800.637.8170 or by visiting www.YazInjuryLawyer.com.

Boyk Law Offices team up with Kiss FM to build local woman a new home

In a span of two months, Lupe Ramos lost her 13-year-old son, Jose Renteria, and her brother, Leonel Ramos, 20, in a car accident, and lost her home to a fire.

After hearing about the tragedies on 92.5 Kiss FM, our office wanted to help. In conjunction with Steve Remy and the Andrew Z in the Morning Show, Siravo Construction, Deb Wintersmith, Deb Gyori and Jim Potter of ReMax, and Shannon McCarthy of

Service Masters, Charles E. Boyk Law Offices created the Love for Lupe project.

Through the amazing support and donations of local businesses and individuals, Love for Lupe was able to gather enough materials to build Lupe, 29, and her two surviving children, Leslie, 7, and Jaime, 6, a brand new home.

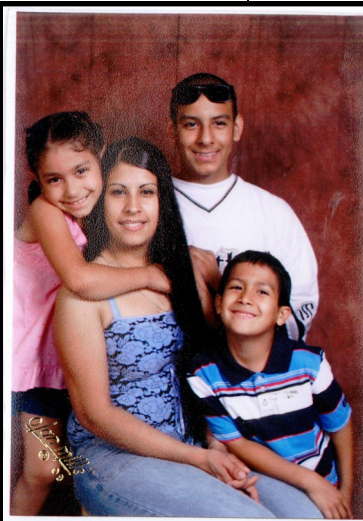
The old home was demolished in November, and construction has already started on the new house. While it is hard to promise an exact move-in date, Love for Lupe would love to have the home completed by Christmas of this year.

"We are so excited to help Lupe Ramos," Leslie Rombkowski, our office manager, said. "She is a very deserving person, even outside of the tragedy that she has experienced at such a young age. The kindness and

grace she has shown others even after she lost everything is simply amazing."

Volunteers are still needed to build the home, and there are materials on the build list that the Love for Lupe Project must obtain before the home can be completed.

If you would like to help in this life-changing project, call our office at 800.637.8170, Deb Wintersmith at 419.902.0996 or visit www.LoveForLupe.com.



Lupe's family during a happier time. Left to Right: Leslie, Guadalupe, Jose, and Jaime



Lupe Ramos stands in front the home's remains

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enrollment can be viewed as fraudulent misrepresentation. Had the students known in July that the nursing program had lost its accreditation, they might have had time to transfer to another school. With Owens only releasing in October the fact that they lost their accreditation, it was too late for the students to apply at a different school.

After the lawsuit was filed, our office requested that the court consider the case as a class-action.

The class-action would include all students at Owens Community College enrolled in the registered nursing program between July 1, 2009 and November 6, 2009 who are adversely impacted by the loss of the program's accreditation with the Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Since there are approximately 460 nursing students affected by the unaccredited program, a class action suit would be more practical than trying to file suit on behalf of each and every

student.

The nursing program problems also affect all registered nursing students as a whole. The legal questions, amongst others, common to the entire class include whether Owens:

1. Breached an implied obligation to students to maintain its accreditation status with the Nursing Accrediting Commission.
2. Breached a duty to disclose to the students that as early as 2007 it was in jeopardy of losing its accreditation.
3. Concealed information from students as to the status of accreditation at any time.
4. Made a fraudulent representation regarding its accreditation status to the students.
5. Committed an unfair or deceptive practice to students under Ohio's Consumer Sales Practices Act.

If you would like more information on the Owens nursing student lawsuit, contact our office at 800.637.8170 or visit www.CharlesBoyk-law.com.

The Boyk Distinction

As a service to our clients and friends, we offer free membership into our Key Return Program.

Each person receives a key tag that is designed to help lost keys find their way home. Each tag has a number that is linked to your name. So, if someone finds your keys, we can easily get them back in your hands.

Whoever finds the keys will receive a reward from our office, so they have an extra incentive to return them.

Since its start two years ago, we have helped at least 20 sets of keys get back to their owners. If you or someone you know could benefit from this free program, contact Anneke at 419.720.4452 or email her at akurt@charlesboyk-law.com.

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Local gem provides one-of-a-kind jewelry

There is a jewelry store tucked away on Main St. in downtown Sylvania that is one of the gems of northwest Ohio.

The Rock Garden, owned by jeweler Jodi Cooke, has been at 5665 Main since 2003.

As a fine stone jewelry shop that specializes in custom designs, The Rock Garden provides customers with one-of-a-kind pieces that cannot be found anywhere. The secret to their uniqueness is the fact that Jodi designs and creates each individual piece by hand, from the sketch to the final product.



Jodi's storefront on Main St.

"Jewelry is so personal, and is often given during milestones," Jodi said. "I am honored to be blessed with these reflections of moments in time with my

clients, which is why I make sure their pieces are done with great care, thought, and meaning."

Jodi has been fascinated with jewelry ever since she was a little girl.

"I used to break apart my faux jewelry and hide the gems in my super-secret treasure chest (my mom's double boiler pan) under my bed," Jodi said.

She attended Bedford High School, and chose Sylvania as the location for her shop since her mother and grandparents grew up there.

Many of the employees at our office have used Jodi's expertise when finding jewelry to mark important events in our lives.

"My husband and I went to The Rock Garden to find the perfect wedding rings," Sally Ellis, our medical records analyst said. "Not only did they cost less than it would at a commercial jewelry store, but we have rings that no other couple in the world has!"

The Rock Garden would not be com-

plete without Jewels, Jodi's teacup Yorkshire terrier. At 9 years old, Jewels has been to work with Jodi ever since she came home from the breeders. Many customers come in just to see her.



Jodi Cooke & her dog, Jewels

The Rock Garden has extended its hours for the holiday season, and is open Mondays 10-5,

Tuesdays 11-7, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10-6, and Saturdays 10-4. Appointments are welcome outside of normal business hours and can be made by calling 419.882.3121.



From the sketch to the final product

Stay out of the doghouse with these holiday gift-giving tips

Jewels the Dog has seen countless men come through the door of her owner's store, The Rock Garden, at the last minute, hoping to find a present that will keep them out of the doghouse.

To throw these helpless guys a bone this year, Jewels has compiled the *Top Ten Ways to Stay Out of the Doghouse this Holiday Season*:

1. Never give a woman a Thigh Master or any other piece of workout equipment WHATSOEVER for an anniversary or Christmas present.
2. When your wife or girlfriend says, "Oh, isn't that pretty?," she is really saying, "I would LOVE it if you bought that for me!"
3. In my nine years of working at the Rock Garden with Jodi, I have never heard a woman say, "Oh, that diamond is WAY too big for my hand!"
4. I have only met one woman who wanted a garage door opener as a present (this is RARE, and in most cases, lethal - don't do it!).
5. Don't wait until the last minute to

buy the gift. Most women only expect you to take the time to be thoughtful three times a year: Christmas, anniversaries, and birthdays. You don't need to break the bank with your gift, women just want to know that they mean more to you than the time it takes to make the arrangements for a poker tournament.

6. Some retailers register gifts or already know your wife's or girlfriend's tastes. Always take advantage of a specialty shop like this. They can do the thinking and creating for you.

7. As tempting as it may be, never, under any circumstances, re-gift a present. If you don't know what to do with an old piece of jewelry, take it to a custom jewelry shop like the Rock Garden and have them reset the stones in a new design that suits your girl's tastes.

8. Don't be afraid to talk to your wife or girlfriend's friends. Not only will contacting them for ideas help you decide what to buy, but you might just score brownie points with them for being a thoughtful guy.



Jewels the Dog

9. Sometimes thinking of "firsts" can help you think of good gifts to give. Buy her a DVD of the first movie you saw together, a gift certificate to the restaurant from your first date, or a CD of music that was popular when you had your first kiss. Then write a little note explaining your purchase.

10. Whatever you decide to buy, accompanying the gift with a card is imperative. Find one that is meaningful, then hand-write a nice message. She will remember your words for years to come!