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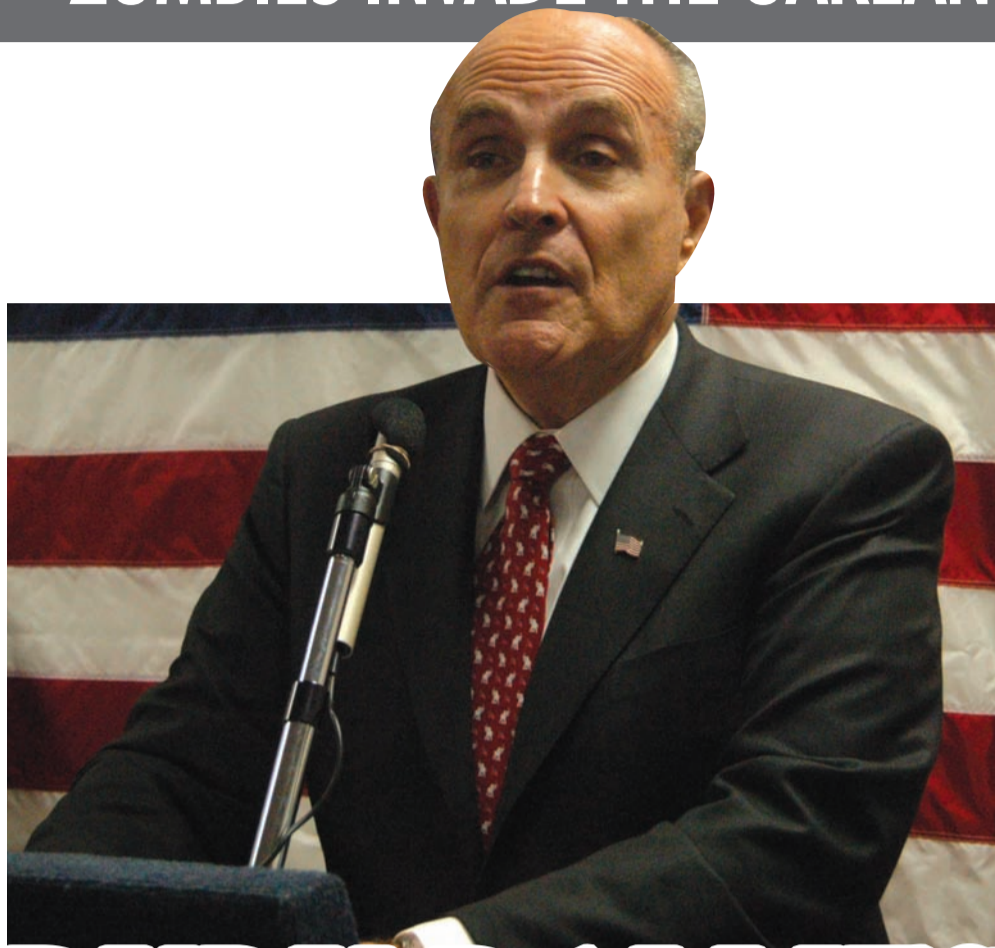
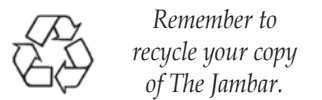


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RUDY RALLIES FOR MCCAIN

Former NYC mayor stumps for republican ticket in Warren

Jessica Woods
REPORTER

Temperatures in the 40s and blistering cold winds were not enough to keep the excited McCain fans from gathering two hours early for Rudy Giuliani's public rally in Warren on Tuesday.

"I love this guy," said Patrick List, a retired Champion schoolteacher and Weathersfield Township resident.

"McCain has done a lot for this country. I had no feelings initially [and] wasn't going to vote for either, but then something clicked in my mind. Of people like me, people on Social Security, people with pensions, we're hurting bad, really

bad. I heard what Obama was saying and I didn't want it," he said.

Mary Theis of Warren is List's sister and owns her own real estate business. "I always have been a big supporter of McCain. I supported Giuliani first. Small businesses need McCain."

Even the very young made it to the rally. Melanie Montoya held her infant son, Grayson, who was decked out in a bib that read, "Future President" as he chewed happily on his red, white and blue elephant. His 3-year-old brother, Ethan, clutched his Iron Man toy and talked about his upcoming birthday.

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If the phone rings at 3 a.m. in the White House, I want him to answer the phone. He has experience, not on-the-job training."

Floye Myers, Kinsman

Giuliani rattles Democratic Party in support of McCain

Michael Bury
REPORTER

Speaking to a crowd of cheering John McCain supporters, former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani encouraged the crowd to keep up the hard work to help elect John McCain.

While about 50 people manned the phones calling to persuade undecided voters to choose John McCain, nearly 200 Republican and Democrat McCain supporters packed into the Mahoning County Republican Headquarters in Boardman to see the former presidential candidate stump for the McCain/Palin ticket.

Even though McCain and Giuliani ran against each other in the Republican primary, Giuliani had nothing but praise for his former opponent.

He attacked Democratic nominee Barack Obama, accusing him of supporting plans that bordered on socialism.

We've got someone who is talking about the ideas of Marx. Poor Joe the Plumber's head must have been spinning," Giuliani said.

Giuliani told the audience that the American people would reject the programs and economic plans that Barack Obama supports.

"They're not going to want someone who is going to redi-

tribute the wealth," Giuliani said.

Giuliani went on to attack the media for crowning Obama president before the election, and added that the media is doing today what they did in the 2004 for election.

Giuliani also accused Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden of toeing the party line. Giuliani said both Biden and Clinton were supporting Obama because he was the Democratic presidential nominee, and that they did not actually believe Obama would be a good president.

"Perhaps Hillary and Bill Clinton were telling us what they thought before Barack Obama

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Western Kentucky locks down campus during gun scare

Blair Thomas
KENTUCKY KERNEL

Classes at Western Kentucky University have been canceled following unconfirmed reports that shots were fired at one or more locations on campus around 12:30 p.m. Central time, according to Western Kentucky Police.

The South Campus building at Western was evacuated after police were told one or more people had entered the building with guns, according to a statement from Western.

Police also confirm reports of shots fired at Peace Ford Tower, a

residence hall on south campus.

No one is hurt at this time but police have confirmed a physical altercation not involving weapons occurred between individuals in the South Campus building. Police report they have the situation under control and are interviewing witnesses to determine what has happened.

Elizabeth Childress, a senior at Western, was in a classroom building on south campus when she said administrators came into the room and told everybody to evacuate.

"They yelled at us to get out as fast as we could," Childress said. "There were police in the

hallways with shotguns and surrounding the building."

Childress said students were directed to a parking lot and a back entrance was opened so students could leave campus. As far as she knew, Childress said, south campus was still on lock-down as of 2:30 p.m. Central time.

A text message was sent through Western's campus alert system at 12:52 p.m., according to police.

The Bowling Green Daily News reported the text read:

"There is a report that shots have been fired at or around PFT. Please stay away, and stay indoors until further notice. Thanks. Dick K."

Jury reaches verdict in student's murder

J. Breen Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

A man charged with the murder of a Youngstown State University student more than twenty years ago was found guilty of aggravated murder in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court Wednesday.

Bennie Lee Adams was convicted of the 1985 murder of his neighbor, Gina Tenney.

The verdict included a specification that the crime was committed while committing or attempting to commit aggravated rape, robbery and burglary.

Adams, a registered sex offender, had previously served 18 years in prison for rape, kidnapping and robbery.

A secretary for Judge Tim Franken, whose court heard the case, said no comment could be given at this time because there will still be a mitigation phase of the trial.

In an interview conducted before the verdict was reached, Avalon Tenney, Gina Tenney's mother, said she was glad that Adams had been caught.

He should pay for what he's done, she said.

Tenney said she believes the case warrants the death penalty.



"I think any time that anyone takes another person's life, they should be ready to pay for it with their own."

Avalon Tenney

"I think any time that anyone takes another person's life, they should be ready to pay for it with their own," she said.

The penalty phase of the trial is set to begin on Oct. 28.

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Economic crisis may affect availability of student loans

Dan Pompili
REPORTER

The ongoing economic crisis has forced Americans with bad mortgages from their homes, caused the stock market to fluctuate, forced the closure or merger of numerous large banking firms and forced the government to pour \$700 billion into Wall Street.

The list of ramifications goes on. And it could affect students.

Tim Fuerst, an economics professor at Bowling Green University explains in an Oct. 1 Bowling Green State University news article that many of the same banks who gave out bad mortgages also provide money for student loans.

"No money coming in means no money going out," Fuerst said. Those banks that are failing because homeowners are defaulting on their mortgage payments simply may be running out of money for student loans.

In the same article, J. Kevin Quinn, also of Bowling Green, described what would happen if loans became unavailable.

"Imagine a world where nobody could get a loan. Businesses would shut down; students would not be able to get loans for school," Quinn said.

The Daily Nebraskan, the newspaper for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, reports acknowledgement from the president and CEO of OneSimpleLoan, Paul Simino, that they used many firms including Lehman Brothers, who recently declared bankruptcy.

According to Simino, Lehman Brothers marketed through roughly 70 different partners, "approving hundreds of millions in student loans that may not be paid now."

However, Craig Munier, director of the University of Nebraska's office of scholarships and financial aid, said the university's loan money comes from the Department of the Treasury and that he expects "no immediate effect" on that money.

Munier said federal loans have the lowest interest rates and better protections for disabled students

"We need to build a wall around the student loan market to protect our kids from the credit crisis."

Sen. Chuck Schumer

than private loans. One of those protections could be the result of the 2008 Economic Stabilization Act.

Meghan Dubyak, a press officer for Sen. Sherrod Brown, explained that while there is no specific language in the act which directly addresses student loans, the definition of the assets that the Treasury Department can purchase under its new authority were left broad enough to allow Secretary Henry Paulsen to buy bad student loans.

The Department of Education already possessed the authority to buy up such loans, Dubyak said. It is unclear, however, which department would have priority responsibility should the need arise to purchase faulty loans.

It also appears that the importance of the student loan market is not lost on Washington.

Dubyak said Sherrod Brown was intensely concerned about the availability of student loan funds. Sen. Chuck Schumer [D-NY] also commented on the issue at a press conference earlier this month: "We need to build a wall around the student loan market to protect our kids from the credit crisis," Schumer said.

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News Briefs

Public relations class to honor YSU coach

Dr. Jane Reid's public relations 3710 class is staging a fundraiser for YSU football coach and video coordinator Shawn Coin who died unexpectedly after a football practice this summer at age 31. The class is sponsoring a tailgate on Saturday in the M-24 lot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be accepting donations as well as hosting a silent auction. The funds will be donated to the "Family of Shawn Coin." For more information call Dr. Reid at 330-941-1870.

YSU Law Day scheduled for Nov. 3

Several representatives from different law schools will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 3 in the presidential suites of Kilcawley Center. Students interested in studying law will be able to have questions answered, pick up catalogues and get information on financial aid. The event is sponsored by the political science department and the Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center.

Police Briefs

Football injury at Wellness Center

On Monday at 8 p.m. an officer was called to the Wellness Center in reference to a medical emergency. Upon arrival, the officer found a student who had fractured his finger while catching a football. The student was taken to a nearby hospital.

Seizure in Cushman Hall

An incident report was filed on Monday at 8 a.m. when a woman had a seizure in room 1066 of Cushman Hall. Shortly after the arrival of the Metro Ambulance, the woman regained consciousness.

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 • YSU Planetarium

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 • Stambaugh Stadium

Homecoming Parade
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 • Fifth Avenue, Youngstown

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 • Rosetta Stone Cafe

Saturday Night Dance Party
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 • The Wedge
 • \$5

Tilt 360's Farewell Show
 • Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 p.m.
 • Barley's
 • \$5

Students react to dorm inspections

Lamar Salter
 REPORTER

Students living on campus prepared for a knock on their door as dorm inspections got underway by Youngstown State University housing staff two weeks ago.

Each semester, the department of housing and residence life conducts an inspection of every dorm room on campus. Housing staff and resident assistants check rooms for safety hazards such as wire plugs, flammable material and unauthorized items such as microwaves and alcohol. The search is done once a semester during school and before campus closes for each holiday or semester break.

Executive director of student services Jack Fahey said the purpose of the inspections is mainly for fire safety and the well-being of students living on campus.

He also said in addition to posting notices around the dorms to notify students of the inspections, the housing staff knocks on students' dorms before entering each room as a final notice.

"Although we would prefer students to be in the dorm while we do the inspection, it is not a requirement," Fahey said. "We do not search through your drawers or any place that is locked away. Our job is to check what

"It was bulls---. They just looked in and said, 'no bombs,' and left."

Alex Halkias

is around the area that could be a hazard to students and make sure the dorms are safe."

Assistant director for resident education Erin Driscoll said the most common items found and confiscated are candles and wire plugs lying around the rooms.

"We usually suggest wire strips for the dorms instead of wire plugs, as they are much less of a hazard," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said when prohibited items such as alcohol or drugs are found, the department of housing handles the situation.

"We will have one of the housing staff members, such as a resident assistant, come talk to the students and let them know of what they have found in addition

to leaving a notice to the students, and also let the students know from there what actions might be taken," Driscoll said.

Resident students living on campus voiced their reactions to the inspections.

Freshman Kaylee Peterson, a resident of Cafaro House, said she had no problems with the inspection.

"I thought it was fine," Peterson said.

Other students, however, were not pleased with the inspections.

Northeast Ohio College of Medicine and Pharmacy student and Cafaro resident, Alex Halkias, argued the relevance of the inspections.

"It was bulls---," Halkias said. "They just looked in and said, 'no bombs,' and left."

Halkias also said although safety is a big issue, he felt the housing staff should put more faith in students.

"I just believe that they should trust us more. I mean, we have to live here, so we aren't going to do anything dangerous to put ourselves or others in danger," Halkias said.

Driscoll said another inspection would most likely be conducted by Thanksgiving break when students depart campus for the holiday.

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publican. It's so frustrating because I belong to this playgroup consisting of about 45 moms and out of all of us, there's only two Republicans," Montoya said.

Even registered Democrats attended the rally, many wearing shirts that read, "Democrats for McCain."

Floye Myers of Kinsman has been a registered Democrat all her life.

"I feel national defense is most important. McCain is strong on that. If we don't have that, we don't have an economy. If the phone rings at 3 a.m. in the White House, I want him to answer the phone. He has experience, not on-the-job training," Myers said.

She owns a salon and does hair, but canceled her clients and took the day off to attend the rally. "I don't think Obama has experience. Character matters, past associations do matter," she said.

At 12:20 p.m., Giuliani was next door to where he was scheduled to speak, cracking jokes and signing autographs while making phone calls to area residents, all of whom were unconvinced it was him on the line.

"No, this is not a recording," he said to a skeptical voter on the line. "Go ahead, ask me something; ask me where I was born."

Giuliani praised Ohio voters. "We've got good people here in Ohio," he said.

Around 12:40 p.m., he came to the podium.

"I was running against John McCain. And you know what I said about him? I said, if I wasn't running against John McCain I would be voting for him," Giuliani said as he addressed the crowd. "This is a really important election. We can win this election."

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won," Giuliani said. Giuliani said at a press conference after the event that he did not think race was a major factor in this presidential election.

"I think there's a lot of reasons to vote for either candidate. I do believe there are some people who will vote based on race, and shame on them," Giuliani said.

Youngstown State University student Greg DiTullio said he came to the event to meet the former mayor. He said Giuliani was a charismatic speaker

and the event was interesting. He also said the main reason he likes Giuliani was that he "approved of what he did for New York during 9/11."

Ryan McQuillan, YSU student and vice president of the YSU College Republicans thought the event was great.

"I like how he talked about how Biden said Obama was inexperienced," McQuillan said.

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Zombies hope to fill theater with more bodies

Elizabeth Boon
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Performance Schedule

Oct. 24, 25, 30, 31 at 8 p.m.
Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.
Nov. 1 at 8 p.m.

George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead" will be adapted with a slight twist for the stage this weekend at the Oakland Center for the Arts.

The plot of the play, in which zombies plague a group of strangers, features a few different situations than the cult film, director Christopher Fidram said.

Chazz Sutton, who plays the character Ben, said there is a modern interpretation to the story that many already know.

The play has a hardcore following of fans and has been a great way for zombie fans to get involved in theater, said Brooke Slanina, president of the board of directors at the Oakland.

Some of the actors and crew involved with the play, like Sutton, have been fans of zombie movies since childhood.

"Growing up, I loved the zombie movies," Sutton said.

Director Christopher Fidram, a Youngstown State University graduate, said he has seen people who have not been involved in theater before get active because of the plot involving zombies.

Slanina agreed with Fidram. "There are at least three or four guys who never did a play before and just like zombies," she said.

For Fidram, the show was a way to get new people enthusiastic about performing.

"There's been a lot of zombie excitement and interest," he said.

Creating the costumes and makeup for "Night of the Living Dead" has been another

way to get zombie lovers involved in theater.

Slanina said that three makeup artists are participating in the production.

"They're helping to teach the zombies to do their own makeup," she said.

In addition to using makeup to portray feelings of underlying creepiness and suspense, Fidram said that costumes, which are all black and white, also help.

Although there is a dark theme in the play with plenty of action and fighting, there may be funny moments for the audience.

"Watching some of the things in the play may make



Danna Bozick finishes her make-up in the mirror before taking the stage.

the audience chuckle," Fidram said.

Sutton also said that there is a lighter side to the show.

"It's kind of hard to have zombies in a play and not have it be funny," he said.

To keep with the Halloween theme, the Oakland's Star Gallery will be featuring an art exhibit, "Candied Macabre: a Show of Sweetened Nightmares," which features Youngstown-based artists.



Kerri Rickard finishes the make-up on Joe "The Bearded Beast" to make him into a zombie for "Night of the Living Dead."

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Embracing online learning?

Patricia Alex
THE RECORD



The move toward Internet-based learning shows no signs of slowing.

Distance learning has become a major component in professional development coursework. The University of Phoenix, the largest in the country, exists primarily online.

And now more than 20 percent of traditional college students take at least one online course.

In New Jersey, education officials are pushing an initiative that would require all high school students to take at least one course online.

Proponents say the advantages are legion starting with convenience for students.

But the movement still has some resisters. Only one in three college leaders said their faculties had "accepted the legitimacy of online education" in a 2007 survey by the Sloan Consortium, a group that studies the issue.

Robert McCormick, a psychology professor at Montclair State University, admits that he was a "hard sell." He feared, as many do, that the "gestalt" of classroom interaction would be lost.

"I was cynical in theory but when I saw it, I was sold," said McCormick, who is director of the university's Center for Child Advocacy. "It's really about getting used to different ways of learning."

Younger people, particularly, are more fluent in communicating electronically. McCormick's department has just launched an entire post-bachelor's certificate program online. "With a combination of good teaching and good technology, it can work well," he said.

Indeed, technology has evolved so that many online courses are highly interactive and include some real-time programming, discussion boards and podcasts, among other features.

"There are still a lot of people who believe a perfect education is in the classroom," said G. Jeremiah Ryan, president of Bergen Community College. "But we're getting to a point where the Internet is very virtual."

Community colleges which cater to more non-traditional and working students have embraced distance learning in a big way.

Bergen now offers 150 classes online and is developing three online degree programs. It is the

fastest growing portion of the school's enrollment.

Ryan said the flexibility and convenience is paramount.

The school's research has shown that most online students are working on the coursework between midnight and 4 a.m., and the school now offers tutoring and library services 24 hours a day.

Ryan, who has taught both online and in a traditional classroom, also noted that some students are less reticent on message boards than in class.

And, Jason Scorza, a political science professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, talked about personality issues.

"One of the most gratifying things about teaching online is that shy students have the opportunity to think about their answers and get the words out," Scorza said.

Scorza began developing online classes for FDU in 2002. Now all freshmen at the university are required to take an online course in global issues.

Scorza said he monitors and grades participation on threaded discussion boards.

There is not yet a foolproof way for instructors to be certain it is their student who is actually doing the work online. But Scorza said teachers never really know if a kid in the back of a large lecture hall is doing the work, either.

Proponents say the chief benefit of online education convenience for students who might otherwise not be able to attend college mitigates the drawbacks.

Scorza said he would never give up the charge that he gets from teaching in a classroom or discussing a book with students in person.

And good teachers strive to bring their classroom chemistry to the computer, he said.

"You need online instructors who are committed to being a presence in an online classroom, not just a ghost who appears to remind students of deadlines," said Scorza. "If you haven't mastered the fundamentals of teaching, you will be just as bad, or worse, online."

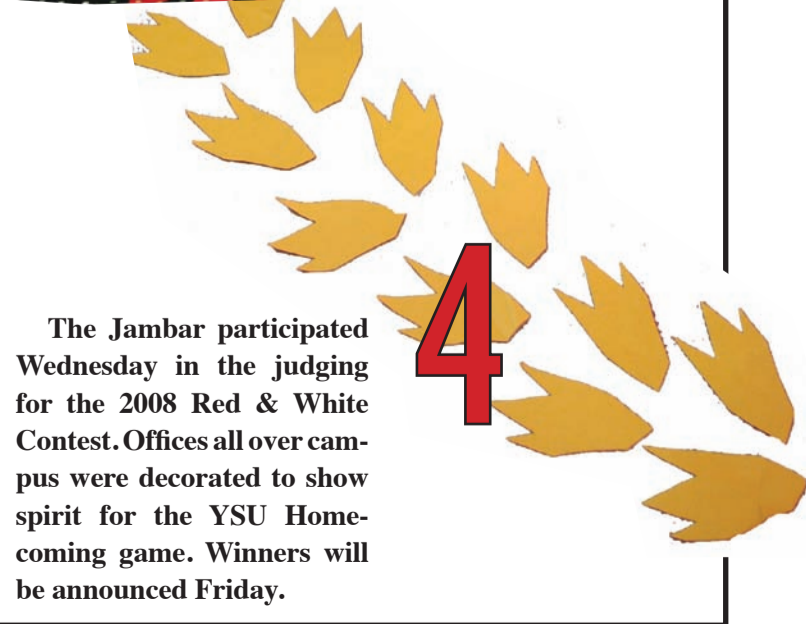
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The Jambar participated Wednesday in the judging for the 2008 Red & White Contest. Offices all over campus were decorated to show spirit for the YSU Homecoming game. Winners will be announced Friday.

'Rainbows' download was pot of gold for Radiohead

Greg Kot
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"It's up to you."

So said Radiohead when it came time for fans to pick a price for downloading initial copies of the band's 2007 album, "In Rainbows," from the U.K. quintet's Web site.

The name-your-price experiment paid off big-time, numbers released Monday indicate. A year after the album's release, the band's publicist announced that "In Rainbows" has sold 3 million copies, including downloads from radiohead.com, and sales of digital albums from other retailers, CDs and a boxed set.

The sales from the band's Web site alone exceeded the total sales for the band's previous album, "Hail to the Thief," released by largely conventional means through a major label in 2003. At the time, the album was available legally in essentially only one format: a compact disc.

Though many fans took advantage of the band's offer to download "In Rainbows" and paid nothing for it, the new num-



bers affirm that the windfall of publicity garnered by the "It's up to you" move generated a new level of interest in the band.

When physical copies of the album were finally made available three months after the digital release, "In Rainbows" debuted atop both the U.S. and U.K. pop charts.

The sales included 100,000 boxed sets sold at the U.S. equivalent of \$81 from the Web site, and 1.75 million CDs, according to the band's publisher, Warner Chappell.

The album, the seventh studio release in a career stretching back to the early '90s, was a prelude to the band's most successful tour yet, playing to 1.2 million fans.





OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

A matter of life and death

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When Gina Tenney was murdered in 1985, her pleas for mercy went unheeded. Bennie Lee Adams, who was convicted of her murder, hasn't earned any more consideration.

This is one of the powerful arguments in support of the death penalty. It is balanced on the other side by the value of human life — nearly everyone can agree that killing is wrong.

Rather than argue whether capital punishment is the same kind of killing as the crimes it seeks to punish, we've considered some possible reasons why the death penalty exists in Ohio.

The fact is, statistics can be manipulated on the effectiveness of the death penalty as a deterrent to crime. The issue of the death penalty is more about retribution — to some extent, all crime is dealt with through retribution. That's why it's referred to as punishment rather than diversion.

If it can be completely proven that someone is guilty of the most heinous acts against humanity, it stands to reason that the punishment ought to fit the crime.

The trouble then is, how can it be completely proven?

The burden of proof is that guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. That standard is fine for cases where the convicted can be released if new evidence should surface proving the original verdict was wrong. There is no way to reverse the death penalty.

The death penalty, in theory, may be justifiable and understandable. In reality, though, there may be too much room for error.

It may seem simple to discuss the ultimate punishment in generalities, but we're glad that we're not on the jury.



The views of this syndicated artist do not necessarily agree with those of The Jambar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

A memorial service honoring the life of Youngstown State University planetarium producer and technician Rick Pirko will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. at the YSU Ward Beecher Planetarium.

Rick Pirko, the producer at YSU's planetarium and one of my best friends, suffered severe cardiac arrhythmia on Tuesday Oct. 8 at the Geauga County Airport. Rick collapsed due to cardiac arrest. CPR was performed followed by a defibrillator. The heart was restarted but unfortunately this was too late to save him. Tests indicated no brain activity other than the brain stem keeping the heart and lungs working. Rick was taken off life support Saturday and his heart stopped beating on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Before he died he was treated with morphine and was not in any pain.

As a passionate educator Rick has spent the past three decades providing science outreach as the producer/technician for YSU's Ward Beecher planetarium. In addition to his public and school programs, he supervised and mentored numerous college students, providing them with one of the most important educational experiences of their lives.

As an accomplished photographer, Rick's aerial photographs of the serpent mound archeological site have been published by the Ohio Historical Society and displayed at The British Museum

in London.

As a licensed pilot and co-owner of an aircraft, Rick provided hundreds of children between the ages of 8 and 17 their first flight as a local organizer of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program.

As a dedicated volunteer, Rick was a Merit badge counselor for the Astronomy and Aviation Merit Badges for the Boy Scouts of America.

As supporter of the arts, peace, social justice and the environment, Rick provided photographic and technical assistance to the YSU department of theater and dance, The Oakland Center for the Arts, The Ohio Supermaximum Players, The Valley Coalition for Peace and Justice, and The YSU recycling center. He was a co-creator of Dr. Ray's Amazing Sideshow of Science, which merged the worlds of sideshow and science as a fun way to teach critical thinking and skepticism. His worldview was free of supernatural and mystical elements. He and his wife, Victoria, grew organic vegetables and raised and trained dressage show horses on their 65-acre farm in Trumbull County, which Rick enjoyed pointing out was also the birthplace of Clarence Darrow.

Ray Beiersdorfer, Professor Dept. of Geological and Environmental Sciences

Editor,

Recently, there has been substantial discussion and debate about ACORN and its practices of registering voters. Allegations of fraud have been tossed around like a football the past few weeks, and finally the news media is giving this matter the attention it deserves, as so blessed by The New York Times. So what does this mean for polling, and why should you be concerned?

This year, there are 600,000 new registrations in Ohio, most of them Democratic. Currently, the number of registered Democrats outnumbers the Republicans by about a million.

While many Democrats would feel at ease hearing this news, the ultimate question is how many of those Democratic registrations are bogus? Polling typically accounts for the number of registrations in a state, and more than likely the Ohio polls are skewed because of these fake registrations.

Some have raised the argument that iBart Simpson is not going vote, however that is not really the point.

The point is ACORN has on several occasions come out for Barack Obama, and seeing as how ACORN should be losing its non-profit status for endorsing candidates, the organization is nothing more than a surrogate for

the Democratic Party. And Democrats talk about the vast right wing conspiracy. Democrats have often cited the Republicans as the ones committing voter fraud and intimidation. However, this year, that all has changed. Whereas there was zero proof implicating the Republican Party in 2000, there is substantial proof that connects the Democrats to this criminal enterprise known as ACORN.

And worst yet, we are only talking about 2008. What of the other years ACORN has attempted to sway the vote in the disguise of a not-for-profit organization? This is an important election year, and it is a shame that there will not be an outcome by the time Nov. 4 comes around. Voter fraud of any kind is always material, no matter how small. Given all of this, it is very likely John McCain is doing better in Ohio than what the media is reporting.

Having been about in Columbus and Youngstown, I have seen many indications of this. For the Republicans, it is going to be a real treat for McCain to win Ohio. This Halloween, however, the trick is going to be on Obama.

Alex Mangie
Class of 2008
Proud McCain Supporter

Editor,

While the national campaign is rolling along, the most we get to hear about local candidates is from TV ads. Here's a little more info about a few of the local candidates in the Mahoning valley this year.

Fifty-ninth district State Rep. Dick McCarthy attended Georgetown University in Washington, DC, graduating with two degrees in finance and accounting. He's a Boardman native and wants to make a difference for this community in Columbus.

Richard D. Stobbs from the Sixth Congressional district is a lifelong law enforcement official and army veteran. He is against big government and is a big supporter of economic and agricultural interests in the valley.

Scott D. Hunter of the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court

probate division is a proven title lawyer with a good number of years in practice.

Judge Maureen of the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court General division is running for re-election for Common Pleas Court Judge.

Sweeney is a Youngstown State University graduate with a degree in chemical engineering and has a law degree from the University of Akron.

Lisa S. Lotze, Mahoning County Commissioner, graduated from YSU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a masters in education.

For more info on these candidates and more visit: valleygop.org/candidates.html.

James Shaw
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Creating the next American economy

Michael Northrop
MCT

As Wall Street and the American economy continue to crumble around us, it is time now more than ever to begin building the next American economy the low carbon, clean energy economy.

Former President Bill Clinton believes that creating the low carbon clean energy economy presents the greatest economic opportunity for the United States since it mobilized for World War II. He has it exactly right. Here are three examples.

Building efficiency. Take New York City, for example, where we have almost one million buildings. If we decided to reduce carbon emissions 30 percent in those buildings and systematically pursued that goal for 20 years, we would save tens of billions of dollars a year and create tens of thousands of jobs. It would be a whole new economy for New York to build on as it reels from the losses on Wall Street. Mayor Mike Bloomberg is going to need a strategy like this to rescue New York.

Every city in America could do the same thing. Enormous savings and a massive economic engine would result. Wholesale, retail, shipping, manufacturing and retrofitting businesses would all grow steadily to meet the need. Sales of insulation, caulking, windows, doors, furnaces, boilers, air conditioners and dozens of other products would skyrocket.

And we'd need tens of thousands of plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and contractors to make it happen.

Transportation efficiency. The average American family spends 19 percent of household income on transportation. If you live near public transit, which is unusual in this country, you spend 9 percent on average, and if you live in a far suburb you spend 25 percent or more of household income on transportation. As current trends favoring sprawl continue and as energy prices rise, these spending numbers will get worse as roads

grow more crowded and people live further and further away from shopping and working centers.

Imagine if we put in place a concerted effort to build transit in this country. We could return 10-15 percent of household income to peoples' pockets. We could recycle those dollars at home and create jobs and enterprises inside America's communities instead of sending our dollars overseas like we do now.

A group called Transportation America estimates that building transit systems in 78 American metro areas it has identified would create 6.7 million jobs. That's an economic stimulus path that is a smart, long term investment in America's future. Cities already making such investments have realized large cash savings for residents (\$5 for every dollar invested says one study).

Clean energy. A report by Sir Nicholas Stern, former chief economist for the World Bank, estimates that clean energy development is a \$500 billion global business opportunity. Here in the United States, where we consume 25 percent of global energy, this could translate into more than a \$100 billion market. If we exported some of that clean energy know-how to other parts of the world it could be much more. There aren't too many \$100 billion market opportunities out there, and it's one we should seize.

No one knows how long it will take to emerge from the current economic crisis, nor how hard it will be to restore the financial system to working order. Whether you prefer to call it a bailout or a rescue doesn't change the fundamental fact that both the global effort and the price tag will be massive. Still, the rebuilding provides an opportunity to chart a new path away from business as usual.

Let's put our dollars and our policies to work immediately, to create the next great American economy, based on efficient, clean energy.

As we do so, we will be tackling our economic, energy, and climate crises simultaneously.

Main Street needs a new stimulus

Martin Neil Baily
BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

Main Street economies across the nation are headed in the wrong direction, with homes foreclosed, jobs lost and production down. We are now in a recession and the only question is how deep it will be. A new fiscal stimulus package would, by redirecting spending and employment, prevent the U.S. economy from trending further into the danger zone.

How large should the stimulus package be? Given the uncertainty involved, I recommend an immediate stimulus package of \$200 billion, with preparation of an additional \$100 billion to be triggered if unemployment goes over 7.5 percent.

Every taxpayer should be concerned about how this additional spending on top of the \$700 billion bailout package will further contribute to the budget deficit. If the economy goes into a severe recession, however, tax revenues will fall sharply and the impact on the budget deficit will likely be even worse than the impact of the fiscal stimulus.

In short, even if a stimulus package creates a net cost to the deficit, that cost is worthwhile to avoid the damage of a severe recession.

What form should the stimulus package take? First, if the American economy is to move to a sustainable recovery, the housing market has to stabilize. The terms of the new rescue package allow for the purchase of mortgages as well as mortgage-backed assets. I would urge additional funds for families facing default. Enabling families to move into 30-year fixed rate mortgages through Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac at a rate of interest between 5 and 6 percent is an attractive approach to providing this assistance.

It is vital that a stimulus package work quickly and provide as much boost to spending as possible. If this were done soon, the IRS could use the same taxpayer list that was used earlier this year and the money would be released this fall.

Attention should also be directed to the nation's infrastructure, especially crumbling roads that need repair and neglected bridges that may collapse. Looking after the existing infrastructure is not as exciting as cutting ribbons on new projects, but it could generate jobs quickly and meet an important need.

States and localities are feeling tremendous budget pressures because of the weak economy and the decline in property tax revenue. For starters, infrastructure projects with state and local jurisdictions should not be cancelled because of the short-term budget pressures. Sustaining such projects would, among other things, help avoid job layoffs.

But even more aid should be given to states and localities, which face tougher budget limitations than the federal government. For example, budget assistance could be targeted to states with high unemployment and mortgage default rates, especially to sustain Medicaid spending. Some states, such as California, are finding it difficult or impossible to sustain support for health care because of budget pressures.

Another stimulus approach is assistance for unemployment insurance. This program has traditionally been a backstop for the economy, serving as an important automatic stabilizer. With the job situation deteriorating, there are many workers reaching the point where benefits are exhausted and it would make sense to extend the duration.

Some business tax changes may also be necessary to obtain wide support for a stimulus package. Capital gains taxes are already low. I would urge that we wait and examine the idea of broadening the base of corporate tax and lowering the rate in the context of a larger tax reform package.

The American economy is in trouble and the balance of risks strongly favors a substantial fiscal stimulus. Congress and the White House should act soon to ensure that Main Street America continues to be a great place to live, work and produce.

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RB No. 1 Corey Lewis — LB No. 44 Mike Barlak

Penguin Defense vs Panther Offense

A week after facing one of the top running backs in the conference in Larry Warner, the Penguin defense will face yet another stellar back in senior Corey Lewis. The Panther offense uses a well balanced attack of run and pass with Lewis getting a bulk of the workload. Senior linebacker Mike Barlak will have to make sure Lewis does not put on a repeat performance of Warner as the Penguin defense had a hard time containing the run in their loss to Southern Illinois.



DB No. 24 Terrell McMoore — WR No. 7 Da'Michael Horne

Panther Defense vs Penguin Offense

The running game is struggling, senior wide receiver Ferlando Williams and senior tight end Derrick Bush are out with injuries and freshman quarterback Dailyn Campbell is banged up. Senior wide receiver Da'Michael Horne will have the job this week of providing the Penguins' quarterback with a reliable option down field. Unless the offense can get back to running the ball at will, Horne will become a primary target Saturday against the Panthers.



BRACE FOR IMPACT — Freshman quarterback Dailyn Campbell lowers his shoulder to take the Saluki defender head-on during the team's loss to Southern Illinois. PHOTO BY ANDREW BERRY / THE JAMBAR

Penguins face severe adversity for homecoming

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

Getting off the losing train won't be easy Saturday as history has the deck stacked against the Penguins.

After losing four straight, homecoming weekend couldn't have come at a worse time as the No. 5 University of Northern Iowa Panthers come to town looking to continue its dominance of the Penguins.

Homecoming, usually a time of celebration and festivities, will be a cause for concern for the Youngstown State University football team as the squad is suffering a long streak of misfortune in homecoming games, particularly against Northern Iowa.

Including last year's heartbreaking loss to Illinois State University that ended the Penguins' playoff hopes, the Penguins have won just one of their last five homecoming games. Breaking the team's current streak of two-straight homecoming disappointments will be difficult considering the Penguins' recent track record against Northern Iowa. Head coach Jon Heacock is 0-7

in his career against the Panthers since taking over the Penguin's program. Heacock and his squad came close last year to dethroning the Panthers from their then No. 2 ranking, but couldn't hold a 13-0 lead only to fall 14-13 in the fourth quarter.

In order to get his first career victory over Northern Iowa, Heacock will have to do without two more of his senior playmakers as the injury bug as turned its attention to the offense.

Senior tight end Derrick Bush was banged up in the loss to Southern Illinois and is expected to miss up to two weeks with a bruised elbow. Heacock said the loss of Bush hurts because of the senior's exceptional blocking skills on the line.

Heacock also announced that senior wide receiver Ferlando Williams is also expected to miss up to two weeks or more after being hospitalized with an undisclosed illness. Heacock said Williams is doing fine but required medical attention after discovering an unknown infection on his arm that had to be drained.

Despite the loss of senior presence on the field this season,

Heacock said the team is still working hard during the week to win football games.

"I think there is great resolve and character in this group," Heacock said. "This group wants to win, they're not practicing just to practice. They're competitive guys that believe they can win."

Junior defensive tackle Roger Gillum has seen extended playing time this season due to the amount of injuries. Gillum said the key for his side of the ball will be shutting down senior running back Corey Lewis.

Gillum also believes that looking past the Panthers No. 5 rank and focusing on playing physical will benefit the team Saturday.

"Basically, we have to stop the run and play physical," Gillum said. "We just want to try to win a game. It's not about upsets."

The Penguins have already defeated a top five team this season and will have to make some adjustments on offense after Southern Illinois shut out the Penguins for the first time since 1995.

Northern Iowa possesses one of the top defensive units in the country and is ranked with the 30th-best run defense. Offensive

line coach Chris Bache has his work cut out for him after his unit was shut down by the Southern Illinois 40th ranked defense which allowed just 70 net yards rushing against the Penguins.

"Bottom line is when you watch the film, we didn't execute," Bache said. "We didn't block and do what we were supposed to do and got our butts kicked, really."

Even with all the hardships the team has face this season, Heacock isn't blaming the squad's 2-5 record and recent streak of losses on lack of focus by his players.

With a large number of underclassmen seeing the field this season and the commitment the players have to spending time studying film and working with the coaches, Heacock believes his team's focus is right where it should be.

"I don't see the signs of losing focus," Heacock said. "We have a lot of young guys that are fighting for their lives trying to figure out what day it is. I think they're more focused than they would be if they weren't playing."

Softball, baseball squads enjoy productive fall seasons

Both teams head into the offseason with solid recruiting classes and high expectations for 2009

Andrew Berry
SPORTS EDITOR

The Youngstown State University softball and baseball teams got a fresh start this fall.

Taking advantage of what playable weather remains, both squads hit the diamond this fall to begin the journey of finding their respective identities for the upcoming 2009 season.

The softball squad posted a 6-2 record for its fall season under new head coach Brian Campbell. Campbell, a former head coach for Tiffin University, has a mixed bag of talent at his disposal for his first campaign at YSU. This year's softball team will feature eight returning players and eight true freshmen.

Also on board for her first year as assistant coach is former Penguin standout Tiffany Patteson. Patteson joined the squad in July as a volunteer assistant coach and has been working closely with the team since assuming the role of assistant coach for the 2009 season.

Patteson said the fall season was an exceptional one for the softball squad as the team was able to gel together quickly with new head coach Campbell.

"Our fall season went really well," Patteson said. "It was a chance for us to basically adjust



"Our fall season went really well. It was a chance for us to basically adjust to the new players and for them to adjust to us."

Tiffany Patteson, assistant softball coach



"I was very excited. This was our first fall season together after being offered the position [of head coach] a year ago."

Rich Pasquale, head baseball coach

to the new players and for them to adjust to us. I really feel we found our weaknesses and strengths and we're looking forward to working on that this offseason."

Patteson spent the 2008 season as an assistant graduate coach at Tiffin under the guidance of Campbell. After spending a year away from Youngstown, the former four-year letter winner

for the Penguins is excited to be home and contributing as a coach at YSU.

"It's enjoyable being on the other side of the fence," Patteson said. "It's hard sometimes, but I get my fill running around at practice and putting my glove on. Being a coach is definitely nice."

While the baseball team only played intrasquad games, head

coach Rich Pasquale liked what he saw in his first fall season with the Penguins. The baseball squad split two games of the Red-White World Series as the third game ended in a tie due to darkness.

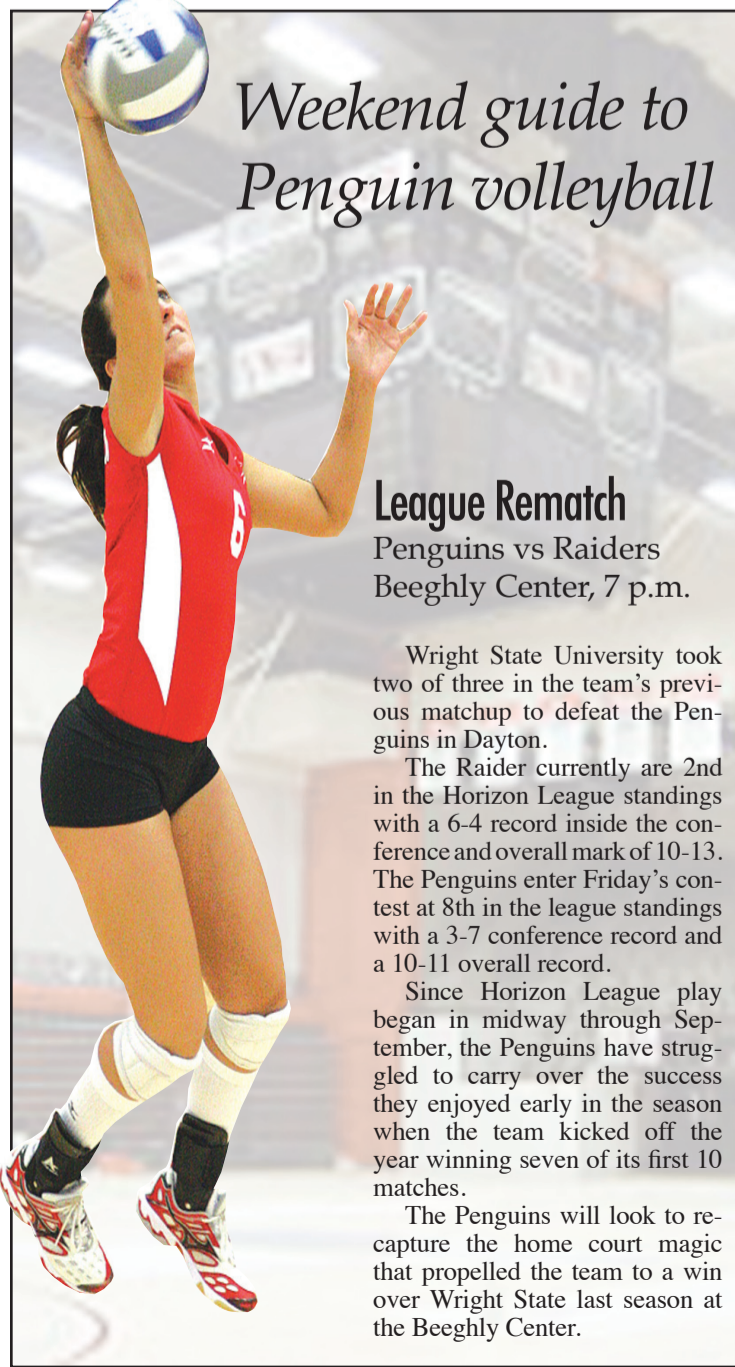
"I was very excited," Pasquale said. "This was our first fall season together after being offered the position [of head coach] a year ago."

Pasquale and the Penguins are heading into the offseason with a hefty recruiting class. Pasquale nabbed seven freshman and seven junior college transfers this summer for a total of 14 new Penguins.

Happy to have the new players on board, Pasquale also pointed out the importance of maintaining a balanced rapport with his returning players. The Penguin skipper said he wants all of his players to feel as if he himself recruited them to play in Youngstown.

"A lot of people make comments that when you get your first recruiting class everything will go well," Pasquale said. "I told the returning players that as soon as I came on board they were my guys. It's important to have a good mix."

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Weekend guide to Penguin volleyball

League Rematch

Penguins vs Raiders
Beeghly Center, 7 p.m.

Wright State University took two of three in the team's previous matchup to defeat the Penguins in Dayton.

The Raider currently are 2nd in the Horizon League standings with a 6-4 record inside the conference and overall mark of 10-13. The Penguins enter Friday's contest at 8th in the league standings with a 3-7 conference record and a 10-11 overall record.

Since Horizon League play began in midway through September, the Penguins have struggled to carry over the success they enjoyed early in the season when the team kicked off the year winning seven of its first 10 matches.

The Penguins will look to recapture the home court magic that propelled the team to a win over Wright State last season at the Beeghly Center.