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Northeast Ohio Times show on PBS 45 & 49 features interesting people and places

*Authors Terry Pluto and Neil Zurcher interviewed;
Glamorgan Castle in Alliance visited*

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KENT, Ohio — Feb. 17, 2006 — From local news personalities who've authored new books to a castle inhabited by a school district, **Northeast Ohio Times** offers viewers an interesting look at our region's special people and places. The PBS 45 & 49 production airs on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. with local journalist and NewsNight Akron panelist Jody Miller serving as host. It airs again on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 10:30 p.m. and Friday, March 3 at 10 p.m.

Featured in the show are the following stories from the Akron-Cleveland area:

- Akron Beacon Journal sports columnist Terry Pluto now also writes a popular column about faith. He is the author of 24 books and, in this interview, discusses his newest book, *Faith and You: 28 Short Essay on Faith in Everyday Life*.
- Neil Zurcher, former host of the popular "One Tank Trips" travel series on WJW-TV in Cleveland, talks about his new book, *Strange Tales From Ohio*. Zurcher writes about unusual state occurrences and places, including Ohio's last public whipping in Minerva and cows who "race" in Geauga County.
- Glamorgan Castle in Alliance is the unlikely home of the Alliance City Schools administrative offices. The magnificent three-story structure that sits on 50 acres of land was completed in 1909 as the family home of Col. William Henry Morgan.
- Cleveland State University Librarian Bill Barrow talks about the Cleveland Memory Project that he founded. Its online site, www.clevelandmemory.org, includes images, manuscripts, texts, histories and e-books from the Special Collections of Cleveland State University.
- The All-American Soap Box Derby's new 2006 logo was the result of a contest held for youngsters between the ages of 12 and 18. Derby General Manager Jeff Iula talks about the winning entry.
- The Ravenna Fire Department recently acquired its newest piece of equipment — a 2006 Ford ambulance.

In the Medina/Wayne counties area, Miller talks about these special destinations:

- Dan's Dogs in Medina is renowned not just for its hotdogs served 35 different ways, but also for its full menu, homemade milkshakes and rootbeer floats.
- Lodi Library, which opened in February, reflects a community's unique needs, from wireless Internet to a buggy hitch in the parking lot for Amish patrons.
- In Wooster, a special store called Friendtique brims with clothing, jewelry, furniture, antiques and accessories. All proceeds support Hospice and Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County.

Then we visit these Mahoning County/eastern Pennsylvania-area attractions:

- Sekely's Longhorn Cattle Ranch in Ellsworth, Ohio, resembles a scene from the wild West.
- The Arms Family Museum of Local History in Youngstown is not a gun museum; rather, it is the home of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and former home of the Arms Family.
- New Springfield, Ohio, is a small town that is home to a huge gift shop of international renown: The Hummel Gift Shop.
- Just across the Ohio border in Hermitage, Pa., Hillcrest Memorial Park is the home of The War on Terror Memorial and the Avenue of 444 Flags. The park's founder talks about its special purpose.

Producer Duilio Mariola said the quarterly show spotlights the incomparable people, places and events that make northeast Ohio special. Attractions in the Mahoning County area also are featured.

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