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Today's weather



Partly sunny
and warm.
High: 91
Low: 75

Tuesday: Humid, 91 | 75
Wednesday: Shower, 89 | 69

Weather report, **A2**

Metro & State

7 charged in series
of shootings, thefts

Seven men have been charged in connection with their involvement in a Cleveland street gang tied to several shootings and armed robberies in the city's Central neighborhood. **A3**

Council calls: In the summer, as the temperatures rise, so do the number of calls that Ward 5 Cleveland Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland receives from constituents. **A3**

Nation & World

In Ireland, pope
apologizes for abuses

Pope Francis has issued a sweeping apology for the "crimes" of the Catholic Church in Ireland, saying church officials regularly didn't respond with compassion to the many abuses children and women suffered over the years. **A8**

Trump probes: President Donald Trump should be more worried about prosecutors in New York than about the ongoing Russia probe led by special counsel Robert Mueller, retired Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz says. **A8**

Forum

Fake accounts aren't
just a Russian thing

Commentary: Russia is no longer the only country to use social media's openness against the unwitting populations of Western democracies. It seems other countries are getting into the act as well. **A8**

Sports

Jackson shows support
for Mayfield as backup

When Tyrod Taylor left the Eagles game in the first quarter with a left-hand injury, Browns coach Hue Jackson didn't even hesitate to send Baker Mayfield into the game. "I feel good about the things that Baker went in and did in the game," he says. **B1**

Northern Trust winner: Bryson DeChambeau completed the first stage of his mission by winning The Northern Trust. And with his win, DeChambeau makes a strong case for being on the Ryder Cup team. **B1**

Diversions

Box set offers deep dive
into Lennon's 'Imagine'

In conjunction with the 78th anniversary of John Lennon's birth, Yoko Ono has overseen production of a six-disc box set, "Imagine — The Ultimate Collection," slated for Oct. 5 release. **P1**

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Remember to vote
for best barbecue

Just days remain before we crown the winner of Cleveland's Best Barbecue contest. Your vote will help decide the winner. The voting ends on Tuesday, so cast your vote today. For more information, go to cleveland.com/best.

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Shooting deaths

2 killed at video game contest

Gunman wounds 9 before killing himself

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Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A gunman opened fire Sunday at an online video game tournament that was being live-streamed from a Florida mall, killing two people and then fatally shooting himself in an attack that sent several others to hospitals, authorities said.

Jacksonville Sheriff Mike

Williams said authorities believe 24-year-old David Katz of Baltimore carried out the attack using at least one handgun at the Jacksonville Landing, a collection of restaurants and shops along the St. Johns River. He said that the man died from a self-inflicted gunshot and that authorities were still making final confirmation of his identity with the FBI assisting them in Baltimore.

Nine other people were

wounded by gunfire and all were in stable condition Sunday evening, Williams said. He added that two others were injured in the chaos as people sought to flee the gunfire.

Katz was in Jacksonville for the "Madden NFL 19" video game tournament. The games maker, EA Sports, lists a David Katz as a 2017 championship winner.

SEE SHOOTING | **A7**

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Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams, right, talks about mayhem at the Jacksonville Landing mall after a gunman began shooting on Sunday.

InCuya Music Festival

Day 2 draws bigger crowd



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A dozen bands performed on the stages at the second day of the inaugural InCuya Music Festival in downtown Cleveland on Sunday, and fans turned out in larger numbers than on Saturday.

Debut event deemed 'incredible for a first-year experience'

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Better weather, a more diverse and arguably better-known lineup and word of mouth combined to send the turnstiles spinning at the second and final day of the inaugural InCuya Music Festival Sunday.

The brainchild of the Cleveland Concert Co., staged in partnership with promoter AEG Presents, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Destination Cleveland and the city itself, and with an influx of cash from local and national investors, the festival drew 7,500 people to Malls B and C



InCuya Music Festival in downtown Cleveland brought in national and local musical acts, including SZA, taking the stage Sunday night.

on Saturday, said Joe Litvag, senior vice president of AEG Presents and a festivals expert.

At least that many had stepped through the gates by 5 p.m. Sunday, and lines out-

side the entrances even then stretched a half-block to see national artists Cake, SZA and the Avett Brothers on the larger City Stage, and Cleveland-related bands Tropicale, Tank & the Bangas and Yuna on the smaller Lake Stage.

It was not the realization of the unrealistic hope that tens of thousands would flock to a new festival, but Litvag said it was a great birthday for InCuya, noting that time and patience are required to build a following for such an undertaking.

SEE INCUYA | **A4**

1927-2018

Neil Simon, master of stage, dies

Was most commercially successful playwright on Broadway

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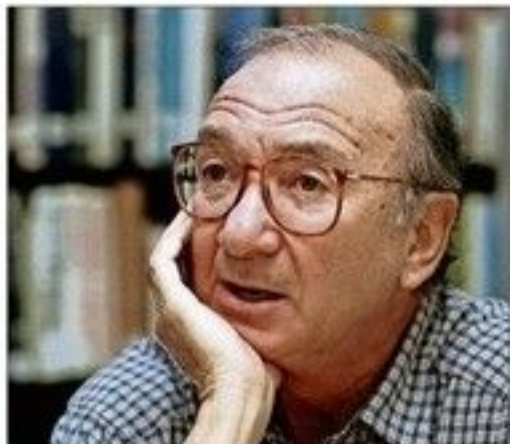
Neil Simon knew that many academics and critics never would rank him among the great American playwrights. He addressed this realization in each of the five lengthy and wonderfully candid conversations I had with him over the last 23 years.

"Oh, yeah, there's nothing tougher than writing comedy," said the Pulitzer

Prize-winning playwright who died Sunday morning at 91. "But it takes a lot longer for you to gain any serious recognition when you write comedy. You know, Woody Allen once said that doing comedy was like eating at the children's table. You're not taken seriously."

But Simon, who died at Manhattan's New York Presbyterian Hospital of complication from pneumonia, also knew he had something better

than any recognition from academics and critics. The comedy master born on the Fourth of July in 1927 had something another great American humorist greatly prized near the end of his life. "Praise is well," Mark Twain said, "but affection — that is the last and final and most precious reward that any man can win, whether by character or achievement."

SEE SIMON | **A7**

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American playwright Neil Simon, whose laugh-filled hits dominated Broadway for decades, died on Sunday. He was 91.