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TARTA unveils rebrand, talks rapid transit

Pieces of service under way

By ALEX BRACKEN

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TARTA Metro will be the new name of Toledo's bus service starting early next year, making room for a new rapid transit service being implemented by the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority.

CEO Laura Koprowski, who has run the transit agency since 2020, said the rebrand aims to make the

bus service easier to recognize and more inviting to ride. It will also distinguish the fixed-route bus service from its upcoming bus rapid transit service.

"The new name reflects who we are today: a regional transit provider serving northwest Ohio. The name also reflects a fresh, modern approach to

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TOLEDO POLICE, FIRE DEPTS.

Unions warning of strains if levy fails

By ALICE MOMANY

BLADE POLITICS WRITER

Toledo's police and fire union leaders warn that potential layoffs if Issue 16 fails could further strain departments they say already are struggling to keep up with calls for service.

"Losing one officer is too many," said Officer Michael Haynes, president of the Toledo Police Patrolman's Association. "We're already

below where we should be."

Joe Cirra, president of Toledo Firefighters Local 92, pointed to the growing demands on firefighters in West Toledo.

"We have a crisis right now," Mr. Cirra said. "The fire department's crisis is that West Toledo has become so busy, so hyperbusy

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COMING SUNDAY

A Toledo-area woodworker creates functional art and inspires the next generation.

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The dwindling presence of trees is the focus of an art exhibit on display in northwest Ohio.

Team leaders talk about what to expect for women's basketball this season at the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

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Actor Patrick Stewart, known for his work in the Star Trek and X-Men franchises, dies at the age of 86.

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Springfield schools will have to make more cuts, even if voters approve an income tax levy Tuesday.

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Ohio Dems making last push for support



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Dr. Amy Acton, the Democratic candidate for Ohio governor, speaks during a Get Out the Vote rally for Ohio Democrats at the UAW Local 12 Union Hall in Toledo on Thursday.

Acton, Brown, Kaptur rally in Toledo

By ALICE MOMANY

BLADE POLITICS WRITER

While many Ohio Democrats are hoping for a repeat of 2006, former Ohio Gov. Dick Celeste said this election cycle is reminiscent of 1982.

"That was Sherrod

■ Acton campaign says Ramaswamy ad with Acton's mother is removed from air. Page A4.

Brown's first [statewide] victory, and we carried the House and the Senate, and we carried every statewide

office," Mr. Celeste said, who also won his election that year for governor.

Mr. Celeste, a Democrat, was in the Toledo area on Thursday to knock doors for Democratic nominee David Fournier, who is running for Ohio's 44th

House District. Mr. Celeste later joined northwest Ohioans at the United Auto Workers Local 12 union hall in support of the Democratic slate.

Mr. Brown was joined

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Chemical leak topic of online town hall

By MIKE SIGOV

BLADE STAFF WRITER

Environmental researchers urged North Toledo residents to take precautions against possible chemical exposure during an online town hall Wednesday, a

Health concerns discussed

week after a hazardous chemical leak forced nearly 1,000 people from their homes.

"EPA declaring things

safe, and then the media reports things safe, and they haven't looked for formaldehyde; that's not helpful for the community ... if the

■ 3rd class-action lawsuit filed after chemical leak in Toledo. Page A6.

people are still breathing in that formaldehyde and

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Netanyahu alleges stolen election

Final results show loss of majority

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JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's party on Thursday amplified unsubstantiated allegations that Arab-led parties had "stolen" the election, potentially with foreign assistance, as final results showed his bloc had lost its majority in parliament.

The opposition accused Mr. Netanyahu of demonizing the Arab population after a historic showing by



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Arab-led parties in an attempt to delegitimize the election.

Results released by elec-

tion officials Thursday showed Mr. Netanyahu's bloc winning 53 seats in the 120-member assembly,

well below the 68 it had controlled at its peak in the

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to his supporters at Likud party headquarters in Jerusalem after the release of the first exit poll results in Israel's general election.



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