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DEVELOPING DOWNTOWN



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As residency in downtown Youngstown grows, a demand for amenities such as hotels and grocery stores will become a likely next step for city developers.

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Downtown Youngstown has come a long way in the last decade, but there are some key pieces that are still lacking. Among those are a hotel, a grocery store and entertainment options that extend beyond bars, restaurants and theater.

With Youngstown sitting as a major rest stop for travelers journeying to cities such as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia and the growth of entertainment options — from bars to the Covelli Center — in the downtown area, a hotel is arguably the most essential piece of the puzzle.

Phil Kidd, the owner of Defend Youngstown and a community leader and activist in the Youngstown area, said a hotel has been a long time coming.

“We needed a hotel arguably 10 years ago, certainly at least five years ago,” Kidd said.

Dominic J. Marchionda, CEO of NYO Property Group, said the city will have to wait another two years, but it’s coming.

A “well-respected” name in the industry plans to operate a 110-room hotel in the Stambaugh Building. NYO Property Group intends to begin work on the project early next summer and anticipates it taking 12 to 18 months to complete.

NYO Property Group secured \$9 million in a combination of state and federal tax credits to fund

the project, which Marchionda estimates will cost between \$25 million and \$30 million. This includes \$5 million in historic tax credits, the most money Youngstown has received from the program.

The lack of a hotel downtown has limited the number of people who attend events in the city.

“When I was the events director for the City of Youngstown back in 2008, that was one of the number one questions I got asked,” Kidd said. “I had to tell them they were going to have to drive 8-10 minutes away in either Liberty or Boardman, and they couldn’t even understand that.”

He said people who want to travel in for downtown festivals plan on enjoying themselves, and they aren’t always eager to get into a car and drive several miles to reach their hotel, especially when they hope to have a few drinks before the night’s end.

In addition, people who have work at the federal courthouse or attend meetings at Youngstown Business Incubator would benefit from a downtown hotel. When lecturers, parents and visiting sports teams visit Youngstown State University, they can’t stay in town.

“I think that’s a landmark, bellwether type of project. When that is established, you know downtown is really on its way,” Kidd said.

With an increasing number of people living downtown, a grocery store is another bellwether project that, at this point, is a necessity.

“We’re getting enough people who are living

downtown or even working downtown that would want to be able to get their groceries. It’s one less stop they have to make on their way home or during the week,” Kidd said.

Marchionda said NYO Property Group came close to finalizing a downtown grocery store, but the deal fell apart when they were unable to obtain the necessary tax credits to see the project through.

“The building that we’re looking to put a grocer in needs an extensive amount of work on it, so getting the [tax credits] would be an integral part of that coming together,” Marchionda said.

They have not given up on the project.

“We’re still actively seeking a grocery store operator to entertain coming downtown to service the YSU campus and the immediate area,” Marchionda said. “It’s going to take a local grocer that is committed to the redevelopment of our city to take the chance.”

He said market studies confirmed that a grocery store would be supported downtown.

“I think if they do something a little bit different, a little bit outside the box, there’s no question, no doubt in my mind, that they’ll find it to be a success,” Marchionda said. “There is a captive audience in the student population and in the downtown business center.”

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Youngstown State University’s Zeta Tau Alpha chapter held their 14th annual Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic this Sunday. The Pink Ribbon Cheer Classic is a cheer and dance exhibition charity event in which various teams from around the area perform routines. Awards are also given at the event to the various donors and participants. After the event, ZTA announced they had raised \$131,092.89 this year. They also have now raised over \$1,000,000 over the past 14 years. All the proceeds benefit breast cancer research and awareness.

TEDx SPEAKER SERIES: Jamie Marich — Healer

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Youngstown State University’s upcoming TEDx Youngstown event will feature 14 speakers representing a variety of disciplines — 3-D printing, political science, magic, health — and Jamie Marich, a mental health and addiction counselor, will add to the list of “ideas worth spreading” with her knowledge of emotional healing in January.

Marich was from Youngstown, attended Chaney High School and can be considered a woman of many talents: writer, dancer, performer and clinical counselor.

“I love what I do,” she said. “I have a lot of different things

that I do. I still provide therapy to people; I teach dance classes to people through this real healing lens; I write and I teach. There’s basically four different parts of my career. I love all four of them. I’m the type of person where if I do just one thing, I get bored.”

Currently, Marich lives in Warren where she has her own private practice as a mental health and addiction counselor. She attended YSU for her undergraduate in American studies and history before receiving her Ph.D. in human services and counseling at Capella University. She started her career working in Bosnia, as an English teacher from 2000 to 2003, before she got her master’s in counseling.

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MY CITY HANGOUTS

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With Youngstown's unfortunate reputation of having nothing to do, many do not know where else to go besides the standard bars and restaurants that dot downtown. My City Hangouts seeks to offer some alternative options to Youngstown residents, students and visitors.

My City Hangouts is a website-turned-app, which is becoming a one-stop shop for deciding where to go each night. More than 200 businesses are a part of My City Hangouts.

Different businesses offer specials, student discounts and a variety of events that are made available exclusively from the app.

This app originally started as a website when Jeremy Morales, president and CEO of the company, and Kevin Arcuri, Morales' right hand man and senior account specialist, got tired of the "same old thing" and not knowing where to go in Mahoning Valley.

"With nothing to do and no place to go gives off the idea of a 'dead city,'" Arcuri explained.

The website has been up and running since 2011, and the app has been in use since last year.

Morales and Arcuri explained how their app is helping businesses all over the Valley.

"My City Hangouts gives a more consistent and closer relationship to businesses. By businesses participating in this app, gives them publicity, exposure and also gives a new perspective to a restaurant or bar," Arcuri said. "The business will give us all the information they wish to present, we go in and take pictures of the business front, inside and select menu options to display on their link."

Morales also said that the businesses that are part of this app, so far, have seen an increase of traffic in their business. He also noted that this gives each business the opportunity to be on an equal playing field with competitors.

My City Hangouts is partnered with the athletic and student affairs departments at Youngstown State University.

Sean Meditz, vice president of university affairs for YSU's Student Government Association, explained how My City Hangouts is working with YSU.

"[Morales and Arcuri] are also currently working with YSU athletics to promote YSU's athletic events," Meditz said. "I strongly encourage all students, living locally or commuting from outside of the Mahoning Valley, to download the free app. The application gives students the opportunity to find hangouts, bars, restaurants, events and much more that they would normally not have the chance to encounter."

The app also has a link to special YSU exclusives that give students discounts to the restaurants on campus, as well as exclusive offerings for the Scrappers, Phantoms, Covelli Center, Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course and a number of local restaurants.

My City Hangouts is hoping to expand to gyms, tanning salons, hotels and shopping centers.

Morales and Arcuri would like to stay local to the Valley's four counties. By staying politically and locally connected, they hope to become a household name when deciding where to go out or what to eat.



In the 1930's, Youngstown's streets were lined with shoppers frequenting a variety of businesses that once occupied the long abandoned downtown storefronts.

Less vital than a hotel or grocery store, but perhaps more exciting, particularly to students at YSU, is a movie theater.

There are a lot of multiplexes in the suburbs, but if someone wants to see independent films they have to travel to Cleveland or Pittsburgh. Austintown Cinemas filled this need for people in the Mahoning Valley, but it closed its doors in 2006.

"It would be great if we could see independent movies brought here because we don't currently have that option in the Mahoning Valley," Kidd said. "We have to capitalize on those niche things. Restaurants downtown have to be niche. They have to be something you can't get anywhere else, and I think so does the entertainment."

Marchionda sees the appeal a movie theater would have for younger people.

"A bowling alley or a movie theater, those types of things to make the downtown community more attractive to the YSU students, would be a huge step in the right direction to continue with the renaissance — but you need people to do it, you need people to step up and take some of the risk that goes with it," Marchionda said.

Dominic Gatta, another downtown developer, said though he has been focused on renovating the Gallagher Building, he is confident these types of attractions will appear eventually.

"Once we get more residential, those other things will come," Gatta said.

With more going on downtown, a lot of people are concerned about a lack of parking.

Kidd acknowledges the need for more parking, but says that people need to change the way they think about parking in Youngstown.

"This is becoming an actual urban center, an actual downtown, and if you were to go to downtown Cleveland or Pittsburgh or even Akron, you're going to have to park somewhere and walk a little bit," Kidd said. "In a place like the Mahoning Valley, we still have a suburban mindset because that's the way the majority of people live. They're used to parking right where they want to go, but that's not how downtowns work."

Cities often strive to maximize existing space, like by building upward, before turning otherwise developable land into surface lots.

"I think there's plenty of room for improvement with the space we have," Kidd said.

"There's plenty of valuable space that we could develop for parking without having to rip more buildings down or anything like that."

For example, Kidd pointed to Commerce Street, which is much wider than it needs to be given its current levels of traffic. It could be altered to enable metered parking from Wick Avenue to Fifth Avenue, similar to what exists on West Federal Street.

However, this is only a short-term solution.

"In the longer term, what's going to end up happening is we're going to need another parking deck at some point," Kidd said. "The only problem with parking decks is they're extremely expensive and they usually require some type of subsidy because they are so expensive."

This is why the city has pursued surface lots, but they are counterproductive to the idea of a downtown.

"The thing that makes a downtown attractive is its density, the fact that there are multiple things closely grouped together that are accessible by foot, and if we continue to keep peppering it all with surface parking lots, it dilutes what a downtown is and what creates the attraction for it," Kidd said.

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"I started there mostly as an English teacher and then came back having done a lot of social work while I was working over there, which is what got me interested in entering counseling and psychotherapy as a profession," Marich said. "For the last seven years or so, I've gone all over the country doing books and educational workshop about my specialty, which is trauma."

The title of Marich's talk is "Healing the Wounds That Keep Us Stuck," and it will be about how she perceives trauma and helps others to overcome it.

"I'm specifically going to be talking about how we experience trauma, whether it be a major level trauma or something that may not be the kind of trauma that gets you on the news. There are some traumas that have a clinical level of significance, but really we've all had trauma because we've all had unhealed wounding, and that if wounds we've gone through in life remain unaddressed or unhealed, they are going to impair our overall quality of life," Marich said. "I'm really approaching it at this angle that we as individuals, and really larger society, seems to be stuck from moving forward because these various degrees of unhealed wounds we've dealt with have impacted our ability to live."

Marich said she signed up for the event for a chance to be able to share her passion for healing with the rest of the world and wanted to take on the challenge of condensing her message to fit into the TED organization's strict policy that talks not exceed 18 minutes in length.

"TED talks are really becoming all the rage, especially over the Internet, and I've just been very impressed with the TED platform. I just think there is something about that format, and I love watching TED talks online and really getting the depths of someone's knowledge in that short period of time. I just think the format is becoming something that is all the rage," Marich said. "When I saw Youngstown was doing one, I was more than eager to get involved because I do a lot of major work ... talking all day about my subject matter. I really wanted the challenge of being able to put it into a nice concise piece that I can share at the event, and then hopefully in a larger format online."



MARICH

Marich, on top of specializing in counseling, has developed a program, Dancing Mindfulness, which helps to develop healing outlets for people through dance.

"I've been a musician all my life and a dancer all my life, and one of the angles that I really come at when it comes to healing emotional trauma and other mental health concerns is utilizing creative methods. Basically, anything that you do that is creative is more dynamically accessible in the brain and puts it in a better position to heal," Marich said. "I've been a musician all my life and often used music with my clients, and in terms of dance, the last couple of years I've developed a program called Dancing Mindfulness, which is something that I offer in our local area, and I also train people around the world in doing it. It's basically a method of using dance to teach dedication

and mindfulness principles, which can help with my bigger mission here, which is helping people develop outlets for healing."

Marich has also written three books, "EMDR Made Simple," "Trauma and the Twelve Steps" and "Trauma Made Simple: Competencies in Assessment, Treatment, and Working with Survivors." She said that her inspiration comes from her mentor Janet Leff, a social worker, and that she will be talking about Leff during her talk.

"I always credit my whole career to my mentor in Bosnia. She's an American social worker named Janet Leff. She's a social worker in Ohio, but I never met her until she moved to Bosnia in her retirement. Not only did she play a pivotal role in helping me doing a lot of my own healing, but she really got me interested in this whole field of helping others," Marich said. "Every success I have, I credit to having met her."

Marich added that she wants to keep raising awareness of how emotional trauma can have an adverse effect on one's health and to continue to encourage others to find different ways of healing this trauma.

"My goal in life really is to keep doing more of the same of what I'm doing, which is raising more awareness about how unhealed emotional trauma affects people. Whether I'm doing that with other professionals, like I have been for the last seven years, or whether I'm doing that with larger population audiences, I basically want to get people to see that in various degrees we are all kind of stuck in life. Sometimes, it's really big stuck points, sometimes it's other points, and so much of it comes down to we have stuff that's not been healed," Marich said. "I'm not saying we all have to run into professional counseling, but we all need to take a look at what it is that needs healed that's holding us back and just continuing to encourage people to explore creative solutions for giving that health and healing."

Marich expressed her excitement to be a part of the upcoming event.

"I am more than excited," she said. "I've just been in awe of the TEDx format for so many years now that to be able to have this opportunity is just delightful for me."

VILLA PROMOTES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



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Beyond providing fashionable shoes and clothing, Villa on Belmont Avenue also promotes improvement in the city through fundraisers and volunteer projects.

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To break the monotony of clothing stores across Belmont Avenue, Villa, a new clothing and shoe store across from Wal-Mart, had its grand opening Oct. 3-5. What separates this store from others is that it strives to be an active part of its community.

Jerome Justice, the store manager of Villa, said that a unique aspect of this store is its community involvement.

"We just want to give back to the community; we're partnering with PNC and we're going to do a financial seminar for high school kids, to help them get their priorities," Justice said. "To not just want to buy every release that comes out, but to save a little. There's other necessities that need to be bought as well."

The financial seminar is going to take place at Villa, and currently a date is not set, but will probably occur after the holidays. There is not another Villa within 60 miles of Belmont Avenue.

The store carries brands such as Nike, Jordan, Adidas, Converse, New Balance, Puma and Timberland. Justice said the store used to be a Sneaker Villa before the name was changed.

"It is a majority of shoes, because before they knocked off Villa it used to be called Sneaker Villa, but then when it went corporate it just became Villa," Justice said.

Despite the short time it has been in the area, the

store is already planning on making an impact in the community by setting up fundraisers for local schools in the area.

"We like to have different fundraisers for the community, and for some of our locations for back-to-school we'll have book bag giveaways or team up with a local barber and give the kids haircuts for back to school and different things," Justice said.

Justice said that the store opened on Belmont because they saw it as a place to stand out, and get community involvement.

"That's the main reason they didn't choose to go to the Boardman area, because they wanted to be community involved and have their own storefront, not be a part of a mall," Justice said. "They wanted to be niched into a community as much as possible."

Darian Bell, the assistant manager of Villa, said this community involvement includes the employees.

"Most of our staff is YSU students. We just want to give to people that are doing something, and we work around the student's schedules," Bell said.

Another way that Villa gives back to its community is by promoting up-and-coming musical and graphic design artists. After going through corporate, musicians can have their music video streamed on the TV in the store, and graphic designers have a similar opportunity to sell their line at the Villa.

"We cut them a check, and then we sell their products. It all depends on how inspired and motivated they are to getting their line out there," Bell

said. "If you're dedicated and really want your line out there, I think you're going to get the opportunity."

Students, whether they are interested in graphic design or music, are eligible for a 20 percent discount. Any student who shows a proper ID on Thursdays can receive a 20 percent discount, no matter what university they are attending. Younger students can receive this same discount if they present a progress report.

Bell said that Villa also projects a more personal atmosphere.

"It's a laid-back environment. A different feel from all the other stores in like the Southern Park mall," Bell said. "It's definitely more personal and we try to build a better repertoire with the customer. It's definitely more of an urban setup."

Justice said that the store has the potential to draw in customers and will continue to grow in later years.

"I have a lot of hope for it. I think it will do good — it's something different and I think it will bring a little flavor to a much needed area with a lot of potential. Hopefully, within a year or so we'll open up a second location — that's what one of my goals is," Justice said. "I want to just grow with the company. It's flourishing and the potential is just, you hold the key to your success."

He added that the store would have a Black Friday sale.

Villa's hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Brazilian President Wins Re-election in Close Election

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Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Sunday won a second term as the leader of the world's fourth-largest democracy in the nation's closest presidential election in more than two decades.

Her triumph came despite a sluggish economy, corruption allegations, discontent over the quality of public services and anger over the government's handling of two major international sporting events—last summer's World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Still, the victory will put Rousseff's leftist Workers' Party in power for 16 consecutive years, an unprecedented stint at the helm of Latin America's largest economy.

With 98 percent of the voted counted, Rousseff, 66,

an economist who became Brazil's first female president in 2010, had won 51.45 percent. Her opponent, Aécio Neves, a senator and former governor of Minas Gerais state, an important mining center, received 48.55 percent, according to the country's electoral officials.

Neves conceded shortly after the results. In brief remarks to supporters, he said he had called Rousseff and "wished her success in the conduct of her future government."

Rousseff performed best, as expected, in the country's northeast, which has had an economic boom and where poverty has dropped and the middle class has expanded in the 12 years that Rousseff and her predecessor and mentor, Luiz Inacio Lula da

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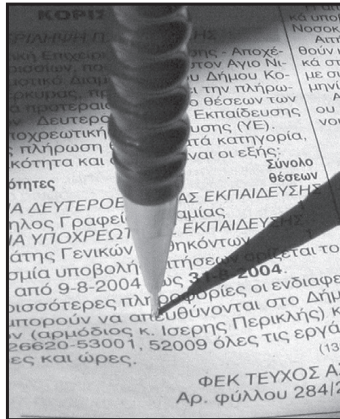
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On Sunday at the final Youngstown SOUP event, YSUscape, the first student group to enter a proposal for Youngstown SOUP, won \$375 as the winning proposal of the night.

YSU Hosts 200 Students for International Computer Programming Contest

More than 200 students from 21 universities throughout the region come to Youngstown State University Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, to participate in the International Collegiate Programming Competition.

Design Works Provides Services to Local Businesses

Youngstown Design Works, a design agency run by Youngstown State University graphic and interactive design students, will continue its program of providing design services to the community with an in-house program slated for Oct. 27-31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oak Hill Collaborative, 507 Oak Hill Ave., Youngstown.

'Core Economics' Author Speaks at Economics Club

Eric Chiang, author of "Core Economics," lectures 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, in Room 1112 of Williamson Hall on the campus of Youngstown State University. The topic is "Outsmarting Your Opponent, Using Game Theory in Everyday Situations." The lecture is free, open to the public and part of the YSU Economics Club's meeting.

Silva, have been in power.

She also appeared likely to have won Minas Gerais, where Neves had been governor.

Her win was due in large part to the belief among many voters that she remained the better candidate to decrease social and economic inequality in Brazil, which is a fundamental issue in a large developing country like Brazil.

"She favors the most needy and vulnerable," said Rousseff voter Daniel Theodoro, 39, after he voted near Sao Paulo's Plaza Republica in the rundown old historic center.

Another Rousseff supporter, Gabriela Luz, 29, said she thought Rousseff's government was more representative of Brazil. "I fear a government of Aecio represents a step backwards, and will be a government for the minority," she said.

Corruption and the stalled economy remain concerns, said Ms. Luz, who voted at the Colegio Sao Luis in the Bela Vista neighborhood in Sao Paulo. But she said she expected Rousseff to do a better job on those issues in her new term.

Given the narrow margin of victory, Rousseff is like-

ly to have to build bridges to Neves' Brazilian Social Democratic Party, a centrist party that has long been a bitter rival of the leftist Workers' Party.

In trying to unseat Rousseff, Neves campaigned on the economy, which contracted in the first two quarters of this year, hurt in part by the decline of global commodity prices and the impact of the slowing of growth in China, a major Brazilian trading partner.

The government's handling of Petrobras, the state-run oil giant also became a major election issue and was pushed hard by Neves. In addition to facing more recent corruption allegations, the company's bottom line has been hit hard going back to 2012 and oil production has sagged, forcing it to import oil.

Rousseff was particularly vulnerable on the Petrobras issues because she had chaired the oil company's board of directors before becoming president—a position that her supporters widely touted during her first presidential campaign.

Now she's embroiled in allegations of a kickback scheme involving the company.

Neves voter Celia Fidol, 47, who also voted at the Colegio Sao Luis, said Rousseff's handling of Petrobras was the main reason she voted for her rival. "The PT just broke Petrobras," she said, referring to the Workers' Party by its Portuguese initials.

Her views were also representative of many upper-class and some middle-class Brazilians, particularly in Sao Paulo state, the country's largest electoral state who have simply tired of Rousseff's party being in power. "I just want to be free of PT," she said.

The election campaign was filled with drama. In August, one of the candidates, Eduardo Campos, died in a plane crash. His running mate, Marina Silva, took his spot on the first-round ballot for the Socialist Party and was expected to challenge Rousseff in the runoff. But she came in third behind Neves in the Oct. 5 balloting.

Silva, who served as environment minister under Lula, endorsed Neves, lending credibility to worries among Brazilians who consider themselves leftists or progressives that Rousseff's Workers' Party had abandoned them.

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Virginia Ortega could decide who wins Colorado's Senate election.

A volunteer in a Catholic gift shop, she's worked all her life, picked cherries as a child, worked as a deli clerk and in food services at a jail. She cares deeply about the poor. And she's not impressed by what she's heard from politicians this year.

"All my life I've seen people ignoring the poor," said Ortega, a classic swing voter who's registered as a Democrat but also has voted for Republicans. This fall, she's disappointed in President Barack Obama, but not convinced the local Republican running for the Senate is the answer.

What will she do on Election Day? Not sure. "It's iffy," she said.

In Hispanic neighborhoods all over Colorado, Latino voters feel strongly that Washington has ignored them, and many warn they won't vote — a choice likely to make a big difference in this state's pivotal U.S. Senate race between Sen. Mark Udall, the Democrat, and Cory Gardner, the Republican.

Democrats disappoint Latino voters, who see little prog-

ress in revamping immigration or education policy, issues that resonate deeply in Hispanic communities. And they're just plain angry at Republicans, whom they see as intent on keeping Mexicans and Central Americans out of this country.

They had high hopes for President Barack Obama, who got 71 percent of the Latino vote nationally in 2012. Today it's easy to find many of those same voters thinking the same way as hair salon owner Connie Martinez in this swing area of Colorado.

"People feel let down," she said. "There were so many promises and no action."

Fourteen percent of Colorado voters are Latino. They went 3-to-1 for Obama in Colorado in 2012 and are expected to back Udall in November. But Udall needs a big turnout.

Colorado is the only state with a close Senate race this year that has a large Hispanic voting bloc. While nationally Latino influence is growing, 2014 is an anomaly. In eight states with tight Senate races, Hispanics are 4.7 percent of eligible voters, compared with 10.7 percent nationwide.

That's meant less emphasis on issues of special concern to the Latino community.

"People are angry. They're definitely angry," said Matthew McClellan, executive director of National Council of

La Raza Action Fund, a Hispanic advocacy group. "We're being ignored over and over and over again."

The biggest complaint involves immigration, particularly Obama's on-and-off attention to the issue. Latino leaders have criticized him for not moving more quickly on changing the immigration system but applauded his 2012 announcement that his administration would not deport thousands of younger undocumented workers.

Last year, he and other Democrats, with some Republican help, pushed a landmark immigration overhaul through the Senate. Republican opposition in the House of Representatives has doomed the effort. Many Latinos wish Obama had pushed harder.

The latest bout of anger erupted in September, when Obama said he'd delay executive action on major immigration policy until after the election. In June, he said in a Rose Garden appearance that he asked top advisers to recommend what action he could take without delay.

"The president's time to mend any relationship with our community is quickly running out," said Cristina Jimenez, managing director of United We Dream, an immigration activist group.

Udall tried to put some

distance between himself and Obama, saying he was "disappointed" with the latest delay, but voters still tie the two men together. "I feel we were lied to" about immigration, said Julie Salas, a fast food restaurant manager. "He's supposed to make people legal."

Plenty of Latinos still plan to vote for Udall, if only because they see Gardner as "extreme," as construction worker Mark Trujillo put it.

Gardner rejects the label. At a Fort Collins campaign stop Wednesday, Perry Lorenz, an electrical engineer, asked if "the next new 100,000 jobs, should they go to Americans or should we bring in immigrants to take those jobs?"

"Immigrants are Americans," Gardner said. Border security was the first priority in revamping the immigration system, then a "system that works," he said.

The candidates insist wooing Latinos is an important part of their campaign. Gardner was meeting Friday with Hispanic business leaders, and a Udall bus tour Saturday included community leaders.

"We're not concerned about lagging turnout," said Chris Harris, Udall's communications director. Latino Democrats have been in neighborhoods for years promoting the candidates, he said. Republicans are fighting

back by showing up, too. The party has three "engagement officials" who organize house parties, show up at Hispanic events and stay active in local communities.

They talk about immigration and education and how it fits neatly into the Republican way. "Why do a lot of people migrate? Economic opportunity," said Annie Flecha-Hirsch, a University of Denver student. "How do I achieve that? Through education."

Voters remain skeptical and wary of the politicians, though. On College Avenue in Fort Collins, Gardner campaigned at the Moot House restaurant, where former Mayor Ray Martinez introduced him. Martinez figured he was the only Hispanic in the crowd of about 150 people.

In a strip of shops and services that serves the Latino community, Leslie Chandler and her daughter, Brittany Garcia, were eating lunch at Taqueria Express.

They weren't sure they'd vote. "We don't know enough about it," said Garcia, a college student.

Her mother was more pointed, saying politicians tend to group Latinos together. "The candidates," she said, "don't think about what we think."



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Waves of heat rise above a dried out irrigation canal running along a road southwest of Stratford, California, on Sept. 30, 2014, in California's Central, is one of many towns in the region that is being sucked dry by the state's historic drought. Businesses have shuttered and fled as have many residents. The town has no gas stations, restaurants, coffee shops or even a hardware store.

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Jenny Magazine Introduces Fiction Contest

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Youngstown State University's Student Literary Arts Association will be holding its first fiction contest for the spring 2015 issue of Jenny Magazine.

Chris Barzak — adviser of SLAA, associate professor at YSU and author of "One for Sorrow" — will be judging the contest along with members of the editorial team of Jenny Magazine.

"The contest is for fiction — specifically speculative fiction, which is a term that encompasses fiction within the science fiction, fantasy, horror, magical realism and weird categories of story in general," Barzak said.

This contest will require writers to put their creative skills to the test and send in their best work in regards to the guidelines on the magazine website. Stories should be no longer than 5,000 words, written in standard manuscript format and should not include the name of the writer within the actual submission document.

After the deadline, Barzak along with the editorial team will pick the top 10 out of all the admissions. From there, the stories will be ranked from first place to third place — which will receive cash prizes and publication. Those not chosen will still

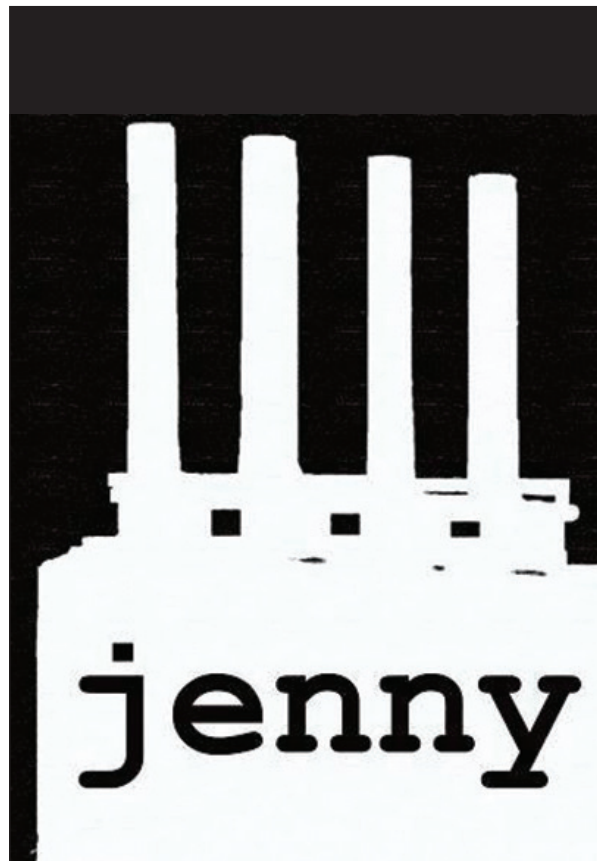


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get the chance to be published, leaving no one left out of the contest.

For this contest and others following, Jenny

Magazine asks that future participants "carefully read through the guidelines for the specific category they are submitting to."

Christopher Lettera helped create Jenny Magazine in fall of 2010. He was the second president of the SLAA, founding editor of the magazine and had the passion of bringing the rust and ruin of Youngstown to life through the art of writing.

The name Jenny Magazine came from the Jeanette Blast Furnace, nicknamed Jenny, of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. Bruce Springsteen even mentioned Jenny in his single "Youngstown," where he sang about the Rust Belt city. Unfortunately, the blast furnace shut down in the '70s and was demolished later in 1996.

"Youngstown is not done creating, not done making. We are each of us, every day, telling stories. Here in the pages of Jenny, we aim to display some of those artifacts made by wordsmiths and visual artists alike," Jenny Magazine's website said.

Jenny Magazine will be accepting submissions, for both the contest and general submissions, until Nov. 21. Contest submissions should be sent to EddieLovesDebbie@gmail.com, following the guidelines posted on the Jenny Magazine website. General submissions should be submitted online, through the submission manager on the website.

To learn more about Jenny Magazine, submission guidelines and to submit work, visit www.jennymag.org or Jenny Magazine on Facebook.

9 Best Study Spots on Campus

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It happens to all of us. We decide to study before our next class, but can't seem to find a quiet place on campus or even a free table. Our go-to spots have all been taken, and now we have nowhere to study. If you've experienced this situation, there is still hope. Almost every building on campus has at least one student lounge. Next time you find yourself looking for a quiet area, try one of these:

Moser Hall 1210: Located on the first floor of Moser Hall is the Dr. Jack D. Bakos Jr. Student Collaborative Lounge, also known as "The Fish Bowl." It gets its nickname from the windows that surround the enclosed room, resembling a fish tank. The lounge offers optimum seating space with several tables and soft lounge chairs. Highlight: This lounge features a display case devoted to Dr. Jack D. Bakos that is really quite interesting.

Beeghly Hall 1208: Education majors have been keeping this student lounge a secret. This lounge, located on the first floor of Beeghly Hall — not to be confused with Beeghly Center — includes large round tables, couches, three vending machines and a microwave, and seems generally unpopulated. Highlight: Right outside the lounge is a charging station that has free phone chargers for student use, although they are still in need of a lightning adapter — sorry, iOS users.

The Watson-Tressel Reading Lounge: Located on the second floor of Kilcawley Center, this may be the most fancy study area on campus. Lit by dimmed chandeliers and furnished with leather couches and table lamps, the Watson-Tressel Reading Lounge is a quiet, "no-food-or-drink-in-this-room" type of lounge. Highlight: It feels elegant and professional, which creates a strong work-



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centered environment.

Phelps 114: The Phelps Building, which sits between the Lincoln Building and Jimmy Johns, is probably the least-trafficked building on campus. Some students have probably never even heard of it. That's why this student lounge is the perfect study area. Made up of one long table a la a conference room, this lounge isn't big, but it's big enough for the zero people that seem to use it. Highlight: You can spend a lot of alone time here.

DeBartolo 258: Everybody always gathers in the main-floor lounge area at the main entrance of DeBartolo Hall, but there is actually a smaller, more private study area at the end of the hall on the next floor. It holds two tables and two computers, which gives room for about four parties to use the lounge at one time. It's quiet and closed off from the rest of the building. Highlight: The outside wall has a huge window with a great view of the outside landscape, creating a serene and relaxing environment.

Lincoln 302: Ah, the Lincoln Building. Broken elevators and insane heat have given this building quite the reputation this year, but it has one of the nicest student

lounges on campus. It's secluded on the third floor, where traffic is pretty light and sports enough tables to hold a fairly large number of students in need of a quiet study area. Highlight: This student lounge includes three vending machines — one for snacks, one for beverages

and one for hot coffee — as well as a complimentary microwave.

Beeghly Center 103: Located in the basement of Beeghly Center, this student lounge is in a strange place. It's very small, but has enough room for about four different parties. High-

light: There are two private enclosed rooms inside this study lounge for students who want complete solitude.

Schwebel Reception Center: Across from the Watson-Tressel Reading Lounge on the second floor of Kilcawley Center is the Schwebel Reception Center. The two are very similar, but the Schwebel Reception Center is a little less extravagant. It feels like a hotel lobby and attracts few visitors. Highlight: The many leather couches and lack of windows create a judgment-free napping spot.

Cushwa Café: This may be the best student lounge area on campus. It is completely decked out with couches, tables and a mini cafeteria that sells sandwiches, coffee, drinks and snacks. Located on the first floor of Cushwa Hall, this area attracts fewer people than one would think. Highlight: mini cafeteria.

The next time you're looking for a place on campus to study or just unwind, try one of these lesser-known student lounge areas and avoid the masses crowded together in the Chestnut Room.



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The Judith Rae Solomon Gallery, located in the second floor of Bliss Hall, is host to a new hands-on exhibit. #InteractYO is an exhibit that is designed to get students involved in different aspects of art, including website design, motion ui, app design and operating systems. In the center of the room is a circle of chairs surrounding a table for discussion. Bordering the seats are different displays of interactive design, as well as a station of two computers set up so that students can get their hands on a variety of different operations.

EDITORIAL

The Needs of the Many Outweigh the Needs of You

Let's take a minute to discuss something of equal importance to us all — life.

There has been a long withstanding discussion circling human civilization. What is the meaning of life when so much of it, from plague to war to the TV schedule, is out of our control? You are probably thinking, "Surely, this imposing topic is beyond the scope of a Jambar editorial." But, theoretical reader, you are wrong.

Because there are many elements of life that are beyond our control, the only thing most of us can do is worry about that which we do control — our own actions. And, we should make sure that those actions are of some value to both ourselves and the world around us.

For some college students, then, the meaning of life is nothing more than going to class, playing video games, sleeping in until noon, binge drinking at a bar or picking up attractive members of the opposite sex. For others, the meaning of life is nothing more than staying up late and drinking energy drinks just to ensure that a lofty GPA is further inflated by an A in an inane general education course.

A life like the one described above has very little meaning — its positive contributions not extending beyond the self. Unfortunately, it is this kind of life that has all too often dictated society's opinions regarding our age bracket.

Yet, these opinions are not entirely accurate; there are students who challenge society's attitude toward our generation by working hard to help others. Some college students, with their youthful vigor, their health and their passion, have regularly led meaningful lives, and you need not look beyond our own campus to find these students. Youngstown State University's student groups — like the Habitat for Humanity group and the Youngstown Environmental Sustainability Society — are comprised entirely of students with meaningful lives who work hard to give back.

So, as a collective group, let's work to elevate our status in society. Let the active members of the aforementioned student groups serve as our role models. Like they have already done, let's make sure that our actions have a positive impact on others, that our lives take on meaning and that we become major contributors to our community, not just contributors to our own self-interests.

That's not to say that we expect selflessness because giving back is at least partially selfish — but that's a good thing. When we volunteer our time, when we get off the couch and put down that Xbox controller, we place ourselves on the receiving end of a great gift — the satisfaction that we have helped someone else in need.

When enrolled in school, we always seem to lack time for ourselves. But, when we do have a moment to spare, let's make sure that our actions help not only ourselves but others as well.



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PANPHOBIA

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Arachnophobia, fear of spiders.
Acrophobia, fear of heights.
Agoraphobia, fear of crowds or public spaces.

Phobias, or fears, are the extreme dislike or aversion to something. But if one were to put "phobia" into their search engine, they would find an endless supply of fears, from normal everyday fears like those of water — aquaphobia — or sharks — galeophobia — down to the ones that make you question the sanity of those possessing said fears, like those of butterflies — lepidopterophobia — and bright colors — chromophobia.

According to "Phobias, Where Do They Come From?" written by Gregory Pacana in The Examiner in June 2011, phobias are just one of six recognized anxiety disorders that affect 11 percent of the population each year.

"A person can develop a phobia to literally anything," Pacana said.

A new phobia making its way into the news is Islamophobia — the extreme dislike of fear of Islam or Muslims.

When I read a news headline about this, my first thought was, "are you kidding me?"

How ridiculous and simple-minded is this? To fear an entire group of people is so superficial and ridiculous to me — but what if some people thought the same thing about my fears?

"Most psychologists believe that phobias are learned early in life. This can occur either through classical conditioning or through observational learning or modeling," Pacana said. "Classical conditioning is essentially learning through association. If a child has a

terrifying experience with bees while swimming in a pool, he may later develop a phobia of water, not necessarily of bees."

Some of my fears don't come from a bad experience, but from observation — the repeated sessions of watching Jaws fed into my irrational fear of getting attacked by a shark, even in a lake.

About a year ago, I went to an interview in a house of horror — a man's home completely covered in horror movie memorabilia — with an open mind and a curiosity as to what his fascination was with other people's fears.

Richard Lillo, the homeowner and clinical counselor, said something to me as we toured this house of fear that I never quite understood.

"There is something in this house that will offend everyone — just one thing," Lillo said.

Puzzled, I just brushed off his comment about "offending" people, assuming he meant scaring them. The more I thought about it, the more it made sense to me. Bringing someone's fears to light is offensive. Exposing their vulnerability in something that weakens them is offensive.

Lillo fed off of the fear of others, not because he was an evil villain in your favorite Halloween flick, but because fear is so raw, so real, you expose a person's hidden side — the reality is what he likes to see.

Phobias are an extreme fear of something. The importance of having a phobia is not necessarily to confront it directly — because, hell yeah, I'm still deathly afraid of Chucky dolls, and I don't want to continue to watch those awful movies — or hiding it away in shame. Fear is a primal instinct if there has ever been one, and to beat back its oppressive power, victims must learn to acknowledge and control it.

Gop Fear-Mongering About Ebola and Mexico is Baseless

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Republican claims that Ebola could slip into the United States through Mexico are completely unfounded.

Former Massachusetts senator and current New Hampshire senatorial candidate Scott Brown recently made such an assertion.

"One of the reasons why I've been so adamant about closing our border, because if people are coming through normal channels — can you imagine what they can do through our porous borders?" Brown said in a radio interview.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and North Carolina GOP senatorial candidate Thom Tillis have expressed similar sentiments. Tillis actually demanded in a recent debate that the U.S.-Mexico border be sealed. And Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, has opined that the Ebola outbreak may not be a completely bad thing, since undocumented immigrants will be terrified to cross the bor-

der with infected Africans.

But such notions have no basis in fact. There's never been an outbreak of Ebola in Latin America. And there have been no reports of Africans sick with Ebola attempting to enter the United States via Mexico. Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, responded at a congressional hearing, "That is not happening," when asked about the probability of Ebola reaching the United States through its southern neighbor.

The fear-mongering by Republicans is not surprising.

After a summer in which any and every possible contagious disease was purported to be carried into the United States by innocent child refugees, GOP scare tactics show no signs of stopping. So, last month, it was Islamic State terrorists that threatened to come rampaging through our southern border, with border state politicians such as Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., stirring up this idea. Now it's Ebola.

For those of us on the border, none of this is new.

Mexicans and other Latin Americans have long dealt with being the targets of unfounded fears. Mexican laborers and housekeepers crossing into El Paso 100 years ago were often stripped nude, subjected to chemical sprays or doused in gasoline to prevent disease-carrying lice from crossing over. Well into the 1950s, these laborers were exposed to dangerous chemicals like DDT in a ludicrous effort to prevent disease.

The linking of immigrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border with frightening diseases is just a continuation of a worldview in which Latinos are seen as unclean. This is the reason that conservative politicians and media outlets have found it so easy to link immigrants to epidemics such as Ebola.

Until we all learn to recognize that the racialization of disease undermines efforts to deal with the reality we face, right-wingers will continue to use divisive tactics. As responsible citizens, it is our duty to stand up to these reckless claims and demand that our politicians act on fact, not fear.



SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM TAKES TO POOL FOR 2014-2015 SEASON

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Over the weekend, the Youngstown State University Swimming and Diving program took to the water for the first dual meet of this season versus Niagara University inside the Beeghly Center Natatorium.

The meet featured 16 events, highlighted by one-meter and three-meter dives, as well as the 200-yard relay and 200-yard freestyle relay. This was the first event on the 2014-2015 schedule to encompass both swimming and diving.

YSU won 166-120; senior backstroke swimmer Ashley Dow won three events — including the backstroke with a time of 59.10 seconds. She also won the 200-yard backstroke, clocking in at 2:08.75, and the 200-meter individual medley — clocking in at 2:14.92.

Freshman swimmer Madison Aranda also took top honors in three events, including the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 17:46.61 and the 100-yard butterfly, finishing with a time of 59.82 seconds.

The recent Tom Stubbs Invitational at Bowling Green University was a swimming-only meet. YSU swimmers Dow, Victoria Orosz and Chelsea Malone finished third in the 3x100-yard backstroke relay with a time of 2:57.92.

YSU also finished fifth, fourth and sixth in the 3x100-yard butterfly relay, the conventional 800-yard freestyle relay and the 3x100-yard breaststroke relay.

Head coach Matt Anderson took time to reflect on Dow's prowess in the water.

"Ashley is an amazing swimmer underwater when she swims her 100-meter backstroke," he said. "She goes about 15 meters off each wall under the water and she's faster than most backstrokers are on the surface of the water that way. When she swims it, she swims 70 percent of the race underwater — the most she's allowed to be underwater by NCAA rules. Her underwater kick is fast enough that it makes her freestyle faster. She's really versatile because of that."

The coach went on to praise his team's success in the Stubbs Invitational.

"We got off to a great start there," he said. "We were faster in seven out of 10 events than we've ever been in that meet. We're very excited about that and how we got going in the season. We had great swims on those relays, and some of our upperclassmen's times were as fast as they were throughout last season. We had two freshmen that came in and really lit it up and were able to round out the rest of the team."

Anderson says it was great to have the team set the program-high time for the 3x100 relay.



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Freshman diver McKenzie Stelter prepares to jump during YSU's meet against Niagara University. Stelter finished first in the one-meter and three-meter dives.

"We haven't had enough depth in the past in order to really be able to do that," he said. "We put three good swimmers on the relay in order to make it as good as it could be. It was definitely exciting to have three strong newcomers that could really go out there and set the pace and make us faster than we've ever been before."

The team has 11 athletes in either their first or second year on the team. Anderson finds this most beneficial to the upperclassmen.

"We've got a very strong team," he said. "We're really excited about where the future of our pro-

gram is going to take us. It's benefiting everybody because you get a lot of good competition at practice, so the upperclassmen are really stepping up to that in order to be able to keep up with freshmen and sophomores."

McKenzie Stelter, freshman diver, points to one meet on the remaining schedule as the one she's looking forward to the most.

"I'm looking forward to the Oakland/Ohio University meet next week," she said. "Just because I know there's going to be a lot of competition and I tend to do well under pressure."

Tackling Fatherhood

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During his senior year of high school, when his friends were planning their graduation parties and looking into colleges, Tre' Moore was changing diapers and figuring out which football scholarship would give him the best chance to provide for his son Tristan and him-



PHOTO BY DUSTIN LIVESAY/THE JAMBAR.

Tre' Moore intercepted a pass during the win against Missouri State University on Oct. 4. Moore intercepted two passes against the Bears and was named Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week.

self.

"Having my son was just motivation for me to want to have better for him," Moore said. "I strive for a positive future for him. I try and do the best I can for him."

Moore began playing collegiate football at Northern Illinois University, but transferred to Youngstown State University his sophomore year for the 2013 football season. He felt comfortable transferring to YSU because of the support and understanding of his situation from head coach Eric Wolford.

"We just try to support him and at the same time try to show him the way, and sometimes give him tough love so that he can be a better man for his son," Wolford said.

Moore, a Dayton native, also chose to play at YSU because of the proximity to his son who stayed in Dayton. Although Moore is three hours away, his schedule as a student-athlete makes it difficult to see his son, making every moment he does get to talk to him even more important.

"At times it sucks," Moore said. "I want to be there for my son and talk to him and play with him, but I just know I have to stay on the right track."

After practice, Moore looks forward to a phone call from his son, which helps get him through the times between visits.

"I always talk to him. He calls me, you know, he's old enough to call and he picks up the phone and we Facetime. He asks me how practice is going and how school's going, it's like that kind of thing," he said. "He knows where I am and that just gives me the goals to know that I'm doing something positive for him."

Senior cornerback Julius Childs is Moore's roommate and sees firsthand how important Moore's son is to him.

"His son has the biggest impact on everything he does as a player and a student in the classroom," Childs explained. "His son pushes him to do better everyday, even when he is down or is not really in the mood for something, he remembers that he has a son that is looking up to him and counting on him to have a better life than he has had. Moore is always reminded that his greatest accomplishment is his son, and he is very proud of that."

Like most student-athletes, Moore has big plans for after collegiate career but ultimately wants what's best for his son.

"I felt like I had to go get that education so I can support him in the long run," Moore said. "I had the dreams and aspirations of going further in football and I still do, but I want to put him first in everything I do."

When becoming a parent, there are a lot of memorable moments with those children, but for Moore, one moment stood out to him more than any other.

"My favorite memory of being a father, so far, has been when I first had him and I held him in my hands and cut that umbilical cord," Moore said. "It was just a life changing experience, something that I have never experienced and I felt like it was my time to step up and be a man for my son. Just holding him I knew that was a part of me, my blood."