



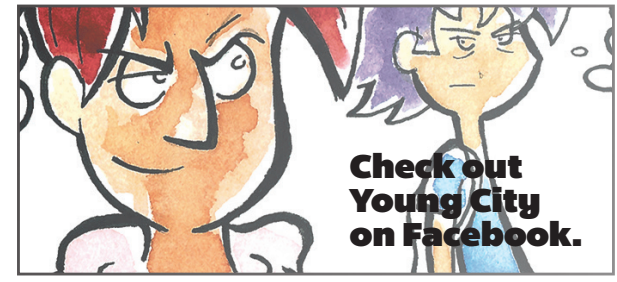
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NON-VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS

Members of the Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown participated in Sunday's non-violence parade. Photo by Alyssa Pawluk/ The Jambar.

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On October 6, a crowd of students, youth groups, city residents and public officials gathered outside of the Williamson Hall at 3 p.m. to watch the third annual non-violence parade in Youngstown.

The parade started on West Wood Street, headed down Hazel and ended in downtown Youngstown where a peace rally followed suit in the City Square. Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past, the city of Youngstown, schools in Youngstown, the MLK Planning Committee and the YSU Department of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs sponsored the event.

Penny Wells, director of Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past, said that the parade was the start to non-violence week, and she was overwhelmed with the amount of people involved in the parade.

"We want students of YSU and residents of Youngstown to know that we are promoting non-violence in this community, and it starts today," Wells said. "I was overwhelmed with the turnout and the weather, and over 60 groups participated today compared

to around 40 for the last two years. It was fabulous."

Members of the YWCA, Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown, YSU track team and residents participated in the march for peace.

Katrina Brumfield, assistant track and field coach, said that the event brought the community together.

"I thought it was a great experience for our student athletes to get out and support the cause, and that all those organizations showed up in support of non-violence week. It was nice to see the women and men's track team, the swimming and diving team and cross country teams represented from YSU," Brumfield said. "I hope we were able to make an impact today."

The YSU women's track team agreed with their coach and said the parade was a good way for students to show their support for peace. Ashley Smith, distance runner on the track team, said that she felt her team did a nice job of representing non-violence at the parade.

"I thought it was a nice turn out. There were a lot of different organizations involved, and a lot of people were watching as we went downtown. I think our team did a good job of representing how we feel about non-violence," Smith said.

Ellie Pollock, runner on the track team, said that the parade was not only supportive of non-violence but was also a fun event in which to participate.

"It was an awesome event, and we all really enjoyed marching downtown with the band and everyone from the different sports teams at YSU. It was fun to do, and a good way to support those who have been affected by the violence in Youngstown," Pollock said.

The parade attracted attendees from afar. Patricia Christ, pastor of the Akron Firestone Park United Methodist Church, said it was her third year helping the kids from her church in the parade, and a great way for students everywhere to

get involved with the community of Youngstown.

"The parade was an idea from the students of Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past, and I think the turnout was amazing. Everyone involved is promoting safety and non-violence in Youngstown, and the sun is really shining down on the love that surrounds this community," she said.

Rosalind Lewis, resident of Youngstown, explained that her daughter participated in the event in the Youngstown volleyball division and she said she feels there is too much violence in the world.

"This parade is teaching the kids how they should act, because there are too many people getting killed today, and there is a lot of domestic violence in Youngstown," Lewis said. "Students see all the violence around them, and they bring it to school. You hear about all the stabbings and shootings in schools and universities, and kids need to learn how to be safe."



Division of university advancement grows under administrative changes

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On Sept. 23, Randy Dunn, Youngstown State University President, announced that YSU's radio broadcasting channel, WYSU-FM, and the office of marketing and communications will now report to the division of university advancement. The decision, along with a series of other organizational changes, comes on the heels of a slew of budget cuts.

"As a president having just come to a new university, it is not unusual to make adjustments to some organizational structures and arrangements — whether those changes be in regard to people, titles and job descriptions, reporting relationships, or whatever," Dunn said in his letter.

Per the change, Mark Van Tillburg, executive director of the office of marketing communications, and Gary Sexton, WYSU-FM director, will now report to the Scott Evans, vice president of university advancement.

"University advancement has a far broader

responsibility. It is much more systemic to managing the university's image and outreach. Student affairs is much more focused on admissions and student life, where as we are really outreach and outlook. We [marketing and communications] are in charge of the brand," Van Tillburg said. "We did fine with student affairs, there was no issue there. We just have a number of clients outside of student affairs, including advancement, alumni and so on, that we need to service as well."

This shift in power is actually a homecoming for the departments. Prior to the end of former YSU President David Sweet's term, both WYSU-FM and the office of marketing and communications reported to George McCloud, former vice president of university advancement.

"That is where we have traditionally been throughout our history here on campus," Sexton said. "We've reported to the position of vice president of university advancement forever. At

YSU approves land sale to Youngstown manufacturer

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On Sept. 25, the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees approved the sale of six parcels of university owned land, appraised at \$43,100, to Fireline Inc. for the expansion of their Youngstown operations.

Gregory Morgione, the associate general counsel for YSU, said that Fireline Inc. initially approached YSU about the purchase of these parcels.

"They came and met with some of the YSU officials and we discussed it. Fireline is a great company and has been good partner and neighbor of the university for many years. We wanted to help them and continue our good relations," Morgione said.

The six parcels of land are located on Watt Street in the Smokey Hollow neighbor-

hood. They sit next to Andrews Avenue, Fireline's only manufacturing plant.

"It is really just trees and brush on those six parcels. We weren't looking to sell them, but we really had no use for them at this time," Morgione said. "To put them in the hands of Fireline who needs them and would help their business, it would help the university to do that."

Fireline Inc. is a Youngstown-based manufacturer that specializes in the mass production of individual manufacturing pieces that serve as a component in the containment, movement and measurement of molten metals.

Mark Peters, the director of engineering for Fireline, said that the company is now looking into the possibility of expanding their current Smokey Hollow facility, though they

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Tropical Storm Karen prompts hurricane watch for Gulf Coast

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The Palm Beach Post
(MCT)

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A patch of stormy weather that hung over the Caribbean most of the week churned into Tropical Storm Karen on Thursday, watched closely by government experts despite the federal shutdown.

Despite thousands of government furloughs, the Air Force Hurricane Hunter crew flew out to investigate the storm before dawn and meteorologists at the National Hurricane Center in Miami processed that information, christening the storm about 8 a.m. EDT.

"The hurricane center is operational and will continue to be," said spokesman Dennis Feltgen, who was among the furloughed Tuesday but who was recalled Thursday morning when Karen gained tropical storm status.

Also called back to the center was the liaison to Federal Emergency Management Agency. They were the only two employees at the center who do not work directly under the National Weather Service, according to branch chief James Franklin. The center employs about 50 people, including meteorologists and technical support personnel, all of whom are exempt from the shutdown, Franklin said.

"The public is not going to be thrown under the bus. Our mission is saving lives and protecting property with watches and warnings and we're going to do it," Feltgen said. "As long as the storm is around,



Justin Bosarge, left, and Greg Olin fill sandbags at the Harrison County Work Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, in preparation for Tropical Storm Karen on Friday, October 4, 2013. (John Fitzhugh/Biloxi Sun Herald/MCT)

I'm here. But unless there's a resolution, when it's gone, I'm back at home."

Wednesday, the storm sat off the Yucatan Peninsula pushing downpours all the way to Miami.

Tropical Storm Karen is forecast to eventually gain hurricane strength sometime Friday, then weaken.

The hurricane center has issued a hurricane watch for the Gulf Coast from Grand Isle, La., east to Destin, Fla. — a stretch that does not include metropolitan New Orleans. The city is instead under a

tropical storm watch.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott issued a storm emergency declaration for 18 Panhandle counties.

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area and is typically issued two days before the anticipated arrival of the first tropical-storm-force winds.

As the Panhandle prepares for the storm, the Florida National Guard has about 2,000 full-time federal employees, and half of them are furloughed.

"We will be affected," National Guard Capt. Melissa DeLeon said. "Our maintenance guys have been furloughed, so they are currently not here. In normal operations we would be maintaining equipment right now, and we can't do that, since those soldiers have been furloughed."

State emergency managers are working with the National Guard to fund the positions in the short-term with state money, and later apply for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

the end of Dr. Sweet's administration, that position was left vacant for awhile. So in the interim, President Anderson had us report to Jack Fahey, vice president of student affairs. It was more of a matter of a position not being filled than any strategic reasoning."

The office of marketing and communications is one of YSU's predominate modes of advertisement, outreach and the delivery of university news. The only apparent difference is the department they report to.

"This is very typical in higher education," Evans said on the rearrangement. "In many of [universities], divisions of advancement contain the divisions of development, alumni and marketing."

Unlike the WYSU-FM and the office of marketing and communications, the division of university advancement will operate differently.

"The size of the division will double roughly," Evans said. "It is certainly an added responsibility but a very welcome one. The current team and the new team members are very much looking forward to working together."

All of the staff of WYSU-FM and of the office of marketing and communications will maintain their previous position title, with the exception of Ron Cole. Previously the Director of University Communications, Ron Cole, will now take up the title of Public Information Officer and will report to Dunn, instead of marketing and communications. However, his actual responsibilities will mostly remain unchanged.

"He will likely stay right in his own office, right here. Obviously we work very, very closely with him and we will continue to do that," said Van Tilburg.

All personnel affected by this change will not see any compensation or benefits increase or decrease, and no new personnel will be hired due to the change.

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have no definite plans currently. They are merely attempting to procure the necessary land, owned by both YSU and other local groups, for any future plans.

"As it currently stands, we don't need a new facility today. But we are trying to plan for our continued existence and our growth, and to have a longer term planned," Peters said. "We needed that land in order to option accordingly."

Last year the company had their most successful year in their 46-year history, and they have more than doubled their sales in the past decade. However, with the economy still shaky, the company is proceeding with caution. Despite this, the company remains optimistic about the potential for the future.

"We service a particular market. We are part of the aerospace supply chain and the aerospace market. Overall, it is a good market. Right now, it is a little flat because of the economy, but you know there is expectations, particularly with China coming on board, as well as India and other growth market," Peters said.

Along with the shift in the dynamic of the market, the company is pushing forward with new initiatives that they hope will jump-start their plans for expansion.

"We've been investing with new technology. I'm working on product development for new markets," Peters said. "We won't be able to do that within this current facility. It is designed to service our current customers."

For Fireline, expansion has now become a question of all the pieces falling into place before they can move to expand.

"It is not a question of if, it is a question of when," Peters said. "Now it becomes more about the technical details, in terms of how the design is going to look. Keep in mind, we have this existing facility, so we have to try to make them work together. Then the timing of it will depend on the economy and the success of growing our customer base."

Fireline Inc. has a preexisting and mutually beneficial relationship with YSU, particularly with YSU's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program.

"We work directly with the professors. We currently have also two interns working for us," Peters said. "We actually support the research of additional students who are working on the masters, as well as the new Ph.D program."

Besides assisting in YSU's student involvement, Michael Hripko, director of research and economic development at YSU's STEM College, said that Fireline has collaborated with YSU for research and research proposals in the past, and both entities are planning for further research proposals in the future.

"It is a pretty typical industry-university relationship. You know, we have worked with them in the past; we have had some good research success with them. Based on that, it makes sense for us to continue other research funding going forward," Hripko said.

If Fireline Inc. is to expand their operations in Smokey Hollow, it means an expansion of their personnel, which could, in turn, benefit YSU students nearing graduation.

"You know obviously with an expansion, you

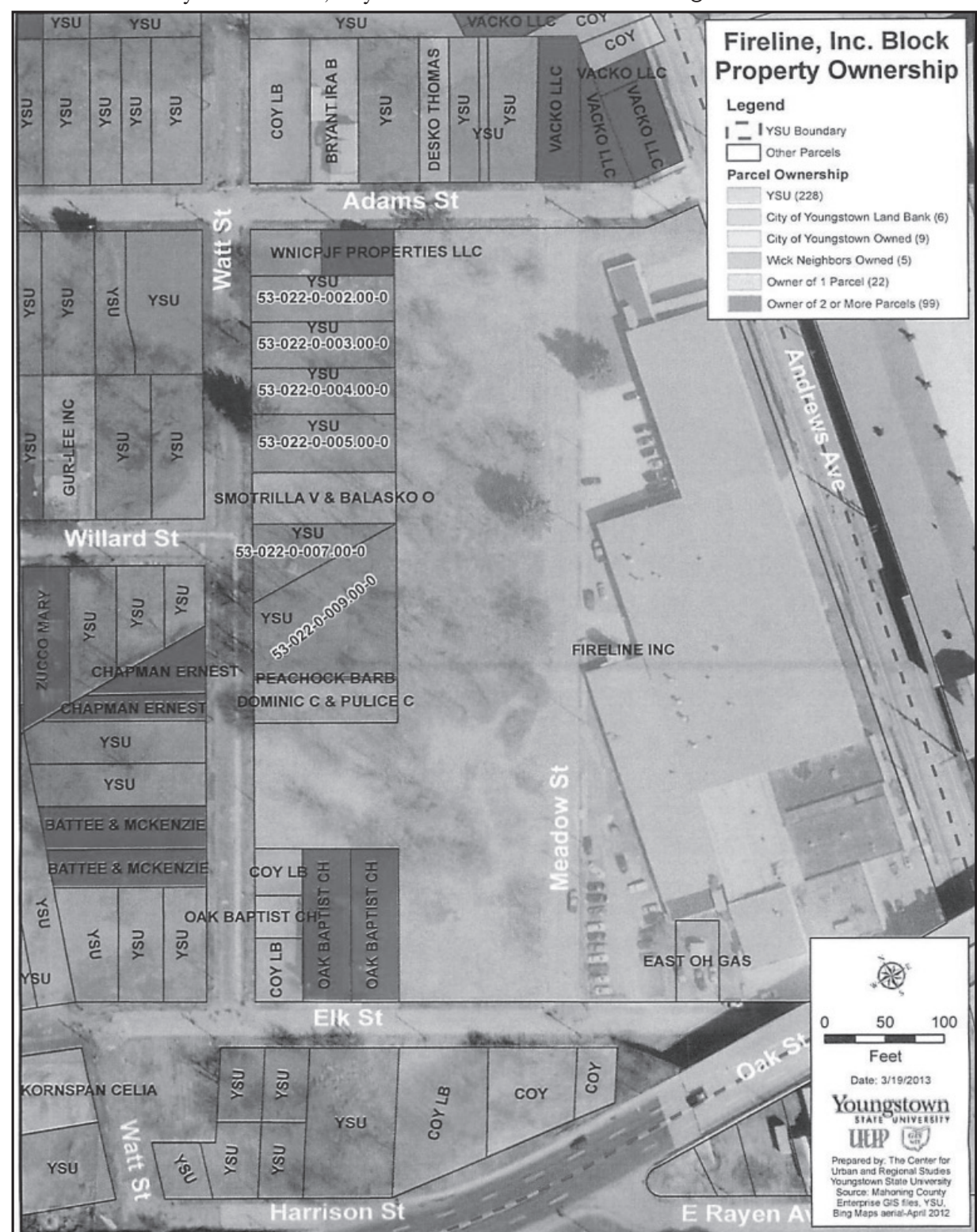
hope for additional employees that would be hired by Fireline. You know, they have hired YSU employees in the past," Morgione said. "They have been, like I said, a great partner and supporter of the university. We have existing partnerships with them now with our STEM College; we obviously hope those continue and expand in the future."

Although the land has been approved for sale by the board of trustees, Fireline has not yet purchased it. However, both YSU and Fireline Inc. are nearly certain that a deal will be made. Both entities are in the process of finalizing the specifics of the agreement.

"From what they have told me, they have made

good progress with some of the other parcels that they are looking to acquire. They are very optimistic that they will be moving forward with this expansion," Morgione said. "If for some reason they did not move forward, YSU would have some mechanism to get the property back. But as of right now, Fireline is confident that they will be moving forward with this expansion."

(Below) YSU is selling six parcels of land on the corner of Watt St. and Adams St. The sale was approved by the Board of Trustees on Sept. 25. Photo courtesy of The Center for Urban and Regional Studies.



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Best-selling author David Sedaris to lecture

David Sedaris, humor writer and author of the book "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls," will speak as part of YSU's Skeggs Lecture Series on Oct. 30 in the DeYor Performing Arts Center downtown. The presentation is free, but tickets are mandatory and are limited to four per person. Tickets must be picked up in person at the Information and PC Lab in Kilcawley Center between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Oct. 15 through Oct. 17 — or until they run out. Call the YSU Office of Alumni and Events at extension 3497 for more information.

STEM-WCBA Internship/Co-op Expo

On Wednesday, the STEM-WCBA Internship/Co-op Expo will be held in Williamson Hall from 1-5 p.m. The event, hosted by Professional Practice Internship Programs in the YSU College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics as well as the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration, is open to all current STEM and business students seeking an internship/co-op for the upcoming year. It will feature employers from public, private, non-profit and government sectors. More information can be obtained through the WCBA Professional Practice Office at extension 3660 or through the STEM Professional Practice Office at extension 2151.

YSU Concert Band and Wind Ensemble at Stambaugh Auditorium

On Oct. 14, the Dana School of Music's Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will perform "Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue" at Stambaugh Auditorium. The concert will be at 8 p.m. and will include pieces from artists such as Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Jay Kennedy, Charles Ives, Edwin Franko Goldman, Frank Ticheli and Richard Wagner. Brain Kiser, assistant professor of Tuba/Euphonium, will also be featured on Donald Grantham's "Concerto for Tuba, Piano, Orchestral Winds and Percussion."

YSU Alumni Society honors class of 1963

On Oct. 20, the YSU Alumni Society will honor the class of 1963 at its annual Half Century Club Reunion. The event will take place in the DeBartolo Stadium Club at Stambaugh Stadium and will feature '63 graduates Donald Cagigas and Millicent Counts, both former members of the YSU Board of Trustees, who will share their memories of YSU with attendees. The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and the program will follow at 1 p.m. For more information, contact the Alumni & Events Management Office at extension 3496.

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With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris is the author of *Barrel Fever* and *Holidays on Ice*, as well as collections of personal essays, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*, each of which became a bestseller. There are a total of seven million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages. He was the editor of *Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories*. Sedaris's pieces appear regularly in *The New Yorker* and have twice been included in *The Best American Essays*. One of his newest books, a collection of fables entitled *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary* (with illustrations by Ian Falconer), was published in September 2010 and immediately hit the NYT Bestseller Fiction List. His latest book is entitled *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*.

He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written half-a-dozen plays, which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and The Drama Department in New York City. These plays include *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, *One Woman Shoe*, which received an Obie Award, *Incident at Colber's Knob*, and *The Book of Liz*, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service. David Sedaris's original radio pieces can often be heard on *This American Life*, distributed nationally by Public Radio International and produced by WBEZ. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His most recent live album is *David Sedaris: Live For Your Listening Pleasure* (November 2009).

In recognition of the vital role played by the late Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. in the formation of Youngstown State University, a lecture series was established in 1966 in his memory by the Skeggs Foundation. The late Mr. Skeggs first came to Youngstown in 1919 as Educational Secretary of the YMCA. In 1924, he became General Secretary, a position he held until his death in 1933. Leonard Skeggs believed that Youngstown should have its own college where its young men and women could further their education regardless of race, color, creed, or financial condition. Skeggs not only lived to see his dream realized, but also witnessed many changes in the university during his lifetime. It was Skeggs who prompted Dr. Howard W. Jones to become the first president of the University. He was also instrumental in raising funds for the fledgling school. Through his initial leadership, Youngstown State University has grown to become the large urban university that it is today. The Skeggs Lectures bring to the University outstanding speakers who are the authorities in their respective fields. Lecturers are chosen from any of the arts or sciences on the basis of their education and ability to inspire young people. The lectures provide a fitting tribute to a man who acted on a dream. Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr. brought to Youngstown the opportunity for higher education and helped to build a modern university serving the needs of the region.

The reading is free and open to the public.
Tickets are **mandatory** and seating is on a **first-come, first-serve** basis.
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Professors at Berkeley, Stanford, Yale share Nobel Prize for medicine

Monte Morin
Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

Professors of molecular and cellular biology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University are sharing the 2013 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for their work in unraveling the mystery of a key cellular process.

Randy W. Schekman of Berkeley and Thomas C. Sudhof of Stanford have been awarded the prize along with Yale University professor James E. Rothman, chairman of the cellular biology department. The announcement was made on Monday.

The Nobel Committee lauded the researchers for making known “the exquisitely precise control system for the transport and delivery of cellular cargo. Disturbances in this system have deleterious effects and contribute to conditions such as neurological diseases, diabetes and immunological disorders.”

For decades the men have studied the cell’s intricate, internal transport system in which bubble-like vesicles shuttle key molecules — hormones, neurotransmitters, enzymes — to different parts of the cell and through the cell’s membrane.

The researchers had been cited as among the top contenders for the award, which is worth roughly \$1.2 million.

At a press conference in Berkeley, Schekman said he was aware of the speculation but didn’t think it would happen.

But then, hours after returning from an award ceremony in Germany, the 64-year-old was awakened at 1:30 a.m. by a ringing phone and his wife Nancy’s shouting, “This is it! This is it!”

“My heart was pounding and I was trembling,” Schekman said. “But then I heard a comforting voice with a thick Swedish accent congratulating me.”

The voice belonged to the chairman of the Nobel Committee, Sheckman said, and “he assured me it wasn’t a crank call.”

“All I could say was, ‘Oh my God. Oh my God,’” Schekman said. “I was speechless. I couldn’t say anything more.”

Schekman’s research began in the 1970s and focused on the use of yeast cells. In the 1980s and 1990s, his findings enabled the biotechnology industry to use yeast cells to create pharmaceutical products such as insulin. Currently, one-third of the world’s supply of insulin is created and secreted by yeast.

Sudhof, 57, a native of Germany, studies how signals are transmitted from one nerve cell to another within the brain. Last month, he was recognized with the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award.

The bulk of Sudhof’s award-winning research was conducted at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He moved to Stanford’s medical school in 2008, where he has made further advances into the pathology behind Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s diseases.

Sudhof was in the remote town of Baeza, Spain, where he was attending a conference, when he learned of the honor, according to a Stanford press release.

“I’m absolutely surprised,” Sudhof said. “Every scientist dreams of this. I didn’t realize there was chance I would be awarded the prize. I am stunned and really happy to share the prize with James Rothman and Randy Schekman.”

Initially, the Nobel committee called Sudhof’s home in Menlo Park, Calif.

“The phone rang three times before I decided to go downstairs and pick it up,” said Sudhof’s wife, Lu Chen, an associate professor of neurosurgery at Stanford. “I thought it was one of my Chinese relatives who couldn’t figure out the time zone.”

At a press conference at Yale on Monday, Rothman said he was overwhelmed.

“It’s still a little hard to believe this is all happening, I have to admit,” said Rothman, 62.

The researcher did, however, note a connection between his work and the elation he was feeling after learning of the award — an elation caused by the secretion of endorphins.

“Everyone has commented on how my mood has been very good today, and my wife, Joy Hirsch, has commented that I haven’t complained today and it’s already 12:30. I think that’s because the secretory pathway that my colleagues Randy Schekman and Thomas Sudhof and I are credited with understanding in a new way has been stimulated and so my endorphins are stimulated.”

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Disarmament experts begin destroying Syria’s chemical weapons

Patrick J. McDonnell
Los Angeles Times
(MCT)

BEIRUT — The historic destruction of Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal began on Sunday, as a team of disarmament experts hastened to comply with an international mandate to eliminate the nation’s massive chemical stockpiles by mid-2014.

Syrian personnel under international supervision used cutting torches and other tools to destroy an array of items, including missile warheads, aerial bombs and mixing and filling equipment, according to an announcement Sunday by the United Nations. The process will continue in coming days, the U.N. said.

The accelerated program is widely viewed as an unprecedented attempt to rid a country of its chemical arsenal under a tight deadline while a civil war still rages within its borders.

The ambitious effort is the result of an accord brokered last month by the United States and Russia that helped avert threatened U.S. missile strikes in retaliation for Syria’s alleged use of poison gas. Hundreds are reported to have died in attacks on Aug. 21 in Damascus suburbs that are generally under the control of Syrian rebels, although the fatality toll is disputed.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has denied U.S. charges that his forces were behind the gassing, and blamed the chemical strike on rebels seeking to trigger Western intervention in Syria’s civil conflict. The Syrian opposition dismissed allegations from Syria and its chief ally, Russia, of having orchestrated the gas attack.

A U.N. investigation concluded that sarin, a toxic nerve agent, was probably released via surface-to-surface missiles in the stricken zone, but did not assign blame for the attacks.

Nonetheless, Assad quickly agreed to a U.N.-backed eradication plan in a bid to avoid potentially crippling U.S. airstrikes. President Barack Obama said he decided to postpone the airstrikes once Syria agreed to abide by the terms of a strict international blueprint to dispose of its chemical arsenal.

An advance team of international experts arrived in Damascus last week, established a logistics base and began the complex process of identifying and destroying Syrian chemical weapons stocks, estimated to total about 1,000 tons of deadly agents, along with various production and storage facilities. The material is believed to be scattered in dozens of sites across government-controlled territory.

As the destruction proceeds, the international tech-

nicians in Syria are continuing to verify information supplied by Syrian authorities about the nation’s chemical program, the U.N. said.

A U.N. Security Council resolution set Nov. 1 as an initial deadline to destroy Syria’s ability to produce chemical weapons.

On Friday, the disarmament inspectors in Damascus reported “encouraging initial progress” after their first working day of meetings with Syrian authorities. The team labeled as “promising” documents handed over by Syrian officials, who are required to disclose the sites of chemical weapons facilities and other pertinent details. The U.N. has called the Syrian government cooperative in the large-scale and complex undertaking.

Until last month, Syria had never acknowledged publicly that it even possessed a chemical weapons program.

The destruction began Sunday at an unspecified site or sites in Syria under the management of experts from the United Nations and the Hague-based Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which implements the international treaty banning the use and production of such arms. Syria has signaled its intention to become a party to the Chemical Weapons Convention, which includes 189 member states.





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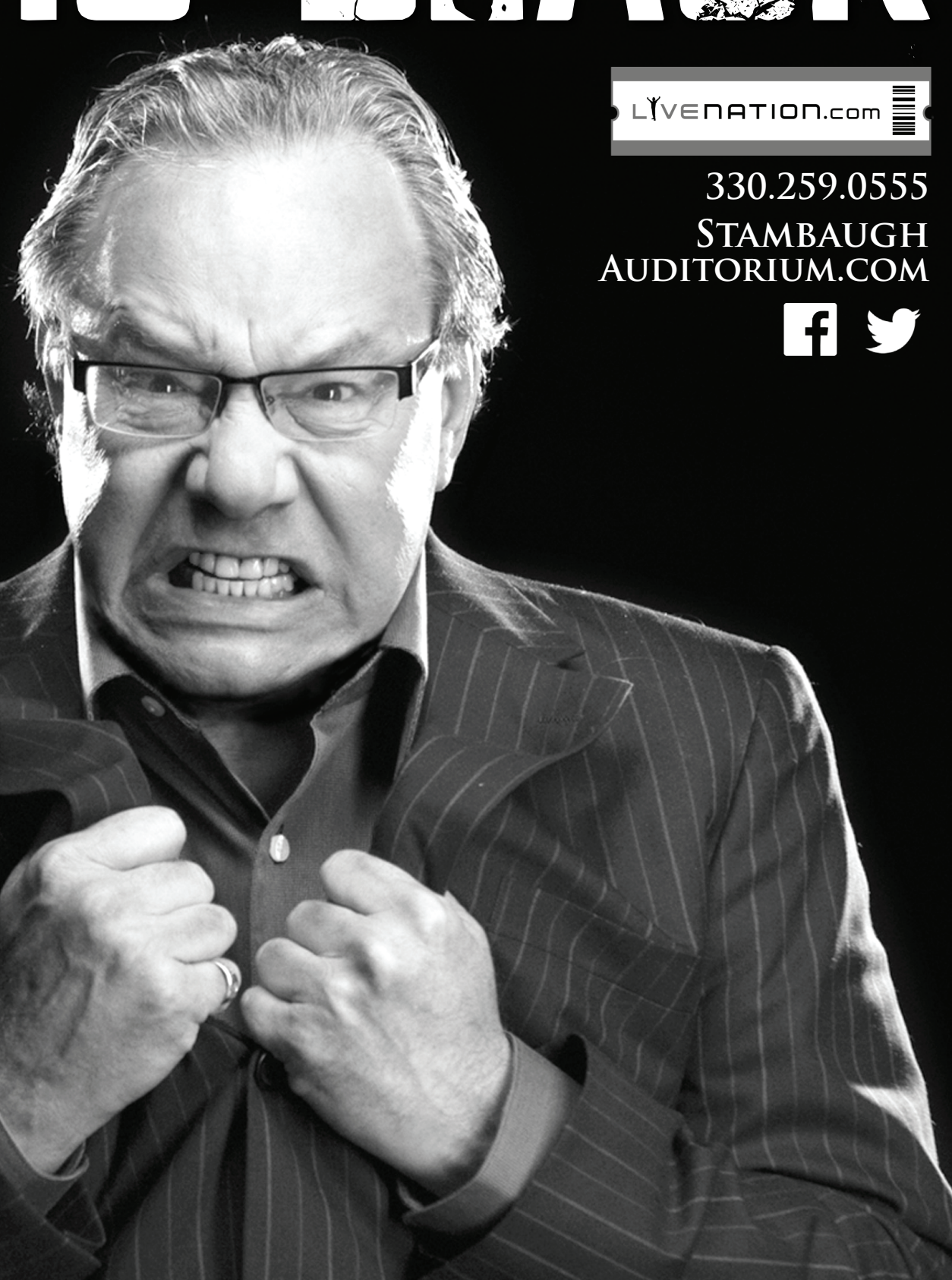
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Dr. Tess

An out-of-this-world professor

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Linda Tessier, commonly known as “Dr. Tess,” has been a faculty member at Youngstown State University since 1988. During her time at the university, Tessier wrote the text for the “Myth, Symbol, and Ritual” course, and teaches several upper divisions in both philosophy and religious studies.

Tessier said that one of her favorite courses to teach is “Women in the Bible,” or, as she affectionately calls it, “The Harlots Course: Biblical Bad Girls.”

“It’s a really vigorous biblical interpretation course, but I

make it more fun by really focusing on the stories of the bad girls of the Bible,” Tessier said. “The material just fascinates me. The more I learn about it, the more fascinating I find it to work in this area.”

Tessier’s father was in the Air Force, so she lived in several different places such as England, Guam and Southern California before coming to Youngstown. Tessier admitted to feeling like she didn’t belong when she first moved to the area and said that for her the first several years, she felt that she was from Mars.

“It took me about 10 years to realize that my job here was to represent Martian culture, and ever since then, I’ve sort of settled in,” she said.

Right after high school, Tessier began her advanced education at Whittier College, majoring in theater and literature. Afterward, she sort of “drifted off” into the world and did a variety of things that included working at a plastic parts factory, working for attorneys and stage-managing a dance company.

In 1979 she completed her Bachelor of Arts in religious studies at Chapman College and in 1982 she attended Claremont Graduate University. Tessier gained a Master of Arts and a doctorate in religion with a concentration in the philosophy of religion and theology.

Her dissertation was titled “Boundary Crossing: A Feminist Psychoanalysis of the Cha-

os and Cosmos and Dynamic in Cosmogonic Myth.” Tessier defines ‘cosmogonic’ as ‘of creation stories.’

“I love creation myths. That’s a love that has been a part of my work as long as I have studied the stuff,” she said.

Tessier said she came to Youngstown because it’s where she got a job.

“The only contact I had had with this area is that I hitchhiked through it when I hitchhiked across the country when I was twenty,” she said.

Tessier said that she never planned to fall in love with teaching.

“I knew coming out of grad school that I would teach, because that’s what you do. You teach. But I didn’t realize that teaching would be the center of my professional life,” she said. “I didn’t think that it would be what I’m all about.”

Tessier said that she expected to be a lot more research-based. She has done research and has written books, but says that teaching is really the center of her professional life.

“I didn’t expect [teaching] would have such an impact on me — and it really has,” she said. “I expected to like some of my students and to dislike some of my students ... I was not prepared for the love. I did not know that I would love every last one of them, even the ones I didn’t like very much, and that teaching would be such a profound passion and that I would so enjoy teaching these students here.”

Tessier said that she loves teaching the students here because “their lives are huge” — meaning that not only are they going to school but are also working full-time jobs, taking care of children and having lives outside of the classroom.

“They are interesting people with incredible cour-

age,” she said.

She said that she loves the curiosity that students have and that her favorite phrase to hear is, “I never thought about it that way before.”

It was her own curiosity that led her to study philosophy and religion.

Tessier had been “living in paradise” in a studio apartment in Laguna Beach that rested on a cliff near the ocean. She was a legal secretary at the time, something she said she didn’t mind but had never chosen. So she asked herself, “What would I choose?”

She said that she considered her skills, which she said are “think, write, talk.” She then asked herself what she would like to think, write and talk about. The conclusion she came to was, “Why do people really do what they do?”

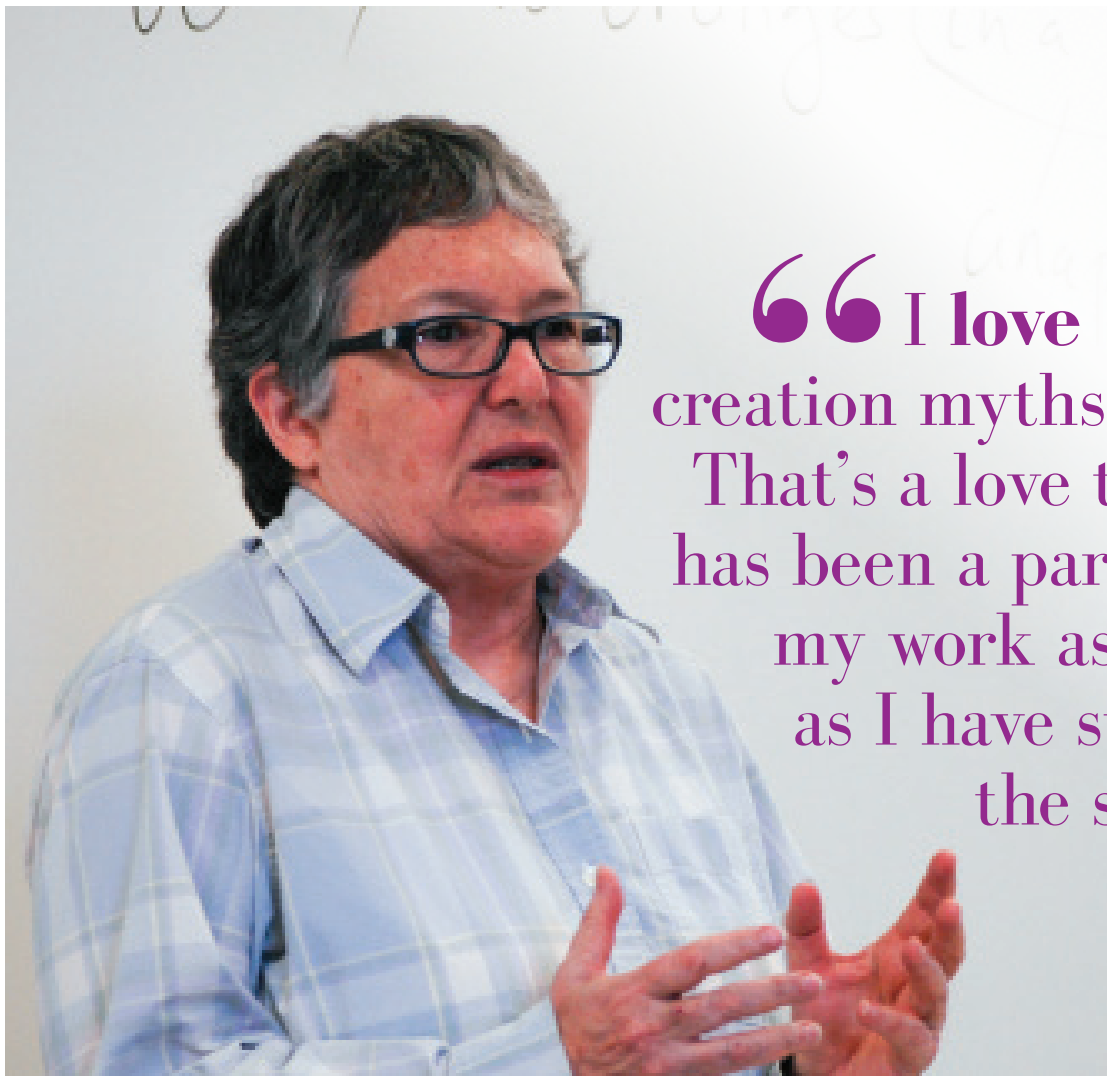
Outside of teaching, Tessier’s interests include a love of animals and a love of the theater. She is on the board for the Bummer Fund, which raises money to help people who have a good track record of caring for their animals but have fallen on hard times financially, typically due to medical emergencies.

She served for some time as the President of the Board of the Oakland Center for the Arts, and has acted and stage-managed before. She still works with the Youngstown Area Community Theater Alliance and sees as much theater as she can.

Tessier and her partner Tara McKibben have been together since October of 1989; they have three dogs, two cats and a turtle. McKibben had a son, David Andrew, when they met, and Tessier said she was so happy that he got to be a part of her life. He is now married and is in the Navy.

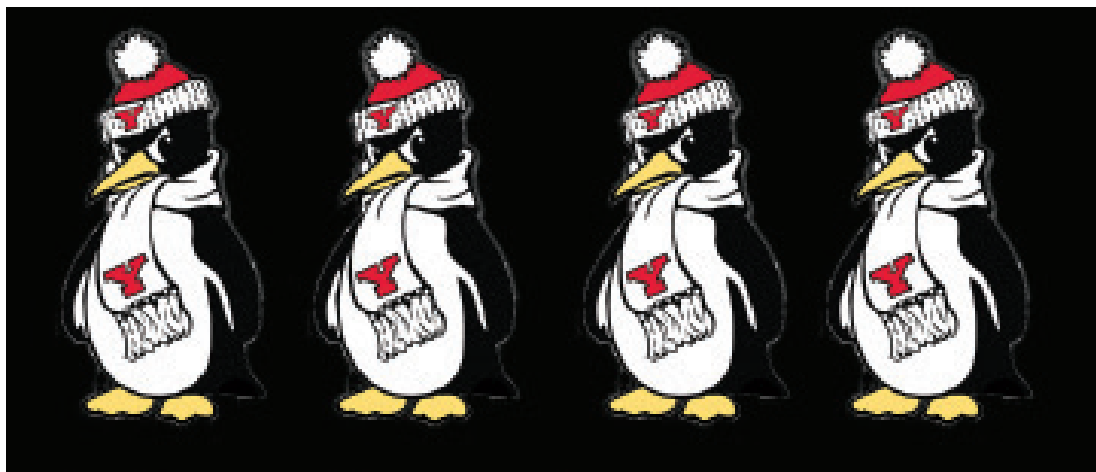
Tessier is set to retire in June. She would like to move to the Durham, North Carolina area — where her father grew up — and dreams of owning a horse.

She will continue to teach through the extended teaching program, but plans to spend her days “reading, listening to music and playing jigsaw puzzles.”



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Linda Tessier lectures to her “Women in the Bible” class in DeBartolo Hall on Monday. Tessier has been at Youngstown State University for 25 years. Photo by Frank George/The Jambar.



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EDITORIAL

What does “human rights abuse” actually mean to the North Koreans?

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Here at The Jambar, we enjoy light-hearted news. We like ridiculous stories — things that are absurd, things that are so far into left field that we wonder why they need to be covered by actual journalists.

This is not one of those stories.

Earlier this year, North Korea’s supreme leader Kim Jong Un made building a ski resort one of the country’s top priorities. After unsuccessfully trying to import ski lifts from

France and Austria, they turned to the ever-malevolent Swiss. The final offer was \$7.7 million. The Swiss declined, not out of dislike, but rather because of new sanctions that forbade selling luxury items to North Korea.

After the refusal, North Korea’s state news agency, the Korean Central News Agency, issued a press release calling the Swiss’ actions “an intolerable mockery of the social system” and “a serious human rights abuse.”

A human rights abuse? Really?!

What about the people in your country that are starving? What about the concentration camps that one United Nations investigator said had not been seen since the Nazis controlled

Europe? None of these things fall into Kim Jong Un’s category of human rights abuses, but a country refusing you a ski lift does? This is where you draw the line?

This needs to be the wakeup call to both North Korea and the western world that tends to step in and deal with these issues when they arise.

For the west, this is the ultimate signal that the North Korean leadership is not acting rationally — something that has been evident for a decent amount of time by now. The time has come for something more serious, something like the embargo on luxury items to North Korea. Taking away the only thing that Kim Jong Un apparently

cares about will get their attention and hopefully lead to some much needed change that is so desperately needed.

For North Korea, this is the ultimate case of it being the child that screams to get what it wants. This is where the world leaders trying to get North Korea into line need to stand their ground. It shouldn’t be difficult; it’s just luxury goods. But it’s important that ground is stood and compromises aren’t made.

And maybe, just maybe, this can be a wakeup call to Kim Jong Un and the North Korean leaders around him, a sign that things must change right now.

But then again, when was the last time anyone remembers the North Korean government acting rationally?



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Pink buckets and bacon ribbons won’t beat breast cancer

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There’s nothing wrong with your vision. Everything has a pink hue because it’s National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and many companies are going overboard with pink products. Most of them mean well, of course, but some are just pinkwashing — acting like breast cancer crusaders, even though they peddle products that contribute to the disease. In early October, for example, Smithfield Foods and other businesses sponsored a bacon festival in honor of breast cancer month. The logo featured a strip of bacon in the shape of a pink ribbon — because nothing says “breast cancer awareness” like saturated fat and concentrated protein.

Companies such as Smithfield and KFC — which took heat for once selling its chicken in pink buckets to “support” Susan G. Komen for the Cure — aren’t just hurting animals. They’re causing people to suffer as well. If we want to ward off breast cancer and save animals and the environment, too, we must see pinkwashing efforts for what they really are — and opt for vegan foods instead of animal-based ones.

The saturated fat, excess protein, hormones and other harmful substances found in animal-based foods raise a person’s risk for breast cancer. A study involving more than 900,000 women indicates that women who eat more than one and a half servings of beef, lamb or pork a day in their 20s, 30s and 40s are twice as likely to develop breast cancer as women who eat less than three servings of meat a week.

One serving of beef is about the size of a deck of cards. Two slices of Canadian bacon or three strips of regular bacon count as one serving of pork. A serving isn’t much meat, but it’s much more than we need,

and many Americans eat more than two servings — 7.5 ounces of meat or more — every day.

A recently released study from the University of Hawaii Cancer Center in Honolulu suggests that premenopausal women who eat higher amounts of meat have higher levels of serum estrogen, a female sex hormone that boosts the risk for breast cancer.

Dairy products, which reportedly account for 60 percent to 80 percent of the estrogens that many women consume, also accelerate the growth of cancer cells. According to Dr. Jane A. Plant, a British scientist, cancer survivor and author of “The No-Dairy Breast Cancer Prevention Program,” “Undoubtedly, the best anti-cancer diet would be to go completely vegan.”

Wholesome plant-based foods are generally low in saturated fat and rich in fiber and cancer-fighting phytochemicals. The American Cancer Society not only encourages people to eat healthy plant foods but also states that soy foods can reduce your risk for breast cancer.

Anne McTiernan, a researcher with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, says that women can prevent breast cancer by exercising and maintaining a healthy weight. Research shows that the average vegan is 18 percent leaner than his or her meat-eating counterpart and that vegans are 40 percent less likely to develop cancer.

Continuing to eat unhealthy foods — even if those foods do come in pretty pink packages — and hoping to beat cancer at the same time is folly. So whenever you see pink this month, consider it a reminder to “eat green.” If you want to buy something pink, opt for Pink Lady apples, pink grapefruit, pink rhubarb or other pink produce. After all, October isn’t just National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It’s also Vegetarian Awareness Month.

LETTER to the EDITOR

The Truth About the Shutdown

It would appear that some rays of truth need to be shed on the recent editorial published by the Jambar editorial staff. The notion that the House of Representatives is guilty of triggering the shutdown of the federal government United States is unjust and loaded. The House did not just propose a single government-spending bill that would defund the Affordable Care Act (ACA). They proposed three separate sets of provisions to a federal spending bill, each time asking for less drastic compromise from the Democrats in the Senate. The multiple House options would allow time for both parties to sit down and negotiate, all while keeping essential parts of the government funded. The Democrats refused, childishly took their toys, and went home. Even worse, when Republicans proposed legislation in the past week to make sure essential parts of government were funded, Democrats turned their heads and refused to negotiate again. When Republicans passed a bill that would guarantee that the men and women of the United States Armed Forces receive a pay check while putting their lives at risk for the freedom of our nation, Democrats accused them of being “unfair,” according to an article from CNN. With some perverted sense of righteousness, President Obama, Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid and their cronies blatantly rejected any notion of bipartisan compromise, a foundation of American politics, and took the American Government as a hostage.

The reality is House Republicans are not being bossed around by “Tea Party Extremists,” but are instead doing their jobs and representing their constituents. In fact, many Republicans won seats in the house, subsequently causing Republicans to take control of the house in 2010, in response to the ACA. Polls by Fox News, CNN Opinion Poll, Quinnipac, Rasmussen Report, and NBC News all provide us with the reality that Americans oppose the ACA! The statistics don’t lie; Democrats are force-feeding Americans cold healthcare stew that they don’t want to eat. The Jambar editors furthered that notion by informing us that it is the law, thus it is set in stone and unarguable. This may be how the Jambar operates, but not democracy. Laws are both amendable and able to be appealed, and thank heaven for that! Were this not the case, women still could not vote and children would be slaving away in machine shops across America.

It is time for the Democrats to grow up, act like adults and make an earnest attempt at compromise.

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The Stone that rocked their world



“She’s definitely been the best recruit I’ve ever had in my career.”

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Throughout his coaching career, Eric Wolford has had many recruits.

He’s made numerous trips all over the country in helping build a strong program, whether it’s at Youngstown State University or another school he coached in the past. But nothing compares to the recruit he met while at the University at North Texas in 2003.

It was Melinda Wolford.

“She’s definitely been the best recruit I’ve ever had in my career,” he said.

Melinda Wolford knew from the first time they met that there was something there, stating his personality jumped out.

“He’s one of those people that his body follows his spirit — like for as big as he is, when he’s in the room, his personality and his charisma are bigger than him,” she said. “I knew that just the first time I met him. I enjoy the humor, and I enjoy the lightness of him.”

One year later, the two were married in Arizona — where Eric Wolford was an assistant at the University of Arizona. He left Texas in December 2003 to take the job. Melinda Wolford, a professor at Texas Woman’s University, joined him in July 2004.

“She wasn’t going to leave Fort Worth unless we got married, so we got married,” Eric Wolford said. “It was the best day of my life.”

The next step was starting a family. On Nov. 26, 2005, son Stone Wolford was born.

Little did Eric and Melinda Wolford know that the next two years would be the most difficult. They knew something was wrong with their son, and after two years and four months, they found out what that was.

Melinda Wolford, eight months pregnant with daughter Marlee, pulled up to her job one morning in Illinois. At the time, Eric Wolford was an assistant at the University of Illinois.

The geneticist they had been seeing for Stone Wolford was ill, so her counselor called Melinda Wolford. The counselor tried to convince Melinda Wolford to hear the diagnosis in person rather than on the phone. She refused numerous times, and the counselor finally told her over the phone.

Stone Wolford was diagnosed with Car-

diofaciocutaneous Syndrome (CFC Syndrome), a rare genetic syndrome that typically affects the heart and skin.

According to CFC International, an estimated 200 to 300 people suffer from the disorder worldwide, and children live an average between four and 14 years. There is no cure.

“It was one of the most difficult moments of my life to get that confirmation, and at the same time it opened so many doors for where we would go,” Melinda Wolford said.

Numerous questions popped in Eric and Melinda Wolford’s minds. What are they going to do about it? How do they prepare to lose a child if that’s a possibility?

“We’ve spent a lot of time talking about that, and we kind of grieved, because it wasn’t what we expected it to be,” she said. “It wasn’t going to be a little guy playing football, which is what you dream of. We decided at one point that he had brought us so much, and he had given us so much knowledge and experience that we could help other people that were in situations like that.”

Eric and Melinda Wolford founded the No Stone Unturned Foundation in October 2008 to help families with children that have special needs.

“There’s some research that tells us that couples with children of special needs have an 80 percent divorce rate,” Melinda Wolford said. “That was a tough time for us during those first two years of his life.”

But it was those first two years that helped Eric and Melinda Wolford’s marriage to where it is. They persevered through thick and thin.

Melinda Wolford is an assistant professor in the YSU Department of Counseling, Special Education and School Psychology while Eric Wolford is in his fourth season as head coach of the Penguins.

The Wolfords are raising two kids while helping others around the country do the same. They couldn’t be happier in Youngstown.

“We knew we were chosen to be his parents, and we knew that we needed to make the best of it,” Melinda Wolford said. “I think Stone is one of those things in our marriage that has made it work like it does work. He brings a whole different layer to our relationship.”

• Five for Five

Jeff Tyus, assistant professor in the department of communication



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Last week, Adam Earnhardt was asked five questions regarding the Cleveland-Pittsburgh relationship in Youngstown, mainly focusing on Pittsburgh fans. This week, Jeff Tyus, an assistant professor in the department of communication at Youngstown State University, discusses the fanship around Cleveland.

Tyus, who lives in the Cleveland area, has been studying fandom and sports communication since 2005 — specifically Northeast Ohio fans since 2007.



How have the fans in Cleveland treated the Indians reaching the playoffs along with the Browns’ winning streak? What were fans talking more about or was it the same?



The fans in Cleveland took a while to warm up to the Indians — primarily because many knew that they were missing some key pieces to becoming a truly playoff contending team. Don’t get me wrong, they definitely had a great season and deserved to have been respected more than they were throughout the season, but missing key pieces, like a true power bat(s) that is guaranteed to get you 20+ home runs and strike fear into the opponents, led to fans being more skeptical than convinced.

As far as the Browns winning streak is concerned, clearly it was unexpected. Fans had started to ride off this team after the big trade, even though there were a few like myself encouraging everyone to calm down. Now there is clearly optimism for a good season and finally a good future, but we’re still not talent rich, so it will take some time. I think the fans are truly beginning to realize that there are people in the front office of this organization that finally know what they are doing.



For the first time in a long time, the Browns have a better record than the Steelers. Are fans more excited about the Browns’ success or the Steelers’ disappointments? Or is it equal?



There are some fans in Cleveland who are just as excited about the Steelers record as they are the Browns, but I would say most fans are focused solely on the success of the Browns and could care less about the Steelers until we’re ready to play them.



Last week, Adam Earnhardt said Cleveland fans don’t know how to handle all of this success at once. Does he make a valid point?



I’m not sure what he means. There was a time when the Indians, Browns and Cavs were in the playoffs. Check 1994 to be exact. So this isn’t something new for the city and its fans. It’s something recent, but definitely not something new. In 2007, the Indians and Cavs were in the playoffs that year also. So I’m not sure what is meant by “don’t know how to handle all of this success at once.”



Now that the Indians are over for six months, is there excitement about the upcoming NBA season?



There is some excitement for the Cavs because they are young and hungry. Furthermore, there are some intriguing key additions that might truly make them an exciting team to watch this year. While the media and some fans will be tuned into whether LeBron is coming back to Cleveland or not, most fans are focused on the current team and how well they succeed.



Along with that, is there a lot of talk between fans regarding the LeBron James returning rumors? How are you handling this situation?



Personally, I am not getting involved in the drama associated with LeBron and his connection to Cleveland. I wasn’t glued to my TV during his last “Decision.” If he chooses to come back, cool! If he doesn’t, no problem! My life as a fan continues. When he left Cleveland, I continued to be a Cavs fan. It actually may have led to me loving the team even more. I don’t get too caught up in these sports personalities all like that. If they want to come play for my team, I’ll welcome them through my attendance at the games and watching them on TV. If they don’t, then I wish them well. I wish fans would stop propping them on pedestals and treating them like they are God’s gift to basketball — it’s actually quite ridiculous!