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Editor's letter

In the age of Trump, there's no escape from partisan politics. Americans can't even work out without witnessing squabbles over the president. A YMCA gym in Greater Scranton, Pa., banned 24-hour news networks from its TVs last week because members kept having heated political quarrels that threatened to turn into fistfights. "Turning off the news," the YMCA said, "could help lower stress levels." The workplace has become another battleground. Since the election, nearly 50 percent of workers have seen political discussions between colleagues turn into arguments, according to a survey by software firm BetterWorks. Those clashes continue outside office hours. A recent Reuters/Ipsos poll found that 16 percent of Americans had stopped talking to a family member or friend because of the presidential contest. Gayle McCormick, a 73-year-old retired prison guard from California, split from her husband of 22 years when she discovered he backed Trump. That revelation, she said, was a "deal breaker."

This acrimony is unsurprising. As the partisan divide has hardened, rival political views have come to feel like attacks on your very identity. In the eyes of many Trump foes, the president's supporters are bigoted know-nothings who admire an aspiring authoritarian. To his fans, Trump's opponents are smug, out-oftouch liberals who couldn't care less about the struggles of real Americans. In this black-and-white world, civil political discussion can become impossible. Yet we have no choice but to share the country. To get along, we might need to borrow an idea from college campuses and create "safe spaces" where Republicans and Democrats can talk about anything but politics. No more chatter about Washington at the office water cooler. No expressions of outrage and disgust at the gym. No mention of Trump at family gatherings, or even between spouses. To avoid a daily civil war, Americans need to strike a deal: Don't Theunis Bates trigger me, and I won't trigger you. Managing editor

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Trump accuses Obama of illegal wiretap

What happened

President Donald Trump once again threw Washington into an uproar this week when he accused his predecessor of orchestrating a "Nixon/Watergate" plot to tap his phone during the election. "Just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory," the president tweeted at 3:35 a.m. on Saturday. "Bad (or sick) guy!" The incendiary allegation, offered without any evidence, was immediately denied by President Obama, who released a statement declaring that neither he nor any White House official "ever ordered surveillance on any U.S. citizen." Former Director

of National Intelligence James Clapper said he was unaware of any wiretaps placed on Trump Tower. FBI Director James Comey reportedly urged the Justice Department to publicly refute the allegations of wiretapping. Trump's spokesman Sean Spicer said that the president had asked Congress to look into his claim as part of the existing investigations into Russian meddling in the election. With so many intelligence leaks about contact between Trump associates and Russians, Spicer said, "it makes one wonder how some of this happened without the existence of surveillance."

Trump made his allegations shortly after reading an article on the *Breitbart* website that summarized claims by right-wing radio host Mark Levin that federal officials loyal to Obama were conducting a "silent coup." Levin referred to a published report from November that said the FBI had successfully sought a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrant to examine the activities of some of Trump's associates. Levin also cited a *New York Times* report from January that claimed that intelligence agencies and law enforcement officials were examining "intercepted communications and financial transactions" between Russian officials and Trump associates.

The day before he sent out his Obama tweets, Trump was "steaming, raging mad," *The Washington Post* reported. He was furious over Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision last week to recuse himself from any investigation into Russia; that decision came because of revelations Sessions had twice met with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak during the election campaign. Trump blamed the staff for not being prepared to defend Sessions, and for letting the Russia story dominate the narrative of his presidency. "Nobody has seen him that upset," a source told CNN.

What the editorials said

President Trump's reckless tweets threaten "the health of the democracy itself," said *The New York Times*. He clearly has no evidence for smearing Obama—if he did, the White House wouldn't be demanding that Congress "find out if what he said is true." So this was "one president baselessly charging criminality by another." Let's not forget that Trump has always "trafficked in reckless rumors and accusations," including the baseless claim that Obama was born in Kenya, said *USA Today*. But now that he's in the Oval



Trump: Obama is a 'bad (or sick) guy!'

Office, Trump can no longer funnel his rage into ridiculous tweets. He is "shedding" his credibility—"credibility he'll need in moments of external crisis."

Trump's accusations may be unproven, said *The Wall Street Journal*, but so are Democrats' claims that his team was "colluding with the enemy in the Kremlin." What we need is for "some grown-ups to intervene [and] discover the facts"—on both issues. While partisan Democrats are demanding a special counsel or a special congressional committee, that would entail starting the investigation from scratch.

The task should be left to the House and Senate intelligence committees, which have already "been investigating Russia's meddling for months."

What the columnists said

Trump's claim that his phones were tapped is "simply preposterous," said Bradley Moss in *Politico.com*, and reveals "his complete ignorance" of how government surveillance works. The president cannot order surveillance of any U.S. citizen. To wiretap suspected spies and terrorists in the U.S., the FBI and Justice Department can apply for a warrant through a secret FISA court, where they must demonstrate "probable cause" for suspecting that the target is an agent of a foreign power. But it's also possible to get FISA warrants for investigations that don't involve wiretapping—indeed, the one reportedly covering Trump's associates "targeted only financial records involving foreign banks."

The issue here isn't whether Obama personally "ordered" surveillance, said Andrew McCarthy in *NationalReview.com*. It's whether his Justice Department did—and whether the White House knew about it. Given the sensitive nature of conducting surveillance on a presidential candidate's campaign, it seems unthinkable that the Justice Department *wouldn't* have consulted the White House. And unless there was "some powerful evidence" that Trump was colluding with Russia, that would constitute "an extraordinary, politically motivated abuse of presidential power."

But why did Trump publicly accuse Obama of wiretapping him? said Peter Beinart in *TheAtlantic.com*. Clearly, he's trying to "discredit" any revelations about his Russian connections as motivated by partisan politics. In Trump's telling, the FBI and Justice Department are just "Democratic front groups" filled with Obama plants.

Any damaging information that emerges from here, he can say, is "part of the massive conspiracy to deny Trump his rightful triumph."

Maybe Trump's tweets were motivated by rage, not political strategy, said Chris Cillizza in *WashingtonPost.com*. Whenever he gets angry, "he looks for a way to strike back," even if he has to lie or resort to exaggerated personal insults. But if Trump is willing to call his predecessor a "sick" Nixonian criminal less than two months into his administration, "what

will he be saying in a year's time?"

What next?

The congressional investigations into Russia's meddling are now "in full swing," said **Austin Wright** and **Martin Matishak** in *Politico.com*. The House Intelligence Committee has scheduled its first public hearing for March 20, and has asked for testimony from Comey, Clapper, and former CIA Director John Brennan. Democrats are planning to use that hearing to ask Comey directly about Trump's wiretapping allegations, said **Katie Bo Williams** in *TheHill.com*. "We should be able to determine in fairly short order," says Rep. Adam Schiff, "whether this allegation is true or false."

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Republicans face a revolt over health bill

What happened

The long-awaited House GOP bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act was met with fierce opposition from across the political spectrum this week, with staunch conservatives denouncing it as "Obamacare lite" and Democrats warning that it would strip millions of Americans of coverage. The new bill, known as the American Health Care Act, keeps some popular Obamacare features, like prohibiting insurers from denying policies for pre-existing conditions. But it replaces the existing system of income-based premium subsidies with age-based tax credits of

\$2,000 for a young person to \$4,000 a year for those in their 60s. Because those credits are lower than most subsidies, analysts estimate that between 2 million to 20 million people might become uninsured because they could no longer afford coverage. The bill scraps Obamacare's individual mandate, which imposes tax penalties on people who go without health insurance, and instead allows insurers to charge 30 percent higher premiums for new customers who go 63 days or more without coverage.

President Trump said the bill would ensure Americans receive "good health care," while House Speaker Paul Ryan praised it as "a monumental, exciting conservative reform." But the plan came under withering attack from conservatives, with Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) denouncing it as "Obamacare 2.0." At least four Senate Republicans expressed concerns about its impact on poor people in their states who have received Medicaid coverage through Obamacare's extension of that program. One of those, Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), criticized her House colleagues for releasing the bill before it had been scored by the Congressional Budget Office—a process that will reveal whether the legislation will add to the deficit and how many people will lose or gain coverage. "We need [the] cost estimates," she said. "That'd be most helpful,"

What the editorials said

"What's not to like? A lot, actually," said *The Baltimore Sun*. Take the plan's approach to Medicaid. After 2020, Medicaid would be transformed from an open-ended entitlement to one funded by fixed federal block grants to the states. Those grants likely won't rise in line with the increasing cost of health care, which "portends



Ryan's plan is struggling for support in Congress.

a gradual erosion of coverage" for millions of poor Americans.

Reforming Medicaid might be the bill's great achievement, said *The Wall Street Journal*. Originally a safety net for poor women, children, and the disabled, Medicaid morphed into budget-busting "insurance for able-bodied adults above the poverty level." Block grants would force states "to set priorities and retarget Medicaid on the truly needy." In the individual market, a loosening of rules about what plans must cover should create "a more vibrant market with more choices than Obamacare permits."

What the columnists said

Ryan's bill "is awe-inspiringly awful," said Paul Waldman in *The Washington Post*. Think those tax credits will make coverage more affordable? Then "you don't know anything about health insurance in America." While Obamacare's subsidies went up with premium rises, the GOP plan offers a flat tax credit. "If premiums go up—which they will—too bad." Still, it does repeal the tax increases that paid for Obamacare. "Those in the top 0.1 percent would get an average tax cut of more than \$195,000."

The GOP proposal will hurt Trump voters most, said Jonathan Chait in *NYMag.com*. Young people, the affluent, and customers in urban areas—where insurance policies tend to be cheaper—could actually get more support from Ryancare than they do from Obamacare. But older, poorer customers in high-cost, rural areas "would get absolutely hammered." One 60-year-old man from North Carolina interviewed by *The New York Times* would see his family's tax credit reduced from \$25,164 to \$11,500. Such cuts "make any decent insurance plan not remotely affordable."

This plan is going nowhere, said Ross Douthat in *The New York Times*. In their attempt to satisfy all GOP constituencies, the bill's authors have satisfied no one. Staunch conservatives don't like the tax credits included to win over Republican moderates, and moderates don't like the Medicaid cuts intended to win over conservatives. But in fairness to its designers, no bill could have united all the Right's disparate factions. Because on a range of issues, "the Republican Party as an organism does not know what it believes in anymore."

It wasn't all bad

An Alabama teenager is being hailed as a hero after he steered a school bus packed with students out of danger. High school senior Jesse Frank was riding the bus home when he saw the driver collapse behind the wheel. The ROTC student jumped into action, steering the bus off the roadway and using his hands to pump the brakes, saving all 38 students on board. His principal, Tony Dowdy, wasn't surprised that Jesse saved the day. "If there was anybody out there who could take action, he would at the front of the list."

■ For a 5-year-old, Edith Fuller sure has a way with words. The little Oklahoman last week became the youngest-ever competitor to secure a spot at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which begins May 28. Edith clinched her place by



The littlest spelling champ

correctly spelling jnana—a term for knowledge in the Hindu tradition—at her Tulsa-area spelling bee. She also aced such words as Panglossian, Baedeker, and sarsaparilla, beating 52 other kids for the trophy. Edith attributes her success to her willingness to learn from mistakes. "Mommy asks me a word, and every time I misspell one," she says, "I will look at it."

■ When Johnny Jennings was 18, he made a life-changing visit to a Georgia Baptist children's home. Several children ran up to him and asked to be adopted. "That took my heart, right there," he says. While Jennings wasn't ready to adopt, he promised to do everything he could to help the home's young residents. He began saving his pennies, and started collecting paper and aluminum products and cashing them in for money. Over the past three decades, Jennings, now 86, has donated some \$400,000 to the home. "My dad doesn't see the \$400,000," says Jennings' son, Brent. "He sees the faces of those kids."

Trump and Russia: What do we really know?

The full story of President Trump's cozy connections to Russia has yet to be revealed, said Jonathan Chait in NYMag.com, but the available evidence is damning. We know that Russia tried to swing the 2016 election to Trump by hacking the Clinton campaign's emails and distributing them via WikiLeaks. We know Trump adviser Roger Stone boasted of "advance knowledge"

of WikiLeaks' schedule for publishing the hacked emails and even who would be targeted. We know that many of Trump's inner circle—including former campaign chief Paul Manafort—have business ties to Russia. We know that J.D. Gordon, a Trump campaign official, now admits he engineered a change in the Republican Party platform to remove a recommendation that the U.S. send weapons to anti-Russian forces in Ukraine. And we know that despite earlier, blanket denials of contact between Trump's campaign and the Russian government, at least four Trump insiders—Carter Page, Michael Flynn, Jared Kushner, and Jeff Sessions—did in fact meet with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak last year, and then "repeatedly lied or contradicted themselves" to keep the meetings secret. Then there are Trump's own business ties to Russia, about which he's given conflicting stories. It all points to a disturbing conclusion: For some combination of reasons, the president and his cronies "cooperated with the undermining of American democracy by a hostile foreign power."

The truth is, "we know nothing," said Byron York in Washington Examiner.com. Despite the campaign to undermine Trump's presidency with a steady flow of intelligence leaks, no smoking gun has emerged. "The most definitive statement" about this situation came from James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence under President Obama, who said in a TV interview last weekend that there was "no evidence" of any "collusion"

between members of the Trump administration and the Russians." The Trump team's covert contacts with Russia could have a perfectly "benign explanation," said Perry Bacon Jr. in FiveThirtyEight.com. Trump has openly stated he wants better relations with Russia. What if these meetings were "the start of an attempt at a kind of détente," like the Obama administration's secret talks with Iran

and Cuba that preceded a formal thawing of relations?

Then why all the lying? asked Jennifer Rubin in WashingtonPost .com. Before he was forced to resign, national security adviser Michael Flynn denied discussing lifting U.S. sanctions on Russia in his phone conversations with Kislyak in December. A leaked CIA wiretap of Kislyak proved that was untrue. Sessions, a self-described Trump "surrogate," claimed in his attorney general confirmation hearings that he'd had no contact with Russia; he now admits he had a private meeting with Kislyak in his Senate office. If there was nothing going on here but innocent diplomacy, "why has the Trump team gone to pains to conceal, deny, and distance themselves" from their contacts with Russia?

"Democratic fantasies about smoking guns might come true," said Jonathan Tobin in *TheFederalist.com*. But intelligence agencies have already been leaking what they know about Trump contacts with Russia, and so far, it's all been murky, with no proof "there was collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russians." The Democratic obsession with proving that Trump is a "Russian pawn" may well turn out to be a dead end that will only distract attention from the president's real shortcomings—and make Democrats look unhinged by Trump hatred. "If Democrats aren't careful," this issue "could become their Benghazi."

Only in America

- Texas lawmakers have advanced a bill that would allow doctors to lie to pregnant women about fetal abnormalities if they feel the truth might lead to an abortion. Supporters say the law, which the state Senate passed unanimously, would protect the rights of doctors and unborn disabled children. Opponents say the law would interfere with a woman's right to make "an informed decision," and allow doctors to "impose religious beliefs" on their patients.
- A drive-in movie theater in Alabama has banned *Beauty* and the *Beast* over reports that one of the PG-rated Disney film's characters is briefly revealed to be gay. The owner of the Henagar Drive-in said, "If I can't sit through a movie with God or Jesus sitting by me, then we have no business showing it."

Good week for:

AI, after a German-made robot shattered its own record by solving a Rubik's Cube puzzle in 0.637 seconds. The robot is able to identify the color of each square, apply a special algorithm, then use its six mechanical arms to correctly align the pieces in just 21 moves.

Global warming, after new data showed that last month was the second-warmest February on record for most of the U.S., with temperatures 7.3 degrees above average.

Symbolism, after the Statue of Liberty suddenly went dark one night this week. Officials blamed the "unplanned outage" on an emergency-generator maintenance project.

Bad week for:

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, who was photographed talking on his own iPhone after recommending that the poor give up their cellphones when Obamacare is repealed. "Rather than getting that new iPhone they love," Chaffetz said, "maybe they should invest in their own health care."

Shedding pounds, after a new study found that a growing number of overweight Americans have given up trying to slim down, despite the known health risks of obesity. "As more people around us are getting heavier," a researcher said, "we simply believe we are fine"

Seeking purity, after a Norwegian-based startup began selling "iceberg water" for \$100 a bottle. Svalbardi water founder Jamal Qureshi says the price is justified because the water comes from the remote fjords of Norway, and has the pure "taste of snow and air."

SCOTUS won't hear transgender case

In a blow to transgender rights campaigners, the Supreme Court said this week that it would not hear the case of a transgender teenager who is seeking to use the boys' bathroom at his Virginia high school. The court also wiped off the books a lower court ruling in favor of 17-year-old Gavin Grimm, who sued his school board over a rule requiring students to use restrooms corresponding with their "biological sex." The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had sided with Grimm, deferring to the Obama administration's guidance for transgender students in public schools. The Trump administration withdrew that guidance last month, prompting the Supreme Court to send Grimm's case back to the lower court for further consideration.

The U.S. at a glance...

Kent, Wash.

Sikh immigrant attacked: Police are looking for a gunman who allegedly shot a



The victim's Sikh temple

gedly shot a 39-year-old Sikh man in suburban Seattle while shouting, "Go back to your own country." The victim, originally from India's

Punjab province, was washing his car last Friday evening when he was approached by a 6-foot-tall white man wearing a mask. The stranger asked the man why he was cleaning his car, argued with him, and then shot him in the arm. He is expected to live. The shooting, which comes just weeks after two Indian men were shot to death in a racially motivated attack in Olathe, Kan., is being investigated as a hate crime. "He is just very shaken up, both him and his family," said Jasmit Singh, a leader of the local Sikh community. "The climate of hate that has been created doesn't distinguish between anyone."

Charleston, W.Va.

Burial fund overwhelmed: The opioid epidemic has caused so many deaths that West Virginia's state burial fund for needy families is nearly depleted with four months left in the fiscal year. The state's Department of Human Services said this week that it has conducted 1,508 burials so far this year, with enough money left for only 63 more. West Virginia has the highest rate of fatal drug overdoses in the nation. In 2015, the state's drug overdose death rate was nearly three times the national average. West Virginia earmarks about \$2 million a year for its indigent burial program, which provides funeral homes \$1,250 per person to cover burial expenses when the deceased's family can't or won't. The program ran out of funds last year, too. "When you get an overdose, typically it's going to be a younger individual who's not financially in a great position," said Robert Kimes of the West Virginia Funeral Directors Association.

Washington, D.C.

DHS may split families: To deter ille-

gal immigration, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly confirmed this week, his agency may start separating mothers and children caught crossing the U.S. border. Kelly said the department may adopt a new



A migrant mom and son

policy of placing children apprehended with their parents at the border either with relatives in the U.S., or in foster care. Currently, women and children are held together in detention centers for up to three weeks, and then released to wait until their immigration status is resolved. In recent years, most of the

women and children trying to cross the Mexican border have been fleeing violent drug gangs and chaos in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. "I would do almost anything to deter the people from Central America getting on this very, very dangerous network that brings them up from Mexico," Kelly said.

Lincoln County, Tenn.

Bird flu reported: A farm that produces



About 73,500 birds culled

chicken for Tyson Foods was ordered to cull its flock after an outbreak of avian influenza, the first case at a commercial

farm this year. The H7 strain of avian influenza doesn't pose a serious health risk to humans, but is highly contagious among birds, leading to fears that the outbreak could spread to nearby farms. Some 73,500 birds were culled over the weekend at the southern Tennessee farm, with Department of Agriculture officials quarantining roughly 30 nearby poultry farms. South Korea, which is coping with its own bird flu outbreak, banned imports of U.S. chickens and eggs after the announcement. A 2015 outbreak in the Midwest led to the culling of more than 48 million birds, costing the U.S. poultry and egg industry \$386 million in exports.

Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marine nude-sharing ring busted: The Defense Department opened a criminal investigation this week into the posting of thousands of nude and private photos of Marine Corps women on a 30,000-member, male-only Facebook group page. On the "Marines United" page, active-duty and veteran Marines shared and commented on private photos shared by former partners, as well as images taken from personal social media accounts. Some of the photos sparked sexually explicit remarks, with some men urging each other to rape female Marines. Marisa Woytek, a Marine lance corporal, said she heard from friends that innocent photos of her on Instagram were shared on the site, followed by a long string of degrading comments. "I love the Marine Corps," Woytek said. "But after seeing that, I wouldn't re-enlist." Marine Corps commandant Gen. Robert Neller called the harassment "embarrassing to our Corps, to our families, and to the nation." Washington, D.C. WikiLeaks hits CIA: The Central Intelligence Agency is reeling from what appears to be the biggest

security breach in

its history, after

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Another major breach

WikiLeaks published a massive trove of documents this week purporting to show the spy agency's tools for hacking into everyday devices and software. WikiLeaks released 8,761 documents and files, including instructions for breaking into smartphones, messaging apps, computer operating systems, and even smart televisions. Some of the techniques described would allow intelligence agents to turn on cameras and microphones in the devices to snoop on their owners, and to bypass the encryption on supposedly secure services such as Signal, WhatsApp, and Telegram. Intelligence sources said the files appear to be genuine, and could do "grave if not irreparable damage" to the CIA's ability to spy on ISIS and other terrorist networks and penetrate the defenses of such cyberadversaries as Russia, China, and Iran.

The world at a glance...



Vince: Killed for his horn

Thoiry, France

Rhino poached in zoo: An endangered white rhino was killed for its horn in a French zoo this week. Poachers forced open a zoo gate late at night, broke into the rhino house, and shot Vince, 4, three times in the head before sawing off one of his horns. "This odious act was perpetrated despite the presence of five members of the zoological staff living

on the spot and surveillance cameras," the Thoiry Zoological Park said in a statement. "I wish I was surprised, but these animals are so brutally targeted," said CeCe Sieffert of the International Rhino Foundation. "Wildlife crime is run by organized crime syndicates." Rhino horn, prized in parts of Asia for medicine and as an aphrodisiac, is worth more than its weight in gold, and poachers kill more than 1,000 rhinos each year in South Africa alone.

Culiacán, Mexico

Deadly turf war: In the wake of Mexican drug kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán's extradition to the U.S. in January, a bloody gang war has broken out for control of his empire. More than 2,000 people were killed in January alone, many of them in Sinaloa, El Chapo's home state, where schools have been shuttered as residents dodge gunfire. El Chapo's sons, Jesús Alfredo and Ivan Archivaldo, have accused their father's former lieutenant, ex-police officer Dámaso López, of leading a faction against them. They say he ambushed them last month and killed El Chapo's sister. "It appears that we are seeing a generational transition from El Chapo to his sons," Mexican security expert Alejandro Hope told *USA Today*. "Áll hell is breaking loose."

Caracas

Insulting Peru: Venezuela's government is displeased with Peruvian President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski. During a recent trip to Washington, Kuczynski said in a speech that the U.S. didn't pay much attention to Latin America because it was like a well-behaved dog—except for Venezuela, which he called a "big problem." Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodríguez hit back this week, calling Kuczynski—a 78-year-old former investment banker—a "nice dog" who "cheerfully wags his tail" for his "imperial masters." She also accused the Peruvian leader of being a "coward" and of insulting the memory of former Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez during a summit in Colombia. Peru asked for an official apology and has recalled its ambassador.

Brasília

Worst recession ever: Brazil is mired in its longest and deepest recession, which has now lasted two years. The country's economy shrank 3.6 percent last year; the contraction worsened in the fourth quarter, when the economy dropped 0.9 percent, compared with a 0.7 percent decline in the previous three months. A record 12.9 million Brazilians are now unemployed, a rate of 12.6 per-



Sleeping on the street in São Paulo

cent. With interest rates still above 12 percent and nearly the entire business and political class mired in a massive bribery and kickback scandal surrounding state-owned oil firm Petrobras, few expect a turnaround. "We should not see any big recovery this year," said Carlos Kawall, chief economist at Brazil's Banco Safra.

Goring-on-Thames, U.K.

George Michael didn't OD: Pop singer George Michael, who was found dead in his home on Christmas Day, died of a heart condition, not an overdose, a coroner ruled this week. Michael, 53, had dilated cardiomyopathy and a fatty liver, both of which might have been caused by alcohol abuse. The British singer, who shot to fame with Wham! in the



Too much hard living?

1980s and later enjoyed a successful solo career, had a history of hard living. He lost his driving license in 2007 after falling asleep behind the wheel of his car while under the influence of drugs. The following year, he was arrested on suspicion of possessing crack cocaine. Family members told The Sun that Michael had been in rehab for an addiction to crack, marijuana, and alcohol.



Montevideo, Uruguay

Boyfriend vetoes abortion: Uruguay is enmeshed in a fierce debate over abortion after a court forbade a 24-year-old woman from having an abortion because her ex-boyfriend said he wants to raise the child. Judge Pura Concepción Book ruled that the woman's decision to terminate her 10-week pregnancy against her expartner's wishes ran counter to international child-protection treaties and the Uruguayan constitution. The woman is appealing, but she faces a looming deadline. Abortion was legalized in Uruguay in 2012, but only up to 12 weeks of pregnancy. It is illegal in all other South American countries.

The world at a glance...

Pyongyang, North Korea

Targeting U.S. bases: North Korea

launched four missiles simultaneously

toward Japan this week, saying it was

landed as close as 190 miles from Japan's

northwest coast. In response, the U.S. said

it had begun deploying a missile defense

conducting a training exercise for an attack on U.S. bases there. Some missiles

Mosul, Iraq

ISIS caliph flees: As Iraqi government forces this week pushed deeper into ISIS-held western Mosul, U.S. and Iraqi officials claimed the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, had fled the city and is now hiding out in the desert. While the exact whereabouts of the self-declared ISIS caliph were



Civilians escape ISIS.

unknown, officials told Reuters that they believe the extremist had found sanctuary among sympathetic civilians in desert villages. U.S.-backed Iraqi troops captured eastern Mosul in January and this week took control of the main government buildings in the city's western half. Iraqi Maj. Gen. Najim al-Jabouri estimates only 900 militants remain in Mosul, ISIS's last major stronghold in the country. The advance has come at a civilian cost: Some 60,000 people have fled the city in recent weeks.

Jerusalem

ists say Israel has already begun denying them entry.

BDS travel ban: Israel has banned entry to foreigners who have called for a boycott against Israel or its West Bank Jewish settlements. The Knesset passed a law this week denying visas to supporters of the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions movement, a left-wing effort among academics and pro-Palestinian activists to single out and condemn Israel because of its occupation of the West Bank. The ban would not apply to foreign nationals with a residency permit, and the interior minister can make individual exceptions. Education Minister Naftali Bennett said the law "allows Israel to protect itself against conspirators." But critics say the new ban is an attempt to squash political dissent, including by American and European Jews and by British politicians. Some Palestinian activ-

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Another Kim surfaces: The son of Kim Jong Nam, the murdered half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, addressed his father's assassination in a 40-second video released online this week. Kim Han Sol, 22, shows his North Korean passport and says, "My father has been killed a few days ago. I'm currently with my mother and my Kim Han Sol sister." It's not known where the video was

recorded. He is the first family member to speak publicly since Kim Jong Nam was fatally poisoned last month at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. The Paris-educated Kim Han Sol has spoken in the past of a wish to lead North Korea to freedom. "I've always dreamed that one day I would go back and make things better," he told Finnish television in 2012.

Sanaa, Yemen

Unlikely cover boy: Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has featured White House chief strategist Stephen Bannon on the front page of its newspaper, Al Masra, because he shares the group's belief that the West is locked in an existential war with Islam. Citing past

comments by the top Trump adviser, the paper says Bannon believes that "Islam cannot be stopped by peaceful means" and that Muslim immigrants have sped a decline in traditional Christian values in Europe. That such a story was featured so prominently suggests that AQAP believes it can use Bannon's views as a recruitment tool, says University of Oxford researcher Elisabeth Kendall. "It plays entirely into their narrative that they were right about the West's war on Islam all along."



"take the necessary steps to safeguard our own security interests." Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said the U.S. and North Korea were hurtling toward war. "The two sides are like two accelerating trains coming toward each other," Wang said. "The question is,

'Are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?"



Vigilantes attack a Nigerian.

Pretoria, South Africa

Anti-Nigerian violence: Nigeria's national legislature has warned of potential "retaliation" against South Africa over a bloody new

wave of attacks on Nigerians in that country. Xenophobic attacks have been a recurring problem in South Africa, where the unemployment rate is 26 percent and demonstrators frequently accuse foreigners of taking local jobs. Over the past month, protesters have looted and burned Nigerian-owned homes and businesses in Pretoria. One group attacked a pastor outside a Nigerian church, slashing his arm with a machete. Nigeria says South African law enforcement is not doing enough to prevent the attacks or to arrest those responsible.



Bannon in Al Masra

People

Watson's selfie ban

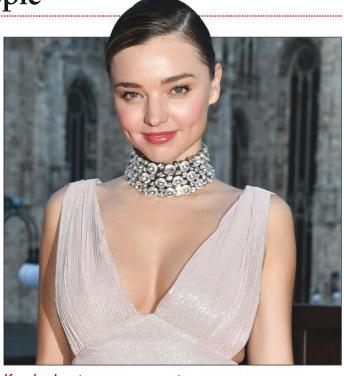


Don't ask Emma Watson for a selfie, said Derek Blasberg in *Vanity Fair*. The *Harry Potter* star recently began refusing all requests from people wanting their picture taken with her. She is happy to talk to fans, or give them her autograph, but most of them are interested only in getting a selfie. "For me, it's the difference between being able to have a life and not," says Watson, 26. "If

someone takes a photograph of me and posts it, within two seconds they've created a marker of exactly where I am within 10 meters. They can see what I'm wearing and who I'm with. I just can't give that tracking data." The actress has good reason to be nervous. Since the first *Potter* movie premiered in 2001, when she was 11, she's been the object of obsessional attention, some of it from stalkers. "I have met fans that have my face tattooed on their body," she says. When she went to a college football game during her time at Brown University, reporters from a student magazine followed her around the stadium for the entire game, live-tweeting her movements. People often ask Watson if she has sought advice from fellow stalker victims Jodie Foster and Natalie Portman, but she thinks things are different today. "I'm not saying it was in any way easy on them, but with social media it's a whole new world," she says. "Technology has changed the game."

The retiree who games Twitter

Daniel Sobieski is one of the most prolific tweeters in the nation, said Craig Timberg in The Washington Post. The pro-Trump retiree, 68, fires out more than 1,000 tweets a day through two accounts and has 78,900 followers, including Fox News anchor Sean Hannity and GOP strategist Karl Rove. But Sobieski is far from a prominent political power in real life—he's a balding former programmer who has to use a magnifying glass to see his computer screen. Each morning, he spends two or three hours in his Chicago home composing new tweets touting Trump and taunting his Democratic critics. These are fed into computer software, which automatically posts and reposts his messages in round-the-clock loops. Inevitably, some of these tweets gain traction, leading to more retweets and more followers. "To me," says Sobieski, "it's kind of like a high-tech version of the old-fashioned soapbox." Twitter has tried to clamp down on users who rely on "cyborgs" to fire out prewritten posts even when they're sleeping, but Sobieski has no qualms about gaming the system. "Life isn't fair," he says with a smile. "Twitter is like a meritocracy. You rise to the level of your ability. People who succeed are just the people who work hard."



Kerr's chaste engagement

Miranda Kerr isn't rushing her relationship with Snapchat founder Evan Spiegel, said Richard Godwin in The Times (U.K.). The Australian supermodel, 33, got engaged to the 26-year-old tech billionaire last July, but insists they still haven't slept together. "Not yet—not until after we get married," she says. "We're just waiting. My partner is very traditional." Kerr, who has a 6-year-old son from her marriage to British actor Orlando Bloom, says Spiegel is a "private" and "mysterious" guy. When they first met in 2014, at a dinner organized by Louis Vuitton, Kerr had no idea who he was. "I was, like, 'He's cute...but he's way too young to take anything too seriously." The pair "connected" during the meal—until Spiegel abruptly stood up and told her he had to leave because he had an early meeting the next morning. Their courtship after that, says Kerr, was "slow and steady. I was like, 'Is he even interested?' But once I let him know I was interested, he was very interested." She is now fiercely protective of Spiegel-and of his company, whose features she claims are being ripped off by Instagram. "Can they not be innovative? Do they have to steal all of my partner's ideas? It's a disgrace. How do they sleep at night?"

Gossip



■ The widow of Joe Biden's late son Beau is romantically involved with the former vice president's surviving son—who is now embroiled in a nasty divorce. A former attor-

ney general of Delaware, Beau Biden died at 46 from brain cancer in 2015, a devastating blow cited by the then vice president as the major reason he did not seek the presidency. Now Beau's wife, Hallie, 43, is dating his younger brother, Hunter. "Hallie and I are incredibly lucky to have found the love and support we have for each other in such a difficult time," says Hunter, 47. "That's been obvious to the people who love us most." Joe Biden and wife Jill have offered the couple "full and complete support." But Hunter's es-

tranged wife, Kathleen, leveled explosive accusations against him in a divorce filing last week. After they separated in October 2015, she alleges, the father of three left the family debt-ridden, blowing money on "drugs, alcohol, prostitutes, strip clubs, and gifts for women with whom he has sexual relations." In response, Hunter accused Kathleen of infidelity, demanding she produce evidence, including "letters, cards, notes, and e-mails" between her and possible paramours.

■ Katy Perry and British heartthrob Orlando Bloom split last week, announcing that they're "taking respectful, loving space." Perry took to Twitter to counter rumors of an ugly breakup. "HOW BOUT A NEW WAY OF THINKING FOR 2017 U can still b friends & love ur former partners," Perry wrote. "No one's a victim or a villain." Bloom, 40, and Perry, 32, never saw their romance as a per-

manent arrangement, a source told *People*, and broke up because "it just became more and more work to make it work."

■ Arnold Schwarzenegger last week quit as host of NBC's The Celebrity Apprentice, igniting a Twitter war with predecessor President Trump. Schwarzenegger said he "loved every second" of the job and would gladly work with the staff again "on a show that doesn't have this baggage." He blamed Trump's divisive policies and his attacks on Schwarzenegger's hosting ability for the show's ratings decline. Not surprisingly, Trump launched a Twitter broadside at the former California governor. "Schwarzenegger isn't voluntarily leaving the Apprentice, he was fired by his bad (pathetic) ratings," wrote Trump. Schwarzenegger shot right back: "You should think about hiring a new joke writer and a fact

The saga of daylight saving time

Turning the clocks ahead is an American rite of spring—but not everyone thinks it's a good idea.

Who came up with the idea?

Daylight saving time was first proposed in 1895 by George Vernon Hudson, a New Zealand postal worker and amateur entomologist. Hudson suggested moving clocks ahead in spring, so the sun would rise later in the day and shine longer into the evening during the warmer months. Hudson thought that would make those later hours more productive—which in his case meant he'd have more time to hunt insects after work—while also conserving resources by reducing "the excessive use of artificial light." The idea wasn't taken seriously at first, but in 1916 Germany became the first nation to implement daylight sav-

ing time, as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. England and the U.S. soon enacted DST laws of their own, ostensibly in the same spirit of wartime conservation. But profit was also a driving force—in large part, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce pushed America's clocks ahead.



A 1918 poster, and a 1964 reminder

What was the rationale?

Business leaders reasoned that people are more likely to shop after work if it's still light when they punch out, explains Tufts University professor Michael Downing, author of Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time. Recreation industries were especially bullish on DST. "Golf ball sales skyrocketed," Downing says, and organized baseball was "a huge early supporter" in that era before illuminated parks. But nationally, he notes, the time switch was "fantastically unpopular." A century ago, when more Americans lived in rural areas, people rose and went to bed earlier. Farmers hated DST—turning clocks ahead meant an hour's less morning light for moving goods to market. Before World War I had even ended, Downing says, Congress had repealed DST "to quell the revolt from the farm lobby."

Was that the end of the idea?

No. It remained a local option, and continued in a few states, such as Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During World War II President Franklin D. Roosevelt established year-round DST to save energy. After the war, localities were again free to use DST-or not. That left the U.S. a patchwork of "cities observing daylight saving time surrounded by rural areas that are not," Downing says. On one 35-mile stretch between Ohio and West Virginia, buses passed through no fewer than seven time changes. The chaos eventually inspired the 1966 Uniform Time Act, America's first peacetime DST law. (Two states continue to opt out: Arizona and Hawaii.) During the 1973-1974 OPEC oil embargo, President Nixon signed a bill calling for year-round DST. The experiment was short-lived, partly because of an outcry

Daylight savings and SAD

For many people with seasonal depression, DST isn't the problem—it's the falling back part. Though returning to standard time in early November brings an extra hour of morning light, it shines when most people are indoors, preparing for their day, notes Norman Rosenthal, the first psychiatrist to diagnose Seasonal Affective Disorder. Dark afternoons, he says, can be debilitating for SAD sufferers, who typically exhibit irritability, fatigue, depression, and a craving for carbs. "It's very hard to actually accept that the waning light can be having such a potent effect," Rosenthal says. But not all experts agree. Nicholas Rummo, who heads the Center for Sleep Medicine in Mount Kisco, N.Y., contends that daylight saving time makes life more difficult for his SAD patients; they need morning light and feel worse when they awaken in darkness. "Our circadian rhythms were set eons ago," he says, "to a rhythm that didn't include daylight saving time."

from parents worried their children might get struck by cars on dark school mornings. But the idea of having naturally lit evenings

was now firmly embedded, and was eventually expanded.

How so?

In 1986, Congress extended DST from six months to seven, largely on the basis of testimony from business lobbies. Advancing clocks meant \$200 million in additional sales for the golf industry, Downing says, while the barbecue industry moved an extra \$100 million in "grills and charcoal briquettes." Candy lobbyists were so anxious to have Halloween covered by DST that they put candy pumpkins on the seat of every U.S. senator. Other proponents stressed energy conservation. In 2005

President George W. Bush signed an energy bill that extended DST by yet another four weeks, to eight months in total. Polls at the time suggested most Americans approved of the move, but there remains considerable disagreement about the pros and cons of DST.

Why the disagreement?

For one thing, research results on its benefits are mixed. While a 2008 Department of Energy report found Americans' electricity use decreased by 0.5 percent after the Bush extension, other studies say DST actually increases energy consumption. Stanton Hadley of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory says that "lighting is not the big driver that it used to be," and that air conditioner use in extended daylight hours may outweigh any savings. Some critics contend that when we spring forward or fall back, the abrupt shift affects well-being. "Changing time disrupts sleep, causing more heart attacks, strokes, on-the-job accidents, and lost productivity," says economist Allison Schrager.

What do DST's defenders say?

They contend it's shortsighted to focus on the brief sleep disruption of the time change periods in March and November. "Those

> effects take place over a day, maybe up to three days—versus daylight saving time itself, which lasts eight months," says David Prerau, author of Seize the Daylight: The Curious and Contentious Story of Daylight Saving *Time.* Advocates point out that exposure to extra sunlight boosts Vitamin D, and various studies show it cuts down on road accidents and robberies. DST's future, however, may lie with voters-and many of them hate the time changes. Several states are considering measures to live permanently on either DST or standard time. "There are so many people around the state who support keeping the disruption out of our lives," says Democratic State Rep. Dan Pabon, who is leading a bipartisan effort to exempt Colorado from time changes. "People have enough to deal with already."

Best columns: The U.S.

A new low for campus censorship

Peter Beinart TheAtlantic.com

"My fellow liberals," said Peter Beinart, "something has gone badly wrong on the campus Left." When a conservative club at Middlebury College in Vermont tried last week to host a conversation between controversial author and scholar Charles Murray and a liberal professor, angry protesters shouted them down for 20 minutes until they finally gave up. The college moved Murray and the professor, Alison Stanger, to a new room, but a mob of dozens of protesters—some wearing ski masks to conceal their faces—shouted them down again, then swarmed and pushed them as they fled, injuring Stanger's neck. Liberals might prefer to ignore the ugliness of this incident, because Murray's views are "indeed odious": He is most famous for arguing in *The Bell Curve* that the races may have genetic differences in intelligence. But if student mobs are permitted to block Murray's free speech, they will censor virtually any conservative intellectual or Republican politician who, say, opposes climate change regulation or transgender rights. And if all conservative ideas become verboten, many liberals "will get shouted down, too," including Zionists and Barack Obama, whose drone attacks leftists consider "war crimes." Murray's silencing is "a warning of things to come."

Whatever happened to Rex Tillerson?

Tracy Wilkinson Los Angeles Times

"Rex Tillerson is like no other modern secretary of state: He's largely invisible," said Tracy Wilkinson. The former Exxon Mobil CEO, who gave up running one of the world's largest corporate empires to serve Donald Trump's administration, has barely appeared in public since his confirmation and has held no press briefings. Trump refused to let Tillerson hire his choice for No. 2, veteran diplomat Elliot Abrams, and has proposed making massive cuts in the department's staffing and budget. Dozens of high-level positions within State have not been filled. The silver-haired Texan's predecessors—John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, and Colin Powell-were highly visible "global celebrities" with lots of influence over policy. But Trump is getting most of his foreign policy advice from his trusted son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and his chief strategist, Stephen Bannon. Insiders say the State Department is "rudderless," with no clear policy role or direction. Tillerson's only foreign trips thus far were made with other Cabinet officials and served only to reassure Mexican and European leaders alarmed by Trump's hostile statements. Will Tillerson ever play a significant role in this administration, or will he be "out of the loop" permanently? No one knows.

A new check on presidential power

Charles Krauthammer The Washington Post

Now that Congress no longer serves as a check on "executive overreach," said Charles Krauthammer, we must rely on "the revolt of the attorneys general." In our constitutional system, Congress is supposed to be an equal branch of government. But in recent years, Congress has largely been "supine," allowing President Obama to expand the power of the presidency to unprecedented heights. "Into that vacuum stepped the states." Their attorneys general banded together to file lawsuits that succeeding in getting Obamacare's forced Medicaid expansion struck down, and blocked his most extreme environmental regulations and his executive order essentially legalizing 4 million illegal immigrants. "Democrats noticed." Their state attorneys general filed lawsuits that blocked Trump's first version of the travel ban, and they'll sue Trump on many of his executive actions. "Regardless of your policy preferences," this is a welcome development: With Congress now a "subordinate branch," our system needs a mechanism to restrain "executive willfulness." The revolt of the states is a reassuring sign of our constitutional system's "amphibian capacity to grow a new limb when an old one atrophies."

Viewpoint

"Can you imagine the dread, the slow-burning existential panic that overtakes White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and press secretary Sean Spicer on Friday evenings? After Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner-who are known to have a

calming effect on the president-head off to honor the Jewish Sabbath, Priebus and Spicer have to white-knuckle it until dawn, gripping their phones with tobacco-stained fingers as they constantly refresh Twitter. They must feel like they work for a kind of werewolf who, in the dark, still hours of the weekend, transforms into a presidency-gobbling beast. Trump is destroying his presidency one tweet at a time." Jonah Goldberg in NationalReview.com

It must be true... I read it in the tabloids

- Two Brazilian researchers have created a special recipe to fight future food shortages in a more populous world: bread made out of cockroaches. The special bread, developed by two university students, is made from flour made partly from around-up members of Nauphoeta cinerea, a cockroach specially bred to meet Brazilian government health standards. "We chose the cockroach because it was the insect that had the highest protein content-almost 70 percent," the researchers said. They admit that most people now refuse to sample their bread, but add, "in the future, people will need to get used to this idea."
- Passengers on a British Airways flight to San Francisco were delayed four hours in London's Heathrow Airport because of a stowaway mouse. Announcing a "rather unusual occurrence," crew members said the plane couldn't be cleared for takeoff until the rodent was removed. Naturally, passengers shared Snakes on a Plane jokes and other mouse humor on social media. "Could it not get a visa?" passenger Mark Watt tweeted. Once the mouse was caught, British Airways announced that "everyone with two leas is now on their way to California."
- In a rare coincidence, three generations in a British family now share the same birthday. Dana Spowart was born at 12:58 a.m. on Jan. 18-the same date as her mother, Joy, 21, and grandmother, Judy, 51. Joy hoped to give birth on Jan. 17, because she wanted her daughter to "have her own day." But her labor was prolonged. "I was on gas and air at the time. but I remember the midwife saying to me she is definitely going to be born on your birthday," Joy says. "I think I just let out a groan."





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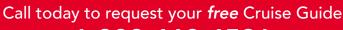
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When you can't fall in love with a foreigner

Giles Fraser
The Guardian

Why don't Slovak politicians want to investigate a violent kidnapping? asked Beata Balogova. Are they "protecting themselves"? The crime in question is the brutal 1995 abduction of the adult son of then–Slovak President Michal Kovac, a fierce rival of then–Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar. Michal Kovac Jr. was driving outside Bratislava when he was pulled from his car by eight men—widely believed to be from the Slovak spy agency—who administered electric shocks, forced him to drink a bottle of whiskey, and then dumped him across the border at an Austrian police station. The apparent hope was that Austria would extradite him to Germany, where he was wanted on a fraud charge,

thereby embarrassing President Kovac. Meciar, who is believed to have masterminded the crime, became acting president a few years later when the legislature failed to name Kovac's successor, and he used his power to pardon anyone suspected of involvement in the kidnapping. Now there's a new movie out about the affair, and our current president, Andrej Kiska, has urged lawmakers to cancel the pardons. But members of the Direction and Slovak Nationalist parties, which once governed with Meciar, refuse to support a "repeal of the immoral amnesties." As long as they block an investigation, the world will know that in Slovakia, political power trumps "righteousness, morality, and truth."

Our ruling Conservative Party prides itself on being "family friendly," says Giles Fraser. Yet their belief in nurturing that precious institution doesn't extend to mixed-nationality families. Under a policy introduced in 2012—and upheld last month by the Supreme Court—Britons applying to bring a partner or spouse from outside the European Union to live with them in the U.K. can do so only if they earn at least \$23,000 a year. That's no problem for toffs with binational marriages, such as Queen Elizabeth II and the Greek-born Prince Philip, and it's an effective bar to "scam marriages set up for money"

or lonely men conned into acquiring mail-order brides from Belarus over the internet." But what about the rest of us? Nearly 40 percent of Britain's working population, and a majority of its young people, earn less than that. If they fall for a non-European, they are told to "shove off and set up family life elsewhere." When my foreign-born wife and I went to a registry to set a date for our marriage, we were interrogated as harshly as if we were "smuggling heroin though passport control." The "whole apparatus of the state" is "overly suspicious of those of us who fall in love with foreigners."

Sweden: A common defense against Russia

Ordinary Swedes are once again being asked to step up and defend the nation, said Jonas Bergstrom in Folkbladet. Sweden had national conscription for men for 109 years until parliament scrapped the policy in 2010. At the time, the center-right government believed there were enough volunteers to meet the country's military needs. It was wrong. The Swedish armed forces now have about 20,000 permanent military personnel, and are short 1,000 active troops and 7,000 reservists. Faced with rising tensions with Russia, the center-left government last week announced it was reintroducing the draft—this time for

both men and women. The idea has broad support among nearly all political parties, and some three-quarters of Swedes are in favor. We know that "all of us" must protect our democracy; this isn't a task that can be handed to a few professionals. Of course, not every young Swede will be drafted. Under the new plan, some 4,000 18-year-olds could be called up each year.

When the draft was abolished, our neighborhood seemed safe, said the *Sydsvenskan* in an editorial. But the security situation around the Baltic Sea "has markedly deteriorated" as Russian President Vladimir Putin has grown more belligerent. The Kremlin has repeatedly tested Swedish responses, buzzing Swedish airspace with warplanes and sailing submarines close to Swedish ports. Worse, Russia has demonstrated that it is prepared to use force to change borders. Moscow snatched Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and is now fighting a covert war in that country's east-



Sweden's undermanned military needs young conscripts.

ern regions. Neutral Sweden—which isn't a NATO member—will need more than a few thousand extra troops to meet this threat. Our defense spending dropped from 2.6 percent of gross domestic product in 1991 to just over 1 percent in 2015. Do we have "the willingness and ability to pay what is necessary" to bolster our defenses?

We do—as long as we spend wisely, said Robert Bjorkwall and Jaan Ungerson in the *Goteborgs-Posten*. Our first priority should be to beef up our civil defense system, starting with "a national inventory of

our often dilapidated bomb shelters." A future conflict may well involve nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons, and people will need to be able to shelter in place. All of those preparations will do little good in a time of crisis if our nation isn't self-sufficient, said Katarina Ostholm in *Vestmanlands Lans Tidning*. Swedes should relearn how to farm the land and how to generate energy from hydropower. We need to staff small dairies, mills, and hospitals, so that we will have "the ability to live and survive in the event of blockades and large-scale collapse."

Our great strength is our people's willingness to pitch in, said Anders Lindberg in *Aftonbladet*. While Sweden has been "at peace for over 200 years, thanks to our nonalignment, a strong defense, luck, and diplomatic skill," we don't take peace for granted. We are one of the world's "freest and richest" countries, and defending this way of life "is everyone's responsibility."

How they see us: Rise in anti-Semitism alarms Israel

Anti-Jewish bigotry has become acceptable in America, said Carol Nuriel in *Yedioth Abronoth*. The "fiery presidential election campaign" that propelled Donald Trump to the White House "served as a catalyst for the rise of new and renewed anti-Semitic phenomena." The U.S. Anti-Defamation League counted some 2.6 million anti-Semitic tweets during the election campaign, many aimed at Jewish reporters. After the November vote, so-called alt-right groups felt so empowered by Trump's victory that they held a Washington

summit where white nationalists performed Nazi salutes and chanted "Hail Trump." Since then, headstones have been toppled and smashed in Jewish cemeteries in St. Louis and Philadelphia, while scores of Jewish community centers across the country have received bomb threats.

It's easy "to blame anti-Semitism on one's political opponents," said Rafael Medoff in *Arutz Sheva*. But the reality is that thugs who target Jews aren't usually motivated by politics. They threaten Jews "because they hate Jews, or because of deep personal problems, or some combination thereof." Only one person has been arrested so far for allegedly making threats to Jewish community centers: Juan Thompson, a left-leaning African-American journalist, who apparently perpetrated the crimes so he could pin them on his ex-girlfriend. He wasn't inspired by Trump. "Reckless blaming of those with whom one disagrees, instead of blaming the anti-Semites themselves, does a disservice to public discourse."



A St. Paul, Minn., Jewish center after a bomb threat.

Still, the surge in U.S. anti-Semitism has led Israeli opposition leader Isaac Herzog to predict the mass emigration of American Jews, said David Rosenberg in *Ha'aretz*. In an "alarmist" speech, the head of the Zionist Union Party called on the Israeli government to prepare an emergency plan to welcome fleeing Americans. Herzog is getting ahead of himself: American Jews don't face job, education, or housing discrimination, and the incidents that have occurred, while despicable, are "a far

cry from the organized anti-Semitism of Nazi Germany or czarist Russia." In any case, while Israel always welcomes Jewish immigrants from the U.S., we need a critical mass of American Jews to stay there. Israel "relies on the political power of American Jewry to cultivate a friendly Washington."

President Trump's response to this anti-Semitic surge has been deeply muddled, said *The Jerusalem Post* in an editorial. He rightly denounced the crimes as "horrible" last month. But last week, he reportedly suggested that threats against the Jewish community might have been staged "to make others look bad." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is eager to stay on Trump's good side—because of the president's opposition to the Iran nuclear deal and his support for Jewish settlements in the West Bank—and so hasn't rebutted Trump's absurd claim of a smear. Our leaders should quit being "sycophants and apologists" for Trump and demand he take real action against this wave of hate.

TURKEY

One view available: pro-Erdogan

Kareem Shaheen
The Guardian (U.K.)

How can a democratic referendum take place when voters hear only one side of the issue? asked Kareem Shaheen. Turks will vote next month on whether to amend the constitution to grant sweeping new powers to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. He has been in power since 2003, first as prime minister and then—after changing the laws to give the presidency more power—as president. If Turks approve Erdogan's proposed constitutional changes, he will be able to rule with nearly total control until 2029. The vote is being held under the state of emergency imposed after a failed coup attempt last July. Since then, Erdogan has arrested tens of thousands of journalists, opposition politi-

cians, bureaucrats, judges, teachers, and lawyers—in effect, the entire educated class that opposes him, and he has purged the police and military. This is "oppression on a grand scale," and it has gutted the Turkish news media, leaving only pro-Erdogan outlets. The government claims that anyone voting no to Erdogan's attempted power grab will effectively be supporting terrorist groups like ISIS and the Kurdish separatist PKK. This "intimidation of the No campaign" could, of course, be a sign that the government fears the electorate might reject its constitutional changes. But you'd never know that from Turkish media. As one media official told me, "Turkey debates in whispers right now."

INDONESIA

Terrorists use prisons for networking

Hana Hanifah The Jakarta Post Indonesia's prisons are failing to rehabilitate terrorists, said Hana Hanifah. In the past two years, two Islamic extremists have been released from prison only to kill again, both in the name of ISIS. Afif Sunakim was set free in 2015 after serving five years for attending a terrorist training camp; five months later he led a terrorist attack on a Jakarta mall, killing four. Another convicted terrorist, Juhanda, firebombed a church, killing a toddler, just months after being released. Clearly, Indonesia needs to improve its deradicalization programs in prisons. These programs currently lack "enough money or political will" to be successful. Meanwhile, over-

crowding "allows for the exchange of extremist ideas" among prisoners, while guards are "often intimidated by the charisma of convicted terrorists." Part of the solution is money. Agencies that can't even feed prisoners properly "leave their inmates vulnerable to being recruited by well-funded and charismatic extremist groups." The other part is communication: Prisons, parole officers, and therapists must work together to monitor inmates during and after incarceration. Terrorist prisoners "are one of the few threats that are easy to identify." There's no excuse for Indonesia to release extremists without ensuring they are no longer a menace.

Talking points

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- Interest in travel to the U.S. has plummeted since President Trump's inauguration, according to data from the travel website Kayak. Searches for flights from the U.K. to Tampa and Orlando plunged 58 percent, while searches for Miami were down by 52 percent, and Las Vegas by 36 percent. Overall, the Global Business Travel Association estimates that the U.S. travel industry has lost \$185 million in revenue so far because of Trump's presidency. TheGuardian.com
- The proportion of American households without a TV set doubled from 1.3 percent in 2009 to 2.6 percent in 2015. The number of homes with three or more televisions also declined, largely because young people now rely on smartphones and laptops to consume entertainment. ArsTechnica.com
- A 220,000-gallon, commercial-size swimming pool contains an average of almost 20 gal-

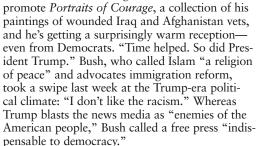


urine, a new study by the Univer-

- sity of Alberta found. In a residential pool, that would translate to about 2 gallons of pee. "You can assume that if people are using your pool," a researcher says, "they're peeing in it." NPR.com
- On March 1, President Trump made no factual errors or misleading statements in his public comments. The Washington Post's fact checkers determined-the first falsehood-free day of his administration. Trump made no public comment that day, except to tweet, "Thank you." The Washington Post

George W. Bush: The restoration

Believe it or not, George W. Bush "is getting a reappraisal," said Katie Mettler in the Houston Chronicle. At the end of Bush's second term, Americans terrified by the collapse of the financial system and the Great Recession broke up with him with such relief, they all but "dumped his clothes on the White House lawn." Bush then eased into "purposeful inconspicuousness," writing, painting, and scrupulously avoiding any criticism of President Obama. But now he has re-emerged to



"It says a lot about the United States that Mr. Bush can be seen now as a paragon of virtue," said The Guardian (U.K.) in an editorial. After invading Iraq on false pretenses and destabilizing the



Dubya: 'I don't like the racism.'

entire Middle East, Bush was considered such a global threat, "the Nobel committee handed his successor the peace prizefor not being him." Bush's comments on current politics seem "radiantly sane," said Peter Schieldahl in The New Yorker, and his veterans' portraits are "astonishingly good" for someone who started painting at 66. But Bush still insists he made the right call in Iraq, and is apparently oblivious to "murderous errors" that cost up to 1 million lives and left so

many warriors with physical and psychic wounds. Bush may "shine brighter, in contrast to Trump, than might be merited."

Still, it's amusing to hear liberals describe Bush as "a voice of reason," said Aaron Goldstein in NationalReview.com. Not long ago, they were calling him "a war criminal" and comparing him to Hitler. Perhaps after seeing "how a real demagogue acts," they're seeing Bush a bit more realistically. The 43rd president certainly had his shortcomings, said Jennifer Rubin in WashingtonPost .com, but he was a conservative who favored real immigration reform, and refused to demonize Hispanics and Muslims. His Republican Party "was surely preferable to the Party of Trump."

Travel ban: Will second attempt pass muster?

"For President Trump and his travel ban, the second time may be the charm," said Jeffrey Toobin in CNN.com. A month after a federal judge suspended Trump's controversial executive order on refugees and immigrants, the president this week signed a revised version that "addresses many of the legal problems." The new order, which takes effect on March 16, will reinstate the 90-day travel ban on immigrants from certain Muslim-majority countries, and keeps in place the original 120-day suspension of the U.S. refugee program—although Syrians are no longer indefinitely excluded. Iraq, a U.S. ally infuriated by the initial travel ban, has been dropped from the prohibited list, leaving Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Those with green cards and visas when the ban comes into effect will be exempt. And since it eliminated a preference for Christian refugees, the new order does not mention religion-making it harder for opponents to claim it's a Muslim ban.

The revised ban is exactly "what the White House should have done from the beginning," said NationalReview.com in an editorial. With its "broad legal language" and chaotic rollout, the original needlessly distracted from the ban's "legitimate aim" of strengthening vetting proce-

dures. Sorry, but the revisions only prove just how "arbitrary" this travel ban is, said Max Boot in CommentaryMagazine.com. "Has Iraq suddenly become less of a terrorist threat?" Is Trump no longer worried about the "bad dudes" he claimed would pour into the country if he gave advance notice of his executive order? And if this travel ban really is about national security—and not a publicity stunt—why did the president delay it another week to avoid overshadowing coverage of his joint address to Congress?

The new executive order "remedies multiple legal infirmities," said Mark Joseph Stern in Slate .com. But it still doesn't provide any evidence that immigrants from the six countries named have committed acts of terrorism in the U.S. or pose a greater threat than anyone else. More importantly, the ban's legal challengers will still be able to cite ample evidence that the ban was motivated by anti-Muslim animus-which would make it unconstitutional. Trump repeatedly called for a "Muslim ban" during the campaign, and his surrogate Rudy Giuliani said the goal was to find a way to ban Muslims "legally." Will that be enough to convince judges Trump's intent was discriminatory? That's the question "the courts must soon hash out."

Talking points

Oprah: A 2020 challenger?

It's an idea Democrats may be giving serious consideration over the next few years, said Gretel Kauffman in CSMonitor.com: "Oprah 2020." In an interview released last week, Oprah Winfrey said President Trump's unlikely election victory had got her wondering whether she, too, could run the country. "I thought, 'Oh gee, I don't have the experience. I don't know enough," Winfrey said. "Now I'm thinking, 'Oh? Oh!" The "beloved matriarch of afternoon talk shows" later insisted she'd never actually run. But that hasn't stopped her many admirers from voicing support for an Oprah candidacy. Why not? said Kimberly Atkins in the Boston Herald. In the "celebrity-thirsty world of politics," Winfrey could be President Trump's "kryptonite." The talk-show icon has a genuine "rags-to-riches

story," having overcome "poverty, abuse, and bigotry" to become America's first black female billionaire. She has "100 percent name recognition" and a proven ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Most important of all? "People trust her."

Is this a joke? asked Neil Steinberg in the Chicago Sun-Times. Trump's victory may have shown that political experience counts for nothing in winning elections. But the utter "chaos" of his first six weeks in office should serve as a reminder that "electing a president based on a lack of government experience is like choosing a surgeon based on scant medical knowledge." His disorderly administra-

tion should be a "grim cautionary tale" against elevating clueless celebrities with massive egos and bank accounts to the Oval Office, not a "template for more of the same."

Winfrey isn't the only celebrity being talked up as a potential Democratic savior, said Matthew Garrahan and Courtney Weaver in the Financial Times. Other names that have been floated include Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, and tech billionaire Mark Cuban. The fact that Democrats are talking about these non-

politicians as possible presidential candidates not only shows how shaken they were by Trump's election victory, but also just how dry the Democratic talent pool is. The party has no "heir apparent," and no young stars who look capable of inspiring voters the way Barack Obama and Bill Clinton once did. That's why the party is actually talking about running an outsider like Winfrey or Zuckerberg. As party strategist Jim Manley puts it: "If this is the best we've got, we're in a world of hurt right now."



Trump's kryptonite?

Pence: An awkward email revelation

"If you're standing up, please sit down," said Elliot dal, said David French in NationalReview.com. Hannon in Slate.com. Vice President Mike Pence admitted last week he used a private email account to conduct official state business while he was governor of Indiana. That's the same Mike Pence who spent so much time during the campaign "baying" about Hillary Clinton's use of a private server, as crowds shouted "Lock her up!" What "utter shamelessness." In his emails, the ex-governor trafficked in sensitive matters-including homeland security concerns and FBI updates on terror-related arrests—and wouldn't vou know it, his "AOL account was hacked." Yet Pence had the gall to condemn Clinton for email practices very similar to his own. "I look forward to being BCC'd on the vice president's apology email to the country."

Sure, this revelation is "pretty awkward" for Pence, said T. Becket Adams in the Washington Examiner. But it's ridiculous to compare Pence's case to Clinton's. Pence never sent "top-level national security intelligence over an unauthorized home-brew server." Nor did Pence delete 30,000 emails, hire a company to wipe his server clean, and flout federal record-keeping laws. Democrats are still desperate to prove that "there * was nothing special" about Clinton's email scanBut Clinton repeatedly lied about what she'd done. She said "she didn't send or receive any classified information on her personal email," which the FBI disproved, and claimed that FBI Director James Comey had vouched for her truthfulness after he called her "extremely careless." I also don't remember hearing that Pence had aides smash his old mobile devices with a hammer.

The Trump administration's hypocrisy on cybersecurity goes far deeper than Pence, said Paul Waldman in The Washington Post. "There are strong reasons to believe" that Trump's team has jeopardized highly sensitive information. A few weeks ago, we learned top advisers Steve Bannon, Kellvanne Conway, and Jared Kushner were using private email addresses and a private server operated by the Republican National Committee. It's also been reported that Trump was still using his old, unsecured Android phone, which is unbelievably reckless for the president of the United States. Hackers could easily take over the phone's camera and microphone and spy on the president. Where's the outrage? Republicans should stop pretending that "the email issue was anything more than a club to bludgeon Hillary Clinton with."

Wit & Wisdom

"What the caterpillar calls the end, the rest of the world calls a butterfly." Lao Tzu, quoted in TheBrowser.com

"A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep." Saul Bellow, quoted in The Weekly Standard

"Shyness has a strange element of narcissism, a belief that how we look, how we perform, is truly important to other people." Andre Dubus, quoted in The Wall Street Journal

"Though the world cannot be changed by talking to one child at a time, it may at least be known." Grace Palev, quoted in New Yorker.com

"A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt. quoted in Bustle.com

"Americans who overslept invented the word brunch." Joan Crawford, quoted in VanityFair.com

"The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there." James Buchanan, quoted in BusinessInsider.com

Poll watch

- By a **58%** to **35%** margin, Americans believe an outside, independent investigation" is needed into the alleged contacts between Russia and Donald Trump's associates. 63% see Russia's meddling in the presidential election as a "serious" issue. USA Today/Suffolk University
- Among counties that Trump won by 10 points or more, 55% approve of his presidency so far, while 33% disapprove. Among those he lost by 10 points or more, 33% approve and 57% disapprove. Monmouth University



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Tax survival guide

Here's what taxpayers need to know as they head into tax preparation season.

What's new this year?

The rules for the 2016 filing season are pretty much the same as for 2015. Thanks to low inflation, even the standard deduction of \$6,300 for individual filers and \$12,600 for married couples hasn't changed. For those filing as head of household, it's ticked up a mere \$50 to \$9,300. The biggest difference is that taxpayers have three extra days to pay this year. Tax Day falls on April 18 because April 15 is a Saturday, while Monday, April 17, is Emancipation Day in the District of

Columbia. But that doesn't mean you can afford to wait until the last minute. The IRS estimates that it takes most people about 16 hours to complete a Form 1040, with about half of that time spent on keeping and reading records. "If you want to prepare and file your own taxes, block out at least a solid day or two on your calendar," says Tina Orem, a writer with personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

Should I do my own taxes?

If you have a relatively simple return and feel up to it. The IRS Free File program offers tax preparation software through a dozen different companies for taxpayers who earn less than \$64,000 a year. But even though about 100 million people are eligible for the program, roughly 70 percent of Americans, only about 3 million people take advantage of it each year. The IRS offers all taxpayers free "fillable forms," available on the agency's website. These digital tax forms perform basic calculations and can be filed online. Paid tax prep software can walk you through even relatively complex scenarios, such as how to handle dependents, mortgage interest, and other credits and deductions, and is usually available for less than \$100. But if you run your own business, own complex investments, or recently went through a major life change like a divorce, it's probably smart to consult a professional.

Should I itemize?

Itemizing your return only makes sense if it gets you a bigger deduction than the standard deduction, which automatically knocks \$6,300 off adjusted gross income for individual filers and \$12,600 for married couples. About 7 in 10 taxpayers take the standard deduction, which can be claimed by anyone and requires no extra paperwork. But if you made a large charitable donation last year, paid mortgage interest, or had high state and local taxes, itemizing could be worth it. In most cases, it will be fairly obvious which comes with the bigger tax break, but when in doubt, do the math.

Can I still lower my 2016 tax bill?

Yes, you can. Taxpayers have until April 18 to make tax-deductible contributions to an IRA or a health savings account for 2016. If you're not enrolled in a workplace retirement plan, such as a 401(k), you can make and deduct an IRA contribution of up to \$5,500, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older, no matter what you make. But even if you have a workplace retirement plan, you might be beligible for a smaller deduction, depending on your income. IRA



contributions are valuable because they reduce your adjusted gross income dollar-for-dollar, lowering your overall tax burden. It's also what's known as an "above the line" deduction, meaning you can take it even if you don't itemize. The same goes for health savings accounts. You can still contribute up to \$3,350 for yourself or \$6,750 for your family and have it count toward your 2016 taxes, as long as you set up the account before Tax Day.

What if I need help?

Most tax software programs offer on-demand assistance to their paid users, either by phone, online chat, or email. TurboTax, for instance, will connect its Deluxe and Premier users with a tax expert via video chat, starting at \$54.99 for a federal return. For face-to-face help, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers help filing basic tax returns for people who generally make \$54,000 or less. You can find a location near you on the IRS website. Another federal program, Tax Counseling for the Elderly, provides free tax help for people 60 and older. Tax preparers typically charge \$150 an hour for a basic federal and state return, but ask for a free consultation first, to get an estimated cost. "Most people do not need to spend hundreds of dollars to file their taxes when there are so many free and low-cost options," says Liz Weston, a certified financial planner and advice columnist.

THE DWINDLING ODDS OF AN AUDIT

The IRS audited just 0.7 percent of tax returns in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30-the lowest level since 2003. That's about 1 in every 143 individual tax returns. The level of individual tax audits has fallen every year for the past five years, as congressional Republicans have steeply cut the IRS's budget, partly in reaction to its scrutiny of Tea Party groups. The tax agency has lost 30 percent of its revenue agents since its 2010 peak, when the IRS audited roughly 1 in every 90 tax returns. The IRS uses its limited resources to target the most likely scofflaws, who are usually taxpayers at the high and low ends of the income spectrum. Red flags include large deductions or lots of income that isn't subject to tax withholding. Even then, about 25 percent of audits result in no changes, or in the IRS issuing a refund. "An IRS audit isn't something to be feared," says financial adviser Ray Martin. "If you've kept complete and accurate records of all deductions and reported all your income, you needn't worry."

Automation: Time for a robot tax?

Bill Gates has a modest proposal: "The robot that takes your job should pay taxes," said Kevin Delaney in *Qz.com*. It's a surprise to hear such a suggestion from the co-founder of Microsoft, "one of the leading players in artificial intelligence technology." But the world's wealthiest man is understandably worried that robots are now displacing human workers faster than replacement jobs are being created. A robot tax, Gates argues, would slow down the pace of automation and generate revenue that could pay for retraining schemes

and also fund jobs in areas that are unlikely to be automated—such as education and senior care. "Right now, the human worker who does, say, \$50,000 worth of work in a factory, that income is taxed," Gates said. "If a robot comes in to do the same thing, you'd think that we'd tax the robot at a similar level."

"Good for you, Mr. Gates," said John Naughton in *The Guardian* (U.K.). About 47 percent of today's jobs are vulnerable to automation, according to a 2015 Oxford University study. They include many white-collar professions in fields like accountancy and legal services "that hitherto seemed secure." Perhaps everything will work out OK in the end and profitable new jobs for humans will be created. But robot owners are going to be the winners in this new economy, and it's only fair they help lift up the losers. "Robots have already displaced humans on a scale



Bill Gates wants robots to pay their way.

that rivals that of President Trump's bugaboos, free trade and globalization," said Jon Talton in *The Seattle Times*. Just look at coal country, which Trump has promised to revive. Mines now use automated haul trucks, automated drilling systems, and automated rock breakers. "Those jobs aren't coming back." Nobody in the administration is preparing the American people for the shock of the next great wave of automation. "Gates gets it. We need much more discussion."

"In some distant future, robots with their own consciousnesses, nest eggs, and accountants might pay income taxes like the rest of us," said *The Economist*. But that's not what Gates is talking about. Today's bots are simply capital investments, like computers or furnaces, that allow companies to make more things, more efficiently, which in turn makes the overall economy more productive. "Gates strangely fears the very automation that enriched him," said John Tamny in *Forbes.com*. His software "destroyed millions of past jobs"—Microsoft Excel alone replaced countless bookkeepers and accounting clerks—but it also boosted firms' productivity and brought new jobs and businesses. It's impossible to predict what work will look like in the future; "was anyone 'demanding' the internet in the '80s?" But one certain way to kill the opportunities that robots could create is to follow Gates' advice and implement "a tax on progress."

Innovation of the week

Get ready for "a new breed of motorsport," said Nick Summers



in Engadget.com. The Robocar, unveiled at last month's Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, is a fully electric, sensor-loaded self-driving race car that can top 200 mph. It's the creation of London-based startup Roborace, which hopes to organize the world's first driverless racing series. The heroes of the contest will be the programmers, "concocting the smartest and most competitive Al drivers." Roborace hopes the event will generate technological advances that can be applied to road vehicles. If a driverless car can avoid other robots racing at 200 mph, the thinking goes, "it stands a pretty good chance on the streets." Robocar's "sleek, futuristic look" comes straight from Hollywood. Roborace's chief designer, Daniel Simon, has created vehicle concepts for science fiction movies like 2010's Tron: Legacy and 2012's Prometheus.

Bytes: What's new in tech

YouTube takes on TV

"Google is taking the plunge into live television," said Brian Fung in The Washington Post. The internet giant last week unveiled YouTube TV, a \$35-a-month streaming service designed to compete with the likes of Sling TV, DirecTV Now, and PlayStation Vue. YouTube TV doesn't require a contract or long-term commitment, and it comes with many of the same popular cable channels available on other streaming services, including ESPN, Syfy, and the Disney Channel, as well as broadcast networks such as ABC, CBS, Fox, and NBC. YouTube's existing software knowledge and its massive, loyal audience—users watch up to 1 billion hours of video a day on YouTubeshould help Google in the coming battle for cord-cutting TV viewers. "One sign of Google's confidence? It's offering an unlimited amount of free DVR storage space."

Facebook fights suicides

"Facebook is bringing its artificial-intelligence expertise to bear on suicide prevention," said Alex Kantrowitz in *BuzzFeed.com*. In recent months, several Facebook users have broadcast their own suicides via the social network's Live video streaming feature. Eager to curb this worrying trend, Facebook last week an-

nounced it will start scanning users' posts and comments for evidence of "suicidal or harmful thoughts." The social network won't automatically shut off live streams from users who might be at risk, but instead will reach out to them, "showing them a screen with suicide-prevention resources, including options to contact a helpline or reach out to a friend." Facebook also won't alert authorities to a potentially suicidal user—the person's online friends will have to take that step.

The web runs through Amazon

Amazon doesn't control the internet, it just "sometimes feels like it does," said Elizabeth Weise in USA Today. Large portions of the internet were knocked out for about four hours last week after an Amazon coder made a typo while conducting maintenance at the company's cloud-computing division, Amazon Web Services. Little known to most consumers. AWS "is, in effect, the back end to much of the internet," operating cloud-based storage and computing services for thousands of companies. AWS has about 42 percent of the cloud-computing market by revenue, and hosts a number of major sites, including Netflix, Airbnb, Spotify, and Pinterest, many of whose pages wouldn't load during the outage.

My Impossible:

With higher unemployment rates among Vets, no one thought it was a good idea to start a recruitment agency solely for them. So, I guess I'm no one.

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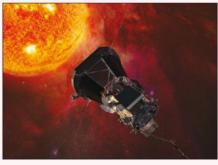
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NASA's mission to the sun

Having successfully sent spacecraft to the moon, Mars, and the distant dwarf planet of Pluto, NASA is now focusing on an even more challenging destination: the sun. Next year, the space agency is planning to send an unmanned probe to within 4 million miles of the star at the center of our solar system—23 million miles closer than any spacecraft has reached before. The probe, Solar Probe Plus, will have a 4.5-inch-thick carboncomposite shield to enable it to withstand solar radiation and temperatures of nearly 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit. The primary goal of the mission is to learn more about

the corona, the outermost layer of the solar atmosphere. While the sun's surface burns at 10,000 degrees, the corona reaches 3.5 million degrees—an enigma that has confounded scientists. "You'd think the farther away you get from a heat source, you'd get colder," NASA's Eric Christian tells *LiveScience.com*. Solar Probe Plus is also expected to shed light on the origins of solar wind—charged particles that flow out of the sun in all directions at a million miles an hour—and why the sun occasionally emits storms of high-energy particles that can endanger astronauts and spacecraft. A separate



The probe must withstand 2,500-degree heat.

solar mission, a joint venture between NASA and the European Space Agency, is also scheduled for launch next year.



Her temporal lobe is all fired up.

The science of humor

Comedians are funnier than the rest of us because they switch to a different part of their brains when they're coming up with jokes, reports MedicalDaily.com. A team at the University of Southern California asked a group of professional and amateur comedians to come up with two captionsone funny, the other ordinary—for a *New* Yorker cartoon. They performed brain scans on the comedians as they performed this written task, and later had an outside panel rate each caption for humor. The researchers found that the experienced comedians had increased activity in their temporal lobe, a part of the brain involved with language, processing abstract information, and connecting feelings to events or objects. Those who weren't as funny had more activity in their medial prefrontal cortex, the brain region responsible for complex planning and decision making. "The more experience you have doing comedy," explains study leader Ori Amir, "the more you rely on your spontaneous associations."

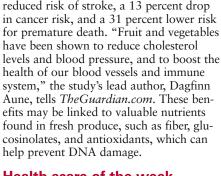
Cancers striking earlier

Rates of colon and rectal cancers have dropped significantly among older people since the mid-1980s, but there has been a surprising rise in the prevalence of the diseases among young adults. A new study by the American Cancer Society found that people born in 1990 have double the risk of colon cancer and quadruple the risk of rectal cancer compared with 27-year-olds in 1977. "Every generation after 1950 has a little bit higher risk," the study's lead author, Rebecca Siegel, tells NBCNews .com. "The largest increases are in people in their 20s." Siegel and her colleagues were unable to establish a cause for this worrisome rise, but they note it has coincided with the growing obesity epidemic and might be related to poor diets. Colon cancer is much less likely to be detected at an early stage in younger people, since colonoscopy, the gold standard for colorectal cancer screening, is usually administered to people 50 and over. In addition, symptoms of colon cancer, such as bloody stool and constipation, are often vague and may not appear right away.

Eat produce, live longer

People striving to improve their health by eating more fresh produce may want to double down on their efforts. After analyzing 95 studies on diet and well-being, researchers from Imperial College London have concluded that we should be aiming

to eat 10 portions of fruit and vegetables a day, rather than the five portions recommended by the World Health Organization. They found that daily consumption of 28 ounces of fresh produce was associated with a 33 percent



Health scare of the week Unhealthy dietary fads

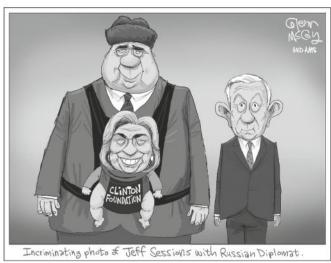
People are trying all sorts of dietary changes to improve their health, but many of these fads may do more harm than good. Researchers from several U.S. institutions reviewed 25 studies, covering tens of thousands of people over 40 years. They concluded that the most effective diet for reducing the risk of heart disease is one high in fruit, vegetables, whole grains, and seeds—and very low in sodium, added sugars, refined grains, and fats. But they warned that people should be wary of certain nutrition fads. Coconut oil, an increasingly popular alternative to olive oil, is loaded with artery-clogging saturated fat. Juicing fruit and vegetables can

remove valuable fiber and other nutrients. And there is no evidence that avoiding gluten helps with weight loss—in fact, gluten-free foods are often higher in processed carbohydrates than whole grains. "If you are glutensensitive, allergic, or have celiac disease, you should avoid gluten," Andrew Freeman, lead author of the review, tells *ABCNews.com*. "Otherwise, gluten is not necessarily the enemy."

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Review of reviews: Books

Book of the week

Blitzed: Drugs in the Third Reich by Norman Ohler

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$28)

Maybe we don't already know all there is to know about the Nazis, said Antony Beevor in The New York Review of Books. Normal Ohler's new book doesn't fundamentally change the history of the Third Reich, but its eye-opening portrait of a culture blitzed on narcotics "makes us look at this densely studied period rather differently." Ohler, a German journalist and novelist, underscores the astonishing hypocrisy of the Nazis' public demands for purity of mind, blood, and body. Though we've long known that Adolf Hitler was a drug addict late in life, we've never had such detail on the cocktails of mind-altering drugs he was being injected with. Nor did we know a methamphetamine pill swept the country in 1938—which may explain how German soldiers staved awake for days as they stormed into France.

Germany's drug problem didn't begin with the Nazis, said Roger Boyes in



The gift of meth-spiked chocolates

The Times (U.K.). Unlike France and Britain, post–World War I Germany had no colonies that could provide the citizenry with natural stimulants like coffee or tea. It did, though, have many first-rate chemists, which explains why up to 40 percent of Berlin's doctors were hooked on synthesized heroin in the 1920s. The Nazis blamed Jewish dealers for the scourge and began jailing and sterilizing addicts. But they also wished to bolster the national

mood, and when the meth pill Pervitin arrived, it was gobbled up by students, nurses, housewives, truck drivers—and the military. Ohler's account of World War II is told through the prism of that pill, and though the telling oversimplifies reality, "it has an uncanny ability to disturb."

History, alas, is "not quite as simple as we'd like it to be," said Tim Smith-Laing in The Daily Telegraph (U.K.). Maybe Pervitin was keeping Germany's soldiers upright, but "the good guys were getting high, too," popping Benzedrine, the same amphetamine that helped U.S. athletes triumph at the 1936 Olympics. Scholars have griped about Ohler's shortcomings as an amateur historian since his book became a German best-seller, and "for all of Blitzed's serious research, the charge sticks." The book should be read with a skeptical eye even as its case for a rethink of Hitler's regime deserves genuine attention. Meanwhile, a juicier story would be hard to find. From start to finish, Blitzed "more than lives up to its promise of upgrading the Third Reich from an empire of hatred, corrupt to its core, to a kind of dope-sick leviathan, one missed fix away from implosion."

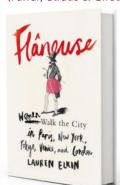
Novel of the week Exit West

by Mohsin Hamid (Riverhead, \$26)

"On its own, Exit West is a terrific novel," said **Kevin Nguyen** in **GQ.com**. Because it appears at a time when an American president is turning his back on war refugees, Mohsin Hamid's fablelike story also "could not be more vital." Saeed and Nadia, two young lovers, live in a city that's never named. Yet as truck bombs and snipers announce the arrival of civil war, the setting feels familiar enough—until the couple looks for a way out and finds a magical door that transports them to Greece. "It might sound perversely counterintuitive of Hamid to use a fairy tale-like device as a way to move his characters from their war-torn homeland to a new life in the West," said Michiko Kakutani in The New York Times. Hamid has chosen to focus not on the hardships of refugee crossings, however, but rather on the psychology of dislocation. As Saeed and Nadia pass through other magic doors to reach London, then the U.S., the novel's warp-speed travel evokes both the world we inhabit and an "unnervingly dystopian" potential future.

Flâneuse: Women Walk the City...

by Lauren Elkin (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27)



Lauren Elkin's new book is "pedestrian in the best possible sense: It makes you want to walk," said Jane Kamensky in *The Wall Street Journal*. Elkin, a Paris-based American writer, makes a habit of wandering whatever city she finds herself in, savoring

the comings and goings of strangers. She would be, in other words, a *flâneur*—if the gendered French term used to describe an urban explorer of artistic bent didn't argue against the very idea of a woman engaging in the avocation. Elkins wants readers to know that despite the social restrictions that long discouraged women from walking cities alone, a parade of female role models, from novelist George Sand to Dorothy Parker, precedes her. In *Flâneuse*, the light she shines on the history of women out in public "brings breadth and depth to a cocktail party crowded with genius."

"Elkins' book is itself a *flânerie*," a stroll during which the reader often comes across an unexpected person, said Diane Johnson in *The New York Times*. We encounter Sand walking 1840s Paris in men's clothing. Virginia Woolf saunters through London's Bloomsbury on the pretense of buying a pencil. Elsewhere, journalist Martha Gellhorn watches war upend the street life of Madrid, and artist Sophie Calle, camera in hand, stalks a man in 1980s Venice to create an art book.

Flâneuse "jumps around, sometimes disorientingly," said Heller McAlpin in the Los Angeles Times. Research-heavy passages sit side by side with "doleful" accounts of Elkins' past love affairs. But as we follow the author to Paris, New York, Venice, and Tokyo, she builds toward an idea of the flâneuse that stands apart from the flâneur, said Tara Isabella Burton in The Village Voice. Male wanderers like Baudelaire and Hemingway enjoyed an invisibility on the street not available to women, and they also considered observing an exercise in powera way of possessing all they observed, including the beauty of women passersby. Elkin feels no such sense of possessing, but instead a sense of belonging. "She may in fact best the flâneur in her enjoyment of what was once solely his pursuit."

The Book List

Best books...chosen by Gish Jen

Gish Jen's new book, The Girl at the Baggage Claim, explores differences in the way Easterners and Westerners view self and society. Below, the award-winning author of the novel Typical American recommends books that illuminate that cultural divide.



Chameleon Readers: Teaching Children to Appreciate All Kinds of Good Stories by Allyssa McCabe (out of print). Do children of different cultures tell their stories differently? This book produced in me the proverbial shiver up the spine for which readers all read. I have returned to it repeatedly since its publication in 1995.

The Autobiographical Self in Time and Culture by Qi Wang (Oxford, \$79). This is the book I ached to read as soon as I closed *Chameleon Readers*—but I had to wait 17 years. It was well worth the wait: Wang shines a light into the very heart of East-West narrative difference, rooting it in autobiography. My copy may be more marked up than any other book I've ever owned.

The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerners Think Differently...and Why by Richard E. Nisbett (Free Press, \$16). Can there really be measurable differences in the way Easterners and Westerners perceive the world? With study after study, Nisbett manages not only to convince us that this is the case; he conveys the astonishment and excitement with which the findings were received. A classic.

Clash! How to Thrive in a Multicultural World by Hazel Rose Markus and Alana Conner (Plume, \$17). So what does this difference in self, as described by Nisbett, have to do with race, class, and gender—not to mention regional and religious differences? Everything. Markus and her colleagues interpret their exhaustive research in what may be the ultimate navigational guide

The Art of Choosing by Sheena Iyengar (Twelve, \$16). Intuitively, we may realize that culture affects not only every choice we make but also how we conceptualize our choices. Still, it takes the observational powers of a blind immigrant psychologist to make us see how profoundly true this is.

The Path: What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us About the Good Life by Michael Puett and Christine Gross-Loh (Simon & Schuster, \$16). Is it any surprise that differences in self and culture give rise to radically different ideas about how to live? This lovely book ably distills an entire Harvard philosophy course. It imparts both knowledge and wisdom.

Author of the week

Yuval Noah Harari

Yuval Noah Harari has always been a big-picture thinker, said **Matt Kettmann** in the Santa Barbara, Calif. **Independent**. Long before the Israeli historian wrote *Sapiens*, his best-selling 2011 book about all of human his-



tory, he puzzled over the meaning of life—and the then teenage Harari was shocked that the adults around him

couldn't care less about such questions. "They were very worried about money, about careers," he says, "but were completely nonchalant about the fact that they didn't understand what life is all about." Harari vowed to be different, but didn't really get a chance to chase his passion until, after focusing on military history, he won tenure at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "Writing Sapiens and Homo Deus was, in a way, fulfilling the promise I made to myself as a teenager," he says.

Homo Deus—currently another best-seller-predicts an unsettling human future, said Nate Hopper in Time. Though Harari sees us moving toward ending war, famine, and plagues, he admits that our computers and nanobots and other technologies might leave us with little work to do and thus strip our lives of meaning. Or at least of the old meanings. Harari also expresses confidence that we will soon focus more attention on engineering our happiness, on understanding our bodies and inner lives and cleaning out the bugs. "In the 21st century," he says, "we are going to gain the power to control the world inside us. The danger is that we will misuse this power and end up with an internal ecological disaster-a complete mental breakdown."

Also of interest...in literary discoveries

Life and Adventures of Jack Engle

by Walt Whitman (Free online)



Walt Whitman was "far from a onetrick pony," said Tolly Wright in NYMag.com. Three years before the poet published *Leaves of Grass*, he wrote this serialized novel for a newspaper. Recently rediscovered, its tale of

an orphan making his way in a world of villainous elites is "not a particularly good example of the author's oeuvre." Here and there, though, the overripe drama "gives way to the sort of wandering explorations on nature and the human experience that would make Whitman a hero."

The Evenings

by Gerard Reve (Pushkin, \$22)



It's hard to believe it took 70 years for this beloved and "acidly comic" Dutch novel to finally appear in English, said Sam Sacks in *The Wall Street Journal*. The protagonist is a 23-year-old file clerk who lives with his parents,

and the action primarily consists of his pitiful efforts to fill his nights and weekends. Our antihero's inner monologue "ripples constantly from absurdist joking to biting ridicule to lacerating self-doubt," and his weeklong existential crisis builds to an "extraordinary" emotional climax.

The Accusation

by Bandi (Grove, \$25)

to our complicated time.



The stories about North Korea gathered in this slim, powerful volume come "straight from the belly of the beast," said Chelsea Hassler in *Newsweek*. Written mostly in the 1990s and smuggled out of North

Korea by a relative of the author, they offer vivid snapshots: a man risking detention to visit his mother; a young woman worrying about a son's misbehavior at a political rally. Better still, they're "absolutely brilliantly written"—"some of the most engrossing fiction to be published in years."

Amiable With Big Teeth

by Claude McKay (Penguin, \$28)



Claude McKay has long been considered a leading light of the Harlem Renaissance, and this lost novel "lives up to McKay's reputation," said Sarah Begley in *Time*. A satire on life in Harlem at a moment when

the neighborhood was stirred by debates over Mussolini's 1935 invasion of Ethiopia, the novel skewers the white Communists who tried to rally black Harlem to the anti-Fascist cause. Sure, the manuscript "could have used tightening." But even decades late, it's "a treat" to have.

Review of reviews: Art & Music

Exhibit of the week Raymond Pettibon: A Pen of All Work

New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York City, through April 9

A single Raymond Pettibon drawing "can knock you back on your heels," said Peter Plagens in The Wall Street Journal. Currently, you can see several hundred of them spread across three floors of the New Museum, and though the sprawling show won't convince anyone that Pettibon is a great draftsman in any traditional sense, it makes "a pretty good case" that the permanently enraged 59-yearold is indeed a major artist. Pettibon, raised in California and a maniacal scribbler since childhood, was creating posters for L.A. punk bands when he first came to notice. His standard method is to pair a startling comics-style image with a snippet of text a nude woman bearing a switchblade and the markings of a Charles Manson devotee, say, below the declaration "Kansas prepares them for it perfectly." His unresolved fury grabs you, and he deserves to be rewarded "for simply letting it all rip."

Most of the time, it's the "twitchy, out-of-



A wall of Pettibons: Small scale, big impact

nowhere" inscriptions that lend the work its power, said Holland Cotter in *The New York Times*. A decade ago, Pettibon pulled out drawings he'd made in grade school—of cowboys, baseball players, and TV stars—and added handwritten text that deepened the resonances. Atop a crayoned image of Nazi fighter planes, for example, he dropped this line from Marcel Proust: "They are innocent enough as long as they are regarded as mere toys." That's not his

only trick, though. Later, he turns the Claymation figure Gumby into an alter ego: an imp in one image, a predator in another. And though Pettibon sometimes takes aim at particular targets, like George W. Bush's war in Iraq or the rot at the heart of the hippie movement, his work is most effective seen whole—as a steady indictment of American culture across the six decades that he's been caught in its wave.

I was wrong to have previously dismissed Pettibon as an adolescent provocateur, said Thomas Micchelli in *Hyperallergic.com*. In reality, "he takes an absurd path to the long view," repurposing images from comic books, pornography, war photography, and

myriad other sources to cast an unflattering light on all of us. Even when he's savaging a Bush or a Ronald Reagan for stupidity or hypocrisy, he appears most incensed by the death wish the public expresses by empowering leaders who are ripe for such attacks. "In image after image," his work "explores the fatal human proclivity to manipulate and be manipulated, to play predator and prey, all in the service of the basest psychosexual, violent, and suicidal urges."

Ed Sheeran

÷ (Divide)



"If ever there were an artist to make a critic feel redundant, it's Ed Sheeran," said Harriet Gibsone in TheGuardian.com. With his catchy acoustic pop songs and "everybloke"

persona, the 26-year-old British singersongwriter has charmed his way from busking to the top level of pop stardom since dropping his first studio material in 2010. But though no critic could slow the sales of this "slick, potent" new album, it must be said that each lyric and each piece of instrumentation is haunted by "a flagrant sense of scheming." On the plus side, "this is a set of punchy, melodic, meaningful songs, with verses and choruses in all the right places," said Neil McCormick in The Daily Telegraph (U.K.). Once again, Sheeran mixes acoustic guitar with hip-hop vocal stylings and shows "he really knows how to write a beautiful, heartfelt ballad." Unfortunately, he's gotten a little too practiced at his trade, achieving a level of polish that erases some of the quirks that made a younger Sheeran "such an endearingly awkward" pop performer.

Rhiannon Giddens Freedom Highway



"Rhiannon Giddens has never been one to sit still," said **Barry Mazor** in *The Wall* **Street Journal**. A cofounder of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, a revivalist string band,

Giddens has used her second studio album to trace the history of the black experience in America-from the slavery era to today—and does so with a set of songs exhibiting impressive musical range. The opener, about a young mother up for auction in the antebellum South, gets spare acoustic strings; "Better Get It Right the First Time," about a college-bound young man shot by police, brings in a bank of R&B horns. Nine songs were written or co-written by Giddens, and they prove powerful in their lyrical specificity-in their "vivid portrayal of what the songs' narrators and subjects were feeling and thinking." Giddens' banjo and "gorgeous" voice are through lines on the record, and her sense of urgency is a constant, said Justin Jacobs in Relix magazine. "Take it as a sign that Giddens is on a journey from folk singer to folk firebrand."

Thundercat Drunk

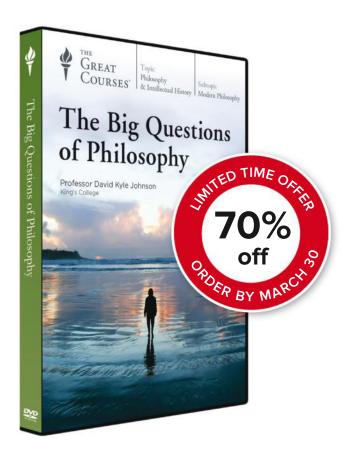




"At first, *Drunk* is quite disorientating," said **Adam Turner-Heffer** in *DrownedInSound.com*. But the virtuoso bassist Stephen Bruner—aka Thundercat—is generally worth following

wherever he goes, and "part of the thrill" of his third studio album is "never really knowing where Bruner is going to take us next." The 50-minute record packs in 23 tracks, jump-cutting from '80s synth pop, to bass-shredding jazz fusion, to "gorgeous, heartbreaking" R&B-mixing in plenty of dark humor, plus guests ranging from Kendrick Lamar to Kenny Loggins. The "alternately frustrating and fascinating" result positions Thundercat as a "21stcentury R&B Frank Zappa for the Millennial crowd," said John Paul in PopMatters.com. Some listeners will be bothered that "Them Changes," a "wickedly funky" two-year-old track, is surrounded here by so many song sketches and fragments. But the fragments are often fascinating in themselves, and the album stands as "a sonic challenge" from "one of the more unique creative visionaries operating today."





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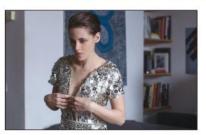
Directed by Olivier Assayas (R)



An American in Paris communes with ghosts.

"Nothing in the plot description could have prepared me for *Personal Shopper*," said **Richard Lawson** in *VanityFair .com*. Kirsten Stewart, in her second feature with French director Olivier Assayas, stars as a young celebrity's personal assistant, and when she's not browsing haute couture dresses, she's seeking to commune with

the ghost of her twin brother, who recently died from a heart defect. Given the movie's "disorienting veers in plot and style," some viewers will bail early. But as a portrayal of the horrors of grief, the film proves "as cathartic as it is terrifying." Stewart plays many scenes alone, yet "she could text the



Stewart: A living specter

phone book and it would still be fascinating," said Nico Lang in ConsequenceOfSound.net. Unfortunately, the movie shifts so wildly in tone that it's often unintentionally funny. To me, said Guy Lodge in Time Out London, those tonal shifts feel intentional, and firmly controlled by a director who's found his perfect muse. Stewart is on

screen almost nonstop, and she shows us a young woman "on the verge of voluntary evaporation," rendered fragile and fractured by loss. Amid all the hazy ambiguities of Assayas' "bewitching" ghost story, "this much can be said with certainty: Kirsten Stewart has become one hell of an actress."

Kong: Skull Island

Directed by Jordan Vogt-Roberts (PG-13)



Back to the jungle with Hollywood's favorite ape

"A King Kong movie should, first and foremost, be a fairy tale of primeval wonder, and this one is," said Owen Gleiberman in *Variety*. Hollywood's third and most effective reboot of the landmark 1933 original returns the oversize ape to his home turf, a remote Pacific island where all the action transpires. It's 1973 in this tale, and Kong

is about to be besieged by a crew of Westerners led by John Goodman as a wealthy conspiracy theorist and Samuel L. Jackson as a retired Vietnamhardened general still thirsting for action. John C. Reilly soon pops up as a World War II pilot who's



The new Kong: All image, no heart?

survived on the island since his plane was shot down, and he's "easily the best thing in the film," said Chris Nashawaty in *Entertainment Weekly*. But forget the humans: "We came for the damn dirty ape," and this Kong is "a CGI showstopper" whose gravest problem is that the story around him feels rote. Even so, *Skull Island* is well

engineered to rake in money, said Alonso Duralde in *TheWrap.com*. "This is a movie that presses the buttons it's supposed to, even if it winds up being the kind of rousing entertainment you've forgotten about within 24 hours."

Donald Cried

Directed by Kris Avedisian (R)



A childhood bond becomes one man's trap.

Watching Kris Avedisian's new cringe comedy, "you long to flee, but it's so good that you can't avert your gaze," said Stephen Holden in *The New York Times*. The first-time director consistently squeezes "squirm-inducing" humor from a story about the forced reunion of two former childhood friends, and he "barely misses a note"

with the screenplay and performance that anchor the picture. Avedisian's co-star, Jesse Wakeman, plays a Wall Street banker who has no intention of reconnecting with old classmates until he finds himself stranded in his hometown and compelled to ask for help from still-needy, still-nerdy Donald Treebeck.



Old pals Wakeman and Avedisian

Though the socially inept manchild has become a comedy staple, "few recent examples can match the hilariously unsettling presence of Donald," said Eric Kohn in *IndieWire.com*. He's part clinging goofball, part budding psychopath, and Avedisian gives the character such a relentless energy that the movie "never maintains quite the same appeal

when he's off the screen." The film deserves credit, though, for aiming to make Donald more than a figure worthy only of ridicule or fear, said Mike D'Angelo in AVClub.com. The emotions unleashed late in the story feel raw and real enough that "one wishes the movie as a whole were less cartoonish."

New on DVD and Blu-ray

Jackie

(20th Century Fox, \$30)

Natalie Portman doesn't just play Jackie Kennedy in this "urgent" drama, said New Republic.com. Portraying the first lady in the immediate aftermath of her husband's assassination, the actress inhabits Kennedy, "making her both bigger and more human than we've ever seen her before."

Hacksaw Ridge

(Lionsgate, \$30)

Mel Gibson's Oscar-nominated war drama "may be too syrupy for cynical tastes and too brutal for the timid," said *The Miami Herald*. But it relates an incredible true story of World War II combat heroism, and Gibson proves fearless in depicting the horrors of the battlefield.

Moana

(Disney, \$30)

Disney's recent Polynesian-set animated adventure "works on every level," said the New York Post. With its strong heroine, "a seafaring quest that never flags," and a music soundtrack that's among Disney's best ever, it stands "head and shoulders" above Finding Dory.

Movies on TV

Monday, March 13 Insomnia

Al Pacino and Robin Williams make intriguing adversaries in a thriller about a cop who can't sleep and a murderer he's chasing in the Alaskan wild. (2002) 6 p.m., Cinemax

Tuesday, March 14 Klute

Jane Fonda won an Oscar playing a high-priced call girl who's being trailed by a private investigator. Donald Sutherland co-stars. (1971) 8 p.m., TCM

Wednesday, March 15

The Departed

Jack Nicholson, Matt Damon, and Leonardo DiCaprio lead an all-star cast in Martin Scorsese's Oscarwinning Boston-set mob thriller. (2006) 6:30 p.m., Sundance

Thursday, March 16

Working Girl

A Wall Street secretary stumbles into a romance while trying to get ahead by posing as her boss. With Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford, and Sigourney Weaver. (1988) 5:15 p.m., Encore

Friday, March 17 The Quiet Man

An ex-boxer from America falls for the village beauty in John Ford's Technicolor love letter to rural Ireland. John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara co-star. (1952) 9:30 p.m., TCM

Saturday, March 18 Cinderella

Lily James is Cinderella and Cate Blanchett her wicked stepmother in this surprisingly effective live-action reinterpretation of Disney's 1950 animated classic. (2015) 5:20 p.m., Encore

Sunday, March 19

A Bronx Tale

Robert De Niro's directorial debut tracks a boy's flirtations, circa 1960, with a neighborhood mob. Chazz Palminteri, De Niro's costar, wrote the screenplay. (1993) 11:45 a.m., Showtime

The Week's guide to what's worth watching

The Most Powerful Man in the World

Vladimir Putin might not deserve the label above, but he's improving his claim to it almost every day. In this documentary profile of the Russian autocrat, Fareed Zakaria talks with Henry Kissinger, Robert Gates, and Russia watchers David Remnick, Julia Ioffe, and Masha Gessen to gather insights about Putin's goals. The group also examines his recent moves, including his push into Ukraine, his brutal intervention in Syria, and his meddling in European and American elections. *Monday, March 13, at 9 p.m.*, CNN

Cries From Syria

The bloody war in Syria has needed a clear-eyed chronicler, and filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky has accepted the challenge. Afineevsky, whose *Winter on Fire* offered a street-level account of Ukraine's failed freedom movement, opens this heartrending documentary with Syria's Arab Spring protests of 2011 and the ensuing crackdown by President Bashar al-Assad. As civilian deaths multiply, as factions rise and fall, as refugees flee for Europe, and as ISIS and Russia escalate the violence, *Cries From Syria* uses combat footage and on-theground interviews to weave each development into the larger tragedy that's shaken our entire world. *Monday, March 13, at 10 p.m.*, HBO

Greenleaf

Not every megachurch is built on a solid foundation. As Season 2 begins for Oprah Winfrey's hit drama series, Grace Greenleaf is stepping into a leadership role after helping to expose criminal corruption at the mighty Memphis house of worship founded by her family. But her elders aren't gone yet, even the uncle she'd hoped to hold accountable for years of sexually abusing minors. Rick Fox emerges as a love interest for returning star Merle Dandridge, but the scene-stealers remain Winfrey, Lynn Whitfield, and Keith David. Wednesday, March 15, at 10 p.m., OWN

Review

Andy Daly has created some of TV's funniest moments in recent years while playing Forrest MacNeil, a critic who reviews not movies or books but life experiences—like eating 15 pan-



Greenfield co-stars Dandridge and Whitfield

cakes or being buried alive. A third and final season of Daly's criminally overlooked comedy begins after it's discovered that Forrest and his producer have survived a fall from a high bridge. *Thursday, March 16, at 10 p.m., Comedy Central*

Marvel's Iron Fist

After years of martial arts training in the Himalayas, a young man returns to New York to battle crooks and reclaim his family's corporation. *Games of Thrones*' Finn Jones stars as Iron Fist, the last of Marvel's Defenders to get his own Netflix series, readying audiences for an upcoming Defenders series that will unite Mr. Fist with Luke Cage, Daredevil, and Jessica Jones. *Available for streaming Friday, March 17, Netflix*

Other highlights Trial & Error

John Lithgow plays a nutty professor suspected of murder in a new series-long spoof of the truecrime genre. *Tuesday, March 14, at 10 p.m.*, *NBC*

Hap and Leonard: Mucho Mojo

The titular East Texas sleuths make a grisly discovery as a new season begins for the series based on Joe R. Lansdale's mystery-novel characters. Brian Dennehy joins the cast. Wednesday, March 15, at 10 p.m., Sundance Channel

The Circus

Journalists Mark Halperin and John Heilemann offer a lively take on President Trump's first month. *Sunday, March 19, at 8 p.m., Showtime*



Gusky, as seen from war's underworld

Show of the week

Americans Underground: Secret City of World War I

When death strode the land during World War I, soldiers on both sides burrowed below its surface. In this hour-long documentary, photographer Jeff Gusky leads a tour of a hidden labyrinth of tunnels and caves that lie hidden today under French farmland. The cave's limestone walls are covered with elaborate carvings that speak of the soldiers' creativity and determination to resist annihilation. In one area, Gusky explores an entire underground city, complete with bakery, hospital, and chapel. *Monday, March 13, at 8 p.m., Smithsonian Channel*

LEISURE

Food & Drink

Critics' choice: Casual seafood that surprises

Fish N Beer Denver

Aniedra Nichols' offbeat, perpetually crowded sliver of a restaurant is "far more than the casual fish joint it pretends to be," said Gretchen Kurtz in Westword. Don't walk in looking for fried catch of the day and a routine chowder, because Fish N Beer "takes preconceptions and turns them on their heads." Nichols' "tightly curated" menu showcases the unexpected, like a grilled whole bass in chile butter, soy-glazed salmon collars, or batter-fried blowfish tails (the last prepared like buffalo wings, but with none of chicken's fattiness). The oyster sliders and "dynamite" seafood charcuterie plate are musts, especially when you're waiting for a table to open while quaffing a beer or rosé. And don't write off the New York strip steak, because its earthy crust of salt, pepper, and ground coffee would make it the go-to in an actual steakhouse. "What else can this team do? What can't it do?" Nichols and partner Kevin Morrison have aimed small with this charming 50-seat sardine can; the result is "nothing short of a smash." 3510 Larimer St., (303) 248-3497

Salt Traders Coastal Cooking *Austin* Restaurateur Jack Gilmore has a golden touch, said Matthew Odam in the *Austin American-Statesman*. Around these parts, the long-haired veteran chef is better known as Jack Allen, because since 2009 he's



The easy charm of Salt Traders Coastal Cooking

opened three outposts called Jack Allen's Kitchen and proved that there's enormous pent-up demand for distinctive but affordable restaurants on the edges of today's cities. Salt Traders is his new venture with partner Tom Kamm, and the kitchen still struggles at times to keep up with the crush of its dinner crowds. But lunch hour or certain weeknights show how Gilmore's attention to detail elevates his places above routine. Mango pico sweetens a "voluptuous" ceviche of tuna, salmon, and grouper, and the \$14 fried fish sandwich—served with house-made bread-and-butter picklesfeatures a huge chunk of plump black drum "fried to a clean finish and brightened by the crunch of fennel slaw." The "forktender" tuna steak, which is slicked with a

tangy miso glaze, offers more evidence that Gilmore and Kamm will soon have dinner tamed too, because they play to the masses, but they have "not forsaken taste." 2850 N. Interstate 35, Round Rock, (512) 351-9724

The Tavern at lvy City Smokehouse *Washington*, *D.C.*

When you visit this second-story warehouse-style tavern, "you owe it to yourself to try some smoked fish," said Tom Sietsema in *The Washington Post*. Smoke is a strength at this casual eatery, which sits a floor above a related smokehouse and seafood market, all run by a premiere local seafood distribu-

tor. When ordering for two, consider spending \$24 on a board "crammed with such sea treasures as cold-smoked salmon, hotsmoked salmon, and rainbow trout from North Carolina." Served with bagels, cream cheese, and capers, it's brunch for dinner in the best way. Everything the kitchen serves indicates a focus on good ingredients prepared with an admirably light hand, from the Caesar salad with singed cauliflower to the meaty crab cakes and shrimp tacos. Best of all, perhaps, any seafood you can dream of is available daily, because ProFish, the operator, always has hundreds of options at its headquarters across the street. As one employee tells me, "If it swims, we have it." 1356 Okie St. NE, (202) 529-3300

Wine: Alsace goes red

Thank global warming the next time you enjoy a pinot noir from Alsace, said Michael Austin in the *Chicago Tribune*. The French region remains renowned for its white wines, but higher temperatures over the past 15 years have given its only red grape a huge boost. The result is wine that's more concentrated, both in flavor and color. Global warming is bad, but Alsatian vintners are seizing their chance to produce great reds, and "that in itself is worth celebrating."

2013 Meyer-Fonne Reserve (\$22). A lively yet "silky" wine, this pinot fills the mouth with red fruit and anise. 2014 Jean-Baptiste Adam Les Natures (\$25). Aged a year in the bottle, this wine offers "lots of juicy raspberry" plus a long finish. 2014 Domaine Barmes-Buecher Reserve (\$30). "Pronounced" tartness and a rich cherry middle are tempered nicely here by "notes of leather and smoke."

Recipe of the week

I've sampled plenty of rivals; this is "the best macaroni and cheese I have ever tasted," said Andrea Weigl in the Raleigh, N.C., News & Observer. It originated at the Rackhouse Pub in Denver, and with five different cheeses, it's "over-the-top good," with a crunchy panko crust that's "the perfect contrast to the underlying cheesy, gooey goodness."

Beer-baked macaroni and cheese

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter • ½ cup flour • ½ cup amber beer
• 2 cups half-and-half • ½ lb Brie cheese • 16 oz cream cheese • 1½ cups crumbled
Gorgonzola cheese • 2½ cups shredded cheddar cheese • 1½ cups grated Parmesan
cheese, divided • 1 16-oz box penne pasta, cooked and drained
• salt and pepper • ½ cup panko or bread crumbs

• Heat oven to 350. In a medium, heavy-

bottomed pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Whisk in the flour to form a light roux. Slowly whisk in the beer and half-and-half. Add the Brie and cream cheese to the sauce, stirring until the cheeses are melted and incorporated. Stir in the Gorgonzola, cheddar, and 1 cup Parmesan.

 Stir in the pasta, taste and adjust the seasoning as desired with salt and pepper (some of the cheeses are salty and the mixture may need only a little salt, or none).

• Pour the mixture into a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with the remaining Parmesan cheese and panko or bread crumbs. Place the dish in the oven and bake until the sauce is bubbly and the toppings are crisp and golden, about 1 hour. Cool slightly. Makes 12-16 servings.



Penel lon

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Beng Mealea "gives plenty of hope to the Indiana Jones in all of us,' said Dave Stamboulis in BBC.com. A half-hidden 12th-century temple located just 25 miles from Angkor Wat, it attracts none of the traffic jams, tourist buses, or trinket sellers associated with the more famous religious site, and it has a "forgotten, haunted look" that can make any visitor feel as if no one has wandered its grounds in generations. Until recently, Beng Mealea could only be reached by way of a dusty, potholed jungle road. Though the road has now been paved, the temple's out-of-the-way location still acts as "a wonderful deterrent

On the one-hour drive from Siem Reap, my taxi passes farmers on oxcarts, children playing by the roadside, and men on bicycles wearing *krama*, the traditional Khmer scarf. Like Angkor, which was



Visitors climb moss-covered stones in a section of the temple.

built in the same style at roughly the same time, Beng Mealea is surrounded by a large moat. This place, however, "looks as though an earthquake has struck it." Some large structures still stand, but many have collapsed into piles of large stone blocks, and "nature has run riot." A recently built raised walkway lets visitors circle the site at

a slight remove, but that approach "misses much of what makes Beng Mealea special."

To really explore, ask to be guided by a member of the entry staff, who for a tip will lead you into the heart of the ruins. "You'll spend the next few hours clambering over verdant blocks and columns—through seemingly deadend passages—and emerging from stone chimneys to find temple areas smothered in tree roots." During my last such excursion, I watched an Indian couple crawl hand in hand through a tunnel of

fallen blocks, "agape when they emerged to find a towering temple wall crawling with vines above them." They were honeymooners, and though they were covered in sweat and dust, "they were glowing as if they'd just walked down the aisle."

At Siem Reap's Golden Temple Hotel (golden templehotel.com), doubles start at \$145.

Hotel of the week

to all but the most adventurous."

Why have windows?

Jade Mountain Resort

St. Lucia

At this Caribbean getaway, there are no rooms for guests-only "sanctuaries," said Judith Borger in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Though the term may sound pretentious, it's accurate. At Jade Mountain, the quest quarters each have only three walls, leaving one side wide open to a "breathtaking" view across a bay toward the island's forested Pitons. Because a butler is on call day and night, there's little reason to leave your sanctuary, or its private infinity pool. Unless, that is, you choose to visit the onsite plantation for a fragrant chocolate massage. jademountain.com; from \$1,421 a night, with meals

Getting the flavor of...

Florida's freshwater springs

Tourists come to Florida for the beaches, but the state is also home to possibly the world's highest concentration of freshwater springs, said Susanne Masters in The Guardian.com. Of Florida's 900 or so springs, roughly 100 produce streams substantial enough to swim in, and though those spots are crowded with locals all summer, they're nearly deserted in winter, when room-temperature air is the norm. In January, I spent a weekend exploring springs between Orlando and Lake City, camping in state parks and consulting Melissa Watson's Touring the Springs of Florida. At the Ichetucknee headspring, red flowers bobbed in water so clear it was impossible to judge the depth. At Juniper Springs, I canoed past alligators on a creek where swimming is prohibited, and at Manatee Springs State Park, I watched sea cows grazing on eelgrass. At Ginnie Springs, an "eye-catching" turquoise pool lured me in; the water "teemed with fish and turtles."

Tubman's path to freedom

Harriet Tubman's life too easily blends into myth, said Ron Stodghill in The New York Times. Hoping to better understand the woman who guided dozens of fugitive slaves to freedom before she became a Union Army scout and spy, I recently followed a 125-mile self-guided tour of Maryland's Eastern Shore. My trip nearly coincided with this month's opening, in Church Creek, of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center. The center anchors a string of 36 sites spread along the Eastern Shore's "serene" countryside, including the Edward Brodess farm, where Tubman was born into slavery. Along my way, I stopped at the Bucktown Village Store, a simple 19th-century building where Tubman once stood up to a slave overseer and wound up suffering a fractured skull. Tubman experienced seizures the rest of her life, but some historians think the injury also explains the divine visions that inspired her heroism.

Last-minute travel deals

Virginia wine and history

Smithfield Station, a waterfront hotel on the Pagan River in Smithfield, Va., is celebrating the historic town's annual Wine & Brew Fest by offering a \$795 two-night package for two that includes breakfasts, dinners, and a pair of festival tickets. smithfieldstation.com

Puerto Rico now

Enjoy an end-of-winter getaway to San Juan's Condado Vanderbilt Hotel and enjoy 20 percent off normal rates plus a \$75 resort credit and spa discounts. Doubles at the toprated beachfront property start at \$220 through March 29. condadovanderbilt.com

Spring on the Carolina coast

Wild Dunes, a coastal resort community just outside Charleston, S.C., is offering discounts on hotel rooms and condos. Through March 29, get 25 percent off peak rates; from March 30 to June 9, save 15 percent. Doubles start at \$157. destinationhotels.com

This week: Homes for equestrians





1 ◀ Chama, N.M. This 38-acre private ranch at the end of a winding drive offers views of Canones Canyon and the San Juan Mountains' Cumbres Pass. The three-bedroom home features exposed-beam ceilings, a great room with a floor-to-ceiling fireplace, and a master bedroom with a kiva, a spa bathroom, and a sitting area. Outside, there are open pastures, fenced paddocks, a custom barn with three stalls, and a tack room. \$1,295,000. Victoria Markley, Sotheby's International Realty, (505) 927-3229





2 < Cody, Wyo. Whispering Winds Ranch sits on 109 acres in the shadow of Heart Mountain. The four-bedroom custom home has hardwood floors, vaulted tongue-and-groove ceilings, and a fireplace accented with copper and rock. The property features a heated arena, an eight-stall barn, a tack room, and a six-bunk emergency fallout shelter with heat and electricity. \$1,545,000. Ted Harvey, Live Water Properties, (307) 699-4114

3 Crosby, Texas Set on 25 acres, this four-bedroom house was built in 1992. Features include an entry rotunda, a gourmet kitchen, a custom movie theater, and a two-story great room with windows looking onto a pool. The property has a 3-acre stocked pond, an equipment building, a barn, stables, and a tack room. \$2,650,000. Dana Olejniczak, Martha Turner/ Sotheby's International Realty, (832) 527-2590





4 Mashpee, Mass. Red Horse Farm lies on 7.4 acres on Cape Cod. The farm has two residences and a premium horse facility, which includes a heated indoor ring, mahogany woodwork, an automatic watering system, and custom riding surfaces. A state park and the town beach are nearby. \$3,750,000. Stewart Young, Landvest/Christie's International Real Estate, (617) 357-8930







5 A Bristol, Wis. Forty minutes outside of Milwaukee, Summertree Farm stretches across 101 acres. The six-bedroom home, built in 1975, features a chef's kitchen, hardwood floors, two fireplaces, and a wraparound deck. The property boasts a caretaker's house, a heated pool, an equestrian barn, a workshop, an arena, and 2.5 miles of riding trails. \$2,995,000. James Larson, Koenig Rubloff Realty Group, (773) 706-9372

6 ▲ Pleasantville, Ohio Built in 1860, this seven-bedroom brick farmhouse got a large addition in 1900. Details include hardwood floors, a wood-burning fireplace, and exposed wood beams. The 6.9-acre farm has an indoor riding arena, four fenced pastures, a tack room, and a horse barn with four stalls. \$399,900. Tony Caito, King Thompson/Coldwell Banker, (740) 215-6060

Consumer

The 2017 Hyundai lonig: What the critics say

Jalopnik.com

Hyundai's all-new loniq "might be the car that finally wins over electrification skeptics." A compact sedan that by year's end will be available in three variations—a hybrid, a plug-in hybrid, and an electric-only—the loniq has a clean, familiar look and drives like a normal modern compact. "Above all, what stands out here is the price." For starters, the hybrid comes in \$2,485 cheaper than a Prius. The electric—with government tax credits—will be "a hell of a good bargain": a sub-\$20,000 car in some states.

Car and Driver

The loniq Electric might be the most

intriguing of the three models. Though its 124-mile driving range doesn't look good next to the Chevrolet Bolt's 238, the Hyundai sells for roughly \$7,000 less and burns through less energy per mile. It drives well too, with an "almost sublimely supple" suspension and enough power and handling prowess that it's "oh-so-close to being fun."

New York Daily News

The hybrid model challenges the Prius directly, and there "Hyundai might have beaten Toyota at its own game." Though we logged a lower number, the EPA says the loniq averages 58 mpg. What's more, buyers achieve such efficiency in a car that's



The loniq Hybrid, from \$22,200

"confident rather than cartoonish" and requires no compromise in terms of comfort, technology, or driving dynamics.

The best of...chef's favorite knives



Misono UX10 Gyotou Chef's Knife

This is the "go-to" knife of New Orleans chef Nina Compton, who praises its light weight and balance. Says Compton: "A 10½-inch chef knife is ideal. Too long or too short of a knife and you don't have control cutting." \$248, amazon.com Source: Nola.com



Masanobu VG-10 Damascus Santoku

Mexican-born New York chef Julian Medina prefers this Santoku, designed for slicing and dicing but versatile enough to fillet a cod: "It's so easy to fillet, as the knife blade is sharp all the time. The weight is just perfect." \$340, korin.com Source: NYMag.com



Shun Premier Chef's Knife

James Sommerin works with a 6-inch knife from Shun, whose hand-crafted blades have a hammered surface to reduce drag. Says the Welsh chef: "They stay very sharp and are light, which is great when using them all day."

\$120, williams-sonoma.com Source: GQ-Magazine.co.uk



Global Ukon Chef's Knife

Celebrity chef Ludo Lefebvre confesses that his heart still belongs to his first 8-inch Global. "I remember when I finally started to make more than 12 cents a day, I really, really wanted a Global knife. Now it's the oldest knife in my kit." \$140, williams-sonoma.com Source: Los Angeles magazine



Wusthof Chef's Knife

Shannon Swindle, the pastry chef at Craft Los Angeles, has a similar passion for a German classic: "The thinner, lighter Japanese knives are very popular now, but I prefer the weight and thickness of the blade of this knife. I've used it for 20 years." \$117, amazon.com Source: NYMag.com

Tip of the week...

Five filters you should be refreshing

- Furnace. The filter on your furnace is crucial to maintaining healthy air—"especially if you own pets, smoke, or have asthma or allergies." Replace it every 30 to 90 days of furnace use, and that will help keep the furnace running too.
- Humidifier. Single-room humidifiers have mesh filters that should be cleaned every few weeks. Change the water-filter pad in a whole-house humidifier once or twice a year.
- Vacuum cleaner. Disposable vacuum bags are meant to act like filters, so replace them whenever they're two-thirds full. A bag stuffed with dust can burn out a motor.
- Refrigerator. Fridges with ice makers and water dispensers often have water filters that should be replaced every six months.
- Dryer. Empty the mesh lint catcher after every load to avoid creating a fire hazard. If it gets ripped, replace it, because you don't want lint traveling into the exhaust duct. Source: The Washington Post

And for those who have everything...

Depending on how you feel about math, the minimalist décor item at right is "either



the coolest clock ever created, or the most frustrating." Devised by a German designer who wanted to help kids with arithmetic, **Albert Clock** turns the hour and minute of the day into a pair of math problems, and it can be set to four different levels of diffi-

the day into a pair of math problems, and it can be set to four different levels of difficulty. Its sleek, no-nonsense look ensures it doesn't have to be hidden away in the kids' den. "Besides, wouldn't you feel just a little smarter if you had to calculate 6 x 3 and 6 + 7 x 7 to figure out it was 6:55?"

\$295, albertclock.com Source: ElleDecor.com

Best apps...

For recording your phone calls

- Automatic Call Recorder Pro really is "automatic." The app records either every call or those from specific contacts. "You simply set it and forget it while it records your calls in the background." (\$7, Android only)
- TapeACall Pro is a recording app that provides "just about every feature you could want," including savable MP3 files. The setup for each call takes a moment, and the app costs \$10, plus \$8 a year for unlimited recording. "But if you do a lot of recording, it's well worth it."
- Call Recording by NoNotes is a free app that offers most standard features plus built-in voice transcription, making it useful for recording interviews.
- Call Recorder might annoy you with its ads, but for a free app, it's "about as good as you're going to get," and can record every call automatically. As with the others, be alert to state laws restricting recording.

 Source: Gizmodo.com

BUSINESS

The news at a glance

The bottom line

- American banks made a record \$171 billion in profit last year, up nearly 5 percent from 2015, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. There were only five bank failures, the lowest number since 2007.

 The Washington Post
- Nobody has lost more money because of Donald Trump's rise to the White House than Mexican telecom tycoon Carlos Slim. His personal fortune stood at about \$67 billion on June 15, 2015, the day before Trump launched his presidential campaign. His wealth has dropped to about \$51 billion today, because Trump's tough stance on trade has hurt the value of the peso and, by extension, Slim's Mexican assets. Bloomberg.com



CNN.com

- Stolen trade secrets cost the U.S. economy up to \$540 billion a year, according the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property, a private watchdog group. The commission names China as the No. 1 culprit, saying its government encourages economic espionage. Associated Press
- More than 80 percent of the largest nonprofit patient advocacy groups accept funding from drug and medical device companies, according to *The New England Journal of Medicine*. Industry executives sit on the governing boards of nearly 40 percent of the 104 top patient groups. *The New York Times*

Economy: U.S. trade deficit hits 5-year high

"The U.S. posted its biggest monthly trade deficit in nearly five years in January," said Jeffrey Sparshott in *The Wall Street Journal*. The trade gap increased 9.6 percent from the month before, to a seasonally adjusted \$48.5 billion. It was the highest monthly level since March 2012, with U.S. exports falling and imports of foreign goods rising. The grow-

ing deficit highlights the forces working against President Trump's promise "to make the nation's commercial relationships more balanced." The dollar has strengthened since Trump's election, as has domestic demand for foreign goods. "Both are good signs for economic growth but would also tend to widen the trade deficit."



Americans want foreign goods.

It doesn't really matter "whether the trade deficit is rising or falling," said Neil Irwin in *The New York Times*. "What matters is why." The U.S. actually exported 0.9 percent more goods in January, including an extra \$1.3 billion in automobiles and \$2.1 billion more in industrial supplies. But those exports were

offset by even stronger spending on imported consumer goods, which reflects Americans' rising incomes. The exact opposite happened during the 2008 recession, when the trade deficit narrowed because most Americans were poorer. "The economy is more complex than the 'trade deficits are bad' framing of the Trump administration."

Tech: Uber CEO seeks 'leadership help'

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick has pledged to get "leadership help" following a series of scandals at the ride-hailing giant, said Nina Agrawal in the *Los Angeles Times*. After a dashcam video emerged last week of Kalanick berating an Uber driver who dared question his business strategy, the CEO said he needed to "grow up" and would hire a chief operating officer to help run the firm. The announcement comes amid the revelation that the company developed special software to foil regulators investigating the company, a lawsuit filed by Google-owned Waymo alleging theft of trade secrets, and a viral blog post from a former employee alleging widespread sexual harassment at the company.

Aerospace: Boeing cuts 1,800 jobs in Seattle

Boeing is slashing at least 1,800 jobs in the Seattle area "as the company streamlines operations in a brutally competitive commercial-aircraft market," said Julie Johnsson in *Bloomberg.com*. The airplane manufacturer approved voluntary layoffs for 1,500 mechanics, while "another 305 engineers and technical workers are leaving voluntarily." Boeing has cut its Washington state workforce by 9.2 percent to 71,036 since the beginning of 2016, as sales slowed for the company's jetliners, "which accounted for 69 percent of total revenue last year."

Energy: Exxon Mobil to invest \$20B on Gulf Coast

Exxon Mobil touted plans this week to invest \$20 billion through 2022 on the U.S. Gulf Coast, said Ernest Scheyder in *Reuters.com*. The energy firm intends to expand its chemical and refining plants at 11 sites across Texas and Louisiana, and create 35,000 temporary construction jobs and 12,000 permanent jobs. President Trump hailed Exxon's announcement on Twitter, writing, "We are already winning again, America!" Some of the planned expansion began in 2013, before Trump took office, but Exxon says the scope of the investment is growing.

Autos: General Motors sells European brands

General Motors is pulling back from the European car market, said Steven Overly in *The Washington Post*. The Detroit automaker announced this week that it is selling its two major European brands, GM Opel and Vauxhall, to French automaker PSA Group for about \$2.3 billion. GM has enjoyed record-breaking earnings in recent years, buoyed by strong U.S. sales, but it "has long lost money on its European brands." CEO Mary Barra says the company won't completely exit the European market, "and still plans to sell Chevrolet and Cadillac vehicles there."

How the super rich do home security

Wealthy homeowners "are increasingly taking James Bond-esque security measures" to tackle threats ranging from burglars and kidnappers to terrorist attacks, said Cecilie Rohwedder in The Wall Street Journal. Gaffco Ballistics, a Londonderry, Vt.-based security firm that sells bullet-resistant doors, safe rooms, and ventilation systems to deal with chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, says it completed 52 residential projects in 2015, up 60 percent from the previous year. Sales have boomed in part because security is now a selling point in the luxury-housing sector. Composer Jed Leiber recently put his 12,000-square-foot home in the Hollywood Hills, known locally as The Fortress, on the market for \$50 million. Sotheby's International Realty emphasizes Leiber's many security upgrades to potential buyers, including a safe room "hidden by a bulletproof plate that slides down from the ceiling."

Investing: Warren Buffett's index advice

"When one of the world's richest men provides free money tips, it's worthwhile to pay attention," said Russ Wiles in the Phoenix Arizona Republic. As usual, Warren Buffett's annual letter to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders does not disappoint, with the 86-year-old billionaire ripping Wall Street wealth managers and championing the humble index fund. "Buried deep in the 27-page letter," Buffett recounts how he made a \$500,000 wager with an investment manager in 2008, betting that a mutual fund holding stocks in the S&P 500 would outperform a sam-

pling of five hedge funds over the next decade. It was a classic "blue-collar vs. white-collar" matchup. Index funds, which simply track the market with a buy-and-hold strategy, are available to almost anyone. Hedge funds are reserved for already wealthy "accredited" investors, and are run by highly paid managers who make active picks in the market. "With one year to go, barring a market meltdown, Buffett's bet looks like a winner."

Buffett is right that "for most people, active fund investment management is a losing bet," said John Wasik in Forbes.com. A standard S&P 500 index fund is up 85 percent since 2005, versus the hedge funds' 22 percent. The only year active managers beat the S&P 500 was 2008, when the index lost 37 percent compared with 30 percent for the hedge funds. "How could a 'do-nothing' strategy in a passive basket of big stocks beat most of the hottest



He doesn't put much stock in hedge fund managers.

managers on Wall Street?" Blame the "obnoxious fees that managers rake in" whether or not they beat the market. It's not unusual for hedge funds to charge a 2 percent annual management fee, while laying claim to 20 percent of any profits. Index funds, in contrast, often charge less than a tenth of a percent in fees. "When trillions of dollars are managed by Wall Streeters charging high fees," writes Buffett, "it will usually be the managers who reap outsize profits, not the clients."

Smart investors make low fees a priority when picking index funds, said Gail MarksJarvis in the Chicago Tribune. "What's low? A 0.50 percent fee is a better deal than 1 percent, and 0.18 percent is even better." Let's say you made a one-time investment of \$10,000, earning 7 percent a year for 20 years. "With expenses at 0.18 percent, you'd end up with about \$37,300. With 1 percent in expenses, you'd just end up with \$31,600." Buffett estimates that pension funds, endowments, and rich investors lost at least \$100 billion in fees over the past decade to hedge funds and other money managers, said Andrew Ross Sorkin in The New York Times. Still, he doubts that wealthy investors will ever heed his advice and put their cash in index funds, if only because of human nature. "The financial elites," Buffett writes, "have great trouble meekly signing up for a financial product or service that is available as well to people investing only a few thousand dollars."

What the experts say

Refinancing an auto loan

"If you didn't get a great rate on your auto loan, it may be time to reassess," said Kelli Grant in CNBC.com. Many people don't know that it's possible to refinance a car loan, and fewer than 10 percent of car owners have done so, according to used-car marketplace Instamotor.com. Unlike refinancing a mortgage, consumers can "shop for a secure replacement auto loan in under an hour." It makes sense to refinance if your credit score has improved since the car loan was taken out. Borrowers with fair credit end up paying six times more than those with excellent credit, according to WalletHub.com, "adding \$6,403 in interest over the life of a \$20,000, five-year loan." Be aware that because your car is the collateral, refinancing isn't possible if the vehicle is now worth less than the loan's outstanding balance.

Home upgrades that buyers want

"Homeowners are sometimes hesitant to upgrade when it's time to sell," said Andrea Browne Taylor in Kiplinger.com. After all, they won't be living in their home for long. But a few strategic renovations can make the difference between multiple bids that drive up the final sale price and no offers at all. Even the most sought-after upgrades don't have

to be expensive. Some 92 percent of buyers want a separate laundry room, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Because the utility lines are already there, you can install a laundry room in a basement for as little as \$1,000. Eighty-one percent of homebuyers also want added garage storage space. You can add an extra 380-square-foot space for an average of \$2,000.

Combating emotional spending

"Retail therapy" might temporarily lift your mood, but it can sink your bank balance, said Erin El Issa in USNews.com. Some 49 percent of Americans say they've spent more than they can afford because they were stressed, sad, or overexcited, according to NerdWallet .com. To combat emotional spending, try making a "30-day list." Whenever you see something you want, but don't necessarily need, add it to the list. If you still want the item 30 days later and have the money to pay for it, buy it. Removing sources of temptation can also help, so unsubscribe from stores' sales emails. And try to build a buffer into your budget to allow for the occasional spurof-the-moment buy. "If there's no flexibility in your budget for impulse purchases, you're setting yourself up for failure."

Charity of the week

When it comes to iob interviews, first impressionsincluding the clothes you wearmatter. But business attire is often too expensive for



low-income women, which can put them at a disadvantage in the job market. Dress for Success (dressforsuccess.org) helps these women by providing them with a donated interview outfit, including shoes and a handbag, and then a week's worth of professional-looking clothing once they are hired. Founded in New York City in 1997, the nonprofit has since expanded to 145 cities in 23 different countries and helped more than 90,000 women. Dress for Success' service goes far beyond clothing: It also provides career counseling, practice job interviews, and financial education classes to help women build a sustainable future.

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Issue of the week: Skepticism over Snapchat

How could a money-losing app be worth tens of billions of dollars? asked James Stewart in The New York Times. Stock in Snapchat's parent company, Snap Inc., closed 44 percent up on its first day of trading on Wall Street last week and rose another 20 percent the next day. Snap was briefly worth more than \$40 billion—more than CBS, Delta, or Allstate. Those are eye-popping numbers for an app that lets you "send nude photos of yourself that self-destruct" and offers camera filters that "turn your head into a taco." But it's even more remarkable

considering the company has lost money every year since it was founded in 2011, including \$514.6 million in 2016, and has explicitly warned investors "it may never earn a profit." Snap shares have fallen back to earth a bit since last week, said Nina Agrawal in the *Los Angeles Times*. But despite investors' growing doubts, the company's stock is still trading "well above what several Wall Street analysts believe Snap shares are worth."

"There's actually good reason to be bullish about Snap's future," said Timothy Lee in *Vox.com*. Pessimists point out that Snapchat has about 158 million daily active users compared with 1.23 billion for Facebook. The app's growth has also slowed recently, leading to fears it might become the next Twitter, a major Wall Street disappointment. But Snapchat has a secret weapon: young people. The app is more popular among Americans ages 18 to



Snap co-founders Bobby Murphy and Evan Spiegel

29 than either Twitter or Facebookowned Instagram. Advertisers are "particularly eager" to reach these consumers, who are developing brand loyalties that will last the rest of their lives. Snap's "cool" factor could just as easily backfire, said Davey Alba in Wired.com. Investors will expect to see massive growth. But cool "means your parents never get on Snap. And that means Snap never gets to add them to the number of users on its platform." To succeed, Snap will have to prove that its smaller, more connected audience is more valuable to advertisers than simply a large one.

Despite those troubles, Silicon Valley is thrilled to see one of its vaunted "unicorns" go public, said Om Malik in NewYorker.com. Unicorns are tech startups valued at \$1 billion or more. But where the unicorn label once signified rareness, "now it is a kind of yardstick for measuring ego." Today, there are nearly 200 startups valued at \$1 billion or more, but they are likelier to go belly-up than to become the next Facebook. The flash-sales startup Gilt Groupe, for example, was valued at a billion dollars in 2011 but was acquired earlier this year for only a quarter of that. Investors hope that Snap's initial public offering will trigger a fresh wave of technology IPOs after a relatively light 2016, possibly including Uber, Airbnb, and Dropbox. "But the real renaissance won't come about until investors can learn to evaluate companies on the basis of their business prospects rather than their cachet."

Don't blame Amazon for retailers' woes

Geoffrey Manne and Jennifer MacLean

Wired.com

Amazon's critics want you to believe that the site is "annihilating retail jobs," said Geoffrey Manne and Jennifer MacLean. It's undeniably true that the online giant has shaken up the retail industry with its vast inventory, lean staffing, and quick delivery times, or that brick-and-mortar stores have suffered as Amazon has grown in strength. But correlation doesn't equal causation. Don't forget that during the time of Amazon's ascent, the financial markets collapsed and many retailers saw their credit tighten and staffing costs rise, with 29 states passing minimum wages above the federal level. Still, by 2016 e-commerce made up just 8.3 percent of the total \$1.2 trillion retail market—"less than the amount

that retail sales regularly fluctuate due to changes in the weather." And if Amazon and other online stores do continue to grab market share, that doesn't mean the end of retail employment. The types of activities performed by retail employees might simply shift: as positions for checkout workers and shelf stackers decline, we could see "more jobs in manufacturing, transportation, advertising, coding, and logistics." Amazon's fiercest critics, like the Minneapolis-based Institute for Local Self-Reliance, have called on antitrust authorities to break up Amazon, ostensibly to protect retailers and workers. These campaigners should be honest about what they really want to stop: "the future."

The digital advertising backlash

lan Leslie
Financial Times

Online advertisers are starting to wonder "what exactly they are paying for," said Ian Leslie. In theory, digital marketing is "vastly more efficient" than conventional advertising, because online ads on social media or websites can be tightly targeted at specific audiences. But while more ad dollars will be spent online than on TV for the first time this year, some advertisers "smell a rat." About 70 percent of marketing executives say they're dissatisfied with the state of digital marketing, according to the Interactive Advertising Bureau. The chief brand officer of Procter & Gamble, the world's largest advertiser, even "came close to accusing the digital industry

of perpetrating a massive con" at the IAB's annual conference in January. The problem is that no one really knows if online ad campaigns are effective. "An ad can flash up on a screen for a fraction of a second and be counted as a view, or 'impression,' at which point the media owner and agency take their cut." Never mind that 37 percent of ad impressions come from bots, according to the Association of National Advertisers. Yet web advertising giants like Facebook and Google refuse to commit to shared standards for audience measurement, "as TV companies did years ago." Tech titans got rich exploiting advertisers' naïveté. "That may be about to change." §

The transplant pioneer who loathed surgery

Thomas Starzl 1926–2017 To his many admirers, Thomas Starzl was known as the "father of transplan-

tation." The surgeon and researcher conducted the world's first successful human liver transplant in 1967 and the first heart-liver transplant in 1984, and helped develop a cocktail of immunosuppressive drugs to prevent organ rejection.

Despite his talent with a scalpel, Starzl hated performing surgery. Describing it as a "test of endurance" and "a curious exercise in brutality," he said he always entered the operating room "sick with apprehension" over possible mishaps. "I had an intense fear," he said, "of failing the patients who had placed their health or life in my hands."

Born in Le Mars, Iowa, Starzl was "the second son of Czechoslovakian and Irish immigrants," said *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.). His mother, a former surgical nurse, helped persuade him to go into medicine; after graduating from Northwestern University's medical school, he took a job at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital. Intrigued by transplantation, Starzl "began experimenting on dogs in an empty garage next to the hospital." He developed a new method of removing the liver and experimented with inject-



ing cold liquids into the transplant organ's blood vessels, helping to preserve it after removal from the body. Starzl's first four attempts at a human liver transplant, at the University of Colorado in Denver in 1963, failed, said *The New York Times*. But following a three-year self-imposed moratorium, "Starzl and his colleagues tried again." The patient, a 19-month-

old girl with a cancerous liver, survived. After that success, Starzl began working with cyclosporine, a powerful new immunosuppressant. He realized he could reduce the drug's toxic effect on the kidneys by using it in combination with steroids—a breakthrough that allowed liver transplants to become mainstream surgical procedures.

"Starzl joined the University of Pittsburgh medical school in 1981 as professor of surgery," said *The Washington Post*. He stayed there for the rest of his career, focusing on multi-organ transplants, animal-to-human operations, and the possibility of weaning patients off immunosuppressive drugs. He retired in 1991, after being "greatly affected" by the death of one of his patients. "It is true that transplant surgeons saved patients," he said. "But the patients rescued us in turn and gave meaning to what we did, or tried to."

The artist who made a career out of destruction

Gustav Metzger Gustav Metzger didn't create art for the ages. Using acids, decomposing liquid crystals, and

fading newspapers, the founder of "auto-destructive art" made his creations crumble or disappear entirely—reflecting, Metzger believed, the decaying world around him. For one 1961 work, executed in central London, Metzger framed a sheet of nylon and sprayed hydrochloric acid over the surface. The nylon dissolved in tatters,

offering an intriguing view of St. Paul's Cathedral. "Destroy a canvas," Metzger explained, "and you create shapes." His influence was felt beyond the art world. In 1962, a young art school student named Pete Townshend attended one of Metzger's lectures. Townshend co-founded the Who a few years later and put Metzger's philosophy into practice by smashing guitars on stage. "I really believed it was my responsibility to start a rock band that would only last three months," he said, "an auto-destructive rock group."

Born in Nuremberg, Germany, to Polish-Jewish parents, Metzger and his brother fled to Britain in 1939 as refugees in the Kindertransport program, said *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.). "His parents were killed in Germany in 1943." The brutal



power of the Nazi regime "colored my life as an artist," he said. "Autodestructive art is to do with rejecting power." After studying art in England and Belgium, Metzger launched his auto-destructive movement in 1959 to protest capitalism and nuclear weapons. He took an active role in street protests, and was arrested in 1961 for leading an anti-nuclear sitin outside Britain's Defense Ministry, said *The Washington Post*. Five years later, he attracted the authori-

ties' attention again with his Destruction in Art Symposium in London. Attending artist Yoko Ono, not yet married to John Lennon, sat on stage while audience members cut away her clothes "until she was almost nude." After another artist dismembered animal carcasses and bathed in their blood, Metzger was arrested for obscenity.

"Metzger kept on working into his old age," said *The Guardian* (U.K.). One 2004 work at London's Tate gallery included a garbage bag—which a custodian mistook for trash and accidentally tossed. Another exhibition featured photographs of the Holocaust, arranged in ways that forced viewers to crawl on the floor. "The world and its fears and its dangers," Metzger said in 2013, "it is every day within me, at the core of my being."

The U.S. Navy skipper who rescued a stranded JFK

On Aug. 7, 1943, Lt. William Liebenow used the cover of darkness to take his patrol torpedo boat into enemy waters around the Solomon

William Liebenow Islands. His mission?
To rescue the crew of PT-109.

another patrol torpedo boat that had been rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the South Pacific several days earlier. Its 11 survivors had swum to an island and persuaded a Solomon native to deliver a distress message-carved into a coconut-to the nearest U.S. base, some 40 miles away. When Liebenow arrived at the island, he met PT-109's captain: Lt. John F. Kennedy. "What did you do with the boat?" Liebenow asked the future U.S. president. "Gone," Kennedy replied. "Just one of those things."

Born in Fredericksburg, Va., Liebenow "enlisted in the Navy after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941," said The New York Times. He volunteered for service on the small and fast PT boats, which were used to stage "daring nighttime attacks on more powerful Japanese ships." Liebenow later captained one of those vessels during the 1944 Normandy invasion, and helped rescue more than 60 survivors of the USS Corry, which was sunk by German weaponry. After leaving the Navy in 1947, he "worked for years in the railroad industry."

Liebenow was stunned to discover in 1960 that Lt. Kennedy "was running for president," said *The Boston Globe*. Asked to help the campaign, he accompanied then–Sen. Kennedy on a tour of Michigan. By that point, the story of his rescue mission had taken on a life of its own. "If I get the votes of everybody that claims to have been on your boat that night," Kennedy told him, "I'll win this election easy."

Duterte's ruthless drug war

After Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte took office, he warned he had a 'watch list' of alleged drug dealers, addicts, and corrupt politicians. Since then, said journalist Patrick Symmes, thousands have been shot dead.

PRESIDENT RODRIGO
Duterte of the Philippines waved a thick sheaf of papers on live television, fanning the pages for the public and the national press corps to see. "This list of names, this is it," he said in the Oct. 27 appearance. "This is the drug industry in the Philippines."

Filipinos had been hearing for months about the "watch list" for drug suspects. After he entered office last June, Duterte began gathering names of suspects from local police officers and elected officials for a new national war on drugs. The list took many shapes in Duterte's

various tellings, containing anywhere from 600,000 to more than a million suspects. He also once claimed that some 3 million Filipinos—3 percent of the population—were drug addicts, and that he would be happy to kill them.

Duterte made a point of naming names across a broad swath of Philippine society, including 6,000 police officers and 5,000 local village leaders he called corrupt. How they ended up on the list, or even who exactly was on it, was a mystery that fascinated Filipinos. How you got off the list was even more mysterious.

Alvin Mañalac discovered that when in mid-October a local police officer warned him that he was on the list. Mañalac, 40, was surprised—he had been an enthusiastic foot soldier in Duterte's drug war. He is the *barangay kapitan*—a local elected official—in his part of Malabon City, a gritty district in north Manila, and had been assisting the police as they investigated drug suspects in his jurisdiction. Now, somehow, he himself was on what has become, for thousands of people, a death list. He supported the government, but "I'm worried," he said.

When I went to see Mañalac one morning in November, I found him sitting in his second-floor office with a handbag on the desk in front of him. It contained a Glock 17 pistol with an oversize clip. "This is what is keeping me safe," he told me. "This and a rosary."



Investigators at the scene of an execution-style killing in Pasay City

The killings began to increase after Duterte was elected president. As a long-serving mayor in the southern city of Davao, Duterte rose to national prominence by declaring war on a drug that has crippled the Philippines, the cheap variant of crystal meth that Filipinos call *shabu*. The drug offered the country's teeming poor an instant tonic against hunger, an illusion of strength during hard labor, and a mental escape from hopeless slums. There are more than a million users in the Philippines, according to the country's Dangerous Drugs Board.

Duterte entered the presidential race at the last minute, vowing to go national with the no-holds-barred campaign he waged in Davao. He promised to kill 100,000 criminals in his first six months in office. In May, he won the election with 6.6 million more votes than his nearest opponent.

Once in office, Duterte immediately ordered thousands of police raids. To date, these operations have killed more than 2,000 suspects, according to the Philippine National Police, in what have usually been reported as shoot-outs or attempts to take a police officer's gun. The fights seem to have been suspiciously lopsided—nationwide, in six months, 21 officers have died, and three soldiers. But another 4,000 people—many of them from Duterte's watch list—have died under even murkier circumstances. Late last year I visited 10 crime scenes where 18 individual homicides had taken

place, and most of them appeared to have been the work of teams of efficient killers, encouraged by the president's inflammatory language.

As of October, the president enjoyed an 86 percent approval rating nationwide; his popularity was greatest among the poorest Filipinos surveyed. Family members of the drug war's casualties on several occasions told me they supported Duterte's violence, even as they insisted their sons and daughters were targeted mistak-

enly. The list was a promise to cleanse society, and surrendering to the police, or even being innocent, was no defense.

In the two weeks since Mañalac found out he was on the list, he had felt his life to be in doubt. Duterte had singled out barangay kapitans and small-town mayors in his public statements. Before dawn on Oct. 28, a southern mayor named Samsudin Dimaukom was stopped at a checkpoint by a unit of the National Police looking for a major drug shipment. They claimed Dimaukom opened fire first; the mayor and all nine of his aides and security guards were killed, while no police officers were injured. Days later, a team of elite officers from the criminal-investigation division entered the jail cell of another prominent mayor accused of drug offenses. They were supposedly there to deliver a warrant, but after a reported scuffle the mayor and his cellmate were shot dead.

At his desk, Mañalac held up his phone to show me a text message, one of dozens of death threats he had received. "You are a protector" of drug dealers, it said. Another message called him "a cuddler" of addicts. One threatening letter had been written carefully, then scanned and forwarded to him.

T 11 P.M. in Pasay City, a busy commercial district in greater Manila, a couple of bodies lay on the asphalt at an intersection. A pair of traffic policemen had unfurled yellow crime-scene tape; shoeless children climbed on top of taxis

One body, in a black T-shirt and cargo shorts, was lying on its back. The man's eyes stared at the sky; he had been hit in the shoulder and head. Crumpled against the curb was another body in denim shorts, a T-shirt reading "California," and a black helmet. The Scene of the Crime Operatives, or SOCO, arrived, navy-clad technicians who secured evidence. SOCO is often overwhelmed by the sheer number of killings—sometimes more than a dozen a night in Manila alone—but it was still early in the evening, and the technicians worked patiently to mark, inventory, and photograph the evidence.

Pasay City is a center of the violence, enough so that Philippine reporters have taken to calling it Patay—"Dead"—City. This particular case was notable only because the dead men had been released from police custody shortly before their killing. They were picked up earlier in the day and questioned about internet gambling, but the official police report from that night listed one of the men as a "suspected drug personality." They had been released from custody and headed up the street on a red Honda Wave scooter. They were cut off around 10 p.m. by two motorcycles, each with a driver and a shooter.

In Duterte's drug war, death often arrives this way, in the form of two men riding in tandem on a motorbike. Over one night in October, The Philippine Star reported nine vigilante-style killings in greater Manila. Witnesses in five cases described "motorcycle-riding assailants," "two motorcycle-riding men" or someone "shot dead by motorcycle-riding" killers. Surveillance-video tapes from different nights show teams of men carrying out coordinated killings; in some cases, the victims are seen being taken away alive. Their bodies would turn up later. In one case, police officers on Mindoro island happened to spot and pursue four killers on two motorbikes. Two escaped, but two others were wounded in a shoot-out and surrendered while yelling out "Tropa, tropa," or "Troops." They turned out to be local police officers.

Duterte has denied both the presence of death squads in the country and the involvement of the police in the killings, but he has also exhorted them openly, vowing to kill so many drug dealers that "the fish will grow fat" in Manila Bay from eating their bodies. "If they pull out a gun, kill them," he told army troops, who assist in police operations, in a speech in September. "If they don't, kill

them, son of a whore, so it's over, lest you lose the gun. I'll take care of you." One officer of the National Police bragged anonymously to British daily *The Guardian* that following Duterte's election, he had joined a clandestine kill team: Volunteer officers in plain clothes were issued a list of targets. A woman in one Manila slum told the BBC she was hired by a local police officer to kill five people on his list.



Mourning the victim of a death squad hit

Duterte's reputation derives from what he did in Davao, building a clean and efficient city by Philippine standards. Davao was awash in violence when Duterte arrived, but he tamed both leftist and Muslim insurgents who had battled the government for years. He banned smoking in public and went after speeders. He crushed street crime and humiliated corrupt officials. By the time he left office, the city had drinkable tap water and was approving business permits within 72 hours.

According to Human Rights Watch, while Duterte was mayor of Davao, elements of the local police and local government operated a death squad in a clandestine war that killed about 1,000 people, including suspected criminals, drug dealers, leftists, and street children. Duterte denied the existence of a Davao death squad for years, although he has also said, in what he claims was only a taunt to his critics, "Am I the death squad? True. That is true."

NE NIGHT, I rode to the scene of a double homicide in Quezon City, in greater Manila, in a pickup with Raffy Lerma, a long-haired photographer for *The Philippine Daily Inquirer*. His paper keeps an updated "kill list" on its website that documents the drug war's casualties in exacting detail. And yet for all their thoroughness, just as the police never seem to actually solve a case, the Philippine media cannot put names to the killers.

When Ouezon City's streets became too narrow for the pickup, Lerma and I continued on foot, turning down increasingly

decrepit alleys. We arrived at the murder scene after the National Police, who had taped everything off, but ahead of SOCO. Two patrol officers moved around slowly, bent over with flashlights and chalk, finding and circling nine shell casings. Two pairs of legs poked out from behind piles of debris.

The closer pair of legs belonged to a 17-year-old girl, who the neighbors said

was named Angel. Nearby was another body, this one a 21-year-old male the onlookers identified as her boyfriend, Jerico. Neighbors, including a local shopkeeper with whom I spoke, described two men on a motorcycle following the couple home from a local restaurant. After pulling on masks, they cornered Jerico in a quiet back street and killed him. When Angel screamed, perhaps defending him, they shot her through the throat. After they left, someone threw down a cardboard sign that said "You are a pusher, you are an animal."

Later that week, Angel's open-coffin wake was held at the end of a tiny alley in Quezon City. A sister and one friend sat stoically on their own until a church group showed up to sing a hymn. Angel's real name, it turned out, was Ericka Fernandez, and she was the third of seven children. One of her sisters denied that Angel had ever used drugs. The coffin was half open, revealing a girl in a white dress with large, poorly concealed sutures holding her neck together.

Jerico's wake was held about a mile away, and better attended, if only because it took place in a busy footpath. The half-open coffin stood on display in front of his uncle's house; a dog napped underneath.

Jerico was innocent, said his father, Rommel Camitan. "He's not a pusher. Hundred percent, sir. Not a pusher." Camitan sat on a plastic stool in the street, sheltered by a tarp that friends had strung overhead. Without enough cash on hand for a funeral, the family was buying another week by having Jerico's body injected with more preservative against the tropical heat.

Despite his anguish, Camitan endorsed Duterte's campaign. "All this talk of finishing drugs and the drug war is good," Camitan said. "But he has to be sure that their target is the right person." Good people had nothing to fear, he told me. "The only ones who should feel afraid are the ones who did something wrong."

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ACROSS

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- "Yada, yada, yada"
- 10 Loud precipitation
- Muckraker Tarbell
- 15 Said "No way, Jose,"
- 16 Marine mammal
- Expensive protection on the beach?
- 20 Disfavoring
- Extra pds. in the WNRA
- 22 Give a talk
- 23 Part of four state names
- 25 Unaccompanied number
- Easily prepped, like tomatoes?
- 34 Cabinet department
- 35 Court duds
- 36 Animal whose name is often punned upon
- 37 Author unknown: abbr.
- 38 Dark drinks
- 39 Crimes and Misdemeanors actor
- 40 Grand Central, e.g.
- 41 Thrifty type 42 Bar chair
- 43 Gets really mad while riding in a sports car?
- 46 So much
- **47** Foreign
- 48 Insurance company that features a duck in its ads
- 51 Easily fooled person
- 53 Place for trash

- 57 Toast somebody with your Ray-Bans?
- 61 Have a bias
- **62** Campfire food
- 63 Hardy and Bradley
- 64 Fifth Avenue store
- 65 Illinois-Indiana border river
- 66 What we spring forward to on March 12, for short, giving us (and these theme entries) some extra rays

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- Tourist's need. sometimes
- God who inspired Tolkien's Gandalf
- Mr. Disney
- Preceding, in poetry
- Lost on purpose
- Dermatologist's concern
- Australian birds
- Score half
- They can carry a tune
- Netflix category
- 11 Vicinity
- 12 Actor in a Geico ad
- 13 Avenue's cousin
- 18 Bobby who hit No. 1 with "Roses Are Red (My Love)"
- 19 Winter hassles
- 24 Serving of corn
- 25 Outback, say
- White bills, in Monopoly

- 27 "Pretty please?"
- 28 WWI menace
- 29 Large numbers
- 30 Pavement touchers
- 31 Round house
- "It's the ___ the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine)"
- 33 Having two functions
- 34 Eyelid attachment
- "High Hopes" lyricist
- 39 In conflict
- 41 Facebook shares, for example
- 42 Lanka
- 44 Fan seating
- 45 Pizza's ancestral home
- 48 Play parts
- 49 markets
- 50 Clickable text
- 51 Aficionado
- 52 City in Uttar Pradesh
- "New-to-you," as some ads have it
- Pills and such, casually
- "Hey, buddy!"
- 58 Compass dir.
- She has two kids with Ethan
- 60 Baseball bat wood

The Week Contest

This week's question: Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz took more than 500 tons of luggage on a trip to Indonesia, including two limousines and a pair of specialty escalators. If someone were to set up a shipping firm catering solely to monarchs and billionaires, what could it be called?

Last week's contest: The Oscars Best Picture debacle—in which La La Land was wrongly announced as the winner, instead of Moonlight-may have happened because the accounting executive responsible for handing out the winning envelopes was busy tweeting. How could a classic movie be renamed to reflect this embarrassing mix-up?

THE WINNER: "Fatal Distraction"

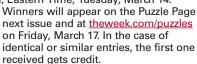
Ken Kellam, Dallas

SECOND PLACE: "Citizen Vain" Alicia Trider, Chico, Calif.

THIRD PLACE: "Gone With the Win" James Hausberg, Los Angeles

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Fill in all the boxes so that each row, column. and outlined square includes all the numbers from 1 through 9.

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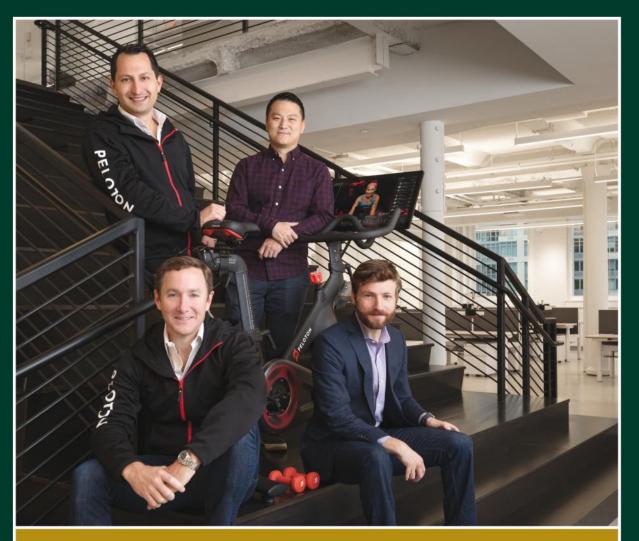
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