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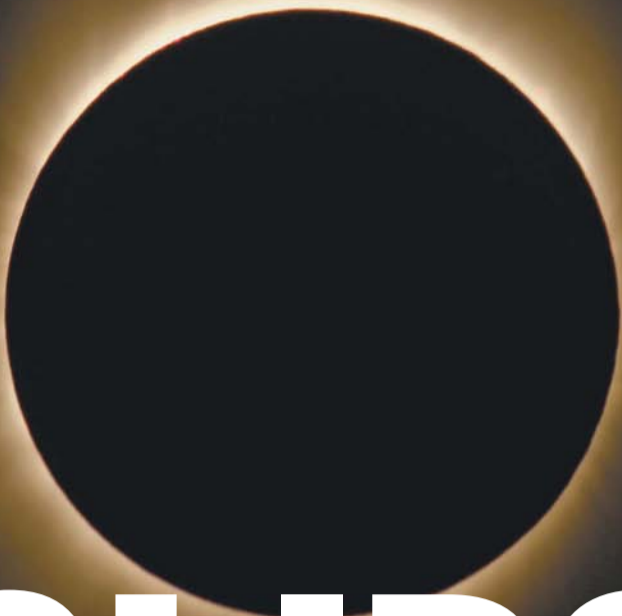
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Valley venues host viewing events today



ECLIPSE MANIA

By JORDYN GRZELEWSKI
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YOUNGSTOWN

AS THE MOON COVERS THE SUN today during the first solar eclipse since 1979, locations around the Mahoning Valley will host viewing events.

Mill Creek MetroParks will host a viewing event in partnership with Youngstown State University's Ward Beecher Planetarium. Patrick Durrell, professor of physics and astronomy at YSU and director of the planetarium, will lead the event at the MetroParks Farm in Canfield.

"They're bringing three telescopes that people can take turns viewing the eclipse as it's going on," said Maureen Weetman, Mill Creek MetroParks program and events coordinator. "They're bringing solar shades. It's going to be one per person, first come, first served. We're going to have a looping presentation about the solar eclipse. We're going to have children's activities. ... And we're also going

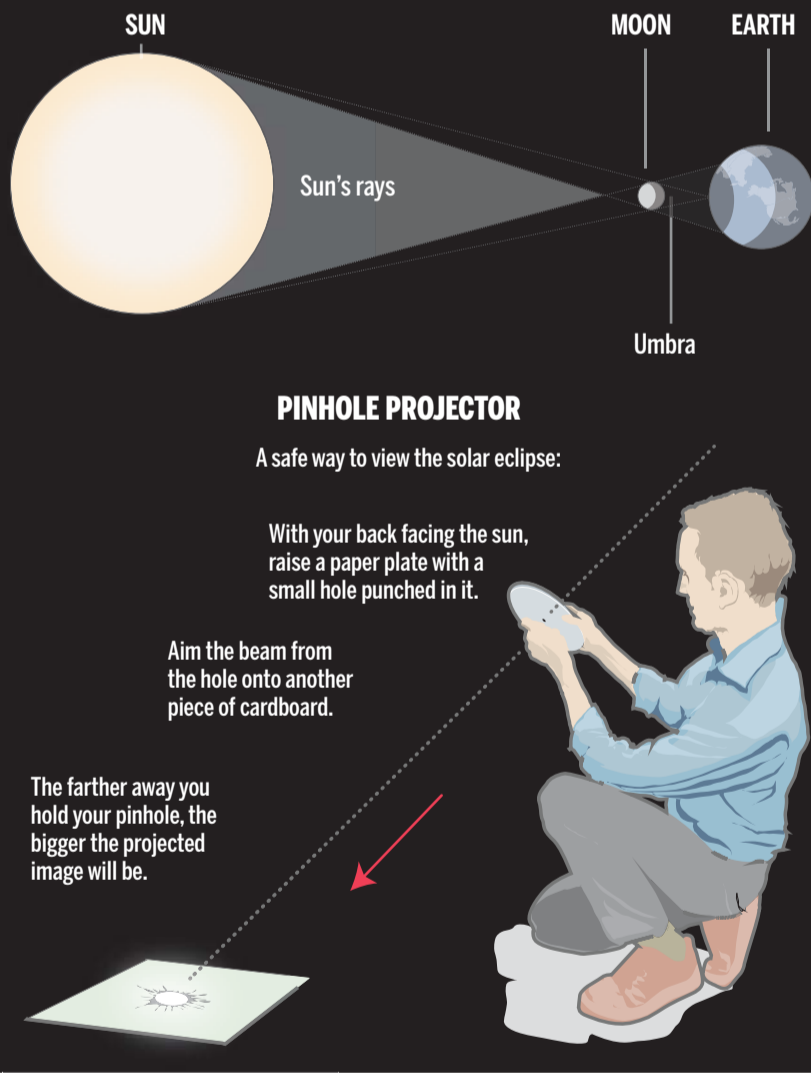
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VALLEY VIEWING EVENTS

- ◆ **What:** Solar eclipse viewing events
- ◆ **When:** Today
- ◆ **Where:** Mill Creek MetroParks Farm, 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield; Boardman Spartan Stadium, high school campus at 7777 Glenwood Ave.; OH WOW! Children's Center, 11 W. Federal St., Youngstown
- ◆ **What time:** 1 to 4 p.m. at the MetroParks Farm; 1:08 p.m. at OH WOW!; 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Spartan Stadium
- ◆ **Eclipse glasses:** First come, first served at MetroParks and Spartan Stadium; visitors can make pinhole projectors at OH WOW!, included in the cost of museum admission (bring your own cereal box).

SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPLAINED

When the moon passes between the sun and Earth, the sun is masked and the sky darkened for viewers directly behind the moon's inner shadow or umbra.



YOUNGSTOWN



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The Rev. Neil C. Heller speaks during the Vigil Against Hate, hosted by Valley Voices United for Change at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown on Sunday.

Vigil Against Hate brings call for all to stand together

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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YOUNGSTOWN

With the backdrop of racially motivated violence in Charlottesville, Va., only a week ago, Sunday's Vigil Against Hate at First Unitarian Universalist Church on the North Side was a call to action for everyone to stand up against racism and injustice.

Three people died and many were injured during a white nationalist rally. Killed were 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who was struck when a white nationalist plowed his vehicle into counterprotesters, and two state troopers when their helicopter crashed while they were helping police respond to

THIS IS NO TIME TO STAND ON THE SIDELINES. I CHALLENGE YOU TO FIND YOUR TEAM AND GET TO WORK CHANGING THE WORLD."

CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON, Mahoning County Young Democrats

the violence. "What brought us together are the tragedies. But, we are not here just to protest what we are against, but to affirm what is positive in our community. We come with a spirit of love," said the Rev.

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◆ **INSIDE:** Supporters of a conservative free speech rally Saturday in Boston said that despite being outnumbered by tens of thousands of counterprotesters, their event was a success. **A2**

WORLD

Trump to speak tonight on Afghanistan, S. Asia

Associated Press

CAMP MOREHEAD, AFGHANISTAN

Signaling that the U.S. military expects its mission to continue, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan on Sunday hailed the launch of the Afghan Army's new special operations corps, declaring that "we are with you and we will stay with you."

The White House announced that President Donald Trump would address the nation's troops and the American people tonight to update the path forward



Trump

◆ **INSIDE:** Ohio Gov. John Kasich urges Trump to stop the staff chaos at the White House. **A4**

in Afghanistan and South Asia.

Gen. John Nicholson's exhortation of continued support for the Afghans suggested the Pentagon may have won its argument that

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US WARSHIP COLLISION

A U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer collided with a 600-foot oil and chemical tanker early today in waters east of Singapore and the Straits of Malacca, and at least 10 sailors are missing.

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ROOKIE LIFTS STEELERS

Rookie running back James Conner set up the Steelers' winning touchdown in a 17-13 exhibition victory over Atlanta.

SPORTS, B1

JERRY LEWIS, 91

Celebrities, fans mourn death of comedy icon

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Jerry Lewis, the manic, rubber-faced showman who jumped and hollered to fame in a lucrative partnership with Dean Martin, settled down to become a self-conscious screen auteur and found an even greater following as the tireless, teary host of the annual muscular dystrophy telethons, has died. He was 91.

Lewis died Sunday of natural causes in Las Vegas with his family by his side, publicist Candi Cazau said.

Tributes from friends, co-stars

◆ **INSIDE:** List of motion pictures featuring Jerry Lewis. **A4**

and disciples poured in immediately.

"That fool was no dummy. Jerry Lewis was an undeniable genius an unfathomable blessing, comedy's absolute!" Jim Carrey wrote Sunday on Twitter. "I am because he was!" "The world has lost a true innovator & icon," comedian Dane Cook wrote.

In Las Vegas, a message honoring the comedian is being featured on

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Actor and comedian Jerry Lewis poses during an interview in Los Angeles in 2014. He died Sunday.

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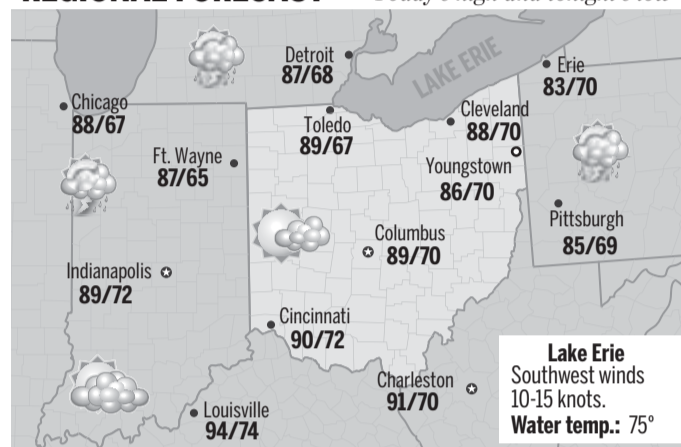
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The number of cities that lets Amazon Prime members pick up things like snacks, cold drinks or phone chargers within two minutes of ordering them online. The service is called Instant Pickup. Customers head over to an Amazon location to collect their order. The pickup locations are near college campuses in these cities: Atlanta; Berkeley, Calif.; College Park, Md; Columbus; and Los Angeles.

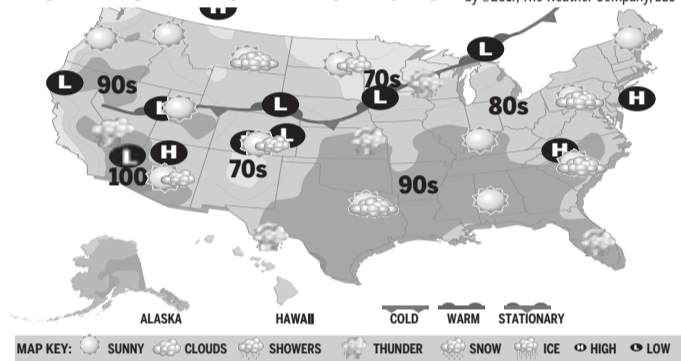
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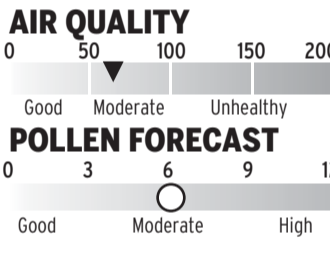
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BIRTHDAYS

Actor-filmmaker-writer Melvin Van Peebles is 85. Singer Kenny Rogers is 79. Actor Clarence Williams III ("The Mod Squad") is 78. Singer Harold Reid of the Statler Brothers is 78. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 76. Actress Patty McCormack ("The Roper") is 72. Newsman Harry Smith is 66. Singer Glenn Hughes (Deep Purple, Black Sabbath) is 65. Actress Kim Cattrall is 61. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss ("The Matrix," "Chocolat") is 47. Singer Kelis is 38. Actor Diego Klattenhoff ("The Blacklist") is 38. TV personality Brody Jenner ("The Hills") is 34. Comedian Brooks Wheelan ("Saturday Night Live") is 31. Actor Cody Kasch ("Desperate Housewives") is 30. Country singer Kacey Musgraves is 29. Actress Hayden Panettiere ("Nashville," "Heroes") is 28. Actor RJ Mitte ("Breaking Bad") is 25.



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Counterprotesters hold signs at a free speech rally by conservative activists Saturday in Boston.

Free speech supporters: Outnumbered, but a success

Associated Press

BOSTON Supporters of a small, conservative free speech rally Saturday in Boston said that despite being outnumbered by tens of thousands of counterprotesters, their event was a success.

Demonstrators protesting against racism and white supremacy had descended upon historic Boston Common, dwarfing the rally's few dozen attendees and leading to what appeared to be an abrupt end of the event. Less than an hour after rallygoers arrived, they were escorted out of the area by police, as boisterous counterprotesters scuffled with officers.

But event organizers, speakers and participants say coverage of the event has been mischaracterized and that it accomplished its purpose — to talk about the importance of free speech.

"We were there to discuss the spectrum of American views," said Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai, who gave the keynote at the rally.

Ayyadurai, a Cambridge technology entrepreneur

who is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, added that the crowd was a politically and racially diverse group of mostly students.

In the days leading up to Saturday's long-planned event, organizers publicly distanced themselves from the Aug. 12 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that left a woman dead and many more injured.

Addressing concerns that a similar event might come to Boston, Democratic Mayor Marty Walsh had denounced "hate groups" that would potentially attend Saturday's gathering.

But when asked about the atmosphere at the Parkman Bandstand on the Common where supporters gathered Saturday, participants described the opposite of what opponents had feared.

"I was holding one of the 'Black Lives Do Matter' signs," said attendee April Sutherland, 25, of Seattle. Photos show the signs being held up as Ayyadurai is speaking. "It was powerful

to have our voices heard. The police were very good at escorting us out (and) we were met with people who were so encouraging. Forty thousand people were objecting to something they didn't realize was a lie."

Melissa Smith, 32, of Brookline, said she participated in the rally because free speech is important to her.

"(The event) was very successful," she said.

Despite multiple confrontations, fights breaking out and objects getting thrown at police, authorities touted the events as mostly peaceful, reporting a total of 33 arrests for disorderly conduct, assaulting a police officer and other offenses. Those arrested are expected in court this week. Officials say about 40,000 people attended.

The counterdemonstration received praise from Walsh, who said Boston "stood for peace and love" and President Donald Trump, who said the people in Boston were "speaking out" against bigotry and hate.

NEWSMAKERS

'Hitman's Bodyguard' outdoes 'Logan Lucky'

LOS ANGELES

Critics loved "Logan Lucky" and gave a big collective shrug to "The Hitman's Bodyguard," but when it came to the test of the marketplace, audiences went their own way.

The two action flicks faced off this weekend, and "The Hitman's Bodyguard" emerged the victor with a chart-topping \$21.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, while "Logan Lucky" sputtered on arrival with \$8.1 million.

Both had notable stars, "Logan Lucky" has Channing Tatum and Daniel Craig, while "The Hitman's Bodyguard" boasts Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson, both were opening in over 3,000 theaters and both cost around \$30 million to produce. Also, both were targeted toward adults, although one was R-rated ("Hitman's Bodyguard") and one PG-13 ("Logan Lucky").

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released today.

- 1. 'The Hitman's Bodyguard,' \$21.6 million (\$6.6 million international).
2. 'Annabelle: Creation,' \$15.5 million (\$42 million international).
3. 'Logan Lucky,' \$8.1 million (\$825,000 international).
4. 'Dunkirk,' \$6.7 million (\$8.4 mil-

- 5. 'Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature,' \$5.1 million (\$950,000 international).
6. 'The Emoji Movie,' \$4.4 million (\$11.5 million international).
7. 'Spider-Man: Homecoming,' \$4.3 million (\$5 million international).
8. 'Girls Trip,' \$3.8 million (\$1 million international).
9. 'The Dark Tower,' \$3.7 million (\$7.5 million international).
10. 'Wind River,' \$3 million.

Zoo gorilla dies of cancer, days after constipation surgery

KANSAS CITY, MO.

A 49-year-old lowland gorilla at the Topeka Zoo in Kansas died Sunday after tests revealed she had late-stage ovarian cancer that had spread, four days after undergoing surgery for constipation.

The zoo said in a statement that after Tiffany failed to improve since her surgery Wednesday to clear "a significant amount of stool" from her colon, the gorilla was taken Sunday for scans that revealed two abdominal masses later identified as tumors linked to stage-four ovarian cancer.

During a surgery later Sunday, the zoo said, "it became evident that the cancer had metastasized to the abdominal wall." Surgeons and veterinarians paused that procedure, then decided the best recourse was to not awaken her after surgery. The gorilla died a short time later, "surrounded by the team of people that cared for her," the zoo said. "Even if all the cancer

affected tissue could have been removed, we just could not see an appropriate way to administer a regimen of chemotherapy to treat the cancer," said Brendan Wiley, the zoo's director. Tiffany was born in July 1968 at the Kansas City Zoo and has spent much of her time since then at the Topeka Zoo, aside from four years she lived at the Buffalo Zoo in New York in the 1980s.

"She was a big part of the persona of our zoo," Wiley said of Tiffany, eulogizing her as a lover of board books, stuffed animals and her enjoyment "watching kids, and kids loved to watch her." "It seemed like everyone knew who Tiffany was," Wiley said.

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METRO digest

Shooting death

WARREN

Warren police had no suspects in custody Sunday in connection with the Saturday shooting death of a Youngstown woman reported at 10:51 p.m. in the Fairview Gardens apartment complex.

According to a press release issued by the Warren Police Department through the Trumbull County 911 Center, officers responding to reports of gunfire found the body of the female in the area of a parking lot off Duke Street Southeast.

A resident in the neighborhood said the shooting "sounded like World War III," according to 21 WFMJ-TV, The Vindicator's broadcast partner.

Body found in field

WARREN

Warren police detectives are investigating the shooting death of an unidentified male whose body was found in a field in the 2400 block of Northwest Boulevard about 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Police found the body after receiving a call about a possible person down in the field.

Candidate at church

YOUNGSTOWN

Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2821 Hillman St., will feature Sarah Brown-Clark, incumbent Youngstown clerk of courts, who is running for re-election, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Agenda Tuesday

◆ **City of Youngstown Human Relations Commission**, 10 a.m., 6th floor council caucus room, 26 S. Phelps St.

◆ **Liberty Township Trustees**, 5 p.m., special meeting, administration building, 1315 Churchill Hubbard Road.

◆ **Lincoln Knolls Community Watch**, 5 p.m., East Branch Library, 430 Early Road.

◆ **Lordstown Village Council**, 5:30 p.m., streets and sidewalks, parks, buildings and grounds committee, caucus room, 1455 Salt Springs Road SW.

◆ **Lordstown Village Council**, 6 p.m., council chambers, 1455 Salt Springs Road SW.

◆ **Mahoning County Commissioners**, 10 a.m., board meeting, commissioner's hearing room, Mahoning County Courthouse, 120 Market St., Youngstown.

◆ **Mahoning County Commissioners**, 10:30 a.m., staff meetings, administration building, second floor, 21 W. Boardman St., Youngstown.

◆ **Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corp.**, 11:30 a.m., Mahoning County Land Bank, conference room, suite 202, 20 W. Federal St., Youngstown.

◆ **Mahoning County Land Bank**, 11:30 a.m., board of directors, County Land Bank office, 20 Federal Place, 20 W. Federal St., suite 202, Youngstown.

◆ **Mahoning County Planning Commission**, 1 p.m., board meeting, Mahoning County Planning Office, 50 Westchester Drive, Austintown.

◆ **McDonald Board of Education**, 7 p.m., high school library, 410 W. 7th St.

◆ **Springfield Township trustees**, noon, Aug. 22, special meeting, administration building, 3475 E. South Range Road.

◆ **Western Reserve Port Authority**, 12:30 p.m., Penguin Place Office, 240 N. Champion St., Youngstown.

◆ **Youngstown Academy of Excellence trustees**, noon, 1408 Rigby St.

AGENDA runs daily. Items for the column should be sent to The Vindicator Regional Desk at least two days in advance.

Surplus food/clothing

◆ **Alpha and Omega First Baptist Church**, 3120 Winton Ave., Youngstown, lunch, bag of groceries and clothes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday. Recipients must bring photo identification.

Food-distribution notices are to be submitted by 3 p.m. the day before they are to be published.

ECLIPSE

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to be broadcasting a live feed of the total eclipse."

The Youngstown area is not in the path of the total solar eclipse. Total eclipse will take place across a 60-mile-wide path across 12 states. In this area, the moon will obscure 83 percent of the sun at the event's

peak.

The partial eclipse will begin shortly after 1 p.m., with the peak about 2:30 p.m. and the end about 4 p.m. The peak lasts about 2½ minutes.

Weetman said the MetroParks has received a flood of inquiries about the viewing event.

"It's been many, many years since the last one, and it's going to be another six years before there's

another eclipse, so people are really interested in seeing what takes place," she said.

She encouraged people to come out to the farm for the event because "it's a great educational moment."

Also, Boardman science teachers are planning a Solar Eclipse Extravaganza at Boardman Spartan Stadium.

In addition to giving away 200

pairs of solar-eclipse glasses (which must be used to safely view the event), the eclipse will be shown through a solar filter camera on a jumbo screen at the stadium.

Additionally, OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science & Technology is offering visitors the chance to make pinhole projectors, free with admission to the museum. The museum also will have a viewing event.



Signs during the Vigil Against Hate hosted by Valley Voices United for Change at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown on the North Side.

VIGIL

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Joseph Boyd, minister of the host church.

"We are here to stand up against hate and bigotry and stand up for justice for everybody. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. All mankind sprang from Adam and Eve. We need the will to stand together because together we are strong and divided we are weak," said Randa Shabayek of the Islamic Society of Greater Youngstown.

"I'm at a loss that in 2017 we need a meeting like this. Every man, woman and child deserves justice," said Christopher Anderson, president of the Mahoning County Young Democrats, who called on young people to get involved.

"This is no time to stand on the sidelines. I challenge you to find your team and get to work changing the world," he said.

It is the children who Kathy DiCristofaro, head of the Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus, is most worried about. The longtime teacher who raised five boys issued this warning.

"They are recruiting our young children toward hate and divisiveness. We have to have a heightened awareness of with whom our children listen to and associate. We need to send a strong message: Not our children, not on our watch," she said adamantly.

"We as a nation are broken. To heal, we need to embrace faith," said Bishop George V. Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown.

"There is no place in the United States for white supremacy. Racism is a sin, and silence is not appropriate. We must speak out



Makavelli Emmert, 9, of Boardman holds a candle during the Vigil Against Hate.

against hate and recognize the humanity and uniqueness of us all," the bishop said.

In a press release sent by U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, who did not attend the vigil, the lawmaker said statues of Confederates or Confederate sympathizers have no place in the halls of Congress and should be removed immediately.

The cause that these Confederate leaders supported would have seen the Capitol building burned to the ground and the republic it represents torn apart, said Ryan, who applauded leaders and attendees for standing against domestic terrorism and white supremacy.

The Rev. Neil C. Heller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Braceville, said it

is not the Confederate statues that bother him, but the Confederates who idolize them, a group that is "flying under the radar."

"We'd like to see education and health care and justice and respect and basic human rights for all. On the other hand, there are those who would divide us. We must stand up for every citizen. Do you stand for the United States ideology, justice for all, or for the Confederate ideology, justice for a few?" Mr. Heller asked.

"It's time to stand up for justice and against injustice," he said.

"It's not sufficient to remain silent when you think of those who spread hate. We must love, comfort and protect one another. That's my message," said Youngstown Mayor John A. McNally.

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Barcelona attack reinforces need for global terror fight

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That roll call of proud, diverse cities owns a common yet chilling claim to fame. Over the past 13 months, each has fallen victim to mass public butchery low in technology but high in depravity: terror by motor vehicle. Collectively, dozens of innocent pedestrians in the path of intentionally out-of-control cars and trucks were killed and scores of others were injured.

Last Thursday, Barcelona, Spain, became the newest addition to that collection of municipalities where murder by tractor trailer, rental truck or compact car has viciously played out with disturbing frequency.

Even though this mode of hate-fueled automotive terrorism has lost some of its ability to surprise, its repeated recurrence nonetheless must never be tolerated as an unfortunate fact of 21st century life.

Indeed we condemn the attack and urge that authorities in Spain and leaders of the international community spare no energies toward apprehending the depraved driver and all others connected to the mass assault. More generally, we renew our call for concerted international cooperation and intelligence-sharing to reverse the rise in extremism in all of its ugly forms, both foreign and domestic.

It was late last Thursday afternoon when a white Fiat van veered onto the pavement of Barcelona's swank La Rambla shopping district, crashing rows of pedestrians for 1,800 feet. After zigzagging at high speeds down the boulevard, the driver fled and remained at large as of Sunday night.

In what some believe was a coordinated attack, one day later, another vehicle plowed into a crowd of pedestrians in Cambrils, Spain, but Spanish police shot and killed five suspects in that melee.

Collectively, aside from some of the attackers, 15 people were killed, including one American, and more than 100 people from 34 nations were injured in Spain.

Once again, the radical Islamic State group claimed in an Internet statement that its "soldiers" carried out the attack. IS also declared that the attack took place in retribution for the ongoing U.S.-led coalition's military operations against it in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere in the world.

In response, the international community doubled down on its commitment to quash violent extremism. Antonio Guterres, secretary-general of the United Nations, said the world body stands in solidarity with the government and people of Spain.

In addition, all 15 members of the U.N.'s Security Council spoke with one collective voice in vowing to intensify global efforts to combat terrorism by sharing resources and intelligence.

RESTRAINT FROM TRUMP

For his part, U.S. President Donald Trump showed uncharacteristic restraint and responsibility in his initial reaction to Thursday's massacre.

In a tweet not long after the attack unfolded, the president wrote, "The United States condemns the terror attack in Barcelona, Spain, and will do whatever is necessary to help. Be tough & strong, we love you!"

Contrast that with then-candidate Trump's shoot-from-the-hip response to the vehicular attack last summer in Nice, in which 84 French Independence Day revelers died. He blasted former President Barack Obama's measured response and said had he been commander in chief, he would have declared full-scale war on ISIS.

Trump's response to Barcelona also contrasts with his weak and misguided reaction last week to the domestic terror attack in Charlottesville, Va. In that case, he gave comfort to the forces of extremism by saying some in the group of neo-Nazis, Klansmen and other assorted-white supremacist protesters were "nice people."

We hope that Trump and other leaders come to recognize that terror – regardless of its form, cause or color – is repugnant and must be universally condemned and repelled.

We hope he and others also recognize that this most recent European attack provides no renewed license to malign an entire culture of Muslims. Worse, it must not feed into the fear-mongering used by Trump and other nationalist leaders in Europe to unjustly limit or ban Muslim immigration.

Doing so only alienates a culture, whose support intelligence officials sorely need to wage a full-throttle campaign to wipe out IS-inspired terrorism. In Barcelona, as in London, Paris, Nice and other cities victimized by automotive slaughter, prejudice must never overpower aggressive global cooperation to slam the brakes on terror.

SCRIPTURES

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

JOHN 15:16 NLT

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EDITORIAL

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Voter fraud is real

By JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

The Trump administration wants to check up on voter fraud possibilities in the United States, and the states have talked about invasions of privacy, which is nonsense, have insisted there is no fraud, which is nonsense, and Democrats have snarled about suppressing votes, which is nonsense.

Voter fraud, of course, is usually to the Democrats' advantage, and they just might be more concerned about making it hard to cheat than making it hard to vote. But let's let the facts speak for themselves after first conceding that, yes, President Donald Trump has made outlandish claims about the 2016 election. He said he would have won the popular vote if not for illegal voting, and that's hooey.

But in forming a bipartisan commission through executive order, he dropped that prattle and focused on the dangers intimated, for instance, by all the registered voters who happen to be dead (1.8 million) and those registered in more than one state (2.8 million). In his usual verbally confused way, Trump said that dead voters were voting. What he obviously meant was that perfectly alive people could use names of the deceased to uphold the machine-politics principle of one grave, one vote.

REALITY

States say they are up-and-at-'em on maintaining accurate registration rolls and keeping ineligible away from the ballot box. But let somebody get out there and check around, such as the Pew Research Center, and you find out differently, as in its providing the numbers above. Despite obligations to make states do better on some scores, the Obama administration opted for nap time, and don't fall for the line that there's no mass manipulation and hence no worry.

First off, there is definitely the possibility of widespread fraud and then there is an actuality: It does not take a lot of fraudulent votes to change close election outcomes. It verifiably happens. That's one reason at least some states have developed tougher standards, such as voter IDs that are no big deal to get despite contrary claims that democracy is thus impeded. The argument is overridden by the simple truth that most states implementing new ID laws see more voting.

So far in this relatively short century, it might be added, there have been at least 1,071 voting fraud cases in 47 states, according to the Heritage Foundation, which added that resulting criminal convictions were 938. So here came the questioning, deterrent-minded Trump commission accompanied by trepidation as numerous states initially insisted they would not cooperate.

As a matter of privacy, many said, they would not turn over such requests as voters' party affiliations, addresses, names and birth dates, but get this: The letter sent to them clearly asked that they provide the information only if it "is publicly available under the laws of your state," which it mostly is.

Not a few Democrats have accused Trump of devious ends, but they more likely reside in the resistance to research.

In our current system, just maybe there has been a lot more fraud than some states have figured out or want to figure out, and it is known that when it comes to illegal immigrants, for instance, they like voting Democratic, although fraud can go either way. There are three highly reputable Democrats on the Trump commission and they certainly won't be out to make an anti-Democratic point. They will likely want to find out how we can make our system more secure from forces here and abroad.

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Trio pulls US from brink of war with saber-rattling North Korea

After threatening fire and fury, how does a superpower de-escalate? By scrambling its secretary of State, secretary of Defense and military chief to reassure foreign leaders that President Trump should be taken seriously, not literally.

That's what Rex Tillerson, James N. Mattis and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have been doing for the past week – and it seems to have worked.

Only eight days ago, Trump warned that if North Korea made any more threats against the United States, he'd unleash "fire and fury like the world has never seen." Mattis quickly clarified that the U.S. red line would be an actual military attack, not verbal assaults.

Only five days ago, Trump sounded ready for battle, tweeting that U.S. forces in Asia were "locked and loaded." Dunford, on a visit to Korea, lowered the temperature. "We're all looking to get out of this situation without a war," he said.

DELAY IN PLANS

And perhaps there won't be one, after all. Last Monday, North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, backed down, announcing that he had decided to "delay" his plans for a missile strike on Pacific Ocean waters near the U.S. territory of Guam.

Awin for the "madman theory," the notion that a president can get his way simply by scaring the bejesus out of the rest of the world? Not necessarily. U.S. officials argue that the credit should go to Mattis' blunt clarity, Dunford's reassuring steadiness and Tillerson's patient diplomacy. To them, Trump's incendiary tweets actually got in the way.

Even some Democratic foreign policy experts are willing to give the Trump administration kudos for making headway on one of the world's most intractable problems.



Doyle McManus

"There's a fairly considered policy running underneath all that noise," Ely Ratner, a former advisor to former Vice President Joe Biden, said. "They're pursuing a maximum pressure strategy with a sanctions regime that is unprecedented. I think we're heading down the right road."

The key to the strategy, aimed at stopping North Korea from building a nuclear weapon that can strike the United States, has been a persistent campaign to woo China, North Korea's powerful neighbor and trading partner, to Trump's side. Economic and military pressure on North Korea won't work unless the United States and China are working together. That's why the most important U.S. success in the last few weeks wasn't Kim's stand-down on Guam; it was China's decision to support and enforce new and tougher trading sanctions against North Korea.

Those decisions stemmed from Trump's success in convincing China's leader, Xi Jinping, that the Korean problem should be a top priority for both countries – and that China could reap rewards in trade negotiations with the United States if it cooperates.

The drive to enlist Xi's help also included conciliatory signals from Mattis and Tillerson, who said the United States is willing to negotiate with North Korea, which China wants, without tough preconditions like a complete halt to the nuclear program.

"The U.S. has no interest in regime change or accelerated reunification of Korea," Mattis and Tillerson wrote in the Wall Street Journal last week. "If China wishes to play a more

active role in securing regional peace and stability – from which all of us, especially China, derive such great benefit – it must make the decision to exercise its decisive diplomatic and economic leverage over North Korea."

The next big decisions may come this fall, when Trump is scheduled to meet Xi in Beijing. China experts believe Xi would like to show significant progress on the Korea problem then. And that will touch off new debates inside the Trump administration. What concessions is the United States willing to make to induce North Korea to consider ending, or at least freezing, its nuclear program?

And if Kim won't give up his weapons, as experts anticipate, is the United States ready to adopt a policy of "containment," hoping to deter a nuclear North Korea from ever using them?

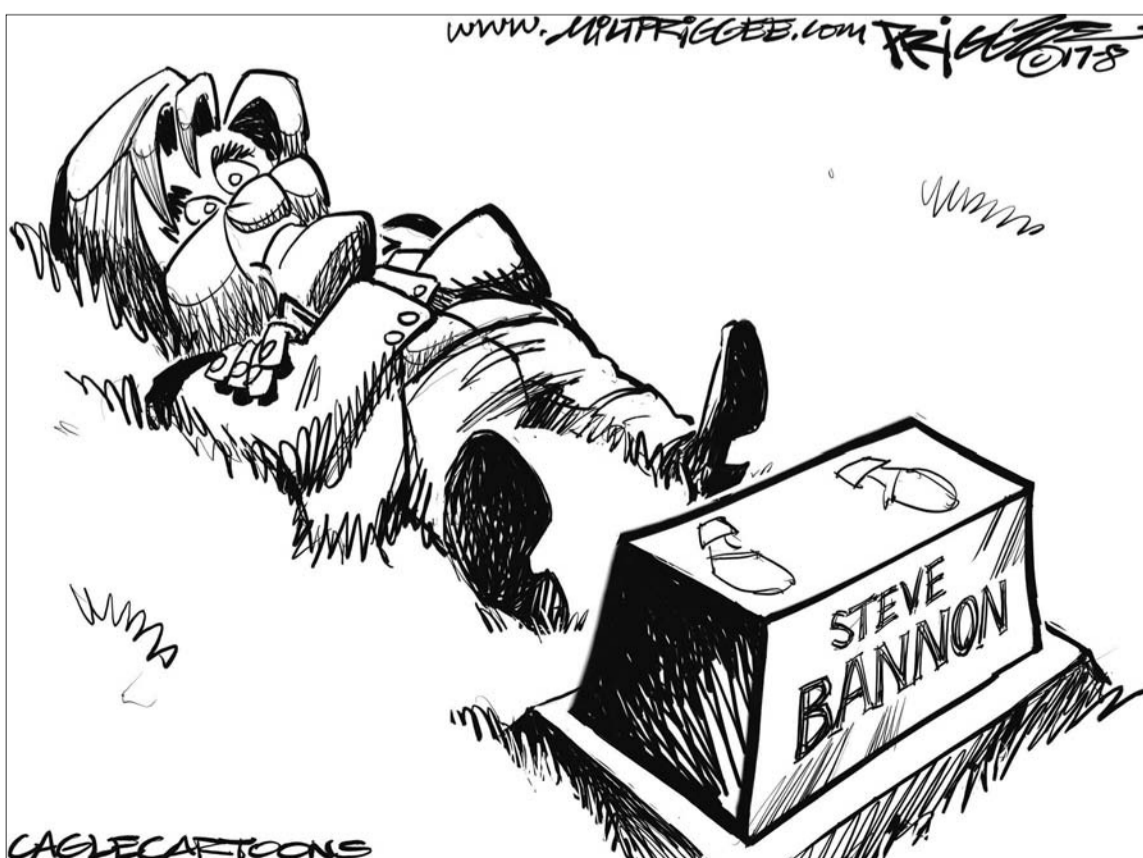
NO CHOICE

The administration's answer, so far, is no. But in the long run, even with China's help in imposing sanctions on North Korea, it may have no choice.

"Deterrence is not desirable," said Jeffrey A. Bader, an Asia expert who worked on former President Obama's National Security Council staff. "It's inadequate in the face of a regime like North Korea's. It sounds passive, and no administration wants to look passive. But it's what you've got left if everything else fails. Come back in four years, and I'll bet that's where we are."

Still, containment's better than a "hot" war, especially a hot nuclear war. Give the president and his aides some credit – especially Mattis, Tillerson and Dunford – for building a ladder to help their boss down from the limb he climbed on.

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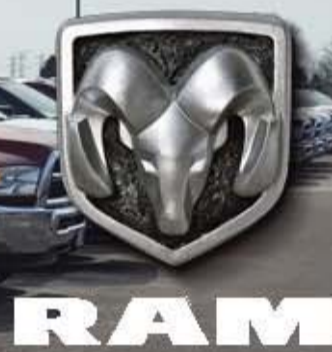
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BROWNS

Jackson feeling better about team

Second-year coach likes playmakers

By MARY KAY CABOT
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BEREA
The Browns broke camp on Thursday, and Hue Jackson feels better about his team than he did last year at this time.

Now, he looks out and see talented playmakers in Myles Garrett, Jabrill Peppers, David Njoku, Jamie Collins, DeShone Kizer and Brock Osweiler.



Jackson

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positions still to find out how they fit and where they fit, but for the most part I think we have a good idea of who we are — who we are defensively, who we are offensively and who we are on special teams.

“Now it’s just fine tuning some things over the next three weeks through these next three preseason games to get ready for the season.”

Here’s some buzz on the Browns as they break camp:
1. DeShone Kizer still in the mix to start on opening day

Kizer might not be ready today, but he’s still in the mix for Sept. 10 because of his impressive physical skills. He’s been promoted to No. 2 for the Giants game Monday night so the coaches can see him against better talent. If he out-plays starter Brock Osweiler, he’ll gain consideration to start against the Steelers. Kizer continues to make dazzling throws in practice, including a 57-yard drill-winning Hail Mary to Seth DeValve, that have the coaches excited.

“He’s got a great long arm but he can throw corner routes, post routes, skinny post on a line,” said quarterbacks coach David Lee. “He doesn’t limit you. You can throw whatever you want to because he’s got such great arm talent.”

But that’s not all. Kizer had the football acumen to succeed at this level, as evidenced by a play in the first preseason game in which he cleared out the line-backer with a shoulder-shrug and completed a 22-yard comeback route on third-and-24.

“The flat defender moved left

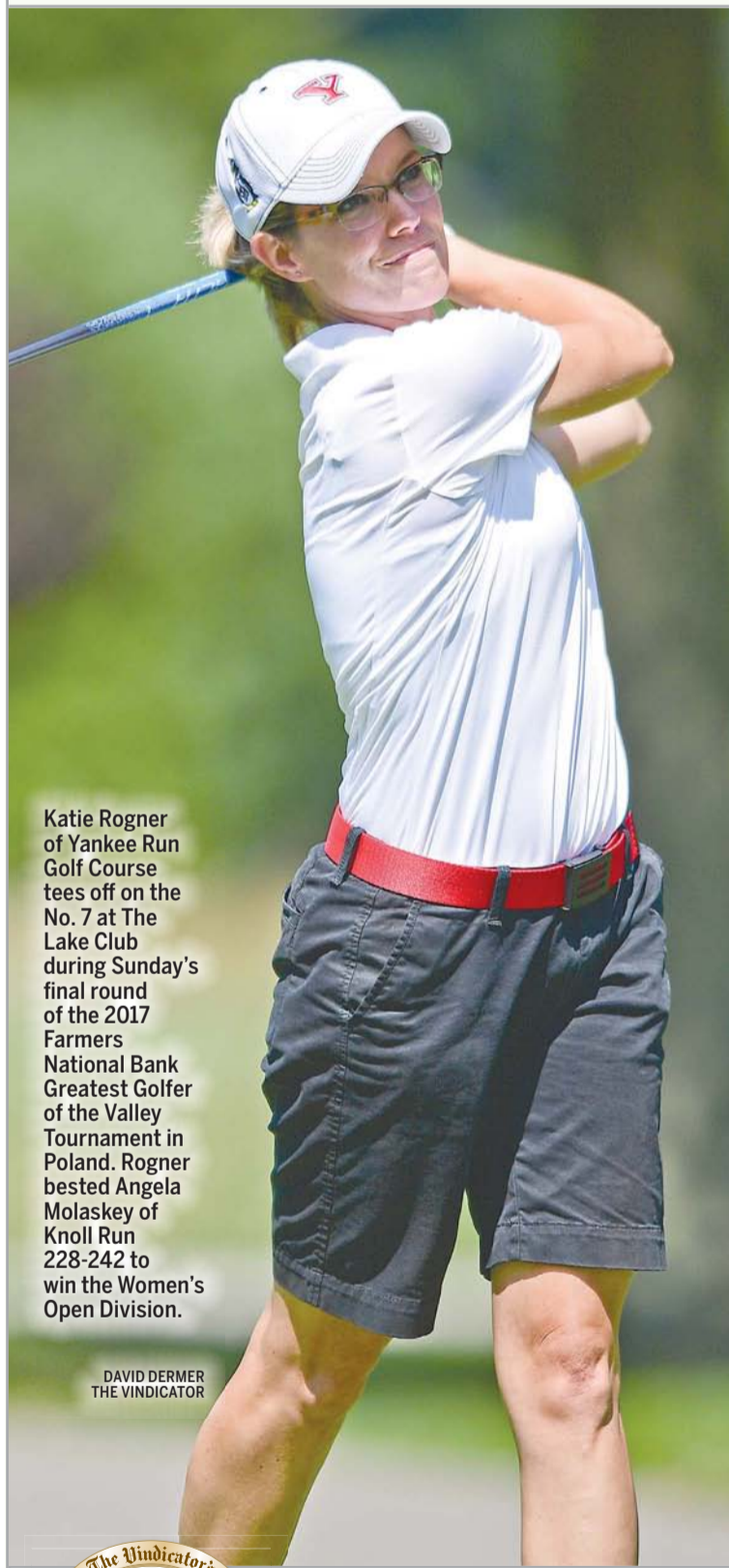
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Brandon Pluchinsky overtakes Jonah Karzmer for another Open title



Brandon Pluchinsky of Mill Creek MetroParks Golf Course reads the green on No. 9 during the final round of the 2017 Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley Tournament on Sunday at The Lake Club in Poland. Pluchinsky repeated as the winner of the Pete Mollica Open Division with a 5-under 207.

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Katie Rogner of Yankee Run Golf Course tees off on the No. 7 at The Lake Club during Sunday’s final round of the 2017 Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley Tournament in Poland. Rogner bested Angela Molaskey of Knoll Run 228-242 to win the Women’s Open Division.

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HE’S TWICE AS GREAT

By GREG GULAS
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POLAND
A HUMBLED BRANDON Pluchinsky started his final round two shots behind two-time open champion Jonah Karzmer — and not wanting to repeat his 2016 finals start.

Don’t bogey his first hole and stay in the hunt he did as he birdied the hole, setting the tone for the rest of his round as he carded 71 to capture his second consecutive Pete Mollica Open Division title in the eighth annual Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley tournament at The Lake Club.

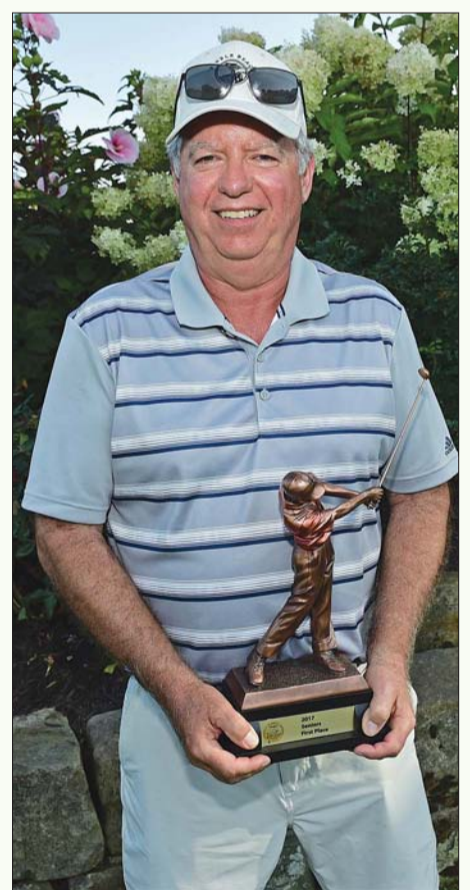
“You knew that the course would play tough [Sunday],” the former Youngstown State links star said. “I was able to keep my ball in play the entire round and that was big.”

Karzmer (70-64-78-212), who won championships in 2013 and again in 2015, shot a 64 on Saturday at Oak Tree, one stroke off the course record to take a two-stroke lead over Pluchinsky (66-70-71-207) heading to the final round Sunday.

He finished runner-up after a registering 78 on the day.

“I just didn’t feel like I had my golf swing today,” Karzmer said. “I

See GGOV, B3



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Geno Bellatto of The Lake Club claimed the trophy in the Men’s Senior Open Division of the Greatest Golfer of the Valley Tournament on Sunday with a total score of 225, edging Frank Santisi of Kenningson Golf Club & Grille by two strokes.



The 2017 Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley tournament concluded Sunday at The Lake Club in Poland, with the following golfers also winning their divisions:

SENIORS 10+



Don Ferko Jr.

SUPER SENIORS



Bob Leonard

MEN 5-8



Vinny Gala

MEN 9-12



Mark Standohar

MEN 13-16



Hunter Todd

MEN 17+



Paul Marovich

WOMEN 9+



Toni Notaro

Final-round scores, B3; photo gallery online at Vindy.com

Steelers LB T.J. Watt continues to try to get past Falcons TE Eric Saubert after losing his helmet in the first half of their preseason game Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers pushed past the Falcons, 17-13.



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Conner stars as Steelers top Falcons

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH
James Conner overcame Hodgkin’s lymphoma and a serious right knee injury to reach the NFL. He showed in his Pittsburgh Steelers debut Sunday that he plans to stick around for a while.

The rookie running back from the University of Pittsburgh broke off runs of 17 and 19 yards, leading to Bart Houston’s go-ahead, 6-yard touch-



Conner

STEELERS FALCONS 17 13

SATURDAY: Indianapolis Colts vs. Pittsburgh Steelers at Heinz Field, Pittsburgh. Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

down pass to Justin Hunter in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh’s 17-13 exhibition victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

Conner was greeted with an ovation on the third series of the game when he made his first carry. The third-round pick busted off three other runs longer than 10 yards and had 98 yards rushing on 20 carries.

“With all the runs, I was getting more comfortable,” Conner said. “We kept ripping off big ones.”

Matt Ryan led the Falcons to

See STEELERS, B4

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: Finishing some creative work becomes a near obsession at the first part of this solar return...

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Leo actress Kim Cattrall's 'Sex and the City' character, Samantha Jones, was the epitome of an independent woman...

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life is not all glamour and cake. It's work. The best way to avoid drudgery is to stop thinking of it as drudgery...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may set out alone, but you will have companionship along this path. The journey will require you to lean on and develop the qualities of adaptability...

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). We can't learn what we're already certain of. That's why doubting is the first step to knowledge. As you lead with your open and curious mind...

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love is trusting and being trustworthy. Add a little eye contact and the warmth of physical touch...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're happy for the success of your friends and family, as long as that success is tempered with modesty. On the other hand, you've little or no tolerance for smug contentment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a reason you want what you want. This is a lucky time in which you really can do it all. You'll be able to integrate your more diverse wishes instead of choosing between them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Problems can be approached from different angles until solved. As for the situation that remains inflexible, maladaptive and nonresponsive no matter how you approach it...

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Perspective is a life raft after the storm has capsized the boat. Hop on, and then drift out and look back on the sinking remains of the past. You're safe and headed toward welcoming shores.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Change is hard, so make it count. What would it take for you to fall in love with your situation? What would it take for you to fall in love with yourself?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Children are irrational. They can't help but be. Their rational brains haven't developed. They operate from core desires without being constrained by considering what's possible. You'll benefit from such an approach today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give yourself the gift of experience without bogging it down with the expectation of a certain result.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You think that getting what you want will lead to a certain feeling, and it may. There are other ways at getting to that same feeling, though -- some of them easier. It's worth brainstorming about; you're brilliantly creative now.

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TV TONIGHT

For complete TV & movie listings, see TV Week in Saturday's Vindicator

Table with columns for time slots (8/21/17, 6:30, 7 pm, 7:30, 8 pm, 8:30, 9 pm, 9:30, 10 pm, 10:30, 11 pm, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and their programming.

Movies

YEARS AGO

Today is Monday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2017. There are 132 days left in the year.

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On this date in:

- 1831: Nat Turner launches a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 whites.
1858: The first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas takes place.
1911: Leonardo da Vinci's 'Mona Lisa' is stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris.

VINDICATOR FILES

- 1992: Ohio Bancorp says it expects to be hurt in 1992 by some losses in the \$32 million in loans that Ohio Bancorp and Dollar Savings & Trust Co. made to Phar-Mor Inc., Michael Monus and other individuals and businesses connected with Phar-Mor.
Mark E. Lyden is elected chairman of the Youngstown State University board of trustees, filling an opening left by the resignation of Michael Monus.
A procession of 250 motorcycles winds through Warren and into Vienna Township to honor George T. Whisenand, 38, a member of the Outlaws motorcycle club who died of a heart attack.



ODDLY ENOUGH

Intruder cleans apartment, in Va. but takes nothing

ARLINGTON, VA. A Virginia man returned home from a trip and found that his apartment had been broken into -- and cleaned.

Arlington County Police say in a crime report that shortly after 12 a.m. Aug. 14, a man returned to his Arlington apartment after a trip. He called police when he noticed that his apartment appeared to have been cleaned and some items had been moved around. Nothing was missing.

WRC-TV reported the man told police he doesn't employ a maid. Police said the mystery cleaner unlawfully entered the apartment.

91-year-old Thai woman earns bachelor's degree

BANGKOK A 91-year old woman in Thailand earned a college degree after spend-

ing more than 10 years studying for it and received her diploma from the country's king.

Public television broadcaster Thai PBS said Kimlan Jinakul was granted a bachelor of arts degree in human and family development Aug. 16 at the government-run Sukhothai Thammathairat Open University just outside Bangkok.

"If we do not study, do not read, do not know, then we won't be able to speak and make sense," she said.

Her diploma was handed to her by King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradabayavarangkun, who took the throne last year. Diplomas at Thailand's public universities are traditionally handed out by members of the royal family.

"I am happy and honored that the king has graciously shown such limitless mercy," Kimlan said, using a phrase meant to show utmost respect to Thai royalty.

Kimlan traveled with her family from their home in Phayao province,

Channing Tatum dances with cashier at gas station

STATESVILLE, N.C. Channing Tatum hosted an impromptu dance party in a convenience store at a North Carolina gas station.

The "Magic Mike" star stopped by the Sunoco in the town of Statesville last week for some coffee and a candy bar.

He bantered with the cashier and later danced with her to the tune of Nas' "If I Ruled The World." Tatum joked with some puzzled customers that he was the store manager. He took time to snap a photo with a fan.

The episode was streamed to Tatum's fans via Facebook Live.

Tatum is promoting his newest film, "Logan Lucky," which centers on a heist at a North Carolina NASCAR race.

Associated Press

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD 08/21/17

Includes a JUMBLE puzzle with scrambled words, a cartoon titled 'THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME', and a crossword puzzle.

SUDOKU

A 9x9 Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

ACROSS

- 1 Lass
5 Does well
9 Mac rivals
12 McClurg or Brickell
13 Wild plum
14 I knew it!
15 Stretches out
17 Sundial numeral
18 Blue
19 Bout arbiter
20 In the lead
22 -- Quixote
23 "--- little teapot"
24 Pitcher's dream game (hyph.)
27 Made tea
30 Luau strings
31 Baja Mrs.
32 Cambridge univ.
34 Bikini half
35 Triumph
36 Pulpit
37 Colder than cold
40 Pop-up item
41 Sleep phenom
42 Mongkut portrayer
43 Henry VIII's house
46 Abrade
50 Sailor's assent
57 That woman

DOWN

- 58 Kennel features
59 Deadly snakes
1 Hair products
2 Concept
3 Lemon peel
4 Trouser part
5 Drained of color
6 Musical symbol
7 Long, long time
8 Tahini base
9 Make roads
10 -- Pet
11 Spoke up
16 Moderate gait
21 Hem's partner
22 Bad-mouth
23 Where Tehran is
24 Gist
25 Green pod
26 Be all ears
27 -- -a-brac
28 Austen heroine
29 Claims
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33 Small fry
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in from the previous day.

How to play:

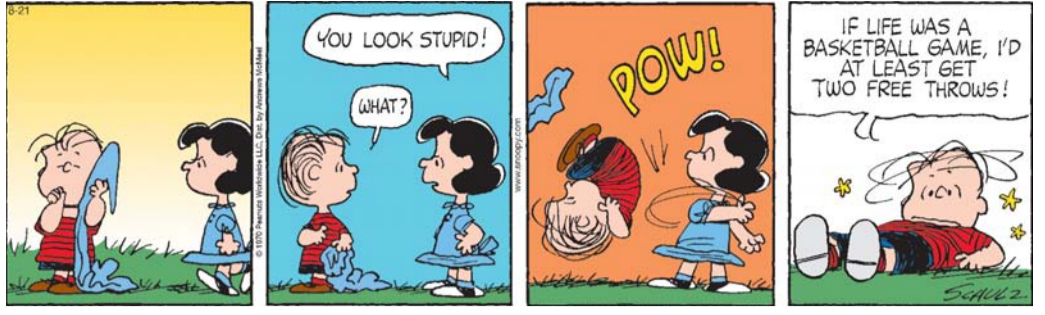
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Level: Beginner

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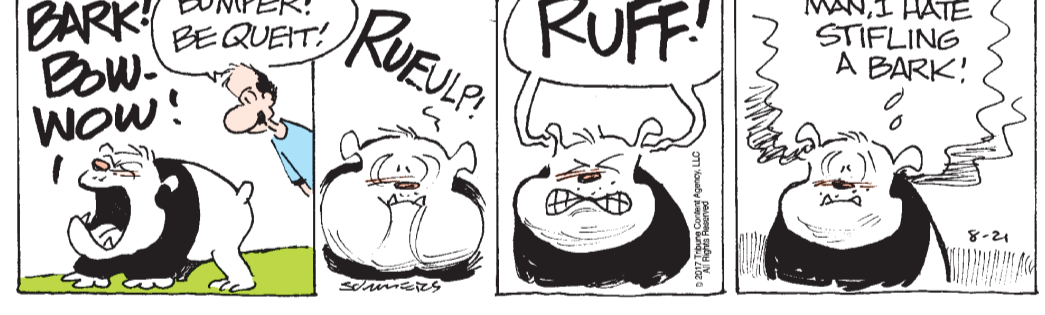
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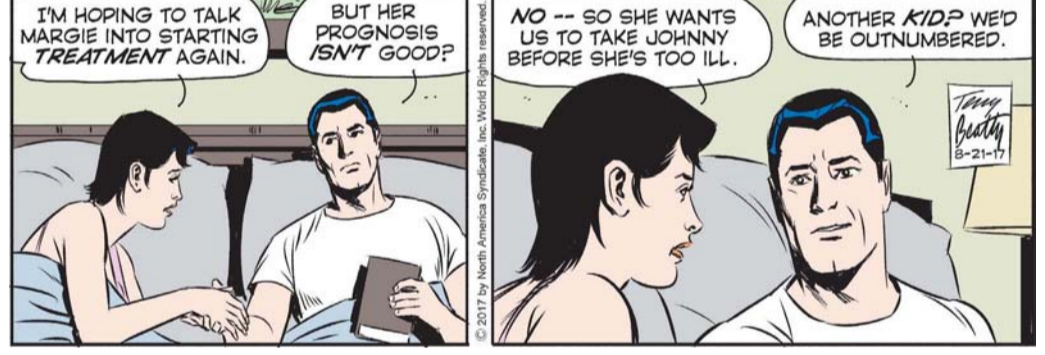
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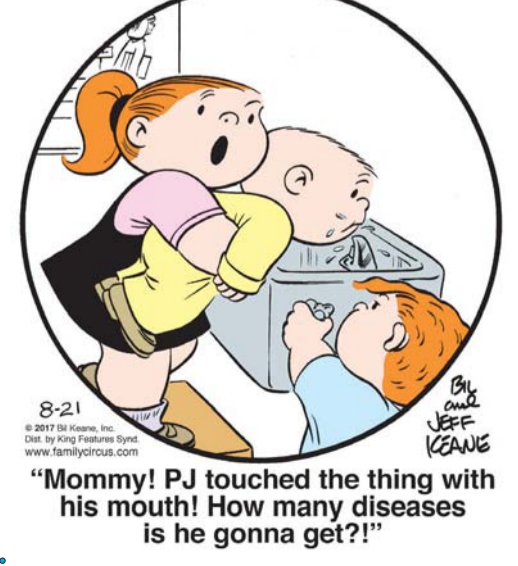
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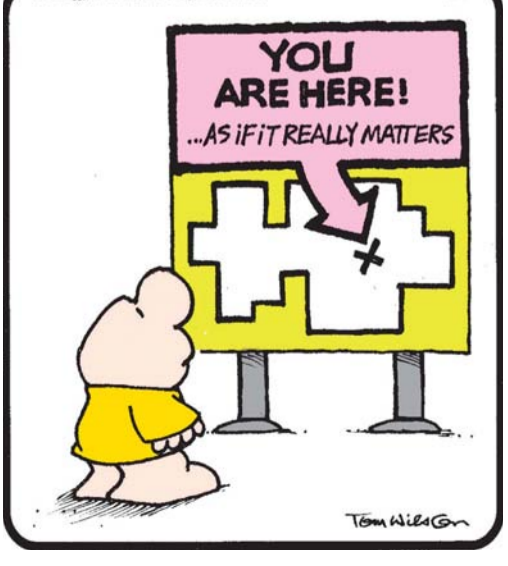
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