

Tribe trades

The Indians trade **Casey Blake** to the Los Angeles Dodgers for two minor-league prospects and then trade a minor-league pitcher to the St. Louis Cardinals for pitcher Anthony Reyes.

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71ST ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY



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The checkered flag waves as three young racers roll across the finish line in a close heat Saturday at the 71st All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron.

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL

Expectations high for golfer Anthony Kim at Akron tournament.

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FirstWORD

Possible tornado downs trees and power lines in Norton

A tornado appears to have struck Saturday night along Norton Avenue in Norton, police reported.

Trees and power lines were downed about 7:40 p.m., but there appeared to be no major damage and no injuries, Norton police said.

Large hail and heavy rains were reported in Barberton and Plain Township as storms rumbled through the Akron area.

Deputy's trial to begin in inmate's jail death

Prosecutors plan to use 90 photos from autopsy depicting injuries

By Ed Meyer
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In September 2006, barely a month after the death of Summit County Jail inmate Mark D. McCullaugh Jr., his father talked about the hardships of the funeral.

McCullaugh, 28, was so badly beaten in the face and other areas of the head, his father said, the casket had to be closed.

Now, nearly two years later, court records show that prosecutors plan to use 90 autopsy photographs - depicting external and internal views of numerous injuries to the upper and lower body - when they take the first of five sheriff's deputies to trial for McCullaugh's death.

Among those injuries, according to court records filed in May, were seven fractured ribs incurred during a violent struggle with the deputies in McCullaugh's cell in the jail's mental-health unit on Aug. 20, 2006.

The trial of deputy Stephen Krendick, 35, is set to begin Monday morning in Summit County Common Pleas Court before visiting Judge Herman F. Inderlied Jr. of Geauga County.

Krendick, who waived his right to a jury trial, faces the most serious charge in the deadly incident - one count of murder. If convicted, he could be sent to prison for 15 years to life.

He has pleaded not guilty in various court proceedings since his Sept. 7 indictment and is free on bond. Last month, Krendick had his

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Let's hear it for girls!

Female racers, including Barberton youth, capture five of six trophies

By Rick Armon
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Girls rule. At least they did Saturday during the 71st All-American Soap Box Derby.

Girls - including one from Barberton - took home five of the six championship trophies in the most dominating female performance ever at the international event in Akron.

Girls swept the local masters, super stock and stock divisions. It was only the second time that girls had taken all the top honors. They also took home trophies in the rally super stock and rally stock divisions.

"You guys are getting real strong," derby general manager Jeff Iula said from the winner's podium as he handed out jackets and trophies.

An estimated 15,000 people attended the event at Derby Downs on a blazing hot day.

Racer Johanna Barnowski, 11, of Barberton, won the stock division, making it two years in a row that Akron has produced a world champion. She also is the 14th champion from the Akron area.

Johanna, who has raced for only two years, admitted she was nervous during the final run.

"It was kind of scary," she said. As for what propelled her into the winner's circle, she credited her family. She had a large cheering section all wear-

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All-American stock champion Johanna Barnowski, 11, of Barberton, gets a hug from crew chief Debbie Hunsicker.

Announcer cracks up about driver's hobby

By Kim Hone-McMahan and Rick Armon
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All-American Soap Box Derby announcer Mark Richards started chuckling.

He had just announced to the crowd that one of the racer's interests was Mexican cat wrestling.

"Mexican cat wrestling?" Richards asked over the P.A. system. "It's not quite as bad as cat juggling, I guess."

He mused that he had announced plenty of sports but had never heard of it. Then he started laughing. So much so, he had to recompose himself. He apologized to the crowd for the distraction.

"That's going to be on my mind the rest of the day," he announced.

Dream jobs

Richards made sure he announced little tidbits so the crowd could get to know the racers a bit more.

The boys and girls were instructed to provide the All-American with some personal information.

They were asked to describe a profession they wanted to pursue when they are adults. There were a few future

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Look inside for the winners, times and runners-up in each division of the Soap Box Derby in Akron. **A4**

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Love is on track at Derby Downs when couple gets engaged at All-American in Akron. **A5**

Today's weather

Less humid with clouds and sun

83° High 64° Low
SOOT ALERT

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COUNTDOWN

- 100 days until Election Day.
 - 36 days until the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
 - 29 days until the Democratic National Convention in Denver.
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Three's a charm for region

Golf, football and twins events to draw crowds, bring business to area

By Jim Mackinnon
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Don't be surprised if you feel you are fighting for more elbow room as you go out and about in Northeast Ohio this week.

For the second year in a row, the region will draw legions of golf fans, football fans and twins from across the nation to a major confluence next weekend of the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone Country Club, Canton's Pro Football Hall of Fame induction events and Twins Day in Twinsburg.

One wild card: Will high gasoline prices keep a sizable

percentage of the thousands of potential visitors home instead of spending money and filling local hotels and restaurants?

Another wild card: golf superstar Tiger Woods is out with a knee injury and will not be part of the Akron golf event and its \$8 million purse.

Tourism officials say the Bridgestone Invitational and the football hall events attract upwards of 700,000 people here.

So far, hotels and motels say they are getting bookings, with some already showing they have sold out on key days, according to room avail-

ability lists posted online.

That's good news for a region that has had more than its share of economic troubles so far this century. The three national draws in the past have contributed dollars approaching \$100 million to the local and state coffers in most recent years, according to economic impact studies.

Regardless of pricey gasoline, it's likely tens of thousands of out-of-towners still will travel to Akron, Canton and Twinsburg this year for overnight visits, say local tourism officials.

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