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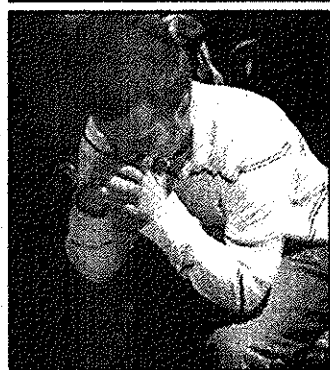
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In Brief

Penguin Review sponsors Anti-Valentine Affair

Kill Cupid, an Anti-Valentine Affair, will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday at Cedar's Lounge. The independent art show will feature live painting at 7:30 p.m., poetry at 8 p.m. and live music starting at 10 p.m. with Third Class and November Loop.

Black Film Festival!

The first film of YSU's 2006 Black Film Festival will be "Crash," shown Tuesday in the Bresnahan Suite of Kilcawley Center. "Hotel Rwanda" will be shown Thursday, Feb. 16 in the Bresnahan Suites, "Rosewood" will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the Jones room and "Guess Who's coming to Dinner" will be shown Tuesday Feb. 28 in the Bresnahan Suites.

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Professor claims Chatman out

By: Bill Rodgers
NEWS EDITOR

An outspoken professor has reported on a faculty union listserv that an assistant provost could replace Youngstown State University's embattled human resources director. The professor, Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, posted a listserv message saying he learned that Ron Chordas, YSU's assistant provost, will

take over as the interim director of human resources, replacing Hugh Chatman, the current director. A listserv is an electronic mailing list program that allows members to post messages that are then sent out to the other subscribers of the same list. The Jambar obtained Palmer-Fernandez's listserv message from a faculty member who wished to remain anonymous. YSU administration officials declined to comment on the mes-



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sage. However, one administrative official who wished to remain anonymous did confirm that there had been discussion at high administrative levels about such actions. In January, a Labor-Management Review Panel appointed by YSU President David Sweet recommend firing Chatman and John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, as a means to improve labor

relations on campus. Palmer-Fernandez's message was sent on Monday. It also predicted the resignation of budget director Jeff Taylor, who has announced he will be leaving YSU in March for Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. Chatman responded to the e-mail's contents when he was informed of them Wednesday night.

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NORTH SIDE YFD asks for help to solve arson mystery

By: Steve Lettau
REPORTER

In a house only two doors away from where someone intentionally set a house on fire, two members of the Youngstown State University baseball team wait and worry. Eric Shaffer and Andy Svitak, who live at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Bryson Street, were in their apartment Sunday night when the roar of fire engines pierced what had begun as a peaceful night.

The sirens that they heard were for three different arson fires set at homes in a three-block area surrounding their apartment.

"I definitely don't feel safe," Shaffer said.

Firefighters arrived on the scene at 44 Illinois Avenue just before midnight and only 16 minutes after putting out another intentionally set fire one block away at 42 Indiana Ave, reports show. Then, a house at 19 Tacoma Ave. was set on fire just minutes later at 12:06 a.m., fewer than 10 blocks away.

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Jambar / Katie Libecco

This house on Indiana Avenue was just one of many victims of a string of fires on the North Side recently. Three homes are the subjects of arson investigations after a string Sunday night. There have been 42 vacant house fires in Youngstown since July.

'Bursar' name change reflects student focus

By: Maysoon Abdelrasul
FEATURES REPORTER

Despite a name change and new positions on staff, the Office of Student Accounts and University Receivables in Meshel Hall is pretty quiet.

Bob DeFrances, the office's new customer service manager since Dec. 12, said he's only seen a handful of students in his office. He earns an annual salary of \$54,000 as a resource person to help students with billing problems and concerns, he said.

"I am here to service Youngstown State University students so they have the best experience at YSU," he said.

YSU Sweet responds to Shipka's protest

By: Cheryl Thompson
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Youngstown State University President David Sweet fired off a letter Wednesday expressing surprise and disappointment over a decision professor Tom Shipka has made in protest of Sweet's labor management "track record."

Sweet wrote in a letter to Shipka, who is the chair of YSU's philosophy and religious studies department, the president of YSU's Academic Senate and a member of the Sweet-appointed Labor-Management Review Panel, that Shipka's actions are not conducive to re-establishing labor relations on campus.

"Your present mode of behavior is not what we were hoping would lead us toward more constructive, civil and collaborative relationships," Sweet wrote. In a letter dated Feb. 2 to Ron Strollo, YSU's executive director of athletics, Shipka wrote he is withdrawing as master of ceremonies of all campus events, including the upcoming Scholarship Ring Dinner.

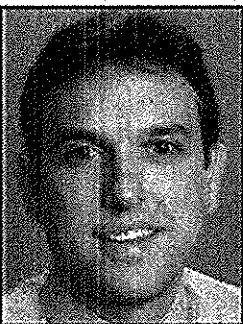
"I will be a hypocrite if I stand before an audience and applaud the President's track record at YSU when I introduce him as part of the program," Shipka wrote. Shipka wrote that his refusal to emcee is to protest Sweet's refusal to act on the recommendations of the Labor Management Review Panel, particularly the firing of John Habat, YSU's vice president for administration, and Hugh Chatman, YSU's executive director of human resources.

Sweet responded by writing he never promised immediate action on the panel's recommendations. Sweet wrote that because the recommendations are far-reaching and complex, he is asking people to understand the need to confer with the parties involved.

"It was never a given that I would automatically, and without consultation, accept every syllable of the Panel's recommendations," Sweet wrote. "No president I know of, at any university, would ever do that."

In Shipka's letter, he wrote that Sweet's insistence of more time to review the report is nothing more than a ploy to undermine the report's recommendations.

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DEFRANCES

Several positions in the office changed and DeFrances serves as the "point person" for students, Herschel said. A Jambar reporter spoke with several students earlier this week. Senior Pete Vargin said he never went to Meshel Hall to pay his bill, but goes to class there. He said he has seen people who left the office frustrated.

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POLICE BLOTTER

On Feb. 2, police were dispatched to Home Savings and Loan in reference to a theft from an account. The victim, Cynthia Hirtzel, Dean of Engineering and Technology, stated that she received about 20 e-mails from someone presenting themselves as the Service Department of Home Savings and Loan Co., according to the police report. The victim forwarded her debit card and pin numbers to the sender, whereupon \$500 was stolen from her account, the report said.

YSU Police responded to a complaint of an unidentified male who attempted to fraud Kilcawley Center's Candy Counter and Home Savings and Loan using the "quick change money" method on Feb. 7.

According to the police report, the suspect went to Home Savings and Loan where he gave the teller several \$1 bills and four quarters, asking for a \$5 bill. He

continued to exchange money until he reached \$20, which he did not have and repeated a similar course of action at the Candy Counter, but left when he was unable to get additional money, the report said. Police said a similar incident occurred at Campus Book and Supply. Police said they are reviewing surveillance video.

Police reports indicated that YSU police were called to the University Courtyard Apartments on Feb. 5 to investigate a report of forced entry into the apartment of a resident. According to the police report, the victim told police that an unknown subject kicked in her door at approximately 2 p.m., but did not enter the apartment. There have been no arrests in regards to the incident.

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"All I can say is that I'll serve wherever the President asks me and do the best job I can to the best of my abilities," Chatman said.

Chatman wished to dispel another rumor his staff informed him of. He said rumors claiming he had resigned from YSU were not true.

Sweet refused comment on the listserv message, saying only that the panel's recommendations were being considered. Sweet said he would release an action plan for the recom-

mendations following a meeting with YSU's board of trustees.

In an interview conducted Wednesday night, Palmer-Fernandez commented, "If Hugh Chatman indeed has been asked to step aside, my first question is: Will he just sit in a corner for the next 30 months, collecting over \$100,000 a year?"

Palmer-Fernandez said that if a decision were made to remove Chatman, it would be a good first step in re-establishing positive labor-management

climates on campus. Palmer-Fernandez said Chordas was an "honest, stand-up guy."

"This is a first step in the right direction. The question is whether David Sweet will take a second and third and all the steps necessary to bring this institution back. My suspicion is that he won't," Palmer-Fernandez said.

Chordas declined to comment in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Call Bill Rodgers at (330) 941-1989.

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Freshman Sonya Ali said she's never had concerns with her bill.

"I slash out the credit card and pay for bill," Ali said.

Other students said they hate getting sent from one person to another in regards to questions about their bill.

Sophomore Belinda Trott said she saw a need for a customer service manager because she had many problems with her bill last year. When she went to pay her minimum amount the second time, the lady at the desk told her she never paid the first time, Trott said.

Freshman Antwaun Colpetro said he hates getting sent to different staff members when he as a question.

son to person and each one says something different, then they get me confused and then they get frustrated and mad," he said.

DeFrances said he knows students get frustrated if they have to go from person to person explaining their problem. He said with this new position, students can come directly to him. DeFrances is also charged with training his employees to better help students and address their concerns on the spot.

Herschel said he wants students to give him feedback on how to improve the billing system and that he's open to suggestions that any students may have.

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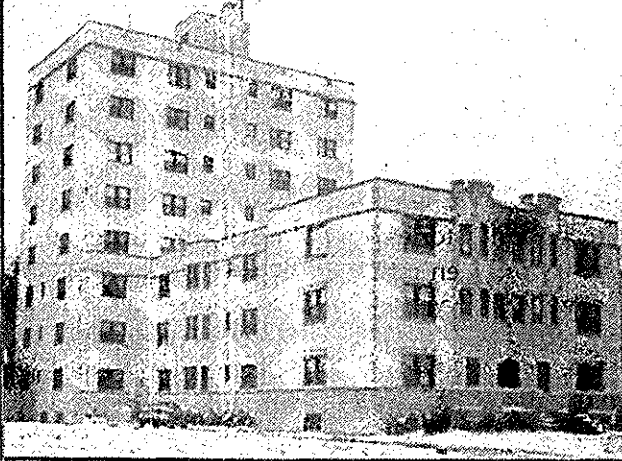
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OUR SIDE

Silence is great for libraries, not university trustees

Silence.

In libraries it can be great, but when it comes to public officials, silence is anything but golden.

In the aftermath of the Labor-Management Review Panel's report, which suggested a number of ways Youngstown State University might recover from August's faculty and staff strikes, YSU's nine trustees have largely remained silent.

With the exception of Trustee John Pogue, who is also a member of the labor panel, telephone calls to various trustees throughout the last few weeks by Jambar staffers seeking comment for timely, relevant and important stories regarding labor relations have not been returned or a response of "no comment" has been given.

Aside from Jambar reporter evasion, it is unlikely many (or any) of the trustees spend much time on campus, conversing with students, faculty or staff on these very important issues.

So if the trustees won't come to us, we must go to the trustees.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Values misplaced in America

Editor:

Two matters in Tuesday's issue (Feb. 7, 2006) have provoked me to write: The first concerns a point of fact in the front-page story on "SADD founder visits campus" that is possibly relevant to me alone; the second relates to general editorial-op/ed coverage of the Labor-Management Review Panel from a faculty point of view.

What links these two stories for me, however, is reflection on the priorities of our society — or rather, what I view as misplaced American values.

While I applaud the general mission and goals of the SADD organization, I must take issue with either the speaker's mastery of facts or the reporter's coverage. For while the speaker, Bob Anastas, may have been a COACH at Wayland

High School in Massachusetts in 1981, I was a 1969 GRADUATE of the high school, having lived and attended school in the town of Wayland since seventh grade.

When I graduated, the percentage of WHS graduates was reported as 86 percent; the statistic I saw reported as recently as two years ago was closer to 100 percent. I doubt that so radical a dip between 1969 and 2003-4 should have occurred.

I suspect that the 28 percent rate the Jambar cited was the college-bound rate of high-school ATHLETES. While having been an honors student (i.e., nerd) in high school may have not won me any popularity contests nor got many dates to wild parties, I found my alma mater to have provided more than adequate (judging by some of the adjustment problems of my college classmates) preparation

for study at one of the more prestigious academic institutions in the country (Barnard College of Columbia University). I don't mean to deny the value of athletics OR partying — fortunately for us at Columbia, we had the New York subway to ride home after a party. The drinking age in New York at the time, by the way, was 18, and I began there as a freshman at 17.

Readers may draw their own conclusion on the above. I turn my attention to the local scene. I find irony in the placement of the op-ed piece "Shades of gray saturate Habat, Chatman controversy" next to words in the editorial "president seemingly above the law." My personal relations with John Habat have been consistently cordial, and I am sure he knows the law well. As for the U.S. president — I did not vote for him, so I may have expected

no better. But my only PROFESSIONAL contact with Mr. Habat occurred several years ago, when he handled initial organization of a faculty task force on which I served. This was, by the way, the ONLY faculty committee I ever served on at which we got served lunch TWICE at the university's expense, thanks to Habat. It was hardly a free lunch, however; if I consider the long hours and wrenching discussions I endured, only to find this service seemingly ignored in the administration's ultimate decision-making: an administrative firing and hiring without benefit of national search, and without faculty input.

Just such a search process (or lack of it) brought John Habat to YSU in the first place. And I am not putting the blame solely on the YSU upper administration or the Board of Trustees. Dr. Sweet may

be entitled to bring his own legal advisor, and value personal loyalty. What troubles me considerably, however, is a systematic lack of respect for professional educators and academic support (staff, etc.) in the funding of the educational process at all levels. While touting "democratic," "public" institutions, we continually prefer hierarchical decision-making, scorn the intellectual, and refuse to face the real educational needs of our young people — and simultaneously line the pockets of the rich, the famous, the corporate, and their handlers. "Shades of gray" indeed saturate many issues of social concern. It is therefore all the more distressing that we become increasingly polarized into black and white.

Melissa T. Smith,
Professor
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

through the looking glass

By: Mike Pingree
KRT CAMPUS

REMEMBER, AVOID THIS AREA ... AIEEEEEE!

A ski instructor in the mountains of Vorarlberg, Austria, took his students to the edge of the safe area to show them where not to go because of the danger of avalanches. As soon as he stepped into the danger zone, an avalanche swept him into a ravine and buried him under 60 feet of snow. He survived.

WHERE WAS I? UH, AWAY ON BUSINESS, YEAH, THAT'S IT, BUSINESS

A woman in Buenos Aires called the police after her husband left for work a week earlier and had not returned home. She feared he had been kidnapped. The cops tracked him down at a brothel, where he had been enjoying the company

of two prostitutes the whole time. The wife has filed for divorce.

YOU SEE, MY HUSBAND IS RATHER CHILDLIKE

A woman in England won \$2.7 million in the lottery three years ago, but never told her husband, who she believes is irresponsible. She fears that he would return to his old drug habit and would want to stop working if he were to find out. So, when she buys something extravagant, she tells him she got the money from working overtime.

YOU WILL BELIEVE I AM WEALTHY, VERY WEALTHY

A 57-year-old man in Tokyo, wound up with a harem of 10 women in their 20s and 30s after he married them one after the other, and all of them continued to live with him after their

divorces. He said that he had made himself attractive to the much-younger women by reciting an incantation that came to him in a dream.

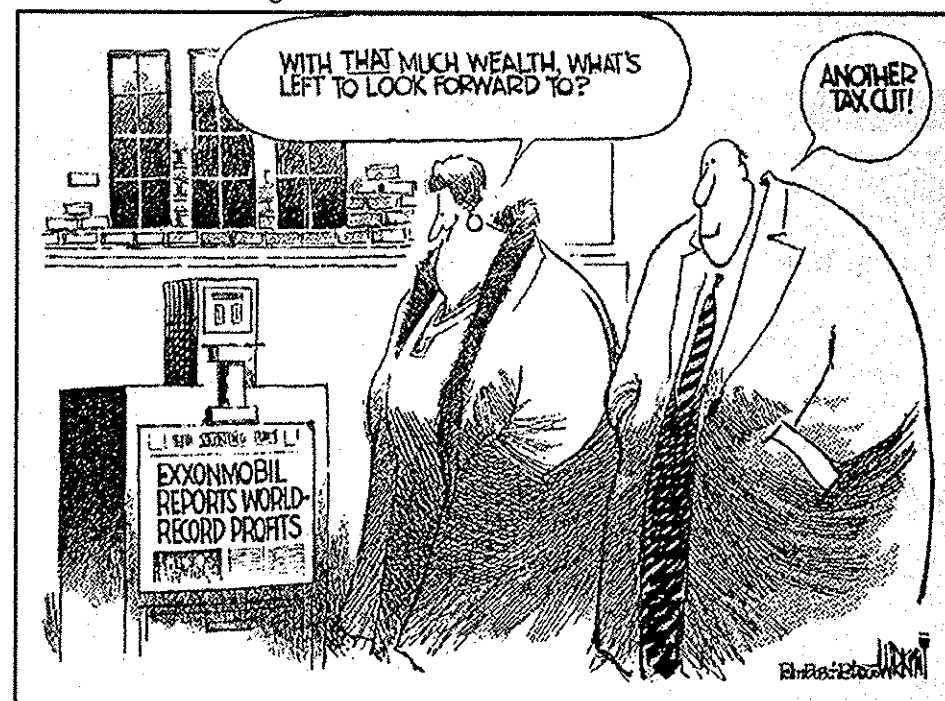
WE JUST TOOK THE GOODS OUT FOR SOME AIR

After burglarizing a home in Winchester, Ind., a husband and wife team of thieves got

their car stuck in the muddy driveway, attracting the attention of a neighbor who asked them what they were up to. They admitted everything, but the woman said, "We better take it back inside so we won't be charged with theft."

SO LADIES, ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING LATER?

Once a year, all the women in the village of Vellakadu, India, parade naked through the streets in a ritual that is supposed to bring good health and prosperity. Due to the surge of curious male visitors, authorities banished all males over the age of six from the town during the march.



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"By his opting for a path of delay under the guise of studying the Panel report further, Mr. Sweet has repudiated the Panel report in an exhibition of cronyism that has no precedent in the modern history of this university to my knowledge," Shipka wrote.

Shipka wrote that asking the panel not to name names, particularly Habat's, and the decision to honor the contracts of Habat and Chatman, show Sweet's disregard for the report.

Sweet wrote that the inclusion of names in the Panel's report raises legal issues and weakens the possibility of the recommendations being followed. Sweet also says it may hamper recruitment of new professionals and harm future labor-management communication.

"Unfortunately, it also exposes every human being within the university's employ the same personal singling out and attack in the future," Sweet wrote.

Shipka wrote that if Sweet were to follow through with the panel's suggestions, then he would reprise his role as emcee at campus events.

Sweet wrote that while advisory councils can make recommendations, they have no responsibility for their implementation, prioritization or the need for further planning. He wrote that this falls on the president of the university, who has to act within certain parameters, which could have far-reaching effects on campus.

"[Presidents] must function within the law, within standards of ethical behavior, within contractual commitments and within very real budget constraints—many of which can affect every division and unit in the university," Sweet wrote.

Call Cheryl Thompson at (330) 941-1913.

YSU
'Arrested Development' seems headed to another network or cable

(HAS TRIMS)
By Virginia Rohan
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)
(KRT)

What's in a name? Could "Arrested Development" have somehow stunted that show's growth?

There's a psychology to titles, and that one does not trip lightly off the tongue. But that's not enough to explain why a comedy that seemingly offered everything a discerning viewer could ever want — originality, eccentricity, clever inside jokes and pop-culture references, vivid characters, outstanding writing, first-rate acting, even a multi-part guest appearance by Charlize Theron — forever found itself in the nether regions of the Nielsen list.

The Bluth clan also had almost all the elements that would ensure a TV family longevity — rave reviews, great pedigree, occasional big promotional pushes, even a great big Emmy as validation. So, why couldn't it find enough of an audience?

This Friday night, the Fox network will air four "Arrested Development" episodes that may well be the last hurrah for Mitch Hurwitz' critically acclaimed Bluth-centric comedy. Officially, Fox is calling the two-hour block a "mini-marathon third season finale," but the Bluths are unlikely to be seen ever again on Fox — or network television.

The good news is that last month, ABC and Showtime expressed interest in picking up "Arrested," and Showtime seems especially keen on making a deal.

At the recent television critics press tour, Showtime Entertainment President Robert Greenblatt said his network was in talks with Twentieth Television about bringing "Arrested" to Showtime.

"I've loved it since it first appeared," Greenblatt said. "About a year ago at a (Hollywood Radio and Television Society) luncheon, they asked me — if I could take one show from another network, what would it be? My answer was 'Arrested Development.' I always thought it was probably a better fit on a cable network than on a broadcast network."

He's probably right. HBO comedies like "The Larry Sanders Show" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" couldn't have survived on network TV. Success is measured differently on pay cable.

"If only a small fraction of the loyal audience that's on Fox came to Showtime, it would be one of our highest-rated shows," Greenblatt said, adding, "I think the show is only worth continuing if Mitch Hurwitz was at the helm running it. I think he's the genius behind it. And he hasn't yet come to that decision to continue the show."

Even if a Showtime deal does come to fruition, the lavishly lauded comedy will no longer have access to a mass audience.

Why was mainstream success so elusive?

For one, "Arrested Development" has serialized plot lines, which can deter viewers, and it's a single-camera comedy — shot without a studio audience or laugh-track. That format works well for HBO but has a spotty track record on network TV.

This season, NBC's "My Name Is Earl" instantly clicked, and "The Office" has started to pick up steam — enough for the network to pair it with "Earl" as part of a new "Must-See TV" Thursday comedy strategy. But "Scrubs," for all its great reviews, has never been a huge hit for NBC.

Though Fox's "Malcolm in the Middle" caught on for a while, critical darling "Action" (1999-2000) was a ratings failure. ABC had a similar experience with "The Job."

Apparently, for all their complaints about stale sitcoms and annoying laugh tracks, viewers may be more attached to the old format than they let on.

The Bluths are dysfunctional, but not in a relatable way. And then there's the voiceover narration by executive producer Ron Howard. Though very funny, it puts a certain distance between the Bluths from viewers.

All that said, "Arrested Development" deserves a place on another network, as well as a place in the television pantheon. Besides the bushels of awards it has received — including the Emmy for outstanding comedy series in 2004 — it can make you laugh out loud. And that's rare.

ARSON, continued from page 1

The rash of arsons has left firefighters puzzled and neighbors wondering who's next.

Two Youngstown Fire Department arson investigators turned to the public for help in solving the mystery on Wednesday.

"We've never had incidents where there have been multiple fires at the same time. It causes a risk to the firefighters," said Lt. Kevin Johnson.

Johnson said there have been 42 vacant house fires since July 1 between Wick Avenue and McGuffey Road.

Johnson said firefighters were injured fighting Sunday's vacant home fires and that more than \$200,000 in damages was lost in the blazes. He said officials are aggressively seeking clues that might lead to any arrests.

A representative of the organization that owns the burned home on Illinois Avenue described what arsonists must have had to do to get the home burning and how the neighborhood looked Sunday night.

"It looked like 'Gone with the Wind' here on Sunday night," said

Mark Peyko, a representative of the Northside Citizens Coalition, which buys and restores homes on the North Side.

Peyko said the coalition's home was locked.

"Someone went to great lengths to get in and burn it. This was a malicious act. This was a criminal act," Peyko said.

Johnson and Ware said firefighters have made arrests for arson fires in the past, but they are worried about this latest rash of blazes and want help from neighbors who might have seen something.

"There were six injured and there was an excess of \$200,000 damage plus collateral damage," Johnson said.

The fire department is offering a \$5,000 reward for information on the arsons.

"Someone, somewhere, saw something," Johnson said. "They can call (330) 782-0055 and give information anonymously."

Until the arsonists are caught, Shaffer and Svitak said they will be wary. Shaffer said he is especially concerned since the baseball team starts its season away in Oklahoma in a few weeks.

"I'm definitely not comfortable that we're going away in five weeks," Shaffer said. "I'll be nervous to see if our house is still here. I don't want anyone thinking that it is empty."

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YSU BASKETBALL

Basketball teams hope to finish strong

Men looking forward to tournament play Women's basketball squad has battled uphill so far this season

By: Justin Smolkovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

Jerry Slocum has 30 years of coaching experience and chances are that he has a book filled with inspirational quotes and motivational tools aimed at getting the most out of his athletes.

During Tuesday's press conference, Slocum, Youngstown State University's men's basketball coach, let the media in on what he has been telling his Penguins as they enter the most pivotal stage of the season: Keep going forward.

"At this time of the year, especially when you put yourself in a position that every conference game matters, we've got to keep on focusing on what is ahead of us and not what is behind us," Slocum said.

The Penguins currently sit in a very precarious position only days before the league tournament tips off. The Penguins currently reside in last place in the Horizon League - sharing the spot with rival Cleveland State by the slimmest of margins. The Penguins 4-7 mark in the league is only inches behind three teams with a 5-7 mark. The Penguins are 7-14 overall.

Slocum compared the middle of the conference pack as a "logjam" and that the Penguin's remaining six games are important in deciding where they get seeded at season's end.

"It is extremely important. There is one game separating the fourth through the last spot and obviously we have more conference road games

than home games so that is a pretty daunting task," Slocum said of not only having to compete tooth and nail for a decent seeding, but to do it four times on the road. "But we put ourselves in a position that we are still fighting to finish in that top-tier middle section to get a home playoff game."

Of the remaining six games, the Penguins are 3-2 against the final opponents with a trip to Canisius as part of the ESPN's Bracket-Buster Saturday on February 18.

While the Penguins have had

success this season against their remaining opponents, Slocum said things needed to be better defensively, especially when it comes to hitting the boards. The Penguins on average out rebound their opponents 35-33 on the season, but Slocum said defensive rebounding was a concern.

"If we are going to have a chance to win any games on the road the rest of the way, we gotta defensive rebound the basketball," Slocum said.

The defensive rebounding will be twice as important as usual for the Penguins as the final weeks of the conference play finish up because not only are teams playing twice as hard, but the conference itself has proven to be one of the most balanced in the country, according to Slocum.

"I think it's a very close conference in terms of talent level. I think it is a very fine line on given nights between winning and losing," Slocum said.

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By: Justin Smolkovich
 SPORTS REPORTER

If asked how the Youngstown State women's basketball season has been, three-year head coach Tisha Hill would probably answer with one simple word. Bittersweet.

The Penguins, 6-16 overall and 2-9 in the Horizon League, are somewhat of a Catch 22 for Hill, who admits that this season has been a perfect example of paying dues. Those dues this season have been paid in the form of an uphill battle with many fresh, yet inexperienced, faces on the roster.

"Granted, we are not happy with the outcome right now," Hill said. "But to see the improvement offensively for us, to see some of the players step up and get some experience out there, it is definitely going to help us in the long run."

With a majority of the campaign in the books, Hill said she is seeing improvements within the Penguin ranks. She said she thinks that can mean only good things once the league championships get underway later this month.

"The players are really starting to get out and pick it up on both ends of the court and they continue to just plug away," Hill said. "They are really into the norm of what they like to do."

Of the five regular season games remaining, the Penguins open the final five games at home. They will spend the next three games on the road before finishing the season back home against Loyola. Hill said she hopes that the next game at home will end in a win and spur the Penguins on their

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Tisha Hill, YSU
 Women's Head Coach

road stint. The Penguins have struggled on the road following home games this season at 1-3.

"We need to take that momentum off of a home game, onto the road," Hill said.

For the Penguins to be successful as they make a run into the post season, Hill said she believes two things are paramount. Shooting and defense.

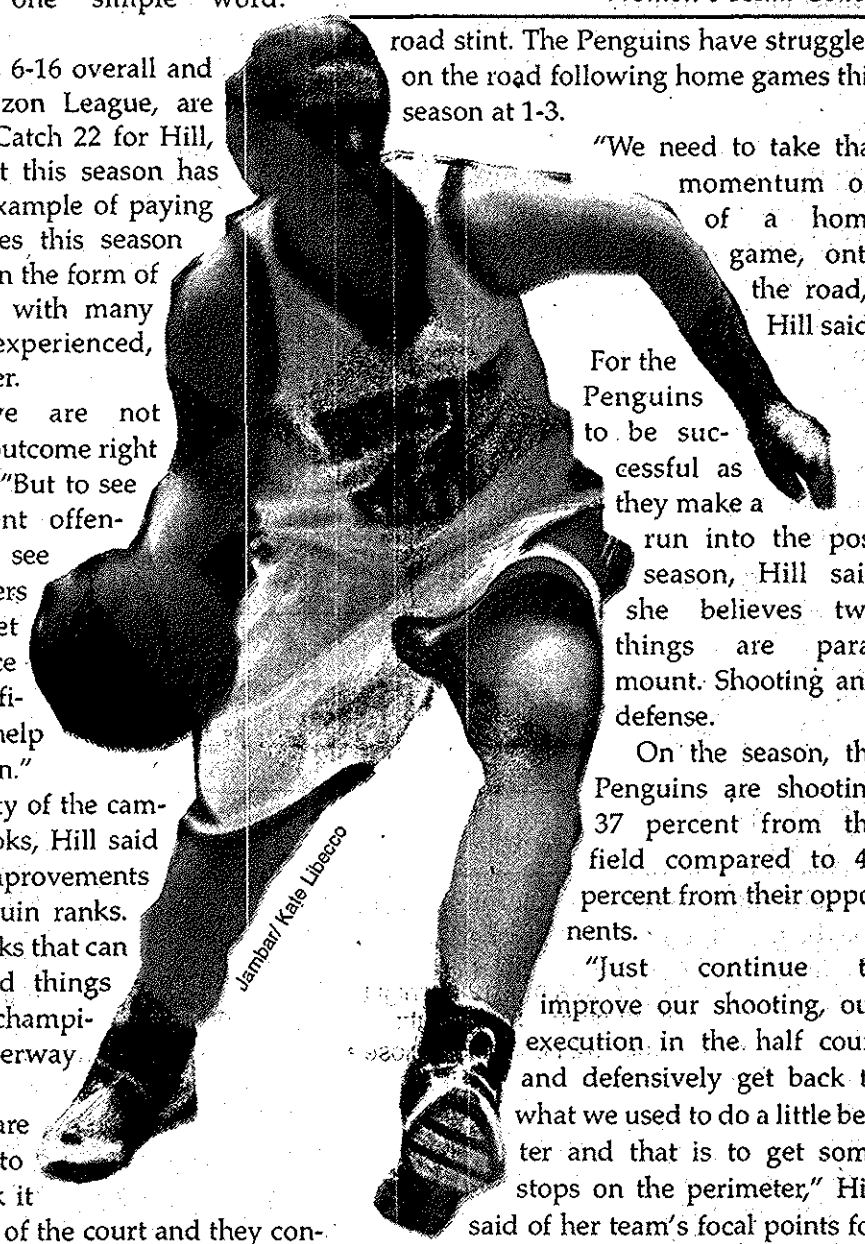
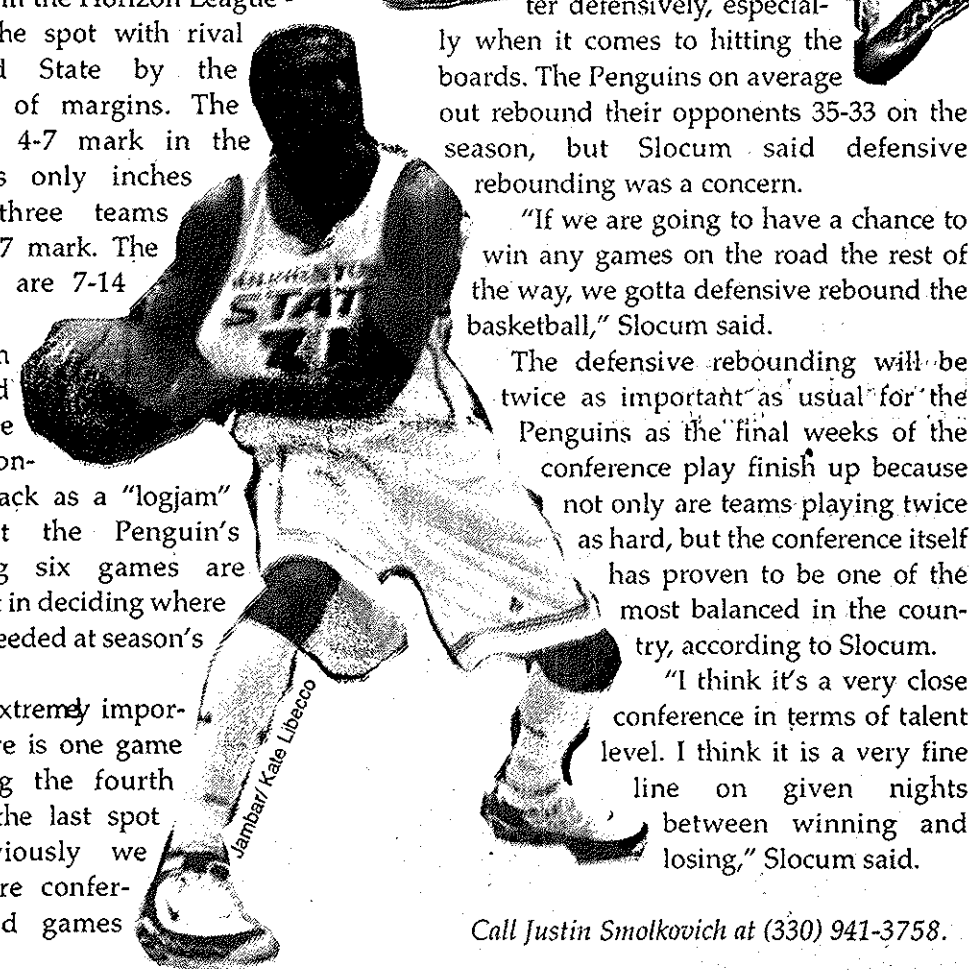
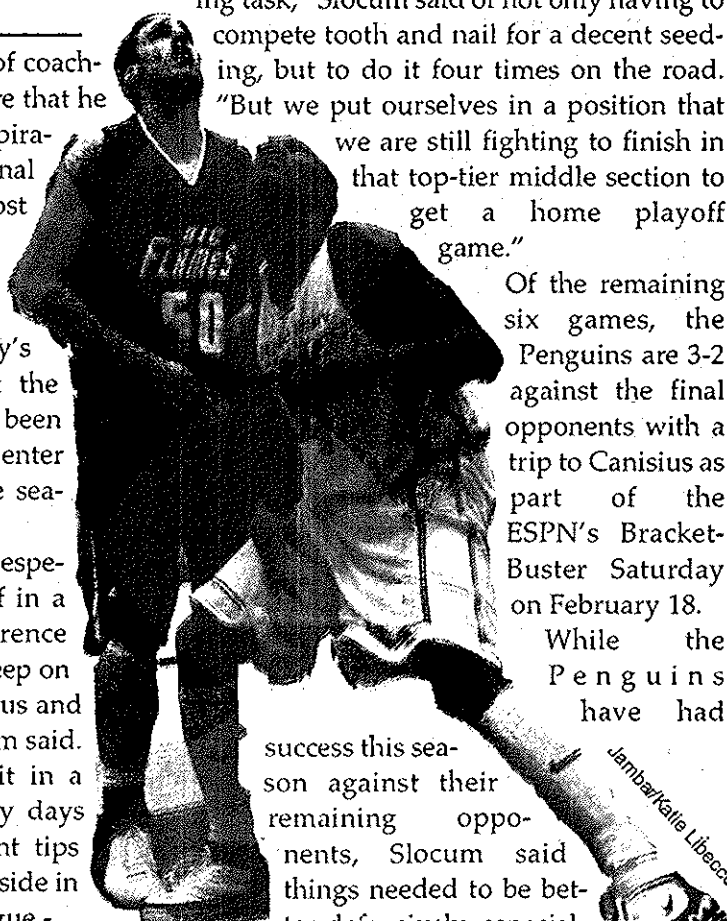
On the season, the Penguins are shooting 37 percent from the field compared to 43 percent from their opponents.

"Just continue to improve our shooting, our execution in the half court and defensively get back to what we used to do a little better and that is to get some stops on the perimeter," Hill said of her team's focal points for the next few weeks.

The Penguins need stops on the perimeter where their opponents are hitting nearly 35 percent from three-point range.

The Penguins resume action this Saturday against UIC after a week hiatus. Tip off is set for 2:05 p.m.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Snowboarding's popularity is growing

By: Jo-Ann Barnas
 DETROIT FREE PRESS (KRT)

Move over figure skating? Maybe not quite, but buoyed by the popularity of the Winter X Games, snowboarding is enjoying a growth-spurt as far as Olympic organizers are concerned.

Added to the program at the 1998 Nagano Games, the sport entered the mainstream at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics, where a capacity crowd of more than 16,500 saw Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas sweep the men's halfpipe medals.



Courtesy of KRT campus

NBC saw viewership among people ages 18-34 increase 23 percent over Nagano. The biggest jump, the network noted, was among men in that age group, with a 26 percent increase over Nagano.

Capitalizing on the popularity of so-called extreme sports among teens and fans in their 20s, the International Olympic Committee added a third men's and women's snowboarding event for Turin to join halfpipe and parallel giant slalom: snowboard cross.

In snowboard cross, athletes navigate an alpine course filled with moguls, waves and spines (jumps with 90-degree angles). Riders race in groups of four, with the top two in each heat going through to the next round until just four are left to contest the final.

Doug Wren of Ferndale, who has taught skiing for 39 years, including the last eight as ski school instructor for the Oakland County-based Winter Walden Ski Club, said snowboarding is popular with teens and pre-teens. He noted that local ski areas such as Mt. Brighton and Alpine Valley have improved their terrain parks and halfpipes.

"Snowboarding has a slower start up. It takes longer to

get going," said Wren, 55. "So for a lot of kids it depends on the frustration level. But once they do take off, they really take off."

So whom to watch in Turin? Begin with Shaun White, a 19-year-old millionaire and skateboard champ from California whose helmet is equipped with an iPod.

White, nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" because of his wild red hair, won all five Grand Prix qualifiers leading up to the selection of the U.S. Olympic men's halfpipe team. (Highland's Danny Davis was in contention until the final event.) White will lead what is turning out to be one of the strongest halfpipe teams in the world.

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Doug Wren
 Walden Ski Club

He will be joined in Turin by Kass, the 2002 silver medalist, and newcomers Andy Finch and Mason Aguirre.

Clark returns to her defend her gold medal. She will be joined by Olympic rookies Gretchen Bleiler, Hannah Teter and Elena Hight.

YSU

Campus Crusade for Christ shares God's word

By: Maysoun Abdelrasul
 FEATURES REPORTER

Junior Tyra Rice was studying in Peaberry's Café Tuesday afternoon when she was interrupted by people who were moving their chairs to form a circle.

Rice said she was confused, unsure if she was in the way. Then someone whom she'd never met approached her and gave her a piece of paper with 17 sentences and told her that she could join the group, if she wanted.

The circle of about 20 people was a meeting for members of Campus Crusade for Christ. Coordinator Drew Sulzer said it is an organization at Youngstown State University that offers students the opportunity to give and hear the message of Jesus Christ.

Rice said she decided to stay and participate since Sulzer approached her nicely.

The paper was an icebreaker where people had to guess what characteristics the others members carried.

"I am trying to figure out where

this is going," Rice said.

Sulzer said an aim of Campus Crusade for Christ is to provide a place for people to meet.

As the members were discussing the activity, Rice said she realized the concept. She said the activity was to prove that you can't judge someone by the way they look.

"The main goal of Cru is to give students the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus Christ," he said.

Campus Crusade for Christ is an international organization founded by Bill and Vonette Bright in 1951 at the University of Los Angeles. The campus ministry has more than 1,000 campuses worldwide.

Tony Arnold, media relations director for Campus Crusade for Christ, said 55,000 college students were actively involved by the end of last year.

"Actively involved" meaning not only attending meetings, but planning and organizing Bible group studies and sessions," he said.

A 32-year staff member, Arnold said he wants to give college students an opportunity to see what the organization is about and then leave them to choose their own beliefs.

The YSU chapter is part of the larger Cleveland Metro chapter. There is a staff of non-students that meet with each college twice a month to discuss the progression of the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Looking for people, like Rice, who want to share the message of Jesus Christ is important to the organization, Sulzer said. The comfortable atmosphere and the boldness of Sulzer approaching Rice gave her the green light to join the group.

As for the questions of whether religious groups have a place at public universities, Rice said she didn't see anything wrong with it as long as no one is forced into doing something they don't want to do.

"If people are allowed to have parties and concerts on campus, then religious groups should be no different," Rice said.



Jason Delisio prays during the closing of a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting in Peaberry's Cafe on Tuesday. They meet there every Tuesday at 5 p.m. to share the word of God and meet other students.

William Blake, director of that represents America today, Student Diversity programs at Blake said.

YSU, agreed. Call Maysoun Abdelrasul at (330)

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COMMENTARY

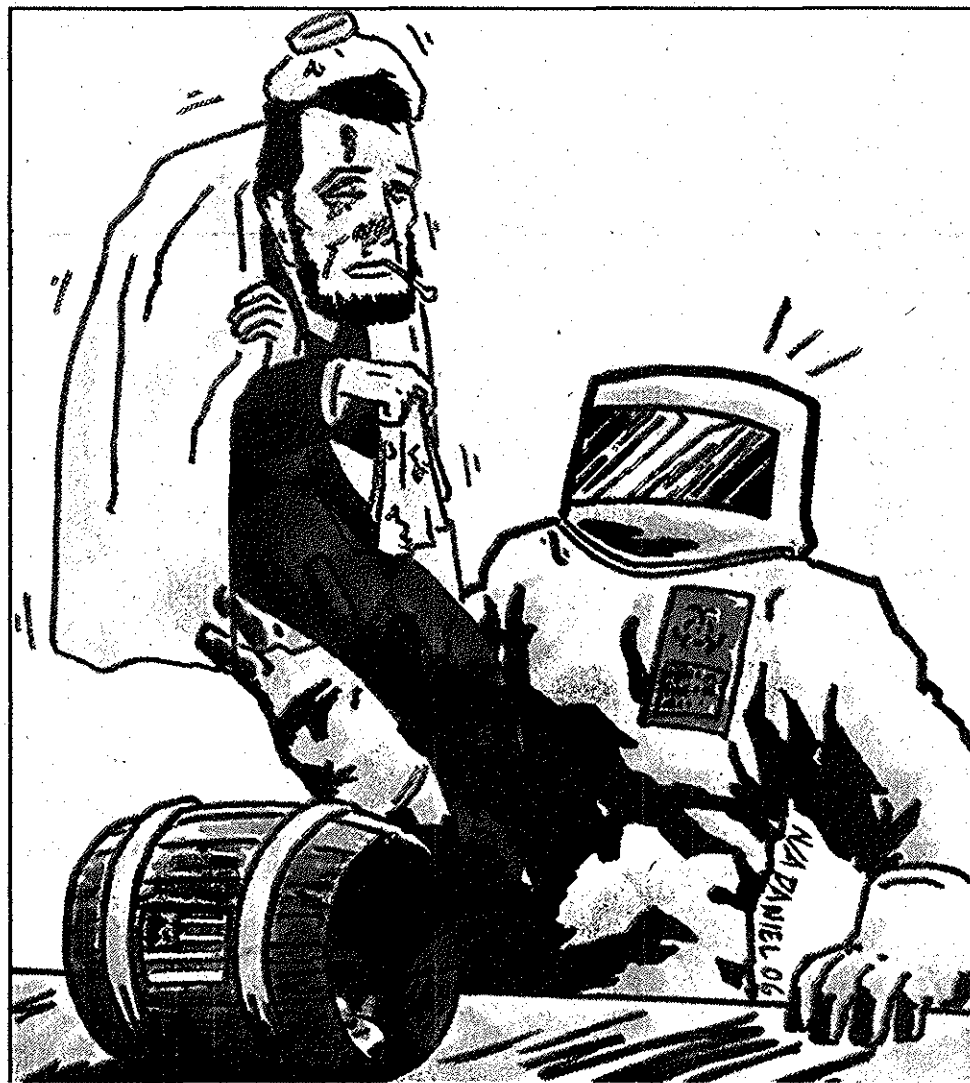
Stop sickness before it starts

By: Bob Mackey
 COLUMNIST

Cold and flu season is upon us, or maybe it isn't; I'm too sick to check at the moment, and the robot I'm dictating this to at my bedside has too much of an attitude to check for me. All I know is that the name is misleading. Unlike deer season, when it's clear what should be killed, the shocking twist to cold and flu season is in the fashion of "The Most Dangerous Game," where humans are the prey and germs are the evil Russian nobles that are hunting us on their private island. And even if you've never read that particular short story, it's no surprise that being sick is no picnic, and if it is a picnic it's one where bears do unspeakable things to your body before they eat you. Looking back at my healthy years, I realize a few preventative measures could have been taken to prevent my current status; I will share these with you before I die.

• Avoid doorknobs: This cannot be stressed enough. If life was the movie "Outbreak," then doorknobs would be shrieking, infected monkeys, with you not having the Morgan Freeman-esque tenacity needed for survival. Not only will avoiding doorknobs make your life healthier, it will also make your life more exciting. While at first it may seem impossible to avoid these globular Petri dishes, a little creativity and an action movie mindset will help you get where you need to go. For example, did you know that most doors can be kicked down with a good 10 to 20 minutes of work? Even if this doesn't pan out for you, someone will surely open the door so the scene you are undoubtedly causing will end. Also keep windows in mind as an alternate form of entry; you may even earn clever nicknames such as "Glass Shard Seamus."

• Avoid Civil War-era time capsules: I know what you're thinking, "How often am I going to run across a Civil War-era time capsule?" The truth is that there are millions of these scattered under the fertile soil of these United States, and every year I usually throw away five or six of them that I uncover doing minor yard work. You'll no doubt be curious regarding the contents of these capsules, but I advise against opening them. If you remember the Ken Burns documentary "The Civil War," you'll know that in all of those soldiers' letters to home, the words "scarlet fever" and "rubel-



Art by Nick Daniel

la" were mentioned ten times more than slavery. You really don't want diseases that have had 200 years to mutate crawling all over you, and surely you don't want to open the capsule that contains Lincoln's angry ghost, put in the ground by Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878 (the only remarkable thing he did).

• Oranges: Not only are they rich in vitamin C, they can also be sold on busy stretches of highways to orange-starved commuters at an extremely high profit margin. This money you earn can be traded at most pharmacies for medications that contain ingredients with long names which, in medical jargon, will "knock your ass out."

• Stop kissing your dog: While it has been proven that dogs have cleaner mouths than those of humans, I just don't trust them. Also, should you really be kissing your dog? That's creepy. If you don't want to break its heart, I recommend that you instead give your dog a firm handshake, or perhaps take the animal out for coffee and then say, "It's not you, it's me," when you clearly know that it's not you. You may want to find a relatively clean and angry cat to hold in front of your face if your dog persists.

• Wash your hands: Even if it's clear that you did not intentionally urinate on your hands, they still need washing after every visit to the bathroom. Don't let this behavior end at the toilet, though; every action in your life should be followed by a rigorous hand-washing session. About to eat dinner? Wash your hands. Save the rec center from evil land developers? Wash your hands. Just finished washing your hands? Wash your hands. After all, your filthy hands touched the soap, no doubt spreading germs during that first washing. With practice, this routine should prevent illness, or at least cause so much pain to your chapped and disfigured hands that any illness you do come down with will go unnoticed.

While I have nothing but regrets, there's no reason to not take this advice, unless you want my death to be in vain. I would also like to add that while my death may not be "official," my creditors can stop sending me their threatening letters. Have they no respect for the dead?

Bob Mackey's illness merely stems from an imbalance of the humours. He can be reached at (330) 941-1913.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday:

Two-man comedy, "Greater Tuna," enters its final weekend at the Oakland Center for the Arts, 220 W. Boardman St. Directed by JoAnne Carney-Smith, the actors portray all residents of Tuna, Texas in this classic play. The show starts at 8 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0606.

Rock bands Audion, **Diamond Dust** and **Let All Prevail** will perform at the Royal Oaks, 924 Oak Street. \$5 (18+)

Cleveland rockers **The Whiskeyhounds** will play Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. with Detroit's 5-piece string band, the Salt Miners. (21+)

1980s rock cover band **Edison's Medicine** at Salty Grog's, 1203 Boardman-Poland Road in Boardman. (21+)

Harlequin's Voice is playing an all-ages show at Section 8 Skate Park, 770 N. Main St., in Hubbard with Lady Fantastic, Falling Stars Burning Bright and Futon Palace. Doors open at 6 p.m. and cover is \$5.

Saturday:

You Are The War That I Want, Sam Goodwill, Stef Grimaldi and **F-Minus** at Youngstown's oldest bar - the Royal Oaks, 924 Oak Street. \$5 (18+)

Cover band "**The Houseband**" at Salty Grog's in Boardman, 1203 Boardman-Poland Road in Boardman (Route 224). (21+)

"**Greater Tuna**" at the Oakland Center for the Arts, 220 W. Boardman St. 8 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling (330) 746-0606.

Check out cover band **Disco Inferno** at The Cellar, 162 S. Bridge St., in Struthers. Tickets are \$6 and the show starts at 10:30 p.m. (18+)

The Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre will present "**Holes**," 2:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 330-788-8739.

An evening of Broadway classics by the "**Three Phantoms in Concert**" at the Youngstown Symphony, 260 Federal Plaza. Kevin Gray, Cris Groenendaal and Craig Schulman will perform songs from popular musicals. Tickets begin at \$18. Curtain goes up at 8 p.m.

You can catch an act unlike any other if you check out Tony Mentzer at Cedar's Lounge, 23 N. Hazel St. Tony will be backed by the new All-Star Oddballs. (21+)

Want to be included in the Weekend Event Calendar? Let us know what's going on by e-mailing thejambor@gmail.com.