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Drivers adjust to closed westbound Kenmore leg. ODOT is keeping watch for congestion, problems



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Traffic flows through the central interchange on Monday, the first day the westbound Kenmore leg of Interstate 76 was closed. Detours are in place during paving and bridge repair.

Beacon Journal staff report

It's been worse. At times, way worse. So in some ways, the closing of the westbound Kenmore leg of Interstate 76 in Akron did not lead to a bad case of Traffic Trauma. At least on Monday, the first working day of the monthlong repaving project.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is not yet doing happy dances around its orange barrels. It will wait until next weekend to celebrate.

But as far as Mondays go, this past Monday wasn't too shabby.

"I would say it's very early," said ODOT District 4 spokesman Justin Chesnic. "As far as complaints, we really haven't gotten any. We got a few questions, from out-of-towners driving the area, who aren't familiar with the area. But that was about it."

Chesnic said a similar shutdown three years ago on Interstate 277/U.S. 224 provided some historical context for ODOT planners. And for that reason, ODOT opted for a complete shutdown of all westbound lanes — rather than single lane closures — to hasten the project.

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Looting, rioting follow somber funeral

Baltimore under curfew after chaos erupts. Gangs allegedly targeting police

By Tom Foreman Jr. and Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

BALTIMORE: Rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos Monday, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands mourned the man who died from a severe spinal injury he suffered in police custody.

The governor declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to restore order. A weeklong, daily curfew was imposed beginning Tuesday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., the mayor said. At least 15 officers were hurt, and some two dozen people were arrested. Two officers remained hospitalized, police said.

Officers wearing helmets and wielding shields occasionally used pepper spray to keep the rioters back. For the most part, though, they relied on line formations to keep protesters at bay.

Monday's riot was the latest flare-up over the mysterious death of Freddie Gray, whose fatal encounter with officers came amid the national debate over police use of force, especially when black suspects are involved. Gray was African-American.

Emergency officials were con-

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Relatives safe in Nepal, immigrants say

Akron group reaches family in refugee camps, others with homes damaged in quake

By Kathy Antonioti
Beacon Journal staff writer

Language was not a barrier for a group of Nepalese immigrants in Akron on Monday as they talked of the horrors unfolding in their homeland after this weekend's devastating earthquake in Nepal.

For the students in an English language class at the International Institute of Akron, the news com-

ing out of the country was positive — their relatives were unharmed, but many have lost their homes.

Many in the group were originally refugees from Bhutan who poured into refugee camps some 20 years ago, said 25-year-old Naryan Katel, an employment specialist for the institute in the North Hill neighborhood.

Katel, who earned a bachelor's

degree in mathematics and statistics in India, settled in the Akron area with his sister in 2012 — leaving his parents and two siblings behind in a refugee camp.

Thankfully, he said, they are in a camp about 300 miles away from the quake's center.

He spoke with his parents on Sunday "for about two minutes before the phone" died.

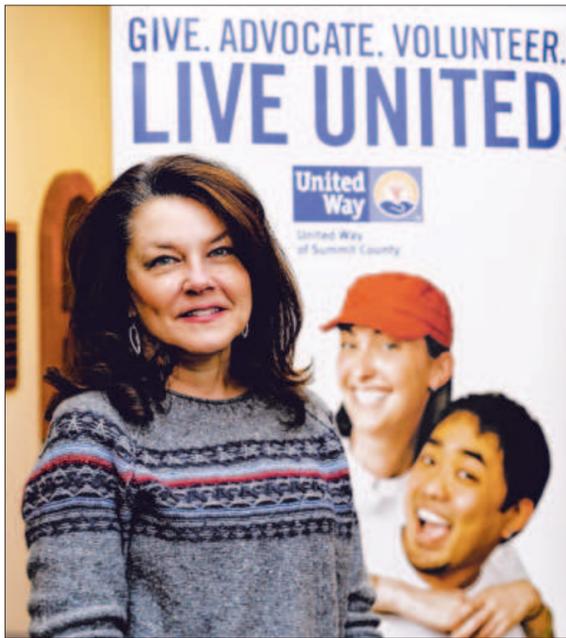
Villages plead for aid in wake of earthquake in Nepal that killed more than 4,000. **A6**

"They were frightened. They didn't know how bad it was," he said.

News of the devastation is slowly filtering into the camp — mostly

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United Way's Donae Ceja brings nonprofits together



KAREN SCHIELY/Akron Beacon Journal

Donae Ceja, a senior vice president at United Way of Summit County, is a leader with a passion for philanthropy.

Leader uses her business skills, passion for philanthropy to help agencies spend funds effectively

By Kathy Antonioti
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Bob Kulinski knew exactly the personality he was looking for to fill a senior vice president spot at the United Way of Summit County three years ago.

The agency's president told people he wanted a consensus builder — someone who was well regarded and had already developed deep connections with people in the community.

Specifically, Kulinski told people he wanted to bring in someone just like Donae Ceja, then vice president of community investment at the Akron Community Foundation.

He didn't know at the time that Ceja herself was interested.

Ceja, a Lorain native who grew up in a blue-collar, working-class family, had scaled the upper echelons of Miami's financial industry. She was a protege of Kris Hudak, one of the youngest and only female



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Summit County offers summer youth employment program for those ages 16 to 24. **B1**



University of Akron President Scott Scarborough says failure is inevitable. **B1**

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