

on airport and Derby
owns. The questions always
e one of the following forms:
• Why did the Soap Box
by build a huge tower next
the track?
• Why did the airport build
ther air-traffic control tow-

• Why didn't Akron's zon-
laws prevent some compan-
in China from constructing
underground building that's
all it's sticking out of the
er side of the planet?
OK, I just made up that last
, but some of your hypothe-
have been nearly as bizarre.
It's not as if we haven't writ-
about this thing before. On
other hand, for a \$5 million
ject, it hasn't gotten a lot of
. So here goes:
The 97-foot tower, built last
r, is owned by Lockheed

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artin, the folks who also own
nearby Airdock and make
kinds of sophisticated stuff
the Defense Department.
e structure is known as an
optical test tower," with
ich Lockheed is running la-
and sensor tests, presum-
y to develop new weapons
tems.
Lockheed formerly used the
Akron Fulton control tower
these sorts of things, but
it was too small and short for
type of experiments the
npany envisioned.
I'm pretty sure they're
rking on lightsabers.

without a clue
Where do they find some of
se 911 operators?
If you haven't heard it,
r'll love the 911 tape of the
ungstown man calling to re-
t that his wife, a real estate
nt, had been held up by two
n pretending to be interest-
in a property. It begins like
:
Caller: "My wife is a Real-
She was robbed at gun-
nt!"

...continues to work with a ... Police say Myers' violent attacks



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Big puzzle will portray Akron's history

Final touches are being applied to an outdoor sculpture and plaza next to the Ohio & Erie Canal in Cascade Locks Park at Howard and West North streets in Akron. The art project will celebrate Akron's industrial history by marking the old mill of

cereal magnate Ferdinand Schumacher at the site. Here, the featured piece in the design, a replica of a waterwheel designed by local artist Chuck Ayers, is installed Monday by Mike Vizmeg of Vizmeg Landscaping of Hudson at the site of the old Mill.