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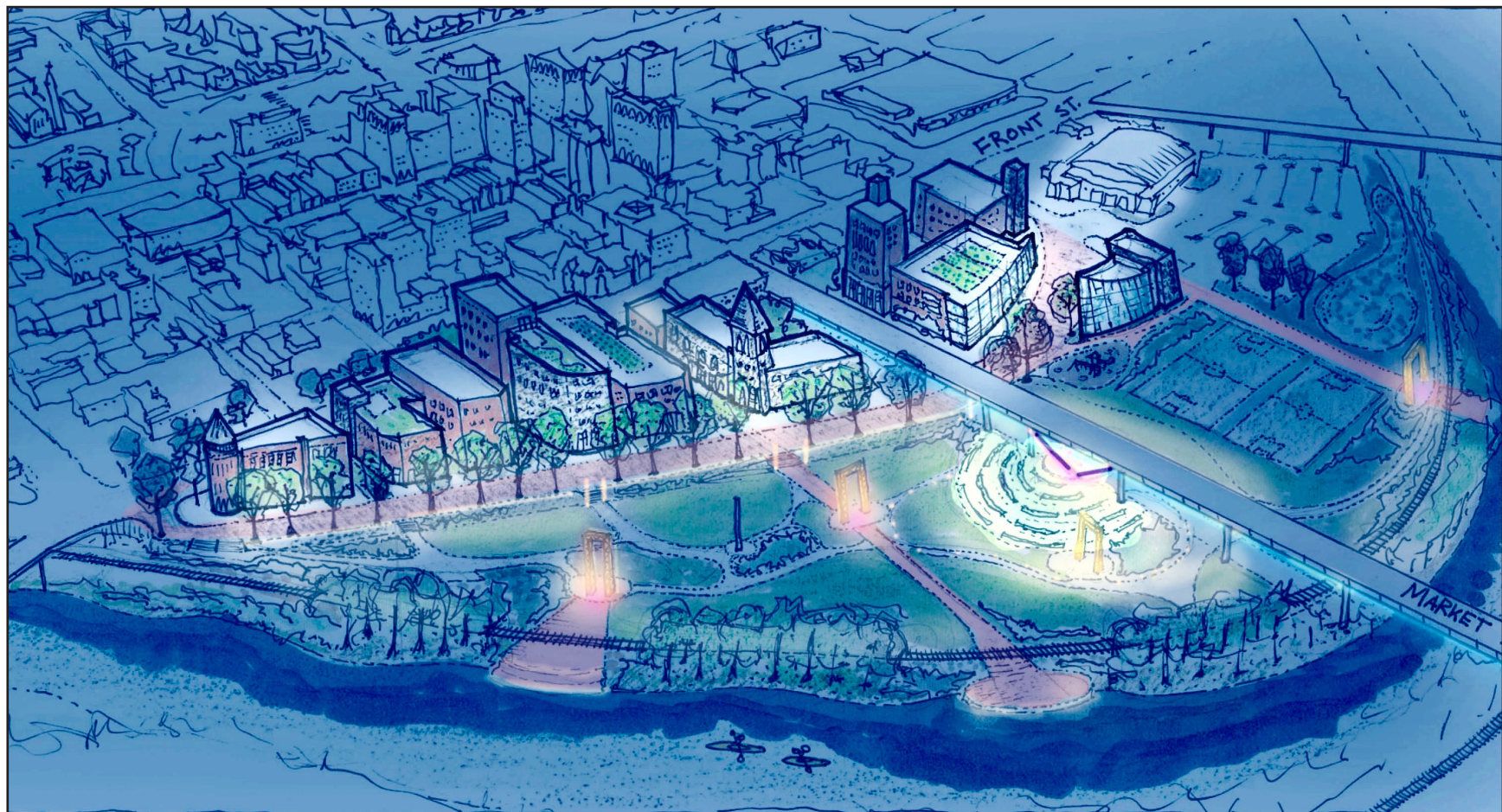


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Students proposed a vision for a park along Youngstown's riverfront, including a boardwalk along the south side of Front Street and an amphitheater below the Market Street bridge. They recommended increased development along the south side of Front Street to better connect downtown to the riverfront.

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*Visiting students generated interesting ideas during a 48-hour design challenge.*

Citizens of Youngstown could see big changes if

ideas — such as a slide down Hazel Street to draw students downtown — presented by the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative last Thursday were implemented.

Urban design students from Kent State University, Lawrence Technological University and Ball State University came to Youngstown from Oct. 22 to 24 to quickly produce design ideas for the city.

The city played host to Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative for their 2015 Midwest Design Charrette. A charrette is an accelerated collaborative session intended to quickly generate design solutions.

The students arrived in Youngstown at 2 p.m. on Thursday and presented their ideas at 2 p.m. on Saturday. A few students returned last Thursday to

present their final vision plan at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

They took a brief tour and met with stakeholders before getting to work on design ideas. The initial focus was on using Phelps and Hazel Streets to connect Youngstown State University to the downtown area, but they branched out along the riverfront.

The students proposed turning Phelps Street into

the main pedestrian pathway, running a bus circuit up Hazel Street to the University and back down Wick and Market Avenues to Front Street and creating 3-D printed street furniture.

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## Ballot Breakdown: Issues 2 & 3

### ISSUE 2&3



Yay

Nay

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Marijuana lovers across Ohio will either celebrate — or lament — the results of the Issue 2 and Issue 3 ballot initiative following Tuesday's vote.

Issue 3 legalizes marijuana for both recreational and medicinal uses. It also limits the production and sale of marijuana heavily.

There are 10 predetermined "grow-sites" throughout the state, which will be the only places in the entire state where marijuana will be allowed to be grown and sold.

There will also be 1,100 designated store locations for the average consumer, stocked with marijuana

from these farms.

Private homeowners can possess four adult plants — which must be purchased from one of the 10 grow sites — and may possess up to eight ounces of marijuana product at a time. They will not be allowed to sell any of their own products, nor will they be allowed to have over 100 grams of marijuana. Both of these actions would be felonies.

Even if an adult can own four plants, those plants must all come from the designated grow-sites, with the prices determined by these 10 farms. It specifically prohibits other farms from forming, and it prohibits any sale or possession of marijuana not from these approved farm sources. Possessing and growing marijuana will, in several ways, still be a felony.

The concern most frequently voiced by citizens is that it limits the entire marijuana market in Ohio to 10 people and their businesses. These people are the top 10 donors to ResponsibleOhio's PAC, the organization which has pushed millions of dollars into advertising and negotiating with political interest groups to get Issue 3 on the ballot in the first place.

Issue 2 does not talk about marijuana directly. It was created specifically to address the monopoly that will occur if Issue 3 passes.

This issue will make any attempts to create a monopoly — one person or entity that controls a section of the market — or an oligopoly — a selected few persons or entities that control a section of the market — using a ballot initiative

subject to a 2-step review and approval process by the Ohio Ballot Board.

Despite some argument, the passage of Issue 2 makes the success of Issue 3 highly unlikely.

Of course, ResponsibleOhio and other private marijuana supporters will not let it go without a fight. If both issues pass, the Ohio Supreme Court will probably need to get involved to settle things, because otherwise completely contradictory statements will suddenly be a part of the Ohio Constitution.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

If voters want to ensure that future monopolies, oligopolies and cartels won't exist — but also realize it will become far more expensive for citizens to put issues on the ballot and far more difficult for citizens to

get initiatives passed — vote for Issue 2.

If voters want marijuana legalized in some way and don't care how it's done, they should vote for Issue 3 and vote against Issue 2.

If voters want to legalize marijuana but don't like ResponsibleOhio's plan, they should vote against Issue 2 — which will make bringing marijuana legalization in any form back to the ballot a much more difficult prospect — while also voting against Issue 3.

#### TWITTER VERSION

Want weed no matter what? Yes on 3, No on 2.

Want weed, but want to wait for a different plan? No on 3, No on 2.

Don't want weed, but want to make it harder for citizen initiatives to get on the ballot? No on 3, Yes on 2.



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## TEDx Speaker Series: Bulking up Women's Self-esteem

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Brandy Schumaker, assistant director for fitness and wellness programs at Youngstown State University, has made working out and bodybuilding an important part of her life. Her TED talk will discuss how women can be strong, be beautiful, be mothers, be successful in their careers and still love themselves.

Schumaker graduated from the exercise program at YSU in 2001. She met her husband after taking a job at the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, and they pursued bodybuilding together.

"After two years of training together, we went to a couple of bodybuilding shows because we were interested, and it was giving us something to work towards," Schumaker said.

She began competing in 2007. Training for bodybuilding became a priority. She started from the bottom and worked to get where she is today.

"I knew I always wanted to do bodybuilding, but I didn't think I was big enough or strong enough

to do it," Schumaker said.

Bodybuilding is a rigorous sport, and it has been important to Schumaker to grow and become stronger in a healthy way.

"The organizations we work with are completely natural and always drug tested," Schumaker said. "They do a polygraph test before you even compete, and depending on what you are doing, you are doing a urine test as well. I was lucky that when I wanted to become a bodybuilder I found these natural organizations."

The organizations she works with refer to the "physique" bodybuilding category.

"They are trying to get away from the women bodybuilding stereotype of the big muscles and the mustache, and with that they are trying to rebrand and focus on physique," Schumaker said.

Schumaker and her husband opened up a fitness studio in New Middletown, Ohio in 2011. In that same year, she reached the professional level.

"I won my pro card in 2011 at Cardinal Plaza here in Youngstown in bodybuilding. In 2012, I did my first pro show in Austin,



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Texas. That same year we did our first strongman competition," Schumaker said.

In 2013 Schumaker found out she was pregnant with her daughter, and that presented a rewarding challenge for her.

"Everything happened between people telling me that training was not go-

ing to be the same, that I would never be as strong, that I would never be lean," Schumaker said. "It was different, but not a bad different."

She said the transition following the pregnancy was difficult. She worked out every day until she went into the hospital, but she wasn't able to for six

weeks following the delivery.

"I work out six days a week, sometimes seven depending on my training. Reality was hard because I knew I was gonna have a baby, but that realization of not being to work out was hard," Schumaker said.

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## ISIS Expert Comes to Campus



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Ariel Ahram, a professor at Virginia Tech University, gave a speech on state-militias at Youngstown State University Monday.

Ahram was drawn to studying Iraq as an undergraduate in the mid '90s after having two Iraqi professors.

His speech focused on the formation of state-militias. This has been a topic at the center of debate in America given the U.S. military's involvement in the Middle East and the prob-

lems caused by state-militias like the Islamic State.

"Why is this going on in places like northern Iraq and northeastern Syria? Well the answer I think goes back to thinking about how these communities were created at the end of the Ottoman Empire," Ahram said.

Ahram said he is intrigued by the passage of time in these countries.

"I am interested also in what happens to people when states go away, when there is no higher political authority," Ahram said.

He said there are two important features of the

Islamic State: they reject all natural borders that divide Muslim communities and they arrived in a period of civil war, which they instigate.

"So their effort to build their new Islamic state in Syria and Iraq is done in competition, not just with the governments of Syria and Iraq, but other armed groups," Ahram said. "ISIS is fighting against all of those groups."

He said the division between different religions in Iraq is new.

"It was not at all uncommon to have Muslims, Christians and Jews all

going to the same shrines and worshipping the same saints," Ahram said.

His speech focused on this and also the effects these places have had on women.

Helene Sinnreich, the director of the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies at YSU, said this is one of the main reasons she asked Ahram to come speak on campus.

Sinnreich said she wanted YSU students to understand what was happening over in the Middle East.

"I was very struck by the plight of the women being targeted by ISIS and being

forced into slavery. I invited Ariel Ahram to speak at YSU because I thought it was important that the campus — myself included — learn more about this ongoing atrocity," Sinnreich said.

Ahram teaches a lot of courses relating to international security, Middle Eastern politics and social movements — many of his students are active or former military with very direct experiences relating to the topics at hand.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rich Center to Sponsor 'Autistic Like Me' Screening on Nov. 10**

The Rich Center for Autism and the Color of Autism Foundation are sponsoring a film screening on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center at Youngstown State University. The film, "Autistic Like Me: A Father's Perspective," is about five fathers of children with autism and is based on the personal story of director Charles Jones.

**Dana School of Music to Host Three Diverse Performances This Week**

The Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University will present a Fall Choral Concert, a YSU Percussion Ensemble concert and a Dana Guitar Ensemble recital. The Fall Choral Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. The Percussion Ensemble concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Youngstown. The Guitar Ensemble recital will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Bliss Recital Hall on campus.

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Getting back to work also took some adjustment from Schumaker, but she was able to make it work with support from her husband and family.

"It was hard leaving my daughter. She depended on me, and it was an adjustment balancing being a mom, being at work, training and competing," Schumaker said. "I decided that it just had to be a part of my day."

She said she wants to teach her daughter what she's learned and pass her strength onto her. Her talk will focus on how bodybuilding can help women achieve inner strength as well as physical strength.

"My talk is about creating strong women. Me competing is about me being strong and efficient at this sport, but it's also about what competing has done for me personally. It's created a stronger me,"

Schumaker said.

She said she hopes it will show women that there is a beauty in bodybuilding beyond brutish strength and bulging muscles, drawing on research about weight training and endurance training.

"I want to show women that they can still wear a dress and do regular things. But if you want to be strong, lift things and be good and efficient at it that is also an option," Schumaker said.

She said she understands that not everyone likes the way she looks and she's OK with that.

"If I am happy with the way that I look, if I like being and feeling strong, then I am going to find something that I am comfortable wearing," Schumaker said. "If people don't like the way my arms look, so be it. I am who I am — I like the way that I look. I work hard to get this muscle mass, and I am not going to hide it to make people comfortable."

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An increase in green space was emphasized as a way to repurpose the sea of parking lots that acts as a barrier between downtown and the University, with a proposed strategy that would begin with formally designed elements near the University that become more natural as you get closer to the riverfront.

Kristen Zeiber, an urban designer and project manager with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, coordinated the charrette.

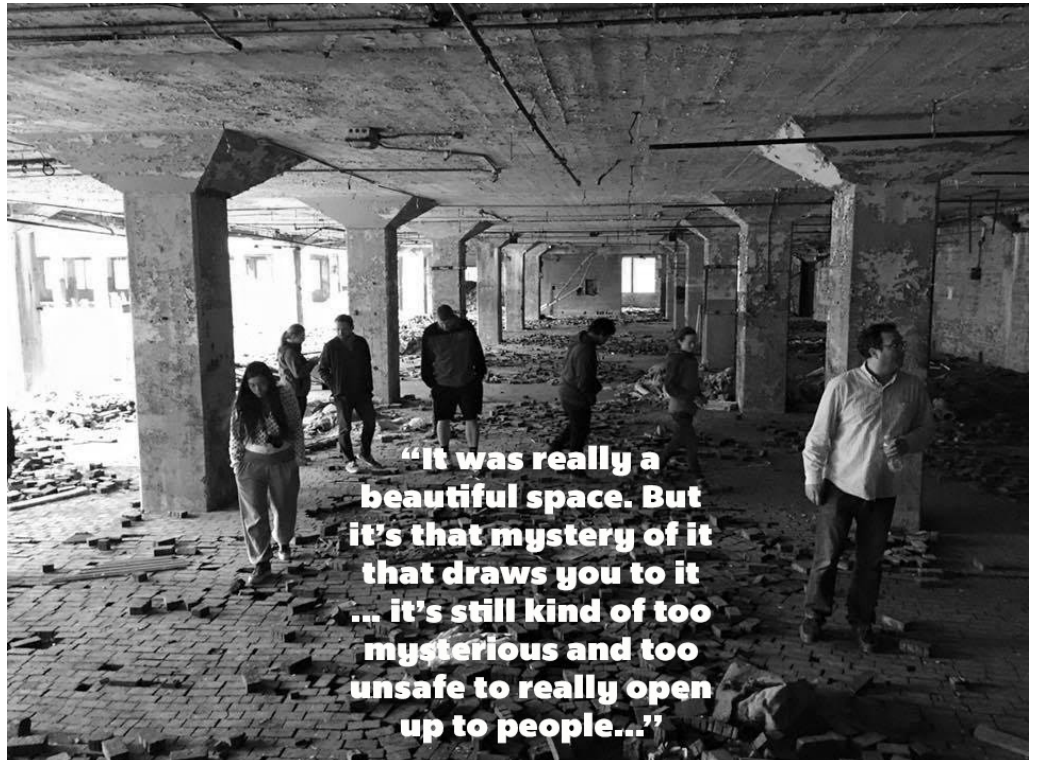
"The network of [proposed] green spaces through the downtown really capitalizes on how much surface parking there is, and so much of it is unnecessary, so we're consolidating some of those parking lots and really making what's there more of an asset," Zeiber said.

Students also proposed increased development along Front Street to connect the city to the riverfront, with a boardwalk running alongside the north end of the former Wean United property. They also suggested using soccer fields, community gardens and educational elements to fill the 33-acre site.

They viewed the area underneath the Market Street Bridge as an underutilized asset, suggesting it as a potential site for a proposed outdoor amphitheater.

Zeiber said Youngstown is unique in that a lot of groundwork has already been laid for future development.

"A lot of times we come into communities, and they don't know what they want yet. They know that what's there isn't really working, but they don't know exactly what they want and they



**"It was really a beautiful space. But it's that mystery of it that draws you to it ... it's still kind of too mysterious and too unsafe to really open up to people..."**

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definitely don't know how to get there," Zeiber said. "That's a real change from working here where it's, 'We know what we want. We know exactly how we're going to get there. We just need to know exactly what it's going to look like.' So, we want to make sure that we gave them those tools and we really advanced the work that they've already done."

Zeiber said doubling down on that space was a huge idea.

"I think they really proved that it could work really well for a lot of very small scale and large scale things," Zeiber said.

A team focused on riverfront connections proposed turning an abandoned rail trestle running across the river behind B&O station into a pedestrian park they called the Y-line — an homage to New York City's High Line.

Hunter Morrison, director of the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, said the Y-line

wouldn't be hard to implement.

"In any one of these charrette exercises, there's one or two brilliant ideas. The Y-line is one of those ideas," Morrison said.

Dominic Marchionda, city-university planning coordinator for the YSU Regional Economic Development Initiative, said the informal nature of charrettes can be freeing.

"We don't have to just hide this plan behind closed doors and then present it and then we're all burned out because it took so long for us to come up with all those drawings. That was only 48 hours," Marchionda said.

Marchionda was also impressed by a proposed trail to connect some underused parks on the city's east side.

"Everyone talks about the East Side not having quality of life or amenities. Well, here's something. You can get professional paintball tournaments, ATV courses, mountain biking," Marchionda said. "Let's just

get people aware of it and let them travel around it safely."

Katelyn Milius, a graduate student at Kent State University, said it was kind of a whirlwind.

"Just being able to quickly design and push out drawings and go through ideas really quickly and spit out a great product — it was a great experience to do that in a new place," Milius said.

She said they toured some abandoned industrial sites and the mystery of those areas is captivating.

"There's so many beautiful spaces along the river and the high line. There's just a lot of potential here, so it's exciting," Milius said.

Tyler Middendorf, another Kent State University graduate student, said they were surprised by the existing assets in the city.

"Youngstown is really beautiful as it is now," Middendorf said. "You come to these things and you're kind of prepared for the worst, but there's a lot of great assets."



# YSU Art Graduate Invents New Hit Game



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A game is not so easy to win when it is simply not a matter of just skill or just chance.

George Kovach, game inventor and graduate of Youngstown State University, has invented a new hit board game and mobile application titled "Mega Moves."

The game, which uses a combination of moves from Chess and Checkers, also uses dice. In the game, the dice roll is split into two separate moves per turn rather than one. The dice are designed with numbers zero to four and the letter "x," which gives the player an extra roll. After each roll, the game pieces can then move in any direction in an attack and capture strategy.

The last player on the board wins.

"You're never out of the game," Kovach said. "You never make a bad move."

Upon graduating from YSU with an art degree, Kovach freelanced as a graphic designer for game companies. He gained success when he combined cards and dice in his first board game, Luck Plus, which was bought by UNO and sold close to 1.5 million units.

In 2014, Kovach worked with Multivarious Games, an APP design company in Dublin, Ohio, to produce the mobile application version of "Mega Moves." It can be played against the computer, a local

opponent or anyone anywhere in the world.

"If this game gets known, it could help put Ohio on the map as far as game developing," Kovach said.

Chris Volpe, CEO of Multivarious Games and head of the Ohio Game Developers Association, holds the annual Ohio Game Developers Expo at the COSI science center in Columbus in hopes of putting Ohio at the center of game development.

"The main goal is to create an industry so that people interested in video game and creative tech don't have to leave and go to the west coast," Volpe said. "We're trying to get people connected and support each other. I wanna make sure Ohio is seen as a place for that and I want to make sure that Ohio is able to do that."

Currently, the video game industry is mostly based in the west coast. By bringing more game development to Ohio, Volpe believes it will generate business in the state.

"We definitely hit on something that gets people excited and want to be involved," Vople said.

The "Mega Moves" board game can be purchased locally at Kraynak's in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Cards and Collectibles in Boardman or at Peaberry's in Canfield for \$15. The application can be downloaded for free in the Apple store on iPhones or iPads.



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EDITORIAL

# What to do About Issue 2

If you haven't voted yet today, read this, then go vote.

Any Ohioan who cares about politics, economics, getting high or any combination of the three is aware of the big vote today. Issue 3 is up, and — if passed — will legalize the sale of marijuana at 10 grow-sites and allow citizens to grow and possess a limited amount themselves.

Less talked about — but more important to the future of Ohioans' power to influence the state — is Issue 2.

Introduced as a way to derail ResponsibleOhio's plan to legalize marijuana, Issue 2 claims it will ensure "monopolies, oligopolies and cartels" are scrutinized by a review board before making it to the ballot. If an initiative is found to be in violation of the prohibitions set up by Issue 2, the initiative will be presented to voters through two questions.

The first question will likely ask, "Do you want to authorize a monopoly in the state of Ohio?"

The second will likely be a more narrow version of the first, relating to the specific monopoly under consideration.

This is a big deal. Not only will it force every citizen initiative before the bipartisan Ohio Ballot Board for review — a process that

will add unnecessary delay to citizen introduced measures — but the guidelines determining whether or not a measure violates the prohibitions is irresponsibly robust.

Here's the actual language you'll find on the ballot:

"The proposed amendment would:

Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a monopoly, oligopoly or cartel for their exclusive financial benefit or to establish a preferential tax status.

Prohibit any petitioner from using the Ohio Constitution to grant a monopoly, oligopoly or cartel for their exclusive financial benefit or to establish a preferential tax status.

Require the bipartisan Ohio Ballot Board to determine if a proposed constitutional amendment violates the prohibitions above, and if it does, present two separate ballot questions to voters.

Both ballot questions must receive a majority yes vote before the proposed amendment could take effect.

Prohibit from taking effect any proposed constitutional amendment appearing on the Nov. 3, 2015 General Election ballot that creates a monopoly, oligopoly or cartel for the sale,

distribution or other use of any federal Schedule I controlled substance.

The Ohio Supreme Court has original, exclusive jurisdiction in any action related to the proposal.

If passed, the amendment will become effective immediately."

If Ohioans want to bring any initiative to vote, they will first have to face the Ohio Ballot Board.

Issue 2 won't stop monopolies from getting to the ballot. It will stall them. It will make it more expensive. But it won't stop them.

ResponsibleOhio's PAC has already planned to spend \$23 to \$25 million dollars on their ballot initiative. They won't be stopped by Issue 2, they'll be annoyed.

Smaller citizen initiatives that don't have a PAC raising millions of dollars for the cause or a dedicated staff of volunteers and marketers to keep their issue squarely in the public eye will be the wave that breaks against the wall of the Ohio Review Board.

A "yes" on 2 is effectively stripping Ohioans of their right to tell the government what it wants and receive a fair and timely opportunity to vote on their desires.

Now go out, vote whatever you believe concerning 3, but make sure you vote against 2.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I read The Jambar's good pieces on the adjunct situation. It's worthwhile pointing out a few questions that highlight the connection between the "precaritization" (see, *e.g.*, UK scholar Guy Standing) of labor and group health insurance.

Are workers who wish to work full time but are employed as barely-making-a-living adjuncts, part timers, or temps, doing so because the employer has no money to pay them more? Or, is it because employers are paying for the health insurance enrollment of qualifying non-worker dependents in Laguna Beach to get ER care for a few pennies on the dollar after their surfboards slap them silly?

Workers are a factor of production. Non-workers don't see the shop floor. Are workers short-changed on

wages and salaries to pay for non-workers' health insurance goodie basket? Why? How'd that happen? Spock, explain.

These questions are pretty much strangled by America's unspoken code of omerta against any criticism of the existence of group health insurance by revealing its consequences. You won't see these questions posed anywhere else. The first rule of insurance club is, I suppose, we don't talk about insurance club.

Too bad, I guess, for the chumps who pay the price for a rotten idea, and haven't got a clue. Too bad, maybe, for the chumps who extract that price and haven't got a clue.

Jack Labush

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# JAMBAR COLUMN

## UP FOR A CHALLENGE

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Ah yes, it's that time of year again: NaNoWriMo. That's National Novel Writing Month, which is a challenge that writers regularly take in the month of November to write 50,000 words in the span of one month.

I have attempted this challenge on multiple occasions in the past few years, to little success so far. One year I ended up with almost 10,000 words; another I ended up exactly where I started, with nothing written. I hadn't been planning on attempting it again this year, since November is one of the busiest months during the fall semester. Classes are gearing up toward finals, all the big end-of-the-semester projects

are due and I'm reaching the point where all I want to do with my rare free time is sleep and cuddle with baby goats.

However, once I saw that quite a few of my friends and classmates were participating in NaNo this year, my plans changed. I caved into peer pressure and signed up on the NaNoWriMo website as a participant. I haven't started the month out strong, but hey, I've got time. And honestly, I don't have to make the goal of 50,000 words — I'll be happy with just getting words down on a semi-regular basis.

Even though I hadn't been planning on taking the challenge this year, I'm glad I changed my mind. It's good to challenge yourself, to set goals that may require more work than usual and strive for completing them.

It's even better if you have some friends who are completing the challenge

with you, or at the very least are aware of your own challenge, to help encourage you through the rough patches and keep you on track.

Challenging yourself is a way to grow, to improve yourself or to maybe just prove that yes, you are capable of doing what you set out to do. Even if you stumble or fail to reach your goal, you've still grown and learned more about yourself by simply setting the challenge and attempting it. You never know what you can do unless you try.

So, I'm going to set out to do some serious writing this month. Who knows? Maybe this is my year to actually sit down and make myself work through the laziness and busy schedule, to accomplish my goals, to reach a word count that I'm proud of.

I'll never know unless I try.





# Penguins Defense Steps Up in Big Win



Youngstown State University receiver Andre Stubbs (4) caught six passes for 129 yards, the second highest total of his career.

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The #25 Youngstown State University football team was able to keep their playoff hopes alive after a nail-biting 23-21 victory over #23 Western Illinois University.

YSU (4-4, 2-3 in Missouri Valley Football Conference) held WIU quarterback Trenton Norvell to just 8-29 attempts with one touchdown and one interception. Norvell faced constant pressure from the Penguins' front seven all afternoon. Norvell was sacked four times and hit seven other times.

"Our guys up front played like grown men," YSU head coach Bo Pelini said. "We were able to do a lot with our four-man rush and then mix in a couple pressures here and there. Forget about just rushing the passer, I'm talking

about in the run game." The Penguins held the Leathernecks to only 106 yards rushing on 39 attempts; only 2.7 yards per carry.

Sophomore linebacker Lee Wright was all over the field for the Penguins. Wright recorded 14 tackles and one sack, with 10 of his tackles coming in the first half. The last time a YSU player had over 11 or more tackles in a game was Travis Williams against Southern Illinois University on Oct. 13, 2012.

The Penguins defense was particularly big on third downs throughout the game — allowing WIU (4-4, 3-2 in MVFC) to convert three of 16 third down conversions.

"That's an area that's going to go a long way to defining you as a football team, how you do on third down. I thought we were pretty good on third down defensively today," Pelini

said. YSU continued to implement a two-quarterback system with Hunter Wells and Ricky Davis splitting snaps. Wells completed 16-28 for 152 yards and interception, while Davis provided a spark to the offense — completing both of his passes for 52 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown pass to receiver Andre Stubbs.

"We'll mix in as need be. I think he [Davis] is a definite guy that can bring something to the table for us offensively," Pelini said.

Stubbs was the favorite target of both Wells and Davis, catching six passes for 129 and a touchdown. Pelini said the reps between the two quarterbacks will be reevaluated later in the season.

The running back tandem of Jody Webb and Martin Ruiz were once again critical factors to the team's victory. Webb carried

nine times for 72 yards and touchdown, but it was Ruiz who did the dirty work for the Penguins.

Ruiz ran the ball 29 times for 77 yards and added five catches for seven yards. The averages were not high for Ruiz, but he was clutch when it mattered most, picking up crucial first downs late in the fourth quarter.

"Running wise, every time I got the ball I was just thinking, 'Get to the first down marker,'" Ruiz said. "It was physical every play." Pelini was pleased with the way YSU was able to kill the clock on their second to last possession.

"Hunter made a couple of good third down throws and Martin made a couple of big runs," Pelini said. "I thought the whole team stepped up. They knew we were going to run the football. We used a lot of clock on that drive. That was big" Freshmen kicker Zak

Kennedy went 3-4 with his only miss hitting the left upright on YSU's first possession of the game. Kennedy kicked the game winner with just over two minutes left in the game.

"Our kickers stepped up today," Pelini said. "I thought special teams wise, that was our best total effort, and maybe our best total effort as a football team. Our most consistent effort."

The win keeps the Penguins' playoff hopes alive as they head back home next weekend to take on Missouri State University (1-7, 0-5).

"I don't worry about all of that [making playoffs] — it was the next game," Pelini said. "For where we are and the culture we're trying to build, I thought this was a real big step in the right direction."



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Youngstown State University midfielder Kyler Lum was named to the second-team All-Horizon League. Lum started all 18 games this season. She led the team with 10 points, four goals and 37 shots. Lum accounted for one game-winning goal against St. Bonaventure University on Sept. 20. This is the first time Lum was named to the all-conference team.

## FCS Top 25

1. Jacksonville State (7-1)
2. Illinois State (7-1)
3. Chattanooga (7-1)
4. Eastern Washington (6-2)
5. Richmond (7-1)
6. North Dakota State (6-2)
7. Sam Houston State (6-2)
8. Coastal Carolina (7-1)
9. McNeese State (8-0)
10. Portland State (7-1)
11. South Dakota State (6-2)
12. William & Mary (6-2)
13. Harvard (7-0)
14. James Madison (7-2)
15. Charleston Southern (7-1)
16. Fordham (7-2)
17. UNI (4-4)
18. Eastern Kentucky (5-3)
19. North Carolina A&T (7-1)
20. Southern Utah (6-2)
21. Youngstown State (4-4)
22. Montana (4-4)
23. Indiana State (4-4)
24. Dartmouth (6-1)
25. Citadel (6-2)

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## MISSOURI VALLEY FOOTBALL ACTION WEEK NINE RESULTS

(3) Illinois State def. (21) Indiana State 27-24

(18) Northern Iowa def. South Dakota 20-7

(14) South Dakota State def. Missouri State 39-0

(7) North Dakota State def. Southern Illinois 36-29