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Severstal mill returns to Renco ownership

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WARREN

United Steelworkers of America leaders and Mayor Michael O'Brien celebrated the news Wednesday that Warren's Severstal steel mill has been sold back to The Renco Group of New York five years after Renco lost the mill in bankruptcy.

"Ira Rennert is a guy who knows the steel industry in and out, and we have faith in his ability to run this company,"

◆ **Youngstown City Council** postponed a vote to help facilitate the relocation of a scrap-metal supplier to V&M Star. **A3**

Gary Steinbeck, a staff representative for the union, said of the owner of The Renco Group.

Renco has named the new subsidiary that will run the mill RG Steel, which will be based at Sparrows Point, Md. A Renco spokesperson said announcements will be forthcoming after

the sale has closed in about a month regarding future investment and employment plans at the mill.

"It's great news for our members and their families and the city of Warren," Steinbeck said during a press conference at the Local 1375 union hall on North Park Avenue.

Steinbeck and others said they are grateful to Russia-based OAO Severstal, the company

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RG Steel, a newly formed subsidiary of The Renco Group, purchased the Severstal steel mill in Warren. Renco lost the mill in bankruptcy five years ago.

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State patrol probes deadly crash

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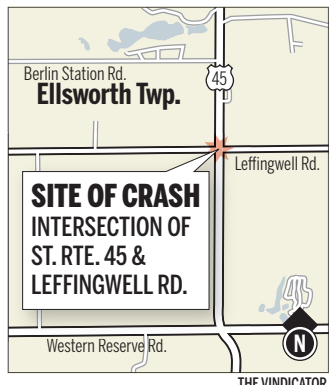
The first accident since a \$1.4 million project to improve driver safety at the intersection of state Route 45 and Leffingwell Road proved deadly.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol continues to investigate a Tuesday two-vehicle accident at the intersection. Michelle A. Mayle, 19, of Warren died from her injuries later that night at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

The patrol said David B. Dezee, 52, of North Jackson was northbound on Route 45 around 7 p.m. Tuesday when his pickup struck Mayle's car that was traveling westbound on Leffingwell. Both vehicles ran off the road into a ditch.

Dezee was not injured. Lt. Chris Heverly of the state patrol said this was the first accident since Oct. 1 at this intersection. In that same time, three

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Austintown schools get \$2.8M in Delphi furniture for \$15K

GRADE A DEAL



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Mal Culp, supervisor of facilities and operations for the Austintown school district, surveys a stash of furniture at Fitch High School purchased from Delphi Corp. at a public auction. The desks, tables and chairs will be swapped with existing furniture and used in new buildings to be finished in 2013.

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AUSTINTOWN

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS SAY their purchase of excess furniture from a vacant Delphi Packard building was more like a donation from the business.

Delphi sold \$2.8 million worth of desks and other office equipment for just \$15,000 at a public auction.

"According to our architects, this is nothing we could ever buy with money from the state," said Superintendent Vince Colaluca, who was impressed at how much money the district saved in the deal.

The Ohio School Facilities Commission, which oversees construction of all public school buildings in the state, gave its informal approval to the purchase. Dennis Kaplan, OSFC's project administrator for Austintown, said he doesn't see many districts opting for used furniture.

"Why not, if you can save the money that

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A worker from Carney-McNicholas Inc., a moving company in Austintown, unloads a filing cabinet from one of many semi trucks used to deliver the former Delphi Corp. furniture. It will take more than 40 truckloads to deliver all 4,500 pieces of furniture to Austintown.

SB 5 clears Senate 17-16

HOTLY DEBATED BILL MOVES ON TO HOUSE

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COLUMBUS

Over the objections of Democrats and a handful of Republicans, the Ohio Senate on Wednesday approved sweeping changes to the state's collective-bargaining laws.

The final vote on Senate Bill 5 was 17-16, and the legislation heads to the Ohio House for further deliberations.

Wednesday's floor action capped six committee hearings and protests that drew hundreds of Tea Party members who support the legislation and thousands of union representatives who oppose it.

"We've heard from thousands of Ohioans on all sides of this debate in recent weeks, and this bill is better because of their participation," Sen. Kevin Bacon, a Republican from the Columbus area and chairman of the committee that worked on the bill, said in a released statement. "Through 22 hours of testimony and more than 100 witnesses, we've produced a bill that balances the concerns and the livelihoods of our public employees with

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◆ **Portage County** Tea Party members show their support. **A4**

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FAULTING FAST FOOD

Eric Schlosser, author of the book "Fast Food Nation" that also was a 2006 feature film, spoke Wednesday at Powers Auditorium on the harm he says the fast-food business and industrial agriculture system have caused.

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SCRIBE IN THE HOUSE?

As hospitals switch to electronic medical records, doctors worry about spending more time in front of computers rather than patients. To solve the problem, physicians are turning to an age-old profession — scribes.

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YSU to readvertise for bids on Pollock House project

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YOUNGSTOWN

Plans to restore the historic Porter and Mary Pollock House on Wick Avenue will be scaled back after bids for the project came in way over budget.

The total project cost for restoring the Youngstown State University-owned mansion is about \$4.4 million with \$2.1 million the estimated base.

Three general contractors submitted bids for the project, and the lowest base bid was \$2.6 million.

"We're going to do some reworking," said Richard White, associate director of planning and construction at YSU.

The original concept for the project was historical restoration, said Gene Grilli, vice president for finance and administration, at a YSU trustees committee meeting. Now the project will be more of an adaptive reuse, he said.

For the windows, for example, rather than restoring them, the new project

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Youngstown State University will rework bid specifications and advertise for bids again, after the first bids for the Porter and Mary Pollock House restoration project were over budget.

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