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CLINTON MAKES PLEDGE

Vows steady hand at 'moment of reckoning' after accepting nomination

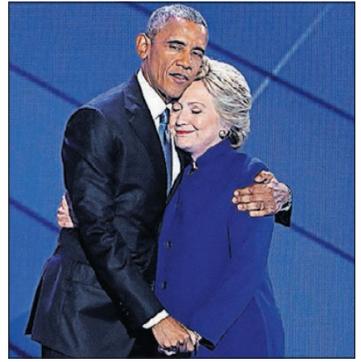
By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
 The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Confronting a "moment of reckoning," Hillary Clinton is casting herself as a unifier for divided times and a tested, steady hand to lead in a volatile world.

"We are clear-eyed about what our country is up against," she said in excerpts released ahead of her speech Thursday accepting the Democratic presidential nomination. "But we are not afraid. We will rise to the challenge, just as we always have."

Clinton's national convention address follows three nights of Democratic stars, including a past and present president, asserting she is ready for the White House. Thursday she was making that case for herself on the convention's final night. Acknowledging Americans'

anxieties, Clinton is vowing to create economic opportunities in inner cities and struggling small towns. She also says terror attacks around the world require "steady leadership" to defeat a determined enemy.



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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton hugs President Barack Obama after joining him on stage in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

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PROBLEM AT TUSCORA PARK

Can't find a place to park?



Shortage of spaces under scrutiny

By Jon Baker
 Times-Reporter staff writer

NEW PHILADELPHIA Does Tuscora Park have enough parking spaces to accommodate the thousands of people who come to visit the popular attraction each year?

New Philadelphia City Council President Sam Hitchcock believes there aren't, and at Monday's council meeting, he assigned the issue to the park and cemetery committee.

The 37-acre park opened in 1907, but many things have changed in the century since.

"Since the 1900s, look at all the things that have happened in addition to just driving cars," Hitchcock said. "Look at all of the things that have happened to increase the attendance and traffic to Tuscora Park. In 1978, we started having a festival that is housed at the park and draws some of the biggest crowds, including the fireworks on Saturday night.

"We have all kinds of athletic events in the stadium, including band shows, tournament activity. The picnic areas have been enhanced. Summer Showcase will be in its 20th year next year. We bring in people from out of the county."

He noted that housing developments have sprung up around New Philadelphia in recent decades.

"When people move into town and take up residence, it's only natural that they're going to want to patronize the city park. It's very difficult when people come in and there's no place to park. One of the most frequent complaints I hear is the frustration that people have is not having a place to park."

TIMES-REPORTER PAT BURK

New Philadelphia City Council President Sam Hitchcock shows a crowded parking lot in front of the Tuscora Park Pavilion.



This map shows the location of the six parking lots at Tuscora Park.

HOW MUCH PARKING IS AVAILABLE?

According to the New Philadelphia Parks Department, Tuscora Park has six parking areas with 564 parking spaces.

HOW MANY PEOPLE COME?

The RTY Summer Showcase brings in between 11,000 and 16,000 people each year.

When Dover-New Philadelphia football games are held at Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium, between 10,000 and 12,000 people will attend.

Thousands of people come each year for First Town Days and Christmas in the Park.

Between 200 and 300 people visit the Tuscora Park pool on weekdays and as many as 700 on weekends.

The six shelter houses at the park can accommodate up to 1,000 people.

IS THERE A SOLUTION?

According to Hitchcock, "There's always an answer." But he conceded it will take long-range planning. A solution won't happen overnight, he said.

But any solution would have to be decided upon by City Council and the city's Park Board.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY Sales tax on Nov. ballot

By Jon Baker
 Times-Reporter staff writer

NEW PHILADELPHIA Voters are being asked to renew Tuscarawas County's 1 percent sales tax, which provides 57 percent of the county's general fund budget.

The issue will appear on the November general election ballot.

Commissioners took action Thursday to place it on the ballot, following two public hearings on the sales tax.

"It's very important," Commissioner Belle Everett said following the meeting.

SEE TAX, A5

Jailhouse litter crew finds loaded guns along Interstate 77

By Lori Monsewicz
 GateHouse Ohio Media

CANTON Stark County Jail inmates picking up litter along Interstate 77 found three loaded guns believed to have been used in a Tuscarawas County shooting that put one person in a hospital emergency room.

Sheriff George T. Maier said Thursday that the guns, two of which were loaded, are being tested to determine whether the weapons had been used in the Newcomerstown shooting.

Four inmate workers with the sheriff's litter crew were picking up trash about 11 a.m. Monday in southern Stark County when they found the three handguns in the grass, he said.

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WEB POLL

Thursday's reader poll:

Do celebrity endorsements influence how you vote?

Yes 2%
 No 98%

Total votes: 168

Today's reader poll:

What's the best way to cook corn on the cob?

- Boil it
- On the grill
- In the oven
- In the microwave

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