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Editor's letter

One pivotal day 66 million years ago, a 6-mile-wide asteroid slammed into the earth off the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. The explosion—as powerful as millions of nuclear bombskicked up billions of tons of vaporized rock, filling the sky with a dark cloud that blotted out the sun for decades. Global temperatures plunged 50 degrees. The dinosaurs that dominated the planet died off for lack of food. Their disappearance led to the rise of mammals, and eventually to the evolution of Homo sapiens. In a new BBC documentary that aired this week, scientists who've drilled down into the asteroid's crater say that it hit "in the worst possible place"—shallow coastal waters where the underlying sediments were filled with gypsum; if the big rock had entered the atmosphere just 30 seconds earlier or later, it would have landed in the deep Atlantic or Pacific ocean and not created the catastrophic cloud of sulfur. Most dinosaurs would have survived. The human race might never have arisen.

So much is the product of chance: how people meet their spouses, which of our parents' genes we inherit, why this person and not that one gets cancer or dies in a terrorist attack. A cascade of unlikely events can decide a presidential election by 77,000 votes out of 136 million cast, sending history off in an uncharted direction. But the human mind finds randomness emotionally unsatisfying, even threatening. Could we really have so little control over the circumstances that shape our lives? We crave reasons for what happens. So we retroactively see patterns that render events inevitable, or attribute them to fate or divine will or just plain luck. The sages—and life experience tell us that the truth lies somewhere in the middle: We don't control the cards we're dealt, but do get to use some skill, wisdom, and courage in playing them. But sometimes, stuff just happens. Flaming happenstance can fall out of a clear blue William Falk sky. Ask any apatosaurus. Editor-in-chief

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Trump's Middle East reset

What happened

Kicking off his first foreign trip with a whirlwind tour of the Middle East, President Trump this week adopted a strikingly softer tone on Islam, urged Arab leaders to step up their efforts to stamp out extremism, and pledged to launch a new peace process in Israel. The president was given an elaborate red-carpet reception in Riyadh, where he announced a \$110 billion arms deal with Saudi King Salman, and helped launch a new global center to combat "extremist ideology." Addressing the premiers of about 50 Muslim nations, Trump described

Islam as "one of the world's great faiths," saying the battle against extremism wasn't between "different faiths, different sects, or different civilizations," but between "good and evil." He called on the leaders to "drive" radicals out of their societies, urged them to work together to isolate Iran, and—in a thinly veiled repudiation of President Obama's 2009 Cairo speech on human rights—reassured them he wouldn't "lecture" them about "how to live." His approach, he said, would be based on "principled realism."

Trump then traveled from Saudi Arabia to Israel, on what was believed to be the first-ever direct flight between the two nations. The president, who also became the first sitting U.S. leader to visit Jerusalem's Western Wall, told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the "common cause" Israel shared with its Arab neighbors over the threat posed by extremism and Iran could serve as a foundation for better relations. After meeting Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Bethlehem, Trump said both sides were "ready to reach for peace."

The president's trip continued on to Europe, where he met Pope Francis at the Vatican. Last year, Trump and the pontiff exchanged harsh words, when Francis said a person who wants to build walls rather than bridges is "not Christian"—a criticism Trump called "disgraceful." In person, the two leaders spoke privately for 30 minutes, and in a pointed gesture, the Pope gave Trump his encycli-

cal on climate change. The president then flew to Brussels for meetings with EU and NATO leaders, and was scheduled to end the nine-day trip in Sicily at the annual G-7 summit.

What the editorials said

Given his long history of comments such as "Islam hates us," President Trump's more responsible tone in Saudi Arabia was "long overdue," said The New York Times. But his new Middle East strategy-forging an alliance with Saudi Arabia and other Sunni states against Shiite-led Iran—is a huge mistake. The Saudis' human rights record "is no better than Iran's," and they're responsible for spreading Wahhabism, the fundamentalist Sunni orthodoxy that gave rise to al Qaida, ISIS, and other terrorist groups.



Trump, Netanyahu: A new approach to peace

The Iranians, on the other hand, have just re-elected the moderate President Hassan Rouhani, "reaffirming their interest in engagement with the West." Is this really the time to be giving up on them?

Don't pay too much attention to that "sham presidential vote" in Iran, said The Wall Street Journal. Rouhani has "presided over continuing domestic repression and regional aggression," and the Revolutionary Guards continue to assist President Assad's troops in Syria, Shiite militias in Iraq, and Hezbollah in Lebanon. In other

words. President Obama's nuclear deal was as foolish as its critics warned. Granted, "the Saudis are imperfect allies." But they're the "linchpins of the U.S.-led order in the Middle East." Let's hope this reset is permanent.

What the columnists said

Give Trump credit for "picking sides," said Timothy Stanley in CNN.com. No, the choice isn't "ideal"—Saudi Arabia is a "fossilized monarchy that won't even let women drive." But compared with Iran, whose fanatical religious leaders want "to hurt the West," the Saudis aren't the "bad guys." But in sucking up to the Saudis, said Peter Beinart in The Atlantic.com, Trump only proved he's a phony and "a coward." The tough guy who insisted for two years on saying "radical Islam" suddenly became "politically correct" when he landed on Arab soil, and bowed meekly when the Saudi royals flattered him with honors and praise. This is typical: Trump said "wildly offensive things" about Mexico and China, only to "crumple" when he met their leaders in person.

As for Trump's pledge to forge an Israel-Palestine peace deal, "good luck to him," said Gregg Carlstrom in Politico.com. Netanyahu's right-wing government is "loath to make any concessions to Palestinians, who are themselves split between Fatah and Hamas." And while leadership changes may be on the horizon—Abbas is 82 and unhealthy, Netanyahu is immersed in a corruption scan-

dal—their most likely replacements are even less likely to make a deal. Besides, at home, and "may not have much political capital to spend on the peace

Trump is already politically wounded process."

Still, you never know, said Noah Rothman in Commentary Magazine.com. Trump's strategy is "wildly divergent from his predecessors"—he hopes to thaw relations between the Arab world and Israel *before* taking on the issue of Palestinian statehood. There's no guarantee this unorthodox approach will work, but it is at least a new strategy. After so many failed attempts at peace, it's time to abandon our "burdensome, dog-eared diplomatic playbook," and give Trump a chance.

The first leg of Trump's trip produced "the best six days of his presidency," said Chris Cillizza in CNN.com. There were no major controversies or scandals, and no incendiary tweets. Trump was in his element: being the "public face, the salesman, the cheerleader for a brand"-in this case, America. And his aides were able create "an almost-totally controlled environment for Trump," where nearly everything he said and did was planned and scripted. Trump should stick with this way of operating when he returns to Washington, but he almost certainly won't. When he once again is immersed in leaks from aides, headlines about Russia, and "watching cable TV," he'll go back on the attack, and blurt out whatever he's feeling at the moment.

Britain hunts terrorist network after deadly attack

What happened

Hundreds of armed soldiers were deployed to protect key sites in Britain this week after a suicide bomber struck a pop concert in Manchester—killing at least 22 people and wounding dozens more—and authorities warned that another terrorist attack could be imminent. Police said that Salman Abedi, the 22-year-old, British-born son of Libyan immigrants, detonated an improvised explosive device packed with nuts and screws in the crowded foyer of Manchester Arena at the end of a concert by American singer Ari-

ana Grande. Concertgoers, most of them teenage girls, described a scene of carnage. Abby Mullen, 17, said she saw people "running around with body parts missing." Among those killed were 8-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos; 14-year-old Nell Jones; and Alison Howe, 45, who was waiting to pick up her teenage daughter. Prime Minister Theresa May called the bombing, the U.K.'s worst terrorist attack since 2005, an act of "appalling, sickening cowardice."

ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, and officials believe Abedi might have received training from the group in Syria, which he may have visited during a recent trip to see family in Libya. The bomber's father, Ramadan, and younger brother, Hashem, were detained this week in Libya; authorities there said Hashem was planning an attack in Tripoli. British police arrested at least five people in connection with the attack, including Abedi's older brother, Ismail, and were seeking the bomb maker behind Abedi's device. "It is very clear," said Greater Manchester police chief Ian Hopkins, "that this is a network we are investigating."



Shocked young concertgoers after the attack

What the columnists said

This was a gruesome reminder from ISIS that it remains "a relevant force," said Robin Wright in NewYorker.com. The group has lost 66 percent of its territory in Iraq and half its land in Syria to U.S.-backed forces. But it still has the manpower to stage atrocities in the West: An estimated 5,000 European jihadists, including 800 Britons, have headed to Iraq and Syria in the past three years. Even if these extremists stay in the Middle East, "they can still inspire attacks or ask friends" back home to take part in operations.

The West has become "too comfortable with terror," said David French in *NationalReview.com*. We could reduce the danger by radically increasing our combat presence in failed states where the terrorists train—Libya, Syria, Yemen—and by reducing immigration "from jihadist regions." But we're not prepared to pay the necessary price in blood or political capital. "So there will be more Manchesters, more Parises, more Nices, and more Orlandos," and every few months, "we'll put memorial ribbons up on Facebook and Twitter."

For now, there's little that authorities can do to improve security at music venues and other crowded places, said Richard Winton in the *Los Angeles Times*. Many American and European stadiums and venues "already use metal detectors, bomb-detection technology, and armies of security guards" inside their facilities. But terrorists can render those safeguards moot by attacking crowds before they ever reach security—outside a concert or inside an airport arrivals hall. "There is always somewhere to hit."

Trump's budget proposal raises bipartisan concerns

What happened

President Trump proposed deep cuts to Medicaid, food assistance, and other social safety net programs as he unveiled his first budget request to Congress this week, prompting immediate pushback from Democrats and a lukewarm reception from Republicans. The \$4.1 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2018, titled "A New Foundation for American Greatness," seeks to balance the budget in 10 years while pursuing a \$54 billion increase in military spending and a \$2.6 billion boost for border security. It also proposes substantial but undetailed tax reductions and depends on 3 percent economic growth—significantly higher than current forecasts. The budget's new costs would be partly offset by slashing Medicaid funding by \$800 billion over 10 years. Food stamp programs would be cut by \$192 billion and disability payments by \$72 billion. Budget director Mick Mulvaney said the plan reduces wasteful welfare spending and was written "through the eyes of the people who are actually paying taxes."

A number of Republican lawmakers distanced themselves from the spending blueprint. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, called the cuts to Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers meals to housebound senior citizens, "a bridge too far." Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) dismissed Trump's budget as conservative "fantasy," existing "somewhere over the rainbow where the dreams of Mulvaney, [House Speaker] Paul Ryan, and the Koch brothers really do come true."

What the columnists said

Like most presidential budget proposals, Trump's plan "is deader than dead in Congress," said Pat Garofalo in *USNews.com*. Not only does the proposal include a "glaring" accounting error that magically double-counts \$2 trillion in savings; its cuts are so "embarrassingly painful that even staunch conservatives are turning a bit green." It wouldn't just gut programs in the GOP's small-town heartland, but would also rip into the budgets of organizations like the National Institutes of Health.

"But the money has run out," said Tom Rogan in Washington Examiner.com. This country is "taking on persistent deficits" and "slowly drowning" in \$20 trillion of national debt. Trump realizes "he can't actually balance the budget simply by eliminating 'waste, fraud, and abuse," said Michael Tanner in National Review.com. "The only way to truly reduce federal spending is to reduce federal spending. And that means cutting programs that are popular, supported by powerful special interests, or both."

But if you really want to tackle the debt, said Jordan Weissmann in *Slate.com*, you have to take on the two giants of federal spending: Social Security and Medicare. Trump's budget makes no mention of either. Without entitlement reform, and with massive tax cuts for the wealthy to fund, Trump's budget is nothing more than a "permission slip" for Paul Ryan and company when they sit down to devise their own budget—telling them "they are free to go wild butchering essential pieces of the safety net."

Controversy of the week

Boasted he eased 'pressure' by firing Comey

Trump: Did he obstruct justice?

We now have "a smoking gun" that President Trump has committed obstruction of justice, said Michael Cohen in *The Boston Globe*. In fact, we have multiple smoking guns. There can no longer be any doubt that the president fired then–FBI Director James Comey in order to quash the bureau's investigation of Trump's Russian ties. In an account the White House doesn't dispute, *The New York Times* reported last week that the day after canning Comey, Trump bragged to Russia's foreign minister. "I just fired the

to Russia's foreign minister, "I just fired the head of the FBI.... I faced great pressure because of Russia. That's taken off." Earlier, Trump admitted in an NBC interview he fired

Comey over "this Russia thing." On top of that, *The Washington Post* reported, Trump asked his own appointees as director of national intelligence *and* the head of the National Security Agency to issue statements clearing him and his campaign of collusion with Russia—a request both refused. "What more evidence could possibly be needed that Trump has committed a high crime and misdemeanor"—for which the constitutional remedy is impeachment? Trump keeps getting away with violating all norms of politics and decency, said Michelle Goldberg in *Slate.com*. "But we now may have finally, *finally* reached a tipping point." Trump's admissions that he repeatedly interfered with an investigation into his own campaign feel "like the beginning of the end."

Trump may be a "terrible president," said David Harsanyi in the *New York Post*, but the remedy for bad presidents is to vote them out of office. Impeachment is for actual "high crimes" against the nation, and for all the media's "hysteria," there has "been no evidence offered so far to prove 'collusion' between Trump and Russia" in the 2016 election. Last week, Reuters breathlessly reported that the Trump campaign had "18 undisclosed contacts

with Russians"—but then added that investigators have found "no evidence of wrongdoing" so far. Trump may "not know what he's doing," said Kevin Williamson in NationalReview.com. But he's done nothing yet that rises to the level of an impeachable offense. "It is not unconstitutional to be a fool."

When special counsel Robert Mueller investigates all those contacts with a hostile foreign power, said Jennifer Rubin in WashingtonPost.com, collusion is a real possibility. So are illegal financial entanglements between Trump, his associates, and the

Russians. Last week, it was reported that investigators are targeting Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, as a "person of interest." But as with Richard Nixon's Watergate, Trump's cover-up may be his undoing. It is now "almost undeniable" that Trump abused presidential power "to get Comey off his back." Trump and several of his closest allies are now in "grave legal and political danger."

Maybe so, said David Corn in MotherJones.com, but there will be no impeachment while Republicans control Congress. GOP lawmakers know their legislative priorities would be torpedoed if they took on Trump; they must also consider what a vengeful ex-President Trump and his millions of supporters might do if he were removed from office. For Republicans to break ranks with Trump "would risk a nuclear civil war that could blow their party to smithereens." That calculation could change, however, said Ezra Klein in Vox.com. Privately, many GOP lawmakers admit they dislike Trump and are sick of his relentless self-sabotage. If evidence continues to mount that Trump committed an impeachable offense, Republicans may decide they're better off being "the patriots who uncovered it, rather than the hacks who suppressed it."

Only in America

- A Mississippi lawmaker said that civic leaders who order the removal of Confederate symbols should be "lynched." In a widely shared Facebook post, Rep. Karl Oliver compared the removals to Nazi book burnings and called them a "heinous and horrific" attack on the "loving memory" of our "fellow Southern Americans." He later apologized for using the word "lynched."
- A Yale University dean has been put on leave over racially insensitive remarks she made in Yelp reviews. "If you are white trash, this is a perfect night out for you," June Chu wrote about a Japanese restaurant. In other posts, she noted "I am Asian" as proof of her culinary expertise, warned of "sketchy" crowds at a movie theater, and called the workers "morons" who serve "snack orders to the obese."

Good week for:

MSNBC, after the left-leaning news channel topped both CNN and Fox News in overall weekly ratings among 25- to 54-year-old viewers for the first time in its 21-year history, thanks to the intensity of liberal interest in President Trump. Fox finished in third place for the first time since 2000.

Flying under the radar, after King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands revealed that he'd been secretly working as a parttime co-pilot for KLM airlines over the past two decades. He said he likes having "a hobby for which I need to concentrate fully."

Speaking truth to power, after first lady Melania Trump swatted away the president's hand as he tried to hold hers when the couple arrived in Tel Aviv. In Rome the next day, Melania again pulled away her hand away when her husband reached for it.

Bad week for:

The Greatest Show on Earth, after Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus staged its final performance, bowing to pressure from animal rights groups and ending its 146-year run. "I'll have to look for a job," said trapeze artist Peter Gold.

T. rex rights, after a South Carolina woman in an orange dinosaur suit was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly scaring carriage horses on the street, causing a driver to fall off his carriage.

Last-minute shopping, after a Florida woman buying a birthday card at 10 p.m. found herself trapped inside a locked CVS when employees closed the store without noticing her still in an aisle. "I started screaming, 'Is anyone here?" said Lillian Rimmell, who was rescued after she dialed 911.

Boring but important

White House resists ethics inquiry

The Trump administration clashed with a federal ethics watchdog this week, moving to block an inquiry into ethics waivers granted to former lobbyists working in the government. President Trump signed an executive order in January prohibiting lobbyists who join the administration from working on matters that involve their former clients, but the White House is believed to have granted individual waivers from that rule. When the Office of Government Ethics asked for copies of those waivers, the White House asked the OGE to withdraw its request and questioned the agency's legal authority. That prompted a 10-page letter of refusal from the OGE, which said "public confidence in the integrity of government decision making" demanded full disclosure.

The U.S. at a glance...

Washington, D.C.

Kushner under spotlight? President

Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is reportedly a person of interest in the lawenforcement investigation into possible collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign, an indication that the 10-month-old

probe has reached the highest levels of the White House. Sources told The Washington

Kushner

Post last week that a senior White House adviser "close to the president" was now of "significant" interest; hours later, a New York magazine reporter named Kushner as the aide in question. Kushner, 36, met in December with the head of Russia's state-owned development bank Vnesheconombank, which is under U.S. sanctions, but the White House did not disclose that meeting until March, when it was reported by The New York Times. Senate investigators now want to question Kushner about whether financing for a building owned by the Kushner family's real estate empire was discussed at the meeting.

Austin

Bathroom bill dispute: Republican state lawmakers were racing to pass a compromise transgender "bathroom bill" in Texas this week before the state's legislative

session ends on May 29, amid a growing backlash from the business community. A broad

bill requiring transgender A protester individuals to use public restrooms corresponding with the gender on their birth certificate passed the GOPcontrolled state Senate in March. But the measure stalled in the House, also led by Republicans, as high-profile corporations and organizations, including American Airlines and the NFL, threatened to boycott the state. Over the weekend, the House passed a measure that applied only to the state's public schools, but the bill was rejected as too watered-down by some senators. With the recess fast approaching, the Texas Senate empowered a special committee to work out a s compromise. Critics say the bill discriminates against transgender people and

would force young students to reveal

personal information about their gender.

Washington, D.C.

CBO score: The health-care bill passed by House Republicans would leave 23 million fewer Americans with health insurance by 2026 than if Obamacare remained in place, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said this week. The American Health Care Act, which narrowly passed the House 217-213 in May, will increase the number of uninsured people by 14 million next year, compared with the current law, the CBO said, as well as provide smaller subsidies to most people on the individual market especially low-income people over 50. The AHCA's \$8 billion fund to cover pre-existing conditions "would not be sufficient" to keep chronically ill people from paying higher premiums or losing insurance altogether, the CBO said. The bill, however, would decrease the budget deficit by \$119 billion over a decade. The report provided fresh ammunition for Senate Democrats trying to kill the bill.

New York City

Weiner pleads guilty: In a tearful appearance, disgraced former Democratic congressman Anthony Weiner pleaded guilty last week to sexting a 15-year-old girl, saying he had destroyed his "life's dream in public service." Weiner, 52, was caught sending explicit messages and images to the North Carolina girl last year,



Weiner

while his estranged wife, Huma Abedin, was serving as a top aide to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. FBI agents seized Weiner's laptop, where they found emails that prompted then-FBI Director James Comey to announce he had reopened the investigation into Clinton's private server—roiling the 2016 campaign in its final days. In a deal with prosecutors, Weiner pleaded guilty in

Manhattan federal court to one count of transmitting obscene material to a minor—a felony that carries up to 10 years in prison and will require him to register as a sex offender. As Weiner entered his plea, Abedin filed for divorce.

Washington, D.C.

Gerrymandering ruling: The Supreme Court struck down two congressional districts in North Carolina this week, ruling that the state's Republican-controlled

legislature had relied too heavilv on race when redrawing the district lines after the 2010 census. Republican lawmakers were accused



Lawmakers review N.C. map.

of packing African-American voters into the two districts in order to dilute their vote, which tends to lean Democratic. One district, the serpentine District 12, was appearing before the justices for the fifth time. Justice Samuel Alito argued the district had merely been packed with Democratic voters who happen to be black, but conservative Justice Clarence Thomas joined the court's four liberal justices in striking the district down, 5-3. Another electoral area, District 1, whose shape critics likened to an octopus, was struck down 8-0. Justice Neil Gorsuch sat the case out after missing oral arguments. Legal experts say the ruling could boost the success of similar gerrymandering challenges across the South.

Tampa

Neo-Nazi-turned-Muslim murders: A former neo-Nazi who converted to Islam was charged this week with killing two roommates at his Tampa apartment after they "disrespected" his new faith. Floridaborn Devon Arthurs, 18, was arrested after taking hostages at a nearby smoke shop—telling them he was upset because of "America bombing his countries," police said. Once in custody, Arthurs told officers the bodies of two of his three roommates were back at his apartment. The men had all previously "been friends with a common neo-Nazi belief," according to police, but Arthurs allegedly felt compelled to shoot dead Ieremy Himmelman, 22, and Andrew Oneschuk, 18, because they "disrespected his Muslim faith." A fourth roommate, Brandon Russell, 21, was found crying outside the apartment, and was arrested after authorities found bomb-making materials in the building's garage, and firearms and Nazi propaganda in Russell's bedroom.

The world at a glance...



Laying the beer pipes

Wacken, Germany

Beer pipeline: The village of Wacken is building a 4-mile-long network of pipes so that it can funnel beer to thirsty attendees at the world's largest heavy metal festival, Wacken Open Air. The German village's population balloons from 1,800 to more than 75,000 during the three-day event, and the festivalgoers

chug more than 106,000 gallons of beer—about 11 pints each. In previous years, tractor trailers hauling barrels of beer have turned the fields into a giant mud pit, and fans have had to wait for kegs to be changed. But this year, with the pipeline in place, bartenders will be able to pour one beer a second as metalheads mosh to acts including Megadeth and Marilyn Manson.

Puebla, Mexico

Marathon in sandals: A woman from Mexico's Tarahumara indigenous community has won a 31-mile ultramarathon—wearing sandals and a skirt. María Lorena Ramírez, a 22-year-old goatherd with no professional running training, beat 500 other runners from 12 countries in the women's category of the Ultra Trail Cerro Rojo. "She carried no special accessories," said race organizer Orlando Jiménez. "She didn't bring any gel, or energy sweets, walking stick, glasses, or those very expensive running shoes that everyone wears to run in the mountains." The Tarahumara people, who live in widely dispersed settlements in Chihuahua state, consider running a key part of their culture, even incorporating it into religious events.

Barinas, Venezuela

Chávez home torched: Near-daily protests against the government of President Nicolás Maduro are now also targeting the memory of his predecessor, Hugo Chávez, the architect of Venezuela's socialist system. Statues to Chávez, who died of cancer in 2013, have been ripped down in five towns, and this week Chávez's childhood home in the city of Barinas was set on fire. "These acts reflect the depth of anger and hostility toward a regime that, in the name of Chávez, has utterly destroyed a once relatively prosperous and democratic nation," says Michael Shifter of the U.S.-based think tank Inter-American Dialogue. Protests are growing more violent, and at least 53 people have died at demonstrations. One man was doused with gasoline and set on fire last week by protesters who accused him of being a thief; he suffered severe burns but survived.

Bern, Switzerland

Turning off reactors: The Swiss have voted to phase out the country's nuclear power plants and replace them with renewable-energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro power. In a referendum this week, 58 percent of voters chose to ban new nuclear power plants and provide billions of dollars in subsidies for renewables. "Switzerland will finally enter into the 21st century when it comes to energy," said Green Party MP Adele Thorens



A Swiss nuclear plant

Goumaz. The government says the plan will cost each Swiss family an extra \$41 a year; critics contend it will end up costing many times more and disfigure the landscape with wind turbines. Switzerland's five aging reactors generate some 35 percent of Switzerland's energy output, while hydropower accounts for 60 percent.

Spitsbergen, Norway

Doomsday threat: Unusually high Arctic temperatures caused permafrost to melt and seep into the "Doomsday" seed vault—a fail-safe trove intended to protect food supplies in case of a global calamity—it was revealed last



The entrance to the vault

week. The Svalbard Global Seed Vault, which is buried in a frozen mountain on a Norwegian island, stores some 500 million seeds from around the world. But late last year temperatures soared on Svalbard, pushing the permafrost around the vault above melting point. Water seeped into the entrance tunnel, but didn't reach the seeds. "It was not in our plans to think that the permafrost would not be there," said Norwegian official Hege Njaa Aschim.



Brasília

Corrupt president? Brazilian
President Michel Temer says he will
not step down despite the release of
a recording of him allegedly organizing the
payment of hush money to a jailed associate. He wouldn't resign, Temer said, even if

Temer: Implicated

the Supreme Court indicted him: "Oust me if you want, but if I stepped down, I would be admitting guilt." Brazilian media said the recording captured the president talking with a leading businessman about cash payments to former House Speaker Eduardo Cunha—who has been jailed for his role in the sprawling kickbacks scandal surrounding the state-owned oil firm Petrobras. The recording is just the latest addition to a pile of allegations against Temer: Executives of Odebrecht, the country's biggest construction company and a key player in the Petrobras scandal, have accused him of taking bribes and illegal campaign financing.

The world at a glance...

Diraz, Bahrain

Deadly crackdown: Police firing tear gas and birdshot raided a peaceful sit-in at the home of Bahrain's most prominent Shiite cleric this week, killing five people and arresting 286. Sheikh Isa Qassim was a leading supporter of the country's failed 2011 Arab Spring uprising—which saw members of Bahrain's Shiite majority demand more rights from the Sunni monarchy, only to



Sheikh Qassim

face a brutal crackdown from security forces. Qassim was stripped of his Bahraini citizenship last year over accusations that he supported extremism. Since then, activists have surrounded his home to protect him from deportation. The raid came just two days after President Trump met Bahrain's King Hamad in Saudi Arabia and told him that their relationship would be free of "strain"—an apparent reference to the occasional criticism of Bahrain's human rights record by the Obama administration.



Hwange, Zimbabwe

Hunter crushed by elephant: A well-known big-game hunter was killed last week when a dying elephant fell on him. South African Theunis Botha, 51, was leading tourists on a hunting trip in Hwange National Park when they startled a herd of elephants. One elephant grabbed him with her trunk and heaved him into the air, and another hunter shot her, causing her to drop Botha and then collapse on top of him. Botha was known for using dogs to drive big game—including lions and leopards—toward his clients as they lay in wait. Last month, his friend and fellow hunter Scott Van Zyl was eaten by crocodiles in Zimbabwe.

Beijing

Killing U.S. spies: Chinese authorities crippled U.S. spy operations in China in 2010, killing or imprisoning at least 18 sources, *The New York Times* reported last week. One CIA source was shot dead in front of his colleagues in the courtyard of a Chinese government building, according to former U.S. officials. The CIA has not established how the Chinese identified the operatives. Some U.S. officials speculate that there could be a mole within the agency; others believe that the Chinese hacked the covert system the CIA uses to communicate with its foreign sources. A Chinese government newspaper, the *Global Times*, said in an editorial that while some details of the story were "purely fabricated," if the gist is true, it "can be taken as a sweeping victory" for China.

Manila

Praise from Trump: President Trump congratulated his Filipino counterpart, Rodrigo Duterte, during a phone call last month for doing an "unbelievable job" on the drug problem in the Philippines, where Duterte has sanctioned the extrajudicial execution of suspects. "Many countries have the problem, we have the problem, but what a great job you are doing,"



Mourning a drug war victim

Trump said, according to a Philippine government transcript that was leaked to U.S. news outlets. Filipino police and vigilantes have killed at some 7,000 suspected drug users and dealers since Duterte took office last June. Trump also told Duterte during the call that North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un was "a madman" and said the U.S. had "two nuclear submarines" off the coast of North Korea. The locations of U.S. nuclear subs are normally kept secret.

Public punishment

Banda Aceh, Indonesia

Lashed for being gay: Two Indonesian men were lashed 82 times each with a rattan cane in front of a jeering crowd in Banda Aceh this week, as punishment for having gay sex. One of the men broke down in tears during the beating, while onlookers shouted, "Hit him again!" It was the first application of anti-

homosexuality laws introduced in Aceh province three years ago. Aceh formally adopted sharia law in 2005 after Indonesia gave the province partial autonomy as part of a peace deal with separatist rebels. Four heterosexual couples were also lashed for kissing and hugging while not married. Meanwhile in Jakarta, where homosexuality is not illegal, police raided a gay club and arrested more than 100 people on suspicion of prostitution and pornography.

Sanaa, Yemen

Cholera outbreak: Tens of thousands of Yemenis have come down with cholera, and the deadly diarrheal infection is spreading at an alarming rate, the World Health Organization said this week. Hospitals are overstretched, taking in hundreds of patients a day.

More than 350 people have died, and thousands more are at risk of death, especially malnourished children. The two-year war in Yemen between Houthi rebels and a Saudi-led coalition backed by the U.S. has destroyed much of the country's health system and brought famine to millions. "Only once there is a peace process can we get aid to the sick and hungry," said Mark Kaye of Save the Children.



Young cholera patients

People

Bardem's fiery marriage



Javier Bardem had his doubts about getting involved with Penélope Cruz, said Jonathan Heaf in *GQ* (U.K.). The two Spanish actors have been happily married for seven years, but when they first met on the set of Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* in 2008, Bardem thought his hotheaded co-star was too volatile. "Oh, boy. She has that feistiness," he says. "There

are those scenes where we are arguing, she's throwing plates and so on. I had to wonder, 'Do I really want this?'" He decided he did. "She has what I call the loving blood. Passion for everything. That's what I find attractive. There is beauty and there is being sexy. Penélope has both." Bardem, 48, is far more restrained. He got his signature bent nose from a bar fight and had another particularly horrible brawl that turned him off fighting for good. "From that moment on, I couldn't stand violence. I still can't even watch it. I can't bear it." Bardem's squeamishness is ironic, given that he gained fame playing a remorseless hitman in the 2007 movie *No Country for Old Men*, directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. "But you should have seen me off camera," says Bardem. "When the camera stopped rolling, I would beg the Coen brothers, 'Please take that gun out of my face, guys, please.' Man, they would be laughing their asses off."

Why Morgan jokes about his accident

Tracy Morgan is making the most of his terrible luck, said Brittany King in People. In 2014, the 30 Rock star and his team were traveling back from a stand-up gig in Delaware when a sleep-deprived Walmart truck driver plowed his 18-wheeler into the back of their limo van. Morgan's longtime friend James "Jimmy Mack" McNair died in the crash, and Morgan suffered a brain trauma that left him in a coma for eight days. Three years later, Morgan has made an impressive recovery and is back doing stand-up comedy—with the bulk of his work focusing on the traumatic incident. "I got hit by a truck, it was a great story," says Morgan, 48. One of his new skits is to walk around with a blue Walmart bag, packed full of cash from the \$90 million compensation package he reportedly received from the supermarket chain. "When anything ever badly happened to me, I made it funny and I turned it good." He's also incredibly proud of his recovery. "I worked hard to come back. To get up off that walker, I was working hard. I was working hard when I was in a coma. I have a young daughter, I have a wife, and I got sons, I got to be here. I'm a fighter, and I fought."



Gaynor's miraculous recovery

Gloria Gaynor really is a survivor, says Lina Das in The Sunday Telegraph (U.K.). The disco gueen was abandoned by her father before she was even born, molested by a neighbor at just 5 years old, and then raped at 18. Music offered a partial salvation, but in 1978 disaster struck again, when she broke her back after falling over a monitor onstage. She recorded her next single—"I Will Survive"—while wearing a medical brace after emergency surgery. "I knew I could survive, so I really related to that song," says Gaynor, 67. It made her rich and famous—but that, too, proved to be disastrous. Gaynor began partying too hard and lost herself in drink and drugs. In the end, she says, it was divine intervention that saved her. "One day, about 15 of us were having a party in our hotel suite and we were lying on the shag carpet. We were doing drugs and drinking when all of a sudden I felt someone grab me by the collar and pull me up, saying, 'That's enough.' Well, I looked around and no one was there. I was so shaken, I locked myself in the bathroom, saying, 'Oh, my God,' over and over, until I realized that's who it was-God.... I didn't party like that again."

Gossip

■ Pippa Middleton, who vaulted to fame as a bridesmaid when her sister Kate married Prince William, wed hedge fund chief executive James Matthews, 41, in a private ceremony last week at St. Mark's Church in Berkshire, England. Middleton, 35,

walked down the aisle in a white custom silk cotton lace gown by designer Giles Deacon as 150 guests

Deacon as 150 guests
looked on, among them
William and Kate—the
future king and queen—
and an unaccompanied
Prince Harry. He didn't
bring girlfriend Meghan
Markle, but insiders say
the American actress

skipped the ceremony to avoid becoming a distraction. "This was all about Pippa's big day, and [Harry] and Meghan jointly decided they didn't want to upstage her," a source tells *The Sun* (U.K.). Markle did attend the lavish reception at the Middleton estate, where more than 300 attendees danced to such wedding standards as the Isley Brothers' "Shout" until the party ended at 4 a.m.

■ Former Today show co-host Billy Bush says he feels "totally and completely gutted," after watching the Access Hollywood video in which he giggled along while Donald Trump boasted of forcing himself on women and grabbing their genitals. The leaked 2005 tape roiled Trump's presidential campaign—and also cost Bush, 45, his job. "I wish I had changed the topic," he says. "But I didn't have the strength of character to do so." Most painful was a call from his teenage

daughter. "She was in tears," Bush recalls. "She said, 'Why were you laughing at the things that he was saying?... They weren't funny." Bush says the public humiliation "hit me all the way to my core." He has occupied his forced downtime with personal-development seminars, yoga, and meditation.

■ Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx will soon go public with their four-year romance, *Us Weekly* reports. The actress, 38, flew to Paris last week to meet Foxx, 49, on the set of his new movie. "She's tired of playing this hiding game," says the source. "She's head over heels for him." Holmes and Foxx have kept a low profile since they began dating, because of his friendship with Holmes' ex, Tom Cruise and her fear of how the publicity would affect her daughter, Suri, 11. But the romance is "very serious," sources said, and Holmes and Fox plan to travel together this summer.

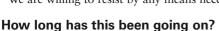
The free speech wars

America's universities are being roiled by violent protests over 'offensive' speech that students say should be silenced.

What are the protests about?

They center on whether students should be able to prevent guest speakers whom they find offensive from appearing on campus. In January, police at the University of California, Berkeley, had to cancel a talk by right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos after "antifa"—anti-fascist—activists stormed police barricades, causing \$100,000 worth of damage. Two months later, Berkeley said it couldn't guarantee the safety of an event involving conservative commentator Ann Coulter, leading to its cancellation. At a talk at Middlebury, the liberal arts college in Vermont, the controversial social scientist Charles Murray was shouted down by stu-

dents and chased out of town. Conservatives and many liberals have decried these and other protests as a dangerous impingement on free speech. But some left-wing students and academics believe bigoted speech is a form of oppression—and thus shouldn't be tolerated. "We won't put up with the violent rhetoric of Milo, Trump, or the fascistic alt-right," said one protester at Berkeley. "We are willing to resist by any means necessary."



Over the past decade, many universities have accepted the argument that they have a responsibility to protect students from material that makes them uncomfortable. Professors provide "trigger warnings" before discussing books or historical events that deal with racism or rape, to avoid "retraumatizing" people who have been affected by those issues. (See box.) Activists are also demanding to be shielded from "microaggressions"—words or phrases that convey subtle racism, sexism, or some other putdown of groups that have suffered discrimination. If a white American asks an Asian-American, "Where do you come from?"

that is a microaggression. Students have also vehemently objected to a number of commencement speakers—among them former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde—on political grounds, resulting in their being disinvited. Many students now want their entire campus to be a "safe space," free of any speech that might be considered racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, or offensive in any way.

What is their justification?

"Social justice" activists argue that certain kinds of speech reinforce hierarchies and power structures that oppress vulnerable groups. They say that when a white, conservative male like Yiannopoulos mocks Muslims or transgender people, it isn't just an opinion—it is an assault by a member of a privileged class on a less powerful group. This theory essentially holds that words aren't just words; they are



A protest against a Milo speech in Seattle

also tools of oppression. The right of free speech, says New York University professor Ulrich Baer, "should not mean that someone's humanity, or their right to participate in political speech as political agents, can be freely attacked, demeaned, or questioned." Many left-wing academics and students subscribe to the theory of "intersectionality," in which nearly all human interactions have an implicit power and status dynamic. A white male has an advantage over a white female, who has an advantage over a black female, who has an advantage over a black gay female, who has an advantage over a black trans female. In this worldview, people with privileged social rank can

use speech to render other people "invisible."

What is the counterargument?

Conservatives and traditional liberals argue that our Constitution enshrines free speech as one of our most basic rights, and that it especially protects words and ideas deemed offensive or forbidden. They say that no one should be given a "heckler's veto" over views he or she doesn't like, and that the best response to "bad" speech is more "good" speech. "If somebody has a bad or offensive idea, prove it wrong," said former President Barack Obama at a graduation speech last year. "Engage it. Debate it. Stand up for what you believe in." Free speech advocates believe that people learn best when their beliefs are challenged and have to be defended. They also argue that safe spaces provide inadequate preparation for the real world; conservatives in particular mock today's students as "Generation Snowflake"—so emotionally fragile they melt whenever they're offended, which is often.

Why is all this happening now?

There are several factors. Some social scientists believe that Baby Boomer parents who grew up in the turbulent, high-crime era of the 1960s and '70s protected and "coddled" their children, making them more susceptible to offense. Political polarization has increased the rancor between people of different views, so that they see their opponents not as merely wrong but as evil. Social media has made it easier for people to share offensive material, and for activists to foment and organize opposition to it. And with the rising cost of tuition, universities are increasingly treating their students like customers—and thus are more willing to yield to protests. All of this has left academics deeply worried about the future of free speech. "If we can't get [this] right at our elite universities," says Nicholas Christakis, a Yale professor who was caught up in a fiery debate over Halloween costumes in 2015, "we're doomed."

Warning students about 'triggers'

The rise of trigger warnings and microaggression theory has prompted widespread mockery. Literature that has been deemed "triggering" includes Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway (suicide) and even Ovid's Metamorphoses (sexual assault). In 2015, a faculty training guide at the University of California warned that the phrase "America is a land of opportunity" could upset people whose race makes it harder for them to succeed. Other expressions deemed verboten on campuses include "hey guys" and "man up" (sexist) and "crazy" ("ableist"). Yet activists say the use of trigger warnings, in particular, has been blown out of proportion. Fewer than 1 percent of colleges and universities have a policy requiring them, according to a 2015 study by the National Coalition Against Censorship. And most courses-in the sciences, math, engineering-have little or no need for them. Kate Manne, an assistant professor of philosophy at Cornell University, describes trigger warnings as a "basic courtesy" for students who have experienced extreme trauma. "They're a pretty small kindness," she says, "in a pretty small range of subjects."

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Conservative populism that's popular

Michael Brendan Dougherty

NationalReview.com

"What if you could have Trumpism without Donald Trump?" asked Michael Brendan Dougherty. It would look like the revolutionary leadership of British Prime Minister Theresa May. The tough Tory came to power riding the same populist rebellion against globalism that helped propel Trump's upset victory, and she has the same basic core issues: 'sovereignty, immigration ruled by law, and economic policies meant to promote social stability." But May and her Conservative Party are about to win an upcoming snap election by a historic rout, as she turns working-class voters into Tories and pushes the Labor Party to the irrelevant, far-left fringes. Her reign as prime minister has been free of Trump's "moral turpitude, personal indiscipline," and self-sabotage. An astute political player, May knows how far she can push unorthodox positions without triggering a backlash, and has tempered "her get-tough approach to the EU and the issue of migration with gestures of genuine respect to all members of Britain's life." After the election, May will be "just as popular a figure in her own country as Angela Merkel is in Germany." May is proving that "conservative nationalism is a winning formula"—when it is practiced by a savvy politician of good character.

A fake story the Russians endorsed

Max Boot ForeignPolicy.com

"If you don't watch Fox News," said Max Boot, "you likely don't have any idea who Seth Rich was." But if you follow Fox or other fonts of fake news such as Rush Limbaugh or InfoWars, you might think that Rich was murdered by a secret Democratic Party cabal for leaking the party's emails to WikiLeaks. In recent weeks, Fox News has aggressively promoted the conspiracy theory that Democratic National Committee staffer Rich—who police say was shot during a 4 a.m. robbery on a Washington, D.C., street last July—was actually assassinated by Democrats. The network's source? A Fox News contributor named Rod Wheeler, a private investigator who once warned Fox viewers about "an underground network" of armed lesbians. The Rich family denounced Fox for trying to exploit his death, and Wheeler recanted his story and admitted he had no sources. But the shameless Sean Hannity nonetheless devoted three segments of his show to "the DNC murder mystery," in a desperate attempt to distract attention from President Trump's very real scandals. The Russians, not incidentally, welcomed the Fox story, saying it proved that their hackers didn't steal Democratic emails after all. "The Russians have tipped their hand—and Fox's as well."

The price the GOP will pay

Erick Erickson
The Washington Post

"Republicans like to point out how disastrous President Barack Obama's tenure was for the Democratic Party," said Erick Erickson. Democrats lost more than 1,000 state and federal seats during his presidency, reaching new lows at almost every level of government. But Republicans may be heading for a similar debacle under President Trump, who is far less liked and respected than Obama and has the lowest approval ratings of any new president. Trump "exudes incompetence and instability," whether it's through his unhinged Twitter rants, his "divulging classified information to the Russians," or his angry firing of FBI Director James Comey over the Russia investigation. Republican leaders are squandering their credibility by contorting themselves to excuse the president's behavior, when the most plausible defense is one they can't make publicly: "He is an idiot who does not know any better." Congressional Republicans fear that if they hold this president accountable, they'll risk primary challenges by incurring the wrath of "a horde of vocal Trump supporters cheering on every inane statement, delusion, and bad act." But unless party leaders stage an intervention, "I expect them to experience an electoral bloodbath" in 2018 and, perhaps, "lose a generation of voters."

Viewpoint"[A new] study suggests older people are so hopelessly out of date on child rearing recommendations that they may put their beloved grandchildren at risk. Except—big except!—you don't need to be an 'expert' to raise a child. If you did, there would be no Kardashians. Children are hearty creatures, built to withstand Siberian winters, steaming jungles, and even American suburbs. Besides, the 'best' advice changes." Lenore Skenazy in The Wall Street Journal

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

A Texas man sued his date for the \$17.31 he paid for her movie ticket after she allegedly ruined the film by constant texting. Brandon Vezmar, 37, called Crystal Cruz a "threat to civilized society" in his suit, claiming she used her phone up to 20 times during the first 15 minutes of Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. When Cruz, 35, refused to stop texting a friend of hers, Vezmar suggested she step outside the theater to use her phone. She left and didn't return—but did repay Vezmar after he filed his case in small-claims court. "I'm not a bad woman," Cruz said. "I just went on a date."

■ A morbidly obese

- wild monkey in Thailand who binged on junk food and soda left behind by tourists has been rescued by wildlife workers and put on a weight-loss program. Adult macaques typically weigh about 20 pounds, but Uncle Fat, as locals call the chunky monkey, tipped the scales at 60 pounds. "It was not easy to catch him," said wildlife official Kacha Phukem. "He was the leader of his pack, and when I tried to go in, I had to fight off a flock of them with sticks." Uncle Fat is now on a strict diet of lean proteins, fruit, and vegetables.
- A Tennessee couple driving along an interstate got pulled over last week because they had an unexpected passenger-a drunken man who'd fallen asleep on top of their trunk. Carl Webb and his wife said they didn't notice the man when they left a barbecue festival in the dark. They were stunned when a policeman stopped them 14 miles later and told Webb, "Mister, are you aware there's a body on your trunk?" The man woke only when police roused him. "There's no way to describe it," said Webb. "It's unbelievable."



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Justice was not served in the case of Julian Assange, said Oisin Cantwell. Seven years ago, two women accused the WikiLeaks founder of sexually assaulting them when he visited Stockholm to give a lecture. When a court in the U.K.—his home at the time—ordered the Australian to be deported to Sweden in 2012, he took refuge at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he's been ever since. Assange refused to leave the building, saying that extradition to Sweden was a ruse to extradite him forward to the U.S., where he claims he's wanted for leaking classified State Department documents. Last week, Sweden's chief

prosecutor, Marianne Ny, dropped her country's rape investigation, saying Assange's evasions had made it impossible for them to pursue their probe. It's the right call, but it's still a failure of justice. Assange is now crowing that he's been exonerated, but of course he has not: Instead, "two women who have been exposed to considerable amounts of bile and hatred over the past six years will not have their cases tested" in open court. Nor is Assange, 45, free. If he steps out of the embassy, British police will likely arrest him for jumping bail, and nobody knows if there's a U.S. warrant. "There are no winners in this sad story."

Are we headed for a "Polexit"? asked Maciej Stasinski. Poland's ruling right-wing Law and Justice party (PiS) has already started to distance the country from the democratic and liberal European Union "by trampling on the constitution, the rule of law, the division of powers, and civil liberties." Now it's adding the embrace of nationalism and racism to its anti-European tilt and setting up a showdown with the EU. The issue is simple: At the height of the migrant crisis, in 2015, the EU agreed to spread some 160,000 asylum seekers among the bloc's member states, a decision Poland voted against. Now, the EU has warned Poland that it will face legal sanctions if it does

not participate. But the PiS adamantly refuses, saying that it is "impossible" for our country of 38 million to resettle the 6,200 people that make up our share of the refugee burden. Clearly, "that is a lie." The Catholic Church in Poland has offered a plan for each parish to take in one refugee family—and with more than 10,000 Polish parishes, we could take in many thousands of people. Yet our "ostentatiously Catholic" government, the same government that welcomed Pope Francis to Poland last year with open arms, won't even consider it. How long will the EU continue to support a country that "doesn't care about European values"?

Turkey: Erdogan tightens grip on power

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is going all out with his cult of personality, said Eren Guvercin in Die **Zeit** (Germany). As he was elected the leader of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) this week, portraits of Erdogan emblazoned with the slogan "An iron will, a powerful Turkey" appeared on billboards and all over social media. Under the old constitution, the president was supposed to be a nonpartisan figurehead—which is why Erdogan left the Islamist AKP when he became president in 2014. But the April referendum that Erdogan narrowly won changed Turkey from a parliamentary system to a presidential

one, and freed the president to again head his old party. The aspiring autocrat celebrated that change this week with an AKP conference "reminiscent of one of those jubilant displays of unity typical of North Korea." Erdogan announced there that the state of emergency he declared after last year's attempted coup—which has allowed him to jail more than 40,000 alleged coup plotters—would continue until the country achieved "welfare and peace." There was no discussion or debate about the party's mission, only oaths of fealty.

By refocusing the political system, Erdogan has saved Turkey, said Merve Sebnem Oruc in *Sabah* (Turkey). The old parliamentary system, which often produced unwieldy coalition governments, would have turned Turkey back into "the sick man of Europe." That is something we can't risk in these dangerous



Turkey's president is following the autocrat's playbook.

times. The West is again meddling in our region, just as it did in the years after World War I, when it grabbed the Ottoman Empire's Middle Eastern territories and carved them into volatile new states. With war now raging in Syria, "the map drawers" are again trying to reshape the Middle East—perhaps by creating a Kurdish state that will include parts of Syria, Turkey, and Iraq. It is only because Erdogan is standing up to them, and strengthening Turkish democracy, that Westerners label him an autocrat.

The way Erdogan is reshaping the AKP certainly bears the hallmarks of

autocracy, said Murat Yetkin in Hurriyet (Turkey). The president has begun removing veteran politicians from the executive bodies of the AKP and replacing them with sycophantic neophytes—people who are "loyal to him, more than they are loyal to an ideology or even the party." This vision of one-man rule is profoundly antidemocratic, said Orhan Bursali in Cumhuriyet (Turkey). But the opposition still has a chance. Just about every party aside from the far-right Nationalist Movement Party is united in opposition to Erdogan's plan to transform Turkey from a secular state oriented toward Europe into an authoritarian, Islamist state allied with Russia. Right now, the outlook for Turkey's economy looks grim, and we're becoming more internationally isolated, which reflects badly on the ruling AKP. If the opposition parties "behave smartly," not selfishly, they might be able to reclaim the country in the 2019 presidential and legislative elections.

How they see us: Uniting the Middle East against Iran

Iranians have chosen peace, said The Statesman (India) in an editorial. The landslide re-election of the country's moderate President Hassan Rouhani over a hard-line rival last week was "a sweeping endorsement for efforts to end Iran's international isolation and bring about greater freedoms at home." Turnout was high, with more than 70 percent of Iran's 56 million voters heading to the polls, and Rouhani's allies won up and down the ballot. Reformers swept the Tehran city council elections and took control of other major municipalities, amplifying Rouhani's victory. The president, whose main first-

term achievement was the signing of an international deal limiting Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of Western sanctions, declared that the result vindicated his attempts to open Iran up to the world. "You said no to those who wanted us to return to the past," Rouhani told cheering followers in his victory speech. Yet his reformist project already looks likely to crash into a major roadblock: While Shiite Iranians were choosing outreach and reform, U.S. President Donald Trump was in Saudi Arabia urging the Sunni world to unite against Tehran.

In fact, the U.S. is openly arming our main regional foe, Saudi Arabia, said *Iran Daily* (Iran). In Riyadh this week, President Trump claimed, preposterously, that Iran was a leading exporter of terrorism. "Until the Iranian regime is willing to be a partner for peace," he said, "all nations of conscience must work together to isolate it." To that end, he signed a \$110 billion arms



Young Rouhani supporters in Tehran

deal with the Saudis and supported the creation of what amounts to a Sunni Arab military alliance aimed at Iran. In reality, as we all know, Saudi Arabia's "radical ideology of Wahhabism" is the underpinning of the world's most dangerous terrorist groups, including al Qaida and ISIS. In schools run by ISIS, they even use official Saudi textbooks. Yet Iran is supposed to be the terrorist threat?

If Trump really wanted to stop terrorism, he should have asked his Saudi hosts about 9/11, said Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in

Al Araby Al-Jadeed (U.K.). As a candidate, Trump pointed out that 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi, and he hinted that they might have had support from the kingdom's royal family. Why didn't he talk to the Saudis about "ways to prevent terrorists and takfiris [extremists] from continuing to fuel the fire in the region and repeating the likes of the September 11 incident"? Surely because demonizing Iran is good business for U.S. arms manufacturers, said the *Daily Times* (Pakistan). And the more other countries in the region feel threatened by Iran, the more American arms they will buy. Those weapons will surely be used by the Saudi-led coalition that is now bombarding and battling Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen and indiscriminately killing civilians. The real loser in this deal isn't Iran, it's the millions of Yemeni children "who have spent the past two years living in famine and conflict" and who will soon be pounded with new American bombs.

CHINA

Hands-off attitude costs lives

Editorial

Dong-a Ilbo (South Korea)

CANADA

Paying for the recklessness of others

Editorial
The Globe and Mail

A tragic accident has put a spotlight on Chinese people's cruel disregard for the needs of others, said the *Dong-a Ilbo*. Eleven kindergartners, most of them South Korean, died when their bus crashed and caught fire in a tunnel near the eastern city of Weihai earlier this month. Some of them might have survived had Chinese drivers who witnessed the accident rushed to their aid. But nobody did. This is typical. Video of a toddler getting run over twice in the city of Foshan in 2011 shocked the nation, as it showed passers-by simply stepping over the girl's bloody body. Then, as now, Chinese media strongly criticized "the 'none of my busi-

Canadian taxpayers are on the hook for the poor choices of some of our neighbors, said *The Globe and Mail*. Earlier this month, thousands of families were evacuated from their Quebec homes because of severe flooding brought on by heavy rainfall. Nearly all the damage occurred in "known flood plains," meaning the people who bought houses there should have realized they were at risk. Yet the federal government is going to compensate them. "When Canadians are facing natural disasters, we pull together," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. But was it a natural disaster? Flooding in a flood zone is entirely predictable, even if

deeply ingrained in their culture. An old Chinese fable tells of a dog who took on the cat's job of catching rats and then fell asleep. When the owner came home to find the cat atop the pile of dead rodents, he gave the cat a fish and kicked the dog. The moral—that the dog was "too meddlesome"—reflects the Chinese belief that "one can suffer from doing a good thing." Such selfishness has only intensified with the "spread of individualism" following China's embrace of capitalism. "Perhaps Beijing should consider holding a public campaign against the indifference to other people in distress."

ness' attitude among the Chinese people," but it is

uncommon. Of course, the government allowed these people to build in these areas, so we can't just abandon them, "any more than we can deny health care to smokers and heavy drinkers." But given that climate change is increasing the likelihood of ever more severe flooding, we must do something to mitigate the cost to those of us on higher ground. The best answer may be "some form of public-private insurance." Homeowners will have to be officially informed if they live in an at-risk area, and then required to purchase flood coverage, perhaps with a subsidy. "The waters are going to keep rising"—we have to be prepared.

Talking points

Noted

- About 80 percent of the positive or negative media coverage of President Trump in his first 100 days was negative, according to a new Harvard University study. That excludes the 33 percent of coverage that was neutral in tone. Barack Obama enjoyed 59 percent positive coverage during the same period, while 60 percent of the early Bill Clinton coverage was negative. WashingtonPost.com
- President Trump is keeping his promise to crack down on undocumented immigrants. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) made more than 41,000 arrests in President Trump's first 100 days—an increase of 37.6 percent over the same period in 2016. About 25 percent of those arrested had no prior criminal convictions. NationalReview.com

Seventeen percent
of U.S. newlyweds
in 2015 were of differing races or ethnicities, a fivefold
increase over the
50 years since the
landmark Loving v.
Virginia Supreme
Court case, according to the
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Americans are the least likely to enter a mixed marriage, while Asian and Hispanic people are the most likely to do so. Black men are twice as likely to marry outside their race as black women.

Pew Research Center

■ Facebook investigated nearly 54,000 potential cases of revenge pornography and "sextortion" on the social media network in one month. The company disabled more than 14,000 accounts over such content; 33 of the cases involved children. The Guardian.com

Pence: Would he be an upgrade?

"President Mike Pence?" said Doyle McManus in the Los Angeles Times. The investigations and scandals surrounding President Trump have created a growing buzz in Washington about a potential Pence presidency—both "from Republicans wistful for the days of a functional White House" and from Democrats hoping for the lesser of two evils. Clearly, the vice president

would be far more competent and "would make the country safer." A former congressman and governor with 16 years in government, Pence is sane, thoughtful, and infinitely less likely to blunder into a nuclear war; unlike the president, he has also "read the Constitution." Granted, he'd be "the most conservative president of modern times," an evangelical Christian "fiercely opposed to abortion, gay marriage," and the expansion of LGBT rights. But given the risks of an unstable, authoritarian Trump, "I'd opt for President Pence—the sooner the better."

If Pence does becomes president, said **Kyle Smith** in *NationalReview.com*, the Left will lead us in a national chorus of "Whew! Back to normal." But their welcome will be short-lived. As soon as Pence takes the oath, progressives will denounce him as "a dangerous theocrat who hates women, minorities, and gays." His principled opposition



Temperamentally, Trump's opposite

to abortion will be framed as "a supreme danger to women's health." He'll be labeled a freakish misogynist "because he declines to have boozy one-on-one dinners with women other than his wife." But liberals can't have it both ways. If Trump represents "a unique threat to democracy" because he's not an ordinary Republican, Pence can't be intolerable because he is.

Democrats should indeed welcome President Pence, said Jeet Heer in NewRepublic.com. Smooth as he is, he'll take over a broken Republican Party embroiled in a civil war between far-right ideologues, moderates—and a new faction: disaffected Trumpists, feeling "they've been betrayed." With 30 million Twitter followers and TV networks clamoring for interviews, Trump himself would "go nuclear, attempting to take the party down with him." Meanwhile, the Russia investigation "would hardly disappear," said Matt Latimer in Politico.com. Would Pence pardon the disgraced president, as Gerald Ford did after Watergate? Indeed, was Pence himself present at "meetings that might draw congressional or lawenforcement scrutiny?" When Ford took office after Nixon resigned, "he declared, 'Our long national nightmare is over.' But it really wasn't"and it won't be if Trump is forced to leave office.

Ailes: A divisive media giant's legacy

"I know you're supposed to speak well of the dead," said Linda Stasi in the New York Daily News. But in Roger Ailes' case, I'm willing to make an exception. The lecherous Fox News founder, who died last week only months after leaving his company amid a flood of sexual harassment allegations, essentially "killed decency in TV news." By dressing blond women anchors "like high-priced escorts" and packaging "sexism, hate-spewing rhetoric, and rumormongering" as "fair and balanced" news, he divided the country and paved the way for President Donald Trump. Good riddance. "Ailes was the Christopher Columbus of hate," said Matt Taibbi in Rolling Stone.com. To make old white men nostalgic for the "simpler America" of their youth, Fox News portrayed the country as being overrun by "atheists, feminists, terrorists, and minorities." Ailes cynically turned news into a consumer product tailored to the audience's biases; other cable networks, talk show hosts, and websites followed his lead. As a result, Americans "now live in little bubbles where we get to nurse resentments and no one ever tells us we're wrong."

Fox News' many critics "never could understand" its success, said *The Wall Street Journal*. The

explanation is simple: Ailes recognized that the broadcast news networks like CBS and NBC were catering to audiences on the East and West coasts. He created Fox "for the country in between," and thereby "rebalanced" the media landscape. The network was more nationalist, populist, and patriotic than truly conservative, said Jonah Goldberg in *NationalReview.com*, and it served as a muchneeded counterweight to the liberal elite's "dim and cynical view" of traditional values. Ailes' vision struck a chord with millions of Americans.

Yet for all his success and influence, the Fox News founder will ultimately be remembered as a serial sexual predator, said Megan Garber in *TheAtlantic .com*. More than two dozen female employees accused Ailes of sexual harassment—of kissing and touching them, of demanding they "turn around," and of pressuring them for sexual favors in return for career advancement. Former anchor Gretchen Carlson recorded him saying, "You and I should have had a sexual relationship a long time ago." In another time, Ailes might have gotten away with his gross misuse of power forever. But we live in a new era now—one in which women "have had enough" of humiliation and abuse, and are fighting back. "That, too, is Ailes' legacy."

Talking points

Mueller: Trump's worst nightmare?

When President Trump returns to the White House from his foreign trip, he'll be sleeping "with a new enemy outside his window," said Leon Nayfakh in Slate.com. That'll be former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III, appointed by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein last week as a special counsel to investigate possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. Mueller's appointment came a week after Trump fired A classic G-man with an independent streak

FBI Director James Comey, and

days after it emerged Comey had written a February memo claiming Trump asked him to halt the bureau's investigation into national security adviser Michael Flynn. Mueller, 72, is the perfect candidate to restore confidence in the Russia investigation, said Elias Groll in ForeignPolicy .com. "A classic G-man," the decorated former Marine is "meticulous, details-oriented, and hardcharging." Mueller is also known for his "independent streak," famously blocking the Bush administration's attempts to renew a controversial surveillance policy. "Robert Mueller could be Donald Trump's worst nightmare."

Mueller's appointment is bad news for Trump and bad news for the country, said Byron York in WashingtonExaminer.com. A special counsel will only "roil and extend" a 10-month investigation that has so far failed to produce any evidence

of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. In fact, Mueller's investigation is likely to overshadow "the entire duration of the Trump presidency." Actually, "Republicans should rejoice" over Mueller's appointment, said Erick Erickson in FoxNews.com. He's a nonpar-

tisan, "consummate professional," and if there was no collusion with Russia, then Mueller will say so. Putting the investigation in his hands also gives

Trump "some breathing room between scandals." For the next several months, "the White House can say they cannot discuss the matter because of the Mueller investigation."

Mueller's bipartisan credibility is a double-edged sword, said Chris Cillizza in CNN.com. If he finds no evidence of collusion or crimes, the country is likely to accept that conclusion as "unbiased, fair, and factual." But if he does, it will be "damn near impossible" for this administration to pretend it was a partisan smear. That means "Republicans—from Trump on down will now live or die by what Mueller finds out." It's always possible a panicked Trump could decide to fire Mueller just as he fired Comey, said The New York Times in an editorial. But the last president to fire a special prosecutor was Richard Nixon—and we know what happened to him.

Flynn: The center of multiple scandals

Michael Flynn served as national security adviser for only 24 days, said Amber Phillips in WashingtonPost.com. Yet the retired general "could indefinitely haunt the Trump administration" as the focal point of investigations into the White House's growing Russia scandal. Flynn resigned on Feb. 13 after lying to Trump officials about whether he discussed lifting U.S. sanctions on Russia with the Russian ambassador. Since then, he has been accused of lying to the Pentagon about payments he received from Russia, and of being paid \$530,000 to carry out unregistered lobbying work for Turkey. Trump's team was reportedly told weeks before the inauguration that Flynn was under federal investigation for that clandestine lobbying work—but appointed him anyway. And when Trump tried to get nowousted FBI Director James Comey to lay off investigating Flynn, said David Graham in The Atlantic.com, he triggered the appointment of a special counsel. "The great mystery is why Trump has gone to such lengths to help Flynn."

Remember, we currently have no proof of Flynn's guilt, said David French in NationalReview.com. When he invoked the Fifth Amendment to decline a Senate subpoena to testify this week, Flynn's

critics saw it "as yet more smoke from a raging fire of conspiracy and treason." But pleading the Fifth is what any prudent citizen facing a federal investigation would do, even if he were innocent. Trump reportedly has sent Flynn messages to "stay strong" in the face of adversity, said Zack Beauchamp in *Vox.com*. How come? The president is usually quick to throw damaged subordinates under the bus. White House officials say Trump and Flynn bonded on the campaign trail, where Flynn often led the "Lock her up" chants. But with Flynn now under investigation both for taking payments from foreign governments and having multiple contacts with Russians during the campaign and transition, this loyalty "may end up bringing Trump down."

"The idea that Trump would show 'supreme loyalty' to anything other than his own best interests is laughable," said Jeet Heer in NewRepublic .com. We're talking about a "thrice-married man" who dumped two wives he tired of and cut off health insurance for a nephew's chronically ill child during an inheritance battle. There has to be a more "sinister" reason for his fierce allegiance. "When he tells Flynn to 'stay strong,' the message might simply be: 'No snitching."

Wit & Wisdom

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." Annie Dillard, quoted in the Chicago Tribune

"One who seeks friendship for favorable occasions strips it of all its nobility." Seneca, quoted in BrainPickings.org

"Be humble, but not too humble. Don't be invisible." Pharrell Williams, quoted in The San Diego Union Tribune

"You can either grow old gracefully or begrudgingly. I chose both." Roger Moore, quoted in Independent.co.uk

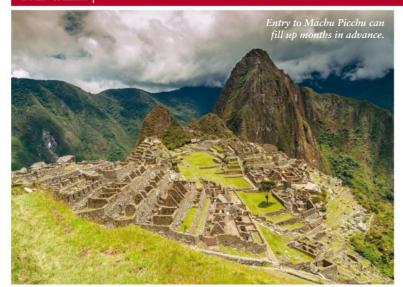
"Clever people master life; the wise illuminate it and create fresh difficulties." Artist Emil Nolde, quoted in the Montreal Gazette

"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance." George Bernard Shaw, quoted in The Wall Street Journal

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." Eleanor Roosevelt, quoted in HuffingtonPost.com.

Poll watch

- President Trump's approval rating has hit a new low. 38% approve of the job he is doing, while 56% disapprove. 23% of Republicans expressed disapproval of Trump, up from 16% a week earlier. Reuters-Ipsos
- 75% of Americans support the appointment of a special counsel to investigate possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. 80% of Republicans say there is no evidence of collusion, while 74% of Democrats say there is. 59% think the investigation will produce no charges, while 41% say it will lead to Trump's impeachment. Harvard-Harris



Travel destinations for history buffs

For travelers interested in exploring the past, these five locales offer a bevy of historic sites.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

What you'll find: French colonial architecture nestled among gleaming skyscrapers. The city's opulent Central Post Office, finished in 1891, is a period classic, its vaulted interior adorned by huge, hand-painted maps. But the French influence is perhaps best experienced in Ho Chi Minh City's vibrant café culture.

Don't miss: Still known to many locals as Saigon, the city looms large in the American memory for its pivotal role in the Vietnam War. The War Remnants Museum offers an opportunity to contemplate the brutal conflict's legacy from a Vietnamese perspective. The same goes for the Cu Chi Tunnels, an elaborate underground network used by Viet Cong guerrilla forces during the war.

If you have time: If you're tired of dodging the city's ubiquitous motorbikes, join them, by taking a Vespa tour with one of the city's many touring companies.

Normandy, France

What you'll find: Tranquil seaside towns and rolling farmlands belie the fact that Normandy has been the stage for some of the biggest dramas of world history: the launch of William the Conqueror's army, Joan of Arc's trial, and the landing of WWII's Allied Expeditionary Force. The Caen Memorial museum is an excellent jumping-off point for exploring the D-Day beaches.

Don't miss: The Bayeux Tapestry, one of the great works of

Anglo-Saxon and medieval art, can be seen at the Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux. An embroidered cloth nearly 230 feet long, it tells the story of William the Conqueror's victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. In Rouen, the medieval capital of Normandy, travelers can experience the life of Joan of Arc in a newly opened museum.

If you have time: The Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel is precariously perched atop an island half a mile from the mainland. Tidal patterns turn the surrounding bay



into a salt marsh for part of the day, adding to the island's mysterious and magical air.

Cuzco, Peru

What you'll find: The boundaries of South America's oldest continuously occupied city still follow the outline of the ancient imperial capital of the Incas. When Spanish conquerors arrived in the 16th century, Cuzco's main square was converted into the Plaza de Armas, where you'll find the iconic Cathedral Basilica, built on top of an Incan holy site.

Don't miss: Machu Picchu, the ancient city miraculously untouched by Spanish conquest, is one of the most important architectural sites in the world. Believed to have been the home of Incan monarchs, Machu Picchu's 20 acres are studded with temples and terraces. Book early: Only 2,500 people are allowed in per day.

If you have time: Rugged, outdoorsy types can hike the four-day Inca Trail, while textile aficionados should check out the Center for Traditional Textiles, which includes a museum of Peruvian weaving and a carefully curated shop.

Outer Banks, North Carolina

What you'll find: Orville and Wilbur Wright chose North Carolina's barrier islands to attempt the world's first powered flight because of the steady breezes and soft, sandy beaches. But the region is also soaked in maritime history. Nineteenth-century lighthouses dot the 200-mile-long string of islands, and it's estimated that some 1,500 ships have sunk in the treacherous waters. Adventurous travelers can book a shipwreck scuba dive with one of the region's many diving outfits.

Don't miss: The Wright Brothers National Memorial commemorates the triumphant 1903 flight, complete with a life-size replica of the original aircraft. Explore the legacy of less fortunate pioneers on Roanoke Island, the site of England's first North American colony, whose settlers' fate remains unknown to this day. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum on Hatteras Island showcases salvaged relics from the deep.

If you have time: Embrace your inner pirate at Teach's Hole on Ocracoke Island, a museum and pirating gift shop near the site of Blackbeard's final battle in 1718.

Cape Town, South Africa

What you'll find: Founded in 1652 by the employees of the Dutch East India Company as a way station for ships traveling to Southeast Asia, Cape Town is known to many in South Africa as the Mother City. Spectacular beaches and a waterfront nightlife beckon travelers, as do the vineyards of nearby wine country.

Don't miss: Robben Island, where former South African President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years before the fall of

apartheid, has become hallowed ground. The island has served as a prison since Dutch settlers arrived in the mid-17th century, also functioning at various times as a military base, a mental institution, and a leper colony.

If you have time: The Cape of Good Hope has been a waypoint for modernera sailors since Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias first rounded it in 1488, and it continues to inspire modern travelers. The rugged, windswept views are well worth the hour's drive from Cape Town.



Apps: How Slack is changing office culture

It's not your imagination: "Slack is ruining your life," said Nicole Gallucci in Mashable.com. I know because it's destroying mine. When I first signed up for the workplace-messaging app, I was told it'd be an efficient and fun way to communicate with my colleagues during work hours. "I was not, however, told that the addictive platform would soon creep into every aspect of my existence." For the uninitiated, Slack lets workers set up public and private chats, like texts or instant messaging, complete with quirky emoji. Theoretically, it makes brainstorming an idea or updating colleagues on a project easier, because it's faster than sending an email and less hassle than setting up a meeting. But it wasn't long before I found myself compulsively scrolling through Slack at all hours of the day and night—to see if I'd missed anything important or, just as often, the latest office gossip from around the digital watercooler. And the notifications are endless, even when you

aren't involved; "whole channels devolve into a personal chat between two people, and the rest of the company is taken along for the painful ride." So much for being more productive.

Slack "makes the line between work and not-work blurrier than ever," said Molly Fischer in New York magazine. With 5 million daily users at companies including 21st Century Fox, Dow Jones, and the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Slack is starting to feel as ubiquitous as Twitter or Facebook. Like those



Helpful or distracting?

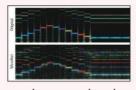
social media giants, Slack chats can turn into a bottomless rabbit hole of drama and distraction. "It's definitely possible to get work done on Slack; it's also possible to make yourself feel like you're working without actually accomplishing anything." Slack also douses office politics in "digital accelerant." At any given company, you'll find channels devoted to hobbies, snacks, and inside jokes—and also secret chats devoted to trashing other co-workers.

"Future workers could end up looking like today's most addicted smartphone users," said Richard Waters in the Financial Times. But it doesn't have to turn out that way. The social mores around how we use workplace-messaging apps "are still evolving." If nothing else, Slack's popularity shows that it fills a gap. It's very good at short, intense bursts of communication on

problems that need to be dealt with now, not saved up for some future meeting. Distraction is the least troubling thing about Slack, said Lila MacLellan in Qz.com. "Slack is an acronym, and its full name would make Orwell proud: Searchable Log of All Conversation and Knowledge." It's not hard to imagine a future in which bosses use it to *measure* productivity rather than merely enable it. Imagine all your workplace conversations being analyzed to provide daily feedback on your performance. If Slack doesn't go there, one of its competitors will.

Innovation of the week

Google is using artificial intelligence to create musical sounds



that human ears have never heard before, said Cade Metz in Wired .com. NSynth uses neural networks to combine different kinds of instruments like, say, classical music's clavichord and the Hammond organ of rhythm and blues. NSynth doesn't layer the sounds on top of each other, but uses the mathematical characteristics of the notes generated by each instrument to produce entirely new sounds. And it "can do this with about a thousand different instruments-from violins to balafons." NSynth is the work of Google Magenta, a small team of researchers within the tech giant who are teaching computers how to make art on their own and are creating a wider range of tools for human artists in the process. "Artistically, it could yield some cool stuff," said music critic Marc Weidenbaum. "And because it's Google, people will follow their lead."

Bytes: What's new in tech

Uber for big rigs

Uber is getting into the trucking business, said Johana Bhuiyan in Recode.net. The company's newest app, Uber Freight, matches commercial shippers with truck drivers looking for something to haul, with the ability to book a truck several weeks in advance or even on the same day. The service promises to streamline shipping the same way it did the private black car industry. Right now, independent drivers have to "shop around" for loads to ship. But if the company signs up enough shippers, "drivers will be fed a series of job options straight to their phone." And while drivers usually have to negotiate their own fees, Uber Freight's price will be "predetermined and guaranteed." But human truckers may ultimately find themselves replaced on the platform: Uber recently acquired the startup Otto, which is building driverless big rigs.

Meet the new search box

Your camera is becoming a search engine, said David Pierce in Wired.com. Google Lens, unveiled at the search giant's annual developer conference last week, works like this: "You take a picture, Google figures out what's in it." Of course, Lens can do more than tell you that the steakhouse you just took a photo of is a

restaurant. It can also pull up the hours, find a menu, or see if there's an open table later. Snap a picture of a flower, and you'll learn what kind it is and how to take care of it. Lens is coming to Google Photos and Google Assistant first, before being built into other Google products. Pinterest unveiled a similar feature, also dubbed Lens, earlier this year. It suggests related content, like recipes or shopping recommendations, based on users' photos.

Facebook goes to the ballpark

Major League Baseball has arrived on Facebook, said Sarah Perez in TechCrunch.com. The social network kicked off a new partnership with the MLB last week, live-streaming the matchup between the Colorado Rockies and the Cincinnati Reds. Nineteen other live, regular-season baseball games will also be broadcast on the platform. The games will be hosted on the official MLB Facebook page on Friday nights, with the feed coming from a participating team's local broadcaster. "Competition in the live-streaming space has been heating up in recent months," especially when it comes to sports. Amazon recently struck a deal with the NFL to broadcast 10 Thursday football games this year, while Twitter already streams professional baseball and hockey games.

Greetings from 'Garbage Island'

Lying between New Zealand and Chile in the South Pacific, uninhabited Henderson Island boasts white sandy beaches, 57 species of flowering plant—and 38 million pieces of plastic garbage, the highest density of trash ever recorded. Researchers made the startling discovery during a routine survey of the 14.4-square-mile coral atoll, which is so remote and inaccessible that in 1988 UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site with a "near-pristine island ecosystem." Now Henderson is littered with 18 tons of fishing nets, toothbrushes, razors, lighters, water bottles, helmets, toy soldiers, and other refuse, *The Wash*-

ington Post reports. Markings suggest the debris came from China, Japan, South America, Europe, the U.S., Russia, and elsewhere around the world. Why did it end up on Henderson? The island sits on the western edge of the South Pacific gyre—a circular ocean current that acts like a conveyor belt, dumping floating objects ashore. During a three-month stay on Henderson, the researchers found that about 3,500 pieces of plastic waste washed onto the island's beaches daily. All told, some 9 million tons of plastic ends up in oceans each year; it traps marine mammals and fish, gets swallowed by seabirds,



Henderson Island's shore, teeming with refuse

never degrades, and can float around for decades. "When we dispose of plastic, we think it goes away," says study co-author Alex Bond. "But there is no 'away."



The nodosaur has been compared to a dragon

Dino mummy unearthed

When miners in northern Alberta struck some walnut-brown, oddly patterned rock, they were intrigued—and with good reason: They'd stumbled onto what turned out to be the most spectacularly wellpreserved fossil of an armored dinosaur ever found, a previously unknown species of plant-eating nodosaur that chomped its last leaf 110 million years ago. Carefully chipping away surrounding rock for some 7,000 hours, paleontologists found the creature eerily intact, its armor, spiky skin, and guts impeccably preserved in a stone tomb dating back to the Cretaceous period. It's believed a flooded river swept the 18-foot-long, 3,000-pound nodosaur out to sea. While the plates of armored dinosaurs usually fell off during decomposition, minerals in the ancient seabed preserved this one's remains as it gradually fossilized. The dinosaur "mummy" will help paleontologists learn more about the animal's coloring and anatomy and understand how it used its horns and armor. "We don't just have a skeleton," researcher Caleb Brown tells National Geographic. "We have a dinosaur as it would have been."

Egyptian necropolis discovered

Archaeologists working 26 feet below ground in the Nile Valley city of Minya,

135 miles south of Cairo, have uncovered an extensive ancient burial site with 17 intact mummies. What's more, the protruding legs and feet of other mummies have been observed elsewhere in the subterranean chamber, suggesting the find may be much larger. Experts are still working to date the necropolis, but it's estimated the elaborately preserved corpses—which likely belonged to officials and priests—are from Egypt's Greco-Roman period, which began in 332 B.C. and lasted 600 years. The burial site also contains animal coffins and papyri bearing ancient Egyptian script, as well as limestone and clay sarcophagi. Egypt's antiquities minister, Khaled Al-Anani, hopes this discovery and other recent archaeological finds will revive the country's floundering tourism industry. "It's as if it's a message from our ancestors," he tells NPR.com, "lending us a hand to help bring tourists back."

How exercise slows aging

If working out makes you feel younger, a new study suggests it's no illusionvigorous exercise can actually slow the aging process on a cellular level, turning back the clock nearly a decade. Researchers analyzed 6,000 adults based on their physical activity and biological markers of aging, Time.com reports. Most importantly, they used DNA samples to measure the length of participants' telomeres, protein caps that protect chromosomes. like the plastic tips of shoelaces. Telomeres shrink with age—we lose bits of them every time a cell divides. "In general, people with shorter telomeres die sooner and are more likely to develop many of our chronic diseases," says study author Larry

Tucker. Taking into account risk factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, and obesity, the researchers found people who exercised strenuously—say, running for 30 to 40 minutes five days per week—had longer telomeres. That gave them about a nine-year "biological aging advantage" over sedentary adults; those who exercised more moderately had a two-year edge. The researchers speculate physical activity could help preserve telomeres by reducing stress and inflammation. "We all know people who seem younger than their actual age," Tucker says. "Exercise can help with that, and now we know that part of that may be because of its effect on our telomeres."

Health scare of the week New fears over red meat

Once again researchers are raising a red flag over red meat. A National Cancer Institute study tracked nearly 537,000 adults between 50 and 71, monitoring their diet and health over the course of 16 years. They found those who routinely ate the most processed and unprocessed red meat, such as beef, lamb, and pork, had a 26 percent greater risk of dying from one of nine ailments: cancer, heart disease, lung disease, stroke, diabetes, infections, Alzheimer's, kidney disease, and liver disease. On the **other h**and, replacing red meat with white

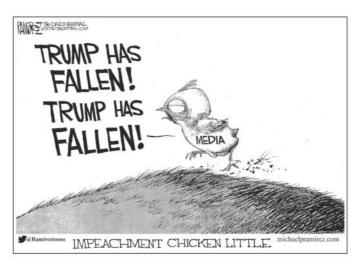
meat, including fish and poultry, was linked with a 25 percent lower risk of death from most causes, *The New York Times* reports. The researchers speculate that iron and nitrates found in red and cured meats trigger an imbalance known as oxidative stress,

which may explain the risk discrepancy, but emphasize that their findings are preliminary. "This is an observational study, and we can't determine whether red meat is responsible for these associations," says lead author Arash Etemadi, "But we have a 16-year follow-up."

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Pick of the week's cartoons











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Review of reviews: Books

Book of the week

Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst

by Robert M. Sapolsky

(Penguin, \$35)

Good thing you have all summer to get through this 800-page doorstop, said Glenn Altschuler in *Psychology Today*. Robert Sapolsky's Behave isn't just a fine book; it "should be required reading for anyone and everyone—interested in why human beings believe what they believe and do what they do." Sapolsky, a Stanford neuroscientist and MacArthur "genius" grant recipient, draws insights from hundreds of empirical studies as he addresses the most fundamental questions of human behavior: Are we inherently good or bad? Does free will exist? How capable are we of turning over a new leaf? The bold answers he offers are often leavened with humor, as when he claims that humanity's invention of agriculture was a mistake on par with New Coke. Such quips don't detract from the book's serious aims, though. They simply make the reading "as enjoyable as it is instructive."



The lion within: Will we ever understand it?

Sapolsky decided to explain human behavior from the inside out, and he "succeeds magnificently," said David Barash in *The Wall Street Journal*. He starts in his wheelhouse—the physical, neural underpinnings of a given behavior—then widens the perspective to consider the effects of hormones, development, environment, and even evolution. He explains how the brain can rewire itself, showing how that's cool when it heightens the hearing of a blind person but not so great when it enlarges the amygdala of a trauma victim until strong emotions reduce the capacity for rational

thinking. Clearly, not every behavior is programmed in at birth. Sapolsky argues that running toward danger, for example, is a socially conditioned response, developed to increase the chances of group survival. And though all bad behavior has biological underpinnings, he rejects the idea that genes and hormones alone can explain people's misdeeds.

But he does come very close to denying the existence of free will, said Anne Harrington in Nature. To him, people who commit crimes are acting on impulses rooted so strongly in biology and experience that they can't be said to have chosen to do wrong. Oddly, though, Sapolsky can't bring himself to say that acts of generosity are also predetermined, and even argues that behavioral scientists, as their understanding improves, will be able to teach us how to nurture more Nelson Mandelas and Martin Luther King Jrs.—people who transcend the wiring of the brain, as well as personal circumstances, to do good. That prospect sounds unlikely. In the end, though, "it's impossible not to deeply admire a project bold enough to ask an entire field to work to create a more just and peaceful world."

Novel of the week Saints for All Occasions

by J. Courtney Sullivan (Knopf, \$27)

J. Courtney Sullivan's latest novel is "a quiet masterpiece," said Ron Charles in The Washington Post. The story of an Irish Catholic family, it opens with the death of a 50-year-old Boston man whose mother, Nora Rafferty, has spent a lifetime trying to exert control over the people she loves. Before long, we know all those people, and thanks to Sullivan's magic touch, "care about them as if they were our own family." In a flashback to the 1950s, we see Nora leaving Ireland with her teenage sister, Theresa, neither suspecting that within a year. Theresa will have a baby and Nora and her new husband will adopt the boy as their own, thus establishing a pattern of well-intentioned but corrosive deception. Though the Raffertys are a loving clan, "misunderstandings ricochet through the family's generations like so much shrapnel," said Sarah Begley in Time.com. The reader can see how secrets are pulling the family apart, yet the novel celebrates them for their determination to lead saintly lives. "They may fail, but they keep trying."

There's a Mystery There: The Primal Vision of Maurice Sendak

by Jonathan Cott

(Doubleday, \$30)



Maurice Sendak wasn't like any other children's author, said Meghan Cox Gurdon in *The Wall Street Journal*. A writer-illustrator "preternaturally alive to the physicality and intense appetites of childhood," he initially struggled to get published because

editors found his work too disconcerting. But the distinctive worlds he brought to life in *Where the Wild Things Are* and *In the Night Kitchen* won Sendak the fierce adoration of young readers, and he continued creating nearly until his death in 2012. Jonathan Cott once interviewed Sendak for *Rolling Stone* and also draws from a variety of other sources, including psychoanalysts and friends, to explore the author's vision. Even Sendak skeptics "may find themselves surprised, sympathetic, and enchanted."

Cott leans too heavily on the words of his secondary sources, said Michiko Kakutani

in The New York Times. But he does offer a few sharp insights. Sendak, who grew up in Brooklyn as the youngest child in a Jewish family of five, was often bedridden by illness, and he fixated early on the 1932 kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh's infant son. Young Maurice was traumatized when he learned, courtesy of a news photo, that the baby's corpse had been found. Years later, he said, "Children surviving childhood is my obsessive theme and my life's concern." In 1981's Outside Over There, he unspooled a tale about a girl whose baby brother is kidnapped by goblins. Cott's close reading of that work, for which Sendak wrote 100 drafts, "provides an illuminating window into the creative process" and shows how the final version's words and pictures achieve their resonant effect.

Sendak's most penetrating critics have always been children, said Christine Smallwood in *Harper's*. Cott relates a story about an autistic boy who spoke his first words after studying *Where the Wild Things Are*. In another anecdote, a young fan is so thrilled to have received a drawing from Sendak that he eats it. Cott's enthusiasm is almost as fierce. Though at times he's too earnest, the loving attention he gives to Sendak's work generates ample rewards. "I wish there were more criticism like it."

The Book List

Author of the week

Ben Sasse

Nebraska's junior senator, Ben Sasse, has a simple plan for saving America, and it involves increasing teenage suffering, said **Steve Inskeep** in *NPR.org*. Sasse, who grew up amid farmland outside Omaha, has written a book,



The Vanishing American Adult, in which he urges parents to force their adolescent kids to experience

challenging physical labor—as he did in his day. Sasse, 45, looks back fondly on his school days, when he and his buddies worked the fields and got into friendly scraps; he says such experiences taught him about his own resiliency, and he's trying to make sure his three children learn the same lesson. "At our house, we celebrate stitches," he says. "Persevering and getting through hardship makes you tough."

Sasse at least lives what he preaches, said Michael Scherer in Time. Last year, the first-term Republican made news by driving on weekends for Uber so he could study the so-called sharing economy firsthand. Last summer, he shipped his 14-year-old daughter off to a cattle ranch so she'd learn what it's like to birth calves and start work before dawn. Other Nebraska parents loved the idea. "I'd go places and crowds would form," Sasse says. "They wanted their kids to suffer, too." Sure, Sasse might simply be laying groundwork for a future presidential run, but his pitch about how consumerism has made us helpless and complacent at least allows him to talk about something other than the current mess in Washington. "The larger share of what ails us as a nation is well upstream from politics," he says. "Culturally, we're a mess."

Best books...chosen by Dennis Lehane

Dennis Lehane's new novel, Since We Fell, is his first featuring a female protagonist, and she shoots a man in the opening pages. Below, the author of Mystic River names six books that transformed his understanding of what writing can do.

The Wanderers by Richard Price (Mariner, \$16). My urtext as a writer. The members of an early 1960s Bronx street gang try to navigate their way to adulthood, with mixed results. I read it at 14, and had never before encountered characters so close to the kind of people I saw around me every day. *The Wanderers* is profane, hilarious, terrifying, heartbreaking, and authentic. In short, all you can ask of a novel.

The Moviegoer by Walker Percy (Vintage, \$15). I never knew prose could be so lush. This is the novel that led me down the rabbit hole into Southern fiction, into shimmering lyrical language. Binx Bolling goes on an existential journey in the movie theaters and genteel parlors of New Orleans, finding love with a deeply unstable woman in the process.

The Last Good Kiss by James Crumley (Vintage, \$15). A road novel, a homage to Kerouac and Raymond Chandler, a multilayered mystery, and a heartfelt meditation on the 1970s, the death of idealism, and the inability of men to truly "see" women. Crumley seemed unaware he was supposed to be writing just another mystery novel.

So he wrote what might be the greatest one in the English language (starting with the greatest first sentence in American crime fiction).

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton (Dover, \$4.50). There is no actual violence per se, but in Wharton's world faint whispers far in the background can wreak as much destruction as a clenched fist.

What We Talk About When We Talk About Love by Raymond Carver (Vintage, \$15). The seven-page opening story, "Why Don't You Dance?" wholly captures the sum of a man's life and that of two young lovers trying to furnish their first apartment. Each entry in Carver's benchmark for minimalism shows how much you can do with sentences so stripped down they look to be made of nothing but marrow.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (Harper Collins, \$18). No matter when you read it, it remains perfect and profound. I first read it at 7 or 8. Now I read it to my daughters about once a month, and every time I do they look transformed by the journey.

Also of interest...in Native American voices and allies

Whereas

by Layli Long Soldier (Graywolf, \$16)



Layli Long Soldier is a poet of Lakota descent who lives between two languages and deploys that doubleness "with ferocious precision," said John Freeman in the *Los Angeles Times*. The poems in her magnificent debut

collection have a "jittery, stutter-stepping" rhythm, often combining strategic repetition with bursts of lyricism. The title series of poems rewrites Congress's half-hearted 2010 apology for U.S. mistreatment of Native Americans, peeling away legal politesse to expose an undercurrent of lies.

Good Friday on the Rez

by David Hugh Bunnell (St. Martin's, \$27)



David Bunnell's "searing" memoir might renew your faith in progress, said May-lee Chai in *The Dallas Morning News*. Bunnell, the founder of *PC Magazine*, grew up in a Nebraska town where the Lakota

minority were treated like dogs. But Bunnell rejected racism, and eventually became a teacher on a South Dakota reservation and witnessed the battles of the Indian civil rights movement. He's revisiting difficult history, but the lasting friendships he forged add warmth to his testimony.

God's Red Son

by Louis Warren (Basic, \$35)



The Ghost Dance movement of the late 1800s was more than a sad sideshow to the collapse of traditional Native American societies, said Fergus Bordewich in *The Wall Street Journal*. In this "compellingly written" chron-

icle of the movement and its lasting influence, historian Louis Warren asks us to see it as a profound religious revival. It integrated Christian and tribal teachings and promoted cross-tribe solidarity. Its rituals so spooked whites, though, that it helped trigger 1890's massacre at Wounded Knee.

Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits

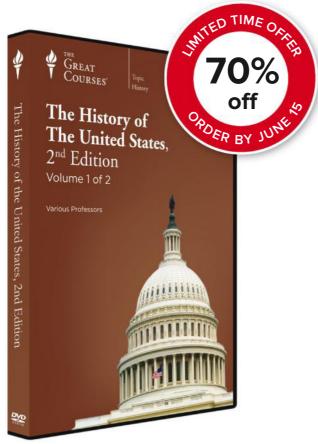
by Chip Colwell (Univ. of Chicago, \$30)



Custody battles over Native American artifacts often involve agonizing choices, said Bob Holmes in the *New Scientist*. Anthropologist and museum director Chip Colwell frequently referees such conflicts, and his new book

illuminates the complexities. Though Colwell could have better explained science's legitimate interests in studying, say, a ceremonial robe from an Alaskan tribe, he's right to highlight the cultural imperatives that prompt Native Americans to demand the return of sacred objects.





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Review of reviews: Art

Exhibit of the week

Robert Rauschenberg: Among Friends

The Museum of Modern Art, New York City, through Sept. 17

For a figure rightly regarded as one of the 20th century's great artists, Robert Rauschenberg "made remarkably little good art," said Peter Schjeldahl in The New Yorker. He was an ideas man, and a good one. Works in the Rauschenberg mode "complicate what art has been, is, and can be," and "once done," they "needn'tmustn't be done again." The immense retrospective now on view at MoMA includes all the greatest hits: his all-white paintings from 1951, the Willem de Koonig drawing that he acquired and erased in 1953, the print he made of a tire track rolling across 23 feet of paper. Those works have influenced every generation of artists since. Rauschenberg (1925-2008) hit gold in the early 1960s with a series of collage-style, silk-screened works, and then he moved on. He was, right till the end, a performance artist at heart. A viewer responds to his works "not with an absorption in their quality but with a vicarious share in his brainstorming excitement while making them."

That the art world has honored him decade after decade "amounts to nothing more than confirmation of what fools we mortals be," said Jed Perl in *The New York Review*



Gift for Apollo, a 1959 combine

of Books. Less an artist than a shaman, Rauschenberg capitalized early on the art audience's taste for avant-garde high jinks and never looked back. But he confounded tradition without offering substantive alternatives. Among his celebrated "combines," for example, is a 1955–59 hybrid sculpture-painting, titled Monogram, that features a taxidermied goat with its midsection in a rubber tire. Highbrow theorists

"have had a field day" offering interpretations of that one, but its appeal is really that no interpretation would be wrong. His performance art at least entertains. In 1963's *Pelican*, he roller-skates around Merce Cunningham dancer Carolyn Brown wearing a parachute-like contraption, employing his "boy-next-door good looks" to "poker-faced bohemian ends." Even in such charming moments, "there's a volubility about Rauschenberg's visual imagination that is irreconcilable with the discipline art demands."

But a magpie sensibility is nothing to apologize for, said Deborah Solomon in WNYC.org. "A master of inclusion," Rauschenberg "reinvented art with objects that look nothing like art," and if you look closely at the work he made from scraps of found objects and imagery, you'll see real compositional rigor—"geometric grids galore!"—as well as "a rhapsodic urban poetry." That he so often relied on talented collaborators is no sin either, said Holland Cotter in The New York Times. Consider Glacial Decoy, a photographic slideshow that was used as a backdrop for a 1979 dance choreographed by Trisha Brown. In a video of the performance, Rauschenberg's images are not particularly striking on their own, but they elevate the emotional effect of the performance. "That's the way his art is: as public as a pyramid; as intimate and particular as a soul-mate chat."

Basquiat's coup: A record sale

Even seasoned buyers gasped when the auctioneer's hammer came down, said Robin Pogrebin and Scott Reyburn in The New York Times.

In a thrilling



A new American icon

moment last week, an untitled painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat became the most expensive American work ever sold at auction. "Perhaps poignantly," the \$110.5 million winning bid for the 1982 skull meant that Basquiat, who died at 27 in 1988, had eclipsed a mark set by his mentor Andy Warhol. A recent market surge for Basquiats owes mostly to one man, said Alanna Martinez in The New York Observer. The buyer, e-commerce billionaire Yusaku Maezawa, just last year paid the previous high for a Basquiat. Maezawa says he's not buying art to sell; he aims to build a museum for Chiba, Japan, his hometown.

Between Heaven and Hell: The Drawings of Jusepe de Ribera

The Meadows Museum, Dallas, through June 11

The 17th-century painter Jusepe de Ribera might just be "the supreme master of mar-

tyrdoms," said Rick Brettell in The Dallas Morning News. A pillar of the so-called Golden Age of Spanish painting, Ribera (1591-1652) excelled at depicting contorted human figures and frequently channeled that talent into images of early Christians enduring paroxysms of torment. Judging by the 10 Ribera paintings, 11 etchings, and 46 drawings now on view at Dallas' Meadows Museum, "to say that Ribera's aesthetic was dark is an understatement." But look past all the flesh being flayed or

all the flesh being flayed or pierced by arrows and you'll be awed by the "wiry energy" of Ribera's draft work and his knack for "brilliantly original" compositions. An Old Masters show of this caliber is rare, so if you're worried that you're too squeamish, "get over it, and go."



A St. Sebastian study

Ribera's times demanded images of barebones religious faith, and he followed that mandate to "an unsettlingly literal degree," said **Rob Colvin** in *Hyperallergic.com*. The Catholic Church he'd been born into was pushing back hard against Protestants who

derided displays of wealth and luxury, and Ribera, who worked for most of his career in Spanish-ruled Naples, was more than happy to capture suffering instead. Of the 157 Ribera drawings in existence, fully a quarter show men tied to trees "in impressively uncomfortable ways." Always, Ribera demonstrated "utmost fidelity to the human form," aided, no doubt, by the access he had to one of the first books of anatomy. There's more, though. In one of the many

drawings Ribera created of St. Sebastian in his dying moments, the martyr's right hand has gone limp and his head is lifted toward the sky. The intent isn't to scare viewers. "The work suggests a man caught between agony and ecstasy."

The Woman Who Left

Directed by Lav Diaz (Not rated)



A freed prisoner discovers unexpected purpose.

This sometimes brutal blackand-white drama from the Philippines "makes uncompromising demands on your attention and empathy," said A.O. Scott in *The New York Times*. But even with its subtitled dialogue and nearly four-hour run time, "it feels less like a test of your endurance than an appeal to your appetite for character,

incident, and emotion." Horacia, the "unforgettable" protagonist, has spent 30 years in prison camp for a murder she didn't commit. When the real killer confesses, a freed Horacia buys a gun and goes looking for the ex-lover who framed her. But Horacia takes a turn toward saintliness on her road to ven-



Charo Santos-Concio as a vengeful saint

geance, said Chris Nashawaty in *Entertainment Weekly*. She nurses a transgender prostitute who's suffered a beating. She walks the streets offering small kindnesses to the poor even as she remains on the hunt. At times, director Lav Diaz's focus on his country's societal ills overshadows the main story. Still, his "marathon tone poem,"

inspired by a Tolstoy story, can be a "richly rewarding" experience. "It's a film you have to feel your way into, like a ruined church or a haunted house," said Peter Bradshaw in *The Guardian*. Inside, you'll discover "a vast, dark behemoth of mystery and anguish, as forbidding as a starless night sky."

The Survivalist

Directed by Stephen Fingleton



A loner navigates society's collapse.

"Think of *Mad Max*, directed by an art house minimalist," said Nigel Andrews in the *Financial Times*. That's the effect achieved by this "darkly enthralling, eerily poetic" British thriller set in a near future when society has collapsed after the end of oil production and resulting spread of famine. Martin McCann plays a sinewy loner

who has lived in a forest cabin for several years, setting traps, tending crops, and shooting murderous intruders. But one day a steely middle-aged woman (Olwen Fouéré) and her daughter (Mia Goth) find their way to the cabin, shattering the survivalist's



McCann: Ever vigilant

solitary routine. "From then on, the movie becomes a quiet yet tense chamber piece," said Craig Lindsey in *The Village Voice*. The women offer jewelry, seeds, and finally the daughter's body in exchange for food and shelter, and an uneasy peace briefly takes hold. But in a brutish world, to trust is a weakness, said Jeannette Catsoulis in *The*

New York Times. Though outsiders remain a threat, in this "impressively lean and rigidly controlled" drama, "the real tension is cooked in the constantly adjusting space that separates these three characters. To survive, three must become two."

Harry Styles Harry Styles





Harry Styles' solo debut "practically screams 'Take me seriously!'" said **Greg Kot** in the *Chicago Tribune*. The One Direction heart-throb has made a point of distancing himself

from the bubblegum pop that brought his boy band fame. Instead, Styles indulges in 1970s revivalism, aping his rock and soul singer heroes. The 10 songs here lack the hooks that made One Direction's music instantly appealing. But Styles proves he can pull off a more mature sound and style. The 23-year-old "encounters his fair share of growing pains along the way," said David Sackllah in *ConsequenceOfSound.net*.

"Only Angel," for example, segues from soaring synth to bluesy pop-rock, but "fails to develop much beyond kitsch" with its clichéd lyrics about bad boys and bad girls. Still, the album's stylistic range is impressive, with Styles dabbling in blues, country, and Southern rock. "His charisma and adaptability pour through," and fortunately, the missteps "don't detract too much from this ambitious, if slightly unfocused, debut."

Girlpool Powerplant





The absence of drums was once a defining trait of the Girlpool sound, said **Josh Modell** in **AVClub.com**. Best friends Cleo Tucker and Harmony Tividad built a big online fol-

lowing "by keeping it super simple, letting their voices and guitars convey their heart-on-the-sleeve sentiment," and the two L.A. teens stuck to that singular folkpunk formula for a 2015 debut album. But a drummer was asked in for this record, and the addition of a steady rock beat proves "absolutely illuminating." The lead track, "123," is the band's "catchiest song yet," and though the co-stars' "affectless" singing weighs down the album's midsection, "Static Somewhere" closes things out with "some unabashed bashing." Sure, the new Girlpool "sounds a little more like everyone else," said Jillian Mapes in Pitchfork.com. But Tucker and Tividad haven't abandoned what makes them distinct—their spare but poetic lyrics and unsettling "dull-knife" harmonies. "Thankfully, the voice in all its vulnerable forms still sits center stage."

Jlin Black Origami





Jerrilynn Patton's new album is "an astonishing global exploration of what drums can do," said **Hua Hsu** in *The New Yorker*. Patton, a Gary, Ind., native who records as Jlin, previ-

ously garnered acclaim for a 2015 album whose music had roots in footwork-a niche genre of frenetic electronic dance music from Chicago. Jlin's version was "dense and operatic," combining chattering drum patterns with moody synthesizers, and her latest effort pushes further into the avant-garde. All is rhythm, but "nothing is where you expect it to be." Even songs that begin with a steady beat shape-shift into "something frenzied and nightmarish." Black Origami has fewer abrasive edges than Dark Energy, said Britt Julious in Spin.com. "Kyanite," for example, melds birdsong, marching-band drums, and wind chimes. There's more open space on these tracks, and every sound, from digitized harp to breathy woodwinds, feels carefully chosen. "It is the work of an exacting mind," and "it asks the listener to find thrills in its surprises and layers."

Movies on TV

Monday, May 29 Fatal Attraction

Avoid rabbit for dinner before this potboiler about a one-night stand that triggers psychotic obsession. Michael Douglas and Glenn Close co-star. (1987) 6:55 p.m., Starz Encore

Tuesday, May 30

The Green Berets

John Wayne plays a Special Forces commander leading a jungle mission to capture a North Vietnamese general. (1968) 6 p.m., Sundance

Wednesday, May 31 Inception

Christopher Nolan's mindbending thriller casts Leonardo DiCaprio as a thief who specializes in stealing ideas from other peoples' subconscious. (2010) 11 p.m., IFC

Thursday, June 1

The Women

Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, and Norma Shearer co-star in a catty comedy about wayward husbands and wives rushing into divorce. (1939) 11:15 p.m., TCM

Friday, June 2 Basic Instinct

A troubled San Francisco detective fights his attraction to a murder suspect, a femme fatale character made iconic by Sharon Stone. Michael Douglas co-stars in a neo-noir trash classic. (1992) 7 p.m., Ovation

Saturday, June 3

Shattered Glass

Hayden Christensen plays Stephen Glass, a young New Republic reporter who fabricated dozens of stories to make himself a star. (2003) 4:40 p.m., Cinemax

Sunday, June 4

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Elia Kazan launched his stellar directing career with this drama about the trials of an Irish-American family in 1912 Brooklyn. (1945) 8 p.m., TCM

The Week's guide to what's worth watching

Still Star-Crossed

What light from yonder Shonda breaks? Shonda Rhimes, already responsible for such ABC mainstays as *Scandal* and *Grey's Anatomy*, tries a period drama series that picks up where *Romeo and Juliet* left off in charting the feud between the Montagues and Capulets. To mend wounds, a marriage is arranged between Benvolio Montague and Rosaline Capulet. But the betrothed, played by Wade Briggs and Lashana Lynch, have other plans. *Monday, May 29, at 10 p.m.*, *ABC*

Independent Lens: Farmer/Veteran

After three tours of duty in Iraq, Purple Heart recipient Alex Sutton started a new life raising animals on a North Carolina farm. But the hope that agricultural work might offer a miracle cure for the psychic wounds of combat ran into complications when the wounded Army veteran's prescribed drug regimen impeded his ability to complete tasks and his memories of war began departing from reality. That's the nature of post-traumatic stress disorder, made vivid in this award-winning documentary. *Monday, May 29, at 10 p.m., PBS; check local listings*

House of Cards

The Trump era presents a unique challenge for Netflix's acclaimed political soap opera. As Season 5 begins, President Frank Underwood and his first lady are attempting to rule by fear, using immigration, terrorism, and the prospect of a wider war as tinder. But none of their tactics feel out of bounds anymore, which means that Kevin Spacey's Frank—or Robin Wright's Claire Underwood—may have to go full-tilt monster to maintain the series' wicked edge. *Available for streaming Tuesday, May 30, Netflix*

World of Dance

When you're launching a TV talent show, the templates are pretty much *American Idol* or *Dancing With the Stars*. NBC's latest effort tries to have it both ways, recruiting Jennifer Lopez from *Idol*'s alumni ranks and Derek Hough from *DWTS*'s, then naming them judges—along with singer Ne-Yo and the show's host, Jenna Dewan Tatum. They'll oversee a cutthroat, cross-genre



Alex Sutton cradles a dove in Farmer/Veteran.

competition for a \$1 million purse. *Tuesday,* May 30, at 10 p.m., NBC

I'm Dying Up Here

A drama series about comedy? This new show attempts a nearly impossible balancing act as it follows a group of 1970s standup performers trying to impress a saucy club owner who's a gate-keeper for Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show*. But the jokes are funny enough, and the actors, led by Oscar-winner Melissa Leo, make *Dying* worth a look. *Sunday*, *June 4*, at 10 p.m., *Showtime*

Other highlights Long Strange Trip

More than a band, the Grateful Dead was the gravitational force that held together a decadeslong traveling psychedelic circus. This Martin Scorsese–produced documentary revisits the group's remarkable ride. *Available for streaming Friday, June 2, Amazon*

Dumb: The Story of Big Brother Magazine

This documentary focuses on a different band of merry pranksters: Johnny Knoxville and the rest of the *Jackass* crew that emerged out of California's 1990s skateboarding culture. *Available for streaming Saturday, June 3, Hulu*

Fear the Walking Dead

This Walking Dead prequel series has a chance to get sharper during Season 3, because, like its zombie hordes, it won't be put down anytime soon. Sunday, June 4, at 9 p.m., AMC



Carmichael with David Alan Grier: Making it new

Show of the week The Carmichael Show

An old-school sitcom shouldn't work this well in 2017. Haven't viewers been hearing the laughter of a studio audience since Lucy Arnaz? But Jerrod Carmichael's fictionalized take on his own family life keeps echoing *All in the Family* in its simple sets and political topicality, and keeps showing that smart comic writing is timeless. Previous episodes tackled Bill Cosby's legal problems and Donald Trump's rise—yet the big themes never killed the laughs. Season 3 promises more of the same, with a syllabus that includes mass shootings and the N-word, un-

censored. Wednesday, May 31, at 9 p.m., NBC

Jeremy M. Lange, Chris Haston/NBC

Food & Drink

Grilled spring chicken: The case for brining and poaching

Some people have grilling in the blood, but I had to learn by a slow process of trial and error, said chef Erin French in *The Lost Kitchen* (Clarkson Potter). Grilling over wood or charcoal is "a lot like sailing"— "you have to constantly adjust." But I've developed a fairly failproof method for grilled chicken, which I share below.

I start with small spring chickens, brine them overnight, then poach them in the brine. As a result, "the bird spends just enough time over the fire to crisp up and soak in that smoky flavor—and not dry out." When I'm gathering branches on my Maine property for the fire, I have a simple rule: "If it's a tree that yields something edible—like maple, cherry, or apple—then chances are its wood is going to create something for the greater good of your stomach." I especially like to use apple, for its sweetness.

Recipe of the week

Applewood-grilled spring chicken

2 whole spring chickens (2½ to 3 lbs each) Basic brine (recipe below) ½ cup maple syrup 1 stick unsalted butter

Truss birds with string, or use my "no strings attached" method: First, take wing tips and tuck them behind body. Next, go to bottom of breastbone, where you'll



Nicely charred, but guaranteed to be succulent

find an extra flap of skin. Make a tiny slit, about ¼-inch long, and pull each drumstick through.

Submerge birds in cool brine; refrigerate overnight. In a large pot over medium heat, bring chicken and brine to slow boil. Reduce heat and simmer until just cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes. Immediately remove chicken from brine; let cool to room temperature.

Prepare grill using applewood branches or chips. Once fire tames and the wood ashes over, rake hot embers to one side of grill. In a small saucepan, heat maple syrup and butter; stir until butter is melted and well incorporated. Put birds breast side down on the cooler side of the grill. Cover grill, keeping air vents half open. Adjust if needed, closing vents more if fire gets too hot; you're aiming for 325 to 375. Once breast side is browned, about 8 minutes, turn chickens. Using pastry brush, baste with butter mixture frequently, covering grill in between bastings.

Continue to rotate and baste birds until golden brown, about 15 minutes more. Watch chickens closely; the fire can't be allowed to get too hot. Arrange finished chickens on a platter, garnished with apple blossoms, if desired. Serves 6.

Basic brine

(Makes 4 cups; increase as needed) 1/3 cup kosher salt 1/3 cup sugar 1/4 cup juniper berries 2 tbsp black peppercorns 4 bay leaves

Combine 4 cups water, salt, sugar, juniper berries, peppercorns, and bay leaves in pot; bring to boil. Stir until salt and sugar dissolve, then remove from heat and allow to cool completely before using.

Chicago's best steaks: Three chefs name their favorites



Seasoning a choice cut at Boeufhaus

"If you haven't eaten steak in Chicago in a while, you might want to start making plans," said Kate Krader in *Bloomberg.com*. The city that once packaged most of America's beef remains the nation's spiritual steak capital, and these days, it can turn a skeptic into a disciple at a wide range of venues. Below are three steak sources recommended by top chefs—"people who know their beef."

Gene & Georgetti Stephanie Izard, the impresario behind Girl & the Goat and that restaurant's spin-offs, calls this old Frank Sinatra hangout "the perfect place to sit in a big leather booth with

a martini." It's where she goes for a fix of tradition: white tablecloths, wood paneling, a bone-in rib eye, plus a strong wine list. And beyond steaks and chops, you can get chicken Parmesan. 500 N. Franklin St., (312) 527-3718

Boeufhaus This compact former butcher shop in Humboldt Park "looks more like a Brooklyn hangout than a classic Chicago steakhouse," but Minneapolis' James Beard Award—winning chef Paul Berglund calls it "a really cool place to eat meat." The starters menu includes Burgundy snails and fluke crudo, and the beef—including 35-day and 55-day dry-aged rib eye—is sourced from local, grass-fed cattle. 1012 N. Western Ave., (773) 661-2116

Chicago Kalbi Paul Kahan, who started the local stalwarts Blackbird and The Publican, has a nose for remarkable beef in unexpected places. He recommends an old-fashioned Korean barbecue restaurant that also serves many Japanese dishes and offers a large selection of Kobe beef. He calls yuk-hwe—seasoned raw beef tenderloin topped with an egg yolk—"the best steak tartare I've ever tasted." 3752 W. Lawrence Ave., (773) 604-8183

Wine: Sonoma's true coast

When you're shopping California white wines, a Sonoma Coast label doesn't really tell you much, said Eric Asimov in *The New York Times*. One chardonnay can be lean and racy while the next is rich and fruity—depending on how close the vineyard is to the sea. So get to know the producers. The three wines below exemplify the lean appeal of the region's true coast huggers.

2014 Rivers-Marie Chardonnay Joy Road Vineyard (\$69). "Deep, savory, and stony," this energetic wine offers flavors of citrus and herbs and a well-integrated acidity.

2014 Ceritas Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard (\$75). Ceritas' "rich, resonant, and harmonious" chardonnay combines the aromas and flavors of citrus, flowers, and minerals.

2013 Joseph Phelps Chardonnay Freestone Vineyard (\$41). This "richly textured" wine offers "aromas of hot stones and flavors of apple and lemon."

Travel

This week's dream: Argeles-sur-Mer, France's capital of camping

"French campsites are where Northern Europeans come to celebrate the Gallic way of life by eating baguettes, drinking wine, and lounging in ill-advised swimwear," said Will Hawkes in The Washington Post. My wife and I both have fond childhood memories of camping vacations in France, so last summer we took our three kids—ages 5, 2, and 3 months—to a campsite in a town that's arguably the French capital of camping. Argeles-sur-Mer is a sun-soaked Mediterranean spot just north of Spain, and it has 50 campsites crammed near its golden, gently arcing beach. To make things easier on our young family, we stayed in a mobile home with all the conveniences: shower, air-conditioning, cooking equipment, fridge. Even so, the best thing about our accommodation was our view of the green, "gently curvaceous" Pyrenees descending into the sea.

I use our first morning to stock up on essentials at the supermarket—cheese,



Enjoying the slow life on the Mediterranean coast

wine, and a huge spread of charcuterie—and soon enough, we settle into the gentle rhythm of campsite life. After a baguette breakfast, we stroll to the beach, then a playground. Lunch (bread, cheese, salad) is followed by a nap, then a trip to the pool. Dinner often comes from the local fishmonger: barbecued fresh sea bream or fat pink prawns. If all that "sounds a little dull, well, it is. But that's the appeal." One day,

we interrupt our soporific routine to take a boat to Collioure, an "absurdly beautiful" bayside town 3 miles down the coast. The boys race around the 13th-century castle, "counting cannonballs as they go." Later, we dine by the water. "The ambience is unforgettable: A warm sea breeze blows into the lively, full restaurant as waiters hustle here and there."

One naptime, I'm reminded of our closeness to Spain when I slip away for a swim in the gentle sea. At the beach, a colorful festival is underway, the

Aplec de Sardanes, an annual celebration of traditional music. Groups of locals perform the sardana, a centuries-old Catalan circle dance, to the "perky" sounds of an 11-piece band dominated by an oboe-like instrument called the Catalan shawm. "This is France, but Catalonia, too." At La Chapelle Camping (camping-lachapelle.co.uk), summer campsites start at \$40 a night, mobile homes at \$1,030 a week.

Hotel of the week

A beachside villa

Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort

Tangalle, Sri Lanka Sri Lanka's first major seafront resort "sets the bar high" for other properties that will follow, said Sarah Gold in The New York Times. "Sprawling but graceful," the 152-room compound sits on a former coconut plantation on the island's southern coast. "There is plenty of fabulousness," including beachfront cabanas, an enormous spa, and three restaurants. I splurged on a private villa, which had its own infinity pool; an enormous bathroom with an open, tiled rainfallshower area; and a private deck where a family of wild peacocks visited me daily. tangalle.anantara.com: doubles start at \$188.

Getting the flavor of...

New York's hip-hop history

You may not know Jay Z from Nas, said Judith Fein in The Dallas Morning News. But that shouldn't stop you from joining Hush Tours (hushtours.com) for a four-hour trip through New York City's hip-hop history. The bus tour is led by Grandmaster Caz, a Bronx rapper and DI who "works the mike as only a performer can." Our first stop: the Manhattan funeral home that held the 1997 service for rap great The Notorious B.I.G. Later, we get a primer on break dancing from Mighty Mouse, an agile b-boy who teaches the group some basic moves. "Only a stone wouldn't enjoy it." The tour ends where hip-hop began: at a West Bronx apartment building. Caz explains how DJ Kool Herc drove partygoers wild here in 1973 by using two turntables to skip back and forth between funky percussion breaks on two records. Here had invented hip-hop's backbeat—and "changed the way the world partied forever."

Idaho's wild Sawtooth Mountains

"I have discovered the land that inspired John Muir," said Kevin Rushby in The Guardian (U.K.). The raw wilderness beloved by the pioneering environmentalist (1838-1914) is hard to find these days—America's national parks are cluttered with guardrails, signboards, and SUVs. But the wilderness still exists in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains. The jagged range isn't a national park, so it lacks roads and signs and has only a few footpaths. Sara Lundy of Sawtooth Mountain Guides leads me on an off-trail trek, which begins with a climb up a 660-foot sheer granite slab. When I reach the top, the panorama "hits me like a physical assault." The next morning, ice breaks from my tent as I emerge into thick, freezing fog. An hour later, we're at 9,840 feet, with fluffy clouds below us and the Sawtooths spread before us. There's no sign that any human has passed this way before. "I feel the spirit of John Muir is with me, looking on approvingly."

Last-minute travel deals

Canada's wild west

Geckos Adventures is taking \$260 off its June 11 "Best of Canada" tour. The 11-day trip starts in Vancouver and includes hiking and canoeing in the Rockies. The tour is \$1,045 a person, based on a twin share room. For ages 18 through 29. geckosadventures.com

Aloha savings

Minor construction work at Hawaii's Honua Kai Resort & Spa means big discounts through June 30. Book three nights or more in a room facing construction and get 35 percent off and a complimentary car rental. Doubles start at \$257. honuakai.com

Walking the fjords

Save \$400 a person on a hiking expedition to Norway's fjord country. Beginning in Bergen on June 21, the 11-day excursion starts at \$5,495 per person, double occupancy, and includes all lodging, train, and ferry tickets. wildernesstravel.com

Consumer

The 2017 Ford GT: What the critics say

Jalopnik.com

We never dreamed that the folks at Ford could build the world's best supercar—"and yet they have." Engineered to win at Le Mans, the 647-hp Ford GT is a marvel of engineering whose quarter-mile time of 10.8 seconds "shames everything from a Ferrari F12berlinetta to a Nissan GT-R." Don't mistake the GT for a quirky luxury car—something you'd show off outside a night-club. This is an "angry, mean" performance car, stripped bare of all creature comforts.

Motor Trend

Ford calls it a race car for the road, and "that's not marketing hype." The GT has a

built-in steel roll cage, and when a driver selects Track mode, the car drops down 2 inches and deploys a rear wing. Thanks to a twin-turbocharged V-6, acceleration is "instant, urgent, and incandescent." The GT hits 60 mph in 2.8 seconds, on its way to 216 mph max. And yet for all its power, it feels "light on its feet" — "as playful and trustworthy as a Miata."

Car and Driver

The focus on performance comes at a price. The cockpit is cramped, its seats are bolted in place, and the noise from the road and engine are downright loud. Though this newest GT will be "gorgeous garage candy



A race car for the road, from \$450,000 (est.)

for a lucky few," it "won't be much fun on a long club rally.

The best of...cutting the cable-TV cord

DirecTV Now

Base rate: \$35 for 60 channels Finally, a true alternative to cable TV is emerging in the form of services that



stream live TV through the internet. A little over a month ago, DirectTV Now represented "the closest thing to a cable replacement," with a base package that includes 60 channels and a "super-surfable" interface, says *Wired.com*. But the number of rivals keeps increasing, so details matter. With DirectTV Now, you can stream to only two screens simultaneously, and the service isn't yet compatible with Roku or AndroidTV. But it does deliver most of the channels you'd expect, and if you have an AT&T wireless phone plan, you can stream TV content on the go without it counting against monthly data limits.

Weaknesses: "Spotty" streaming quality, says Gizmodo.com—and no DVR storage

Hulu Live

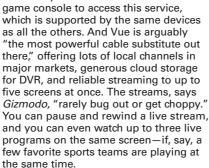
Base rate: \$40 for 50 channels Hulu's weeks-old streaming service is still in its beta stage, but already it "feels



a lot like the future of TV," says The Wall Street Journal. It combines Hulu's huge catalog of movies and TV shows with a solid array of live-TV channels, including ESPN and TNT. The base package limits use to two streams at once, but you get unlimited screens for an added \$15 a month and streaming quality is excellent. You automatically get 50 hours of DVR storage (expandable to 200 hours), and though Hulu Live is not yet compatible with Roku or Samsung smart TVs, it works with most devices. Weaknesses: No AMC, no Comedy Central, and outside major cities, not all networks yet

Playstation Vue

Base rate: \$40 for 45 channels "Ignore the whiff of gaming in the name," says Wired. You don't need Sony's video



Weaknesses: No Comedy Central and few local stations outside seven cities

Sling TV

Base rate: \$20 for 30 channels Launched in 2015, Sling was the first live-TV streaming service, and it remains



PlayStation Vue

"as close as you will get to à la carte programming," says *The New York Times*. Ideal for people who care to access only a small number of stations, it offers the slimmest base package of all, and if you want more, it lets you add channels grouped in categories like news, sports, and comedy, for \$5 a set. The cheapest option lets you stream to only one device at a time, but you can stream most channels to three for a higher fee. Another \$5 buys 50 hours of cloud DVR storage.

Weaknesses: Sling TV doesn't carry CBS, and the streaming can be "excruciatingly spotty" at peak viewing times, says *Gizmodo*.

YouTube TV

Base rate: \$35 for 47 channels This month-old service isn't yet available everywhere, but it's worth keep-



ing an eye on, says ConsumerReports .org. Viewers in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, and the San Francisco Bay Area can already enjoy its user-friendly interface and solid selection of channels, including all major networks. The base price includes unlimited cloud DVR storage and unlimited ad-free viewing of YouTube's online videos, a premium service that separately costs \$9 a month.

Weaknesses: YouTube TV is available in just five markets and only Google Chromecast (a \$35 device) enables streaming to a TV. Neither CNN nor HBO is offered.

But before you make the leap...

"Don't expect dramatic cost savings versus cable," said The Wall Street Journal. To enjoy live streaming TV, you'll still have to pay for internet service, and you'll need broadbandideally 10 mbps to stream to a single screen, and another 5 mbps for each additional stream. Some of the deluxe channel bundles can push the total cost toward that of cable. If you don't have a smart TV, you may need to invest in hardware too, such as Roku, Apple TV, Chromecast, or Amazon Fire. And you must look closely at how channel offerings vary from service to service. For now, for example, MTV, Comedy Central, and Nickelodeon are available only via DirecTV Now and Sling TV.

This week: Cottage living





1 ◀ Edina, Minn. The cottages of England's Cotswolds region were the inspiration for this four-bedroom house. Built in 1948, the home features six fireplaces, hardwood floors, a sunroom, vaulted ceilings, and a sauna. The 0.6-acre property lies along Minnehaha Creek and has large decks that overlook a pool with a spa. \$3,750,000. Barry Berg and Chad Larsen, Coldwell Banker Burnet, (612) 925-8411





2 Salt Lake City A man marrying a British woman commissioned this cottage in 1924 to give her a bit of her homeland in Utah. The four-bedroom home includes raked-cement cathedral ceilings, solid wood doors, leaded-glass windows, and a chef's kitchen with tiles from a French monastery. The 0.6-acre property has a terraced yard with fruit trees and a flower garden. \$1,830,000. Cody Derrick, CityHome Collective, (801) 718-5555

3 ► Sag Harbor, N.Y. Built in 1950, this three-bedroom house underwent a full renovation. The first floor includes an open-concept plan with a fireplace, walls of windows, and a gourmet kitchen with SubZero and Bosch appliances. Set in the town's village, the 0.3-acre property has a large yard and heated gunite pool. \$1,695,000. Mary Slattery, Corcoran Group Real Estate, (631) 375-9943





Best properties on the market









5 • Weems, Va. This Lowcountry cottage is set on 2 secluded acres close to the Chesapeake Bay and the Rappahannock River. The threebedroom house features a first-floor master suite, a custom kitchen, and a large screened porch with a fireplace. The design is based on Coastal Living Magazine's Cottage of the Year winner. \$525,000, Travis Powell, Select Properties of Virginia, (804) 512-2086

4 ▲ Middletown, R.I. Overlooking Sachuest Point, this oceanfront house sits five minutes from Newport. The renovated 1950s home includes an open floor plan, central air, hardwood floors, and abundant light throughout. The 0.9-acre property has gardens, dynamic stone outcrops, and an outdoor patio. \$2,875,000. Michelle Kirby, Gustave White/ Sotheby's International Realty, (401) 849-3000



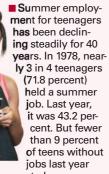
6 ▲ Galveston, Texas A forensic paint specialist was asked to determine the original colors of this two-bedroom bungalow. Built in 1914, the home has been restored to its earliest design, with details including heart-pine floors, battered columns, built-in shelving, and original doorknobs and hardware. \$245,000. Tom Schwenk, The House Company, (713) 857-2309

BUSINESS

The news at a glance

The bottom line

- Employers who refuse to pay overtime or misclassify workers as exempt from minimum wage rules underpay workers by an estimated \$15 billion a year, according to the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute. That's more than the value of all the property stolen in the U.S. during robberies, burglaries, and auto thefts in a typical year. FastCompany.com
- Only 20 percent of U.S. companies allow staff to clock out early for "Summer Fridays," down from 63 percent in 2012, according to a survey of hundreds of firms. Sixty-two percent offer more flexible schedules in the summertime, down from 75 percent five years ago. MarketWatch.com



said they wanted one. The Wall Street Journal

- Americans' household debt reached \$12.73 trillion during the first three months of 2017, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, topping a peak of \$12.68 trillion in 2008. However, the Fed says that more of today's debt is held by older, more creditworthy borrowers than during the recession. CNN.com
- Apple's new campus in Cupertino, Calif., estimated to have cost \$5 billion and taken eight years to construct, includes a 100,000-square-foot fitness center with a two-story yoga room, a 1,000-seat theater, custom-designed door handles, and nearly 9,000 trees planted on 175 acres. It does not have a child-care center. Slate.com

Saudi Arabia: Billions in deals for U.S. firms

Saudi Arabia greeted President Trump and U.S. CEOs last week "with agreements for deals worth hundreds of billions of dollars," as Riyadh looks to develop its economy beyond oil, said Matthew Martin in *Bloomberg* .com. Some 30 CEOs of major U.S. companies traveled to Riyadh with Trump, and inked more than \$300 billion worth of potential

deals and investments. Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund committed \$20 billion to investment firm Blackstone Group to help fund U.S. infrastructure projects, and state-owned oil company Saudi Aramco announced a wide-ranging deal with GE worth \$15 billion to develop joint ventures in power generation and digital technologies.



Trump with King Salman

"That was the easy part," said Margherita Stancati and Nicolas Parasie in *The Wall Street Journal*. But despite last week's flurry of deal making, the kingdom remains a notoriously difficult place for foreign companies to do business. Challenges include an insular culture that requires personal connections to conduct deals, and a confus-

ing legal landscape where civil law coexists with Islamic sharia law. Saudi Arabia ranks 94th out of 190 economies in the World Bank's Doing Business Index. Despite some positive changes, "the current system remains treacherous for foreign investors to navigate," said Riyadh-based lawyer Christopher Johnson.

Advertising: Google tracks offline buying habits

"Google now knows when its users go to the store and buy stuff," said Elizabeth Dwoskin and Craig Timberg in *The Washington Post*. The search giant said this week that it has begun analyzing billions of creditcard transaction records to show how many sales are generated by its digital ad campaigns, even when purchases are made in a brick-and-mortar store. Google is working with unidentified partner companies to access roughly 70 percent of all credit- and debit-card transactions in the U.S., matching them to Google users via complex algorithms. Google says it anonymizes all data to hide the personal identity of shoppers.

Washington: Fiduciary rule moves forward after delay

"A controversial Obama-era rule for retirement advisers" will go into partial effect next month, said Jim Puzzanghera in the *Los Angeles Times*. The so-called fiduciary rule, which requires retirement advisers to put their clients' interests first, had been delayed by the Labor Department amid strong opposition from the financial industry. Despite calls to postpone it further, Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta said he "found no principled legal basis" to do so. Some provisions will now take effect June 9, though a requirement that the fiduciary rule be put into customer contracts won't take effect until Jan. 1, 2018.

Retail: Online sales surge for Walmart

"Walmart has always excelled at selling products in its cavernous stores. It appears to be getting its head around selling online too," said Rachel Abrams in *The New York Times*. The retailer reported last week that its e-commerce sales grew 63 percent year over year in the first quarter. "The unexpected leap offered the strongest evidence yet" that Walmart's aggressive investments in its online business are paying off, including a \$3.3 billion acquisition of Jet.com last year. The company now offers 50 million items online, up from 10 million a year ago.

Tech: Uber to repay millions to NYC drivers

"Uber just fessed up to a costly mistake," said Sara Ashley O'Brien in *CNN.com*. The ride-hailing giant said this week that it would repay tens of thousands of Uber drivers in New York City, after having miscalculated the commission it was taking after each ride. Uber's 2014 driver agreement said that the company's 25 percent commission was to be based on net fare. But the company was wrongly taking commissions based on gross fare, which includes taxes and fees, "thereby taking a larger cut than it was entitled to." On average, affected drivers will receive \$900 each in back pay, including interest.

CEOs ask: 'Where's my office?'

More bosses are "chucking the egalitarianism of working alongside their employees for the old-fashioned private office," said Vanessa Fuhrmans in The Wall Street Journal. Nearly 70 percent of U.S. office spaces are open concept, with CEOs often stationed at desks in the middle of the action. "But as employees and managers squeeze closer together, productivity and morale have suffered." A recent review of more than 100 studies of work spaces found that open offices "hurt workers' motivation and ability to focus." Employees feel "self-conscious working under their boss' gaze," while managers find themselves having to duck into empty conference rooms for private conversations. "People will say it's so cool to have the CEO next to you," said Jordan Hamad, who founded a tech advisory and now leases a private office. "But at the end of the day your team sometimes needs their space and you need yours."

Millennials' finances: Avocado toast or a home?

It used to be that daily lattes "were the reason that Americans were penniless failures," said Maura Judkis in The Washington Post. Now the personalfinance press has discovered a new "culinary scapegoat." Apparently, the reason Millennials aren't buying homes isn't because of the weight of student loans or the lingering effects of the recession, but because they're frittering away their hard-earned cash on avocado toast. At least that's the explanation floated by Australian real estate mogul Tim Gurner. In an interview last week with Austra-

lia's 60 Minutes, the 35-year-old millionaire lamented the Millennial predilection for pricey brunches, saying, "When I was trying to buy my first home, I wasn't buying smashed avocado for \$19 and four coffees at \$4 each.'

"Millennials have enough problems as it is. Must they give up their avocado toast, too?" asked Linda Qiu and Daniel Victor in *The New York Times*. It's true that Millennials spend more money on eating out than their elders. Americans ages 25 to 34 spent, on average, \$3,097 on dining out in 2015, about \$305 more than people ages 55 to 64. But the median U.S. home price is \$315,000. "The truth is, even if Millennials assumed the eating-out habits of Baby Boomers, it would take around 113 years before they could afford a down payment on a home."



Step away from that delicious, pricey brunch.

Don't worry, young people: Avocado toast isn't the reason you can't afford a house, said Jessica Roy in the Los Angeles Times. You're just unfortunate enough to come of age in a period when "housing prices and student loan debts continue to rise while wages remain stagnant." So why are the personal-finance scolds obsessed with breakfast? Like latte shaming, blaming fancy avocado toasts for money woes "aligns nicely with both liberal and conservative beliefs." Liberals see wasteful materialism, while conserva-

tives see bad personal choices. "Moralizing money spent on snacks" fits nicely into both narratives, but does nothing to address the real problems.

The truth is, no one will "save enough to buy a house by forgoing avocado toast," said Kathy Kristof in CBSNews.com. Saving up to make a down payment on a home means making "a whole host of day-to-day sacrifices," including renting a cheaper apartment, taking fewer vacations, and, yes, occasionally skipping brunch. But it never hurts to start small, said Holly Johnson in *The Indianapolis Star*. If you stop spending \$20 on lunch and coffee every weekday, for instance, you'll save \$400 per month. That's \$4,800 a year that can go toward a student loan or even a down payment. Sorry, Millennials, but "math says avocado toast and other splurges can suck your coffers dry."

What the experts say

Watch the calendar for big purchases

"To every car, appliance, or home, there is a season," said Kaitlin Pitsker in Kiplinger.com. Shoppers can score substantial savings simply by waiting for the right time of year to purchase big-ticket items. Fall is the most opportune time to shop for a new car. That's when auto dealers are looking to make space for next year's vehicles, "so you're likely to find generous discounts, cash rebates, and extralow-interest financing on the outgoing models." The same goes for dishwashers, dryers, and other major appliances. You can often find discounts of 20 percent or more on older models in September and October. Homebuyers should hit the pavement in February. The median price of a home is 6 percent less then compared with the rest of the year.

Don't miss the perks of seniority

"For coupon-cutters of a certain age who have nothing against technology, the world can easily become a less expensive place," said Tammy La Gorce in The New York Times. An entire genre of apps and websites exists to track the surprising variety of senior discounts on offer, even for people who are in their 50s. The website Senior List includes dozens of grestaurants with discounts of 10 percent or

more, including Applebee's, Ben & Jerry's, Burger King, and Chili's. Retired Brains lists categories such as apparel, groceries, travel, and entertainment. "Who knew that Baby Boomers and others over 62 could get 10 percent off clothing at Banana Republic and 5 percent off at Greyhound?" Sciddy, an app that has identified some 260,000 senior discounts, even uses GPS technology to send users an alert when they've walked into a business offering a discount.

Avoiding Social Security surprises

Not minding the details of Social Security could mean "leaving money on the table," said Kelli B. Grant in CNBC.com. Many divorced retirees, for instance, are unaware that they're able to draw money based on their ex-spouse's work record, provided the marriage lasted at least 10 years. If you didn't remarry, "you may be able to collect an amount equivalent to half of what your ex is eligible to receive." Where you retire also matters. Thirty-six states, plus Washington, D.C., don't tax Social Security benefits at all. And "even if your retirement is years away, it's a good idea to periodically check in on your Social Security benefits." An unnoticed error in your earnings record "could cost you thousands of dollars in retirement."

Charity of the week



For people who live in isolated villages in developing nations, a trip to the nearest health clinic can be an hours-long journey. The need for more accessible health care inspired pediatric physician Dr. Charles Dietzen to found Timmy Global Health (timmyglobalhealth.org), an Indianapolis-based organization that brings doctors and medical professionals directly to those in need in rural areas around the globe. Timmy Global Health's volunteers trek to remote areas in Ecuador, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and Nigeria with medical supplies, and set up short-term clinics where they offer checkups and treatment for chronic conditions. Since 1997, the organization has treated more than 84,000 patients.

Each charity we feature has earned a four-star overall rating from Charity Navigator, which rates not-for-profit organizations on the strength of their finances, their governance practices, and the transparency of their operations. Four stars is the group's highest rating.

Issue of the week: CEO shake-up at Ford

"What looks like success can turn upside down quickly in Detroit these days," said Bill Vlasic in *The New York Times*. Ford Motor Co., the only U.S. automaker to avoid bankruptcy in the 2008 financial crisis, ousted CEO Mark Fields this week in a surprise shake-up. Fields had been with Ford for 28 years, the last three as CEO, and he led the 114-year-old company to its most profitable year ever in 2015, when it made nearly \$11 billion—a figure it nearly matched last year. But investors have become convinced that Ford isn't moving fast

enough "to develop the vehicles of the future." They're worried that Silicon Valley has stolen Detroit's mantle of automotive innovation, thanks to disruptive technologies like ride-hailing apps and self-driving cars. Even though Ford sells more vehicles in a month than electric-car maker Tesla sells in a year, Tesla is "now valued more highly"; Ford's stock, meanwhile, has fallen nearly 40 percent since 2014. For decades, automakers were "judged on how many vehicles they could manufacture and sell at a profit." As Fields' ouster makes clear, expectations have changed.

Fields' departure is "only the opening act in a long-running drama that will roil automakers for many years to come," said Russ Mitchell in the Los Angeles Times. Their challenge will be to try to keep up with the pace of technological change, while still selling enough cars and trucks to stay in the black. And there's little room for error. After seven years of gains, U.S. auto sales are now beginning to plateau. Ford's new CEO, Jim Hackett, has been tasked with that tough juggling act, said Jeff



New CEO Jim Hackett: History of turnarounds

Green, Keith Naughton, and Jamie Butters in *Bloomberg.com*. Hackett "spent most of his career running a furniture business," so he might seem an odd choice to lead the company in such tumultuous times. But he has gained a reputation as a turnaround artist and visionary thinker. While CEO of the office furniture company Steelcase, Hackett pioneered the open office plans that are ubiquitous today, and cultivated close relationships with many Silicon Valley CEOs. He also revitalized the football program at the University of

Michigan during a short stint as athletic director—no easy task.

Hackett will need to give Ford a clearer strategy for the future, said Matt Hardigree in Wired.com. Under Fields, the company notably invested in new technologies like artificial intelligence, and tested concepts like bicycle sharing, with the vague notion of rebranding Ford as a "mobility" company. But the result was "scattershot," with no apparent endgame. "Hackett will now have to craft a story that Wall Street wants to buy," said Matthew **DeBord** in *BusinessInsider.com*. Investors' current narrative is that Detroit is old and slow, and Silicon Valley is about to "eat its lunch." That's why they love the futuristic Tesla, even though it has struggled to make a profit. Hackett will have to make smart choices as the auto landscape shifts, while still protecting what has allowed Ford to survive for more than a century. "When a downturn arrives, autonomous vehicles and electric cars and big data will take a back seat to a fundamental: Can you sell cars and make money doing it?"

Net neutrality is already dead

Shira Ovide Bloomberg.com

"I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news: The internet is not a fair place," said Shira Ovide. Net neutrality advocates were alarmed last week when the Federal Communications Commission began scrapping rules that required internet service providers like Comcast and AT&T to treat all web data equally. We're likely to see "years of fighting" over this decision, though it won't be of much use. "No matter what happens at the FCC, the ideals behind net neutrality are essentially dead already." The Obama-era regulations now being rolled back prevented internet providers from charging companies like Netflix and YouTube for special "fast lanes" into consumers' phones and computers, and from slowing down competitors' content. In

theory, these rules "let the internet's little guys compete on an equal footing with the titans." In practice, however, tech giants already have plenty of perfectly legal tools to steer customers toward their preferred content. Netflix and Facebook, for instance, pay internet firms "to connect directly into the providers' broadband plumbing," which speeds their path into consumers' homes. That's allowed even under the rules now being dismantled. Telecom companies can also give preferential treatment to their own services without slowing down rivals. It just goes to show that "stricter government regulations probably won't change America's broadband reality: The rich and powerful dictate the internet's winners and losers."

Uncertain times in the oil industry

Daniel Yergin
The Wall Street Journal

"A great struggle is unfolding in the world oil market," said Daniel Yergin. Oil producers are attempting to rebalance supply and demand, in order to push oil prices up from recent lows, and they are simultaneously streamlining their businesses to survive during an era of cheap oil. "That tension explains why the price keeps jumping toward \$60 a barrel and then falling back near \$40." Oil prices started to collapse in 2014, when global supply began rapidly outstripping demand, largely thanks to the shale oil revolution in the U.S. By late 2016, low prices had caused many companies to either go bankrupt or slash exploration and production. That production decline even-

tually helped raise prices somewhat, though nowhere near the \$100 a barrel highs we saw three years ago. At the same time, the decline in revenues has forced companies across the industry to become more efficient. New shale-oil wells are now profitable at \$50 or even \$40 a barrel, a price point that would have been unthinkable a few years ago. This efficiency is creating a new surge in U.S. drilling. By next year, "the U.S. is likely to hit the highest level of oil production in its entire history," which will keep global prices low for years to come. The days of \$100 a barrel oil now look like "an aberration that will not recur, absent an international crisis or a major disruption."

The TV news guru who transformed American politics

Roger Ailes 1940–2017 During his second run for president in 1967, Richard Nixon complained to a young producer on a daytime talk show that he

loathed TV, calling the medium a "gimmick." "Television is not a gimmick," the producer, Roger Ailes, shot back. "And if you think that, you'll lose again." Impressed, Nixon hired Ailes to run his TV strategy—and over the next five decades, Ailes demonstrated the power of the small screen. His media savvy helped three GOP candidates—Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and

George H.W. Bush—win the Oval Office. He then joined forces with media magnate Rupert Murdoch to set up Fox News, an unabashedly conservative counterweight to what Ailes called the "Clinton News Network." With its liberal bashing and heated rhetoric, Fox News became the nation's most popular, influential, and divisive cable news channel. Until his abrupt ouster last year over sexual harassment allegations, Ailes wielded more power than most elected officials. "[Television] is the most powerful force in the world," he said. "Politics is nothing compared to this."

Born in Warren, Ohio, Ailes was the son of a "physically abusive father," said *The Washington Post*. His dad once urged him to jump from a bunk bed into his arms—only to step back at the last second. "Don't ever trust anybody," he told the boy. After graduating from Ohio University, Ailes took a job with *The Mike Douglas Show*, a Cleveland-based TV talk show. He "moved up quickly," rising to executive producer, before joining Nixon's presidential campaign. Tasked with improving the former vice president's TV image, Ailes advised Nixon to use more "memorable phrases" in debates and to maintain a "fairly constant level of healthy tan."

Following Nixon's 1968 victory, Ailes "set up shop in New York," said *The New York Times*. He "flirted with the theater world, producing a few off-Broadway shows," and helped develop a short-lived news network called TVN. But Ailes' primary focus was



politics. In the 1984 election, Ailes persuaded 73-year-old President Reagan to defuse concerns about his age by joking during a debate that he wouldn't exploit his opponent Walter Mondale's "youth and inexperience." Working for George H.W. Bush four years later, Ailes oversaw a controversial commercial accusing Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis of giving "weekend furloughs to first-degree murderers."

Ailes left politics in 1993 and "took the helm at CNBC," said the *Los Angeles Times*. After tripling the business channel's ratings, he helped

NBC launch America's Talking, "an all-talk cable channel that later turned into MSNBC." Ailes left the network in 1996 to create Fox News, where he perfected the on-air formula he'd pioneered at MSNBC, said *The Guardian* (U.K.). His anchors and hosts were bombastic men and beautiful women. Token liberal guests were "browbeaten, talked over, and dismissed." Conservatives loved it. Fox News surpassed CNN's viewing figures in 2002 and "became a must for Republican politicians," said *The Wall Street Journal*. The station fueled "some of the right's most active and influential elements"—including the Tea Party and climate change skeptics. But Ailes insisted Fox wasn't biased. "We're not programming to conservatives," he said. "We're just not eliminating their point of view."

For all his success, "Ailes lived in a world of paranoia and fear," said *The Times* (U.K.). His home in upstate New York had "an underground bunker" containing six months' supply of food. He reportedly kept a gun in his office desk. But nothing could protect him when former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson filed a lawsuit last year accusing Ailes of sabotaging her career after she refused to have sex with him—prompting 25 other women to come forward with sexual harassment allegations. Ailes, who left the company with a \$40 million payoff, denied the accusations. "I don't care about my legacy," he'd said in 2012. "It's too late. My enemies will create it and they'll push it."

The Soundgarden frontman who pioneered the grunge sound

Chris Cornell 1964–2017 Chris Cornell was one of alternative rock's most captivating frontmen. Broodingly handsome and armed with a four-octave vocal range, the

Soundgarden singer and guitarist could shift from a banshee-like wail to a gentle, soulful croon to a rumbling baritone. His voice elevated Soundgarden above its grunge rock roots and helped the band score hits with an eclectic array of singles—there was the metal attack of 1991's "Jesus Christ Pose," the melancholic grind of 1994's "Fell on Black Days,"

and the Beatles-y psychedelia of that year's "Black Hole Sun." But the introverted Cornell, who committed suicide last week at age 52, struggled with life in the spotlight. "If I didn't do what I do, I think for the most part I would [be] a shut-in," he said in 1991. "It's sort of a battle between that person and then the guy that wants to just let it all out in front of 2,000 people and rant and scream."

Born Christopher Boyle in Seattle, Cornell adopted his mother's maiden name after his parents divorced. "A lonely, gangly teenager—he eventually grew to 6-foot-3—he was prone to bouts of anxiety and depression," said *The Times* (U.K.). Cornell found solace in music and by his late teens was playing drums with a covers band. That group became Soundgarden in 1984, and Cornell



switched to vocals and guitar, "as I was the only one who could sing." The band fused punk and sludgy Black Sabbath–inspired riffs on their 1988 debut album, *Ultramega OK*, and together with other Seattle-area bands, including Nirvana and Pearl Jam, shaped the grunge sound. Soundgarden became the first grunge act to sign with a major label, and the band's third album, 1991's *Badmotorfinger*, went platinum, said *AVClub.com*. Its 1994 follow-up, *Superunknown*, was filled with tracks like "Black Hole Sun" and "The Day I Tried

to Live" that "balanced aggressiveness, anxiety, and alienation in incredibly catchy little packages." The album was a global smash.

But Cornell was "beset by his own demons, primarily drug and alcohol abuse," and Soundgarden disbanded in 1997, said *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.). He went on to record a diverse set of solo albums—dabbling in acoustic folk and electropop—and after a stint in rehab, formed the rock supergroup Audioslave with members of Rage Against the Machine. Commercially successful but critically derided, Audioslave split in 2007, and Cornell reunited with Soundgarden three years later. He played a sold-out concert with the group in Detroit just hours before his death and had tweeted exuberantly earlier that day, "Finally back to Rock City!!!!"

Straight talk about teeth

Few things better illustrate the gap between rich and poor in America than dental care, said journalists Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan. Millions of Americans work full-time and still can't afford basic insurance.

WO HOURS
BEFORE sunrise,
Dee Matello
joined the line outside
the Wicomico Civic
Center in Salisbury,
Md., where hundreds of
people in hoodies, heavy
coats, and wool blankets
braced against the wind.

Inside, reclining dental chairs were arrayed in rows across the arena's vast floor. Days later, the venue would host Disney on Ice. On this Friday morning, dentists arriving from five states were getting ready to fix the teeth of the first 1,000 people in line.

Matello was No. 503.

The small-business owner, who supports President Donald Trump, had a cracked molar, no dental insurance, and a nagging soreness that had forced her to chew on the right side of her mouth for years.

Although her toothache wasn't why she voted for Trump, it was a constant reminder of one reason she did: the feeling that she had been abandoned, left struggling to meet basic needs in a country full of fantastically rich people.

As the distance between rich and poor grows in the United States, few consequences are so overlooked as the humiliating divide in dental care. High-end cosmetic dentistry is soaring, and better-off Americans spend over \$1 billion each year just to make their teeth a few shades whiter.

Millions of others rely on charity clinics and hospital ERs to treat painful and neglected teeth. Unable to afford expensive root canals and crowns, many simply have them pulled. Nearly 1 in 5 Americans older than 65 do not have a single real tooth left.

Over two days at the civic center, volunteer dentists would pull 795 teeth. A remarkable number of patients held steady jobs—a fork-lift operator, a librarian, a postal worker—but said they had no dental insurance and not enough cash to pay for a dentist.

Matello had both problems, adding to her frustration about being cut off from a world that many wealthier Americans



Dee Matello (right) waits in line in subfreezing temperatures for free dental care.

take for granted. "The country is way too divided between well-off people and people struggling for everything—even to see the dentist," she said. "And the worst part is, I don't see a bridge to cross over to be one of those rich people."

Matello voted for Barack Obama in 2008, thinking he offered the best option for working people, but she sat out the 2012 election. Last year, she rallied behind Trump after listening to him talk about "the forgotten men and women of our country, people who work hard but don't have a voice."

"I'm running to be their voice," Trump said. What Matello heard was a promise "to restore pride to the working poor."

A big part of that promise was Trump's assurance that he would build a "beautiful" health-care system that would cost less and do more. But nearly four months into Trump's presidency, Matello sees Trump backing a Republican health-care plan that appears to leave low-income people and the elderly worse off.

"I am hearing about a number of people who will lose their coverage under the new plan," Matello said. "Is Trump the wolf in grandma's clothes? My husband and I are now saying to each other, 'Did we really vote for him?"

TRAIGHT, WHITE TEETH are associated with social success—just about everyone on TV or with a big job has them.

People drop \$2,000 per tooth on porcelain veneers to hide the smallest imperfections.

"If I see someone with perfect teeth, I think, 'Oh, man, they're out of my league,'" Matello said. "Us poor people 'status' each other. We're like, 'Ah, dude, you don't have any teeth!' Or if you see someone with jagged yellow stubs, you think, 'Oh, man, you have lived here your whole life, haven't you?"

"Here" is Maryland's Eastern Shore, the poorest part of one of the country's richest states.

It's a region famous for chicken farms: Perdue's headquarters is here in Salisbury, a town of 30,000. Matello lives 20 miles north, in Laurel, Del., near fields that sprout corn, watermelons, and soybeans.

In these rural areas, even the water can work against people. Many homes, including Matello's, rely on well water. Unlike water from public systems, well water is not fluoridated. Nationwide, 25 percent of Americans are not connected to a fluoridated water system, and therefore are missing out on what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called one of the 10 great health advances of the 20th century.

"In these places, we see people with a different level of dental problems," said Patricia Higgins, one of the dentists volunteering at the Salisbury clinic.

George Acs, director of the dental department at Chesapeake Health Care, a clinic near Salisbury, said people with oral pain and infections are inundating hospitals. Last year, more than 2 million emergency room visits were attributed to neglected teeth. "What I am seeing is absolutely horrifying," said Acs, who recently testified about the problem before the Maryland legislature.

Although those hospital visits cost an estimated \$1.6 billion a year, the ER is generally not equipped to fix dental problems, Acs told lawmakers. So ER doctors just medicate people with "a perpetual cycle of antibiotics and opioids."

That cycle is feeding a nationwide epidemic of opioid addiction. Meanwhile, Higgins said, Americans' increasing reliance on all kinds of drugs is ruining their teeth. Many drugs cause dry mouth, which leads to more cavities. When she started her practice 35 years ago, she said, people took far fewer prescription drugs. Now patients hand her printouts with long lists of them.

Matello's problem wasn't complicated: a molar shattered years ago. The 46-year-old mother of three had not seen a dentist in nine years. When parts of her tooth broke

off, she knew fixing it could cost hundreds of dollars, and other bills were always more urgent. Then she heard on TV that the nonprofit Mission of Mercy was coming to the Eastern Shore to host one of the free dental clinics that had drawn overnight crowds in Nebraska, North Carolina, and other parts of the country. So she decided to take Friday off.

Matello and her husband own a small vending-machine business called DeeLicious, spending their days restocking 69 machines installed in factories, schools, and office buildings. They offer granola bars and other healthful snacks, but Snickers sells best.

Life was easier before the recession hit in 2007. Her husband managed a furniture warehouse, making more than \$70,000 a year, and she sold fishing boats, adding to their income. But then people stopped buying big-ticket sofas and boats, and they both lost their jobs.

Today they bring in about \$47,000 a year. Matello said she doesn't know if the country's rich-poor divide is worse now, but it sure feels more "in your face."

And teeth, she said, "are the telltale, visible sign of wealth."

HE WASHINGTON, D.C., region has one of the greatest concentrations of dentists in the world, with many offering high-end services in offices that resemble spas. More than 50 million Americans, by contrast, live in areas officially designated by the federal government as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas. A great many of them are working-poor.

"It's completely skewed. You have the fewest dentists where the need is greatest," Acs said. He recently sent a local patient with impacted wisdom teeth 120 miles to a dental specialist who would accept Medicaid.

New dentists often start out with significant debt, and they gravitate toward wealthy areas where they have a better shot at making money. The typical graduate from a four-year, postcollegiate dental school owes

\$260,000—more than the average medical student.

Then there's the matter of payment. Teeth generally are treated separately from the rest of the body, a tradition that dates to dentistry's origins as a specialty of barbers, who performed oral surgery and pulled teeth. Today, many public health officials view that division as a mistake. Poor oral health can lead to heart disease and other serious medical problems, and tooth loss can lead to depression and difficulty eating and speaking.



A civic center becomes a makeshift dental surgery area.

The separation extends to insurance. Even Medicare, the federal health program that covers 55 million seniors and disabled people, does not cover dental problems. For that, people must buy dental insurance, which typically limits annual benefits to about \$1,500 per person—an amount that has barely budged in decades.

The price of employer-provided plans varies greatly, and can cost a family \$500 a year or more, industry experts said. For those whose jobs don't offer dental benefits, it can be even more expensive. So tens of millions go without: More than a third of American adults have no dental coverage, according to the ADA's Health Policy Institute.

Adults who are poor enough, and live in certain states, can get coverage through Medicaid. But only about 38 percent of dentists accept Medicaid—about half the rate of physicians—in part because of low reimbursement rates. On average, Medicaid covers about 37 percent of the bill, according to a recent ADA analysis.

In a handful of states, Medicaid offers no dental coverage for adults. Delaware, where Matello lives, is one of them. Which is why, on a damp Friday morning, she found herself lining up with hundreds of other people with aching teeth.

A T 9:44 A.M., five hours after arriving, Matello finally made it inside the civic center and began to warm up.

"What do you need done?" she asked an older veteran in a wheelchair.

"Need nine teeth pulled," he said. "My wife works at Rite Aid, and we don't have any insurance."

A little after noon, Matello's number was called. A volunteer took her temperature; she was running a slight fever but not high enough to stop treatment. Two more hours. Finally, she was waved over to an X-ray machine under a basketball hoop.

Just as Matello expected to be called for her

turn in the dentist's chair, a volunteer announced in a loud voice: "Those up to number 500 will be seen today. The rest will have to come back tomorrow."

Matello's eyes filled with tears. She had been waiting 10 hours. A volunteer gave her a wristband that would put her at the head of the line the next day. So she drove home in her 18-year-old Jeep, ate dinner chewing only on the right side yet again, and set her alarm.

By 7 a.m. the next day, she was finally in one of the reclining chairs, with a dentist pointing a bright light

into her mouth. Robert Testani, a volunteer dentist from Catonsville, Md., examined Matello and checked her X-ray before easing a syringe of Novocain into her mouth. He prepared to pull her broken molar.

"Don't worry. This is routine," he said. He paused. "Except for the setting."

Over two days, 116 dentists treated 1,165 patients, providing \$1 million worth of fillings and other care. Matello was grateful. She was told her panoramic X-ray and extraction would have cost \$600 to \$800 in a regular office.

She looked at some of the others who had come here, despite working for a living cutting down trees, building homes, minding a town library, running small businesses.

"We are not staying home, not sleeping and living off the government," she said.

She wondered why there wasn't a better system for people like her. She tried not to look at the 51-year-old truck driver lying next to her who'd had three teeth pulled, his mouth stuffed with bloody gauze.

"I am trying to think that this is not demeaning," she said as she cleared the chair for the next person in line. "But it is. It's like a Third World country."

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Crossword No. 410: Country Music by Matt Gaffney

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ACROSS

- 1 "And one more thing...'
- Coat holder
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- 15 Gourmet Garten
- 16 100%
- Salvador Sobral won the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest on May 13, singing "Amar Pelos Dois" while representing this
- 19 Catfish catcher
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- country Weekly visitor,
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- Outrage
- 24 There are no words for this performer
- Rent-check writers
- 29 Rights org.
- "It's so sad!"
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- "Or so been told"
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- 49 Help
- 50 Like some stamps and coins
- 52 Stops for the night

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- 56 Flevator name
- 58 2001 boxing biopic
- Bia test
- 61 Holder of linens
- Sporty Chevy
- 68 Before ABBA became world famous, they won the 1974 Eurovision with this song, which soon became one of their biggest hits
- 70 Certain Cornhusker. such as Warren Buffett
- Last part
- 72 Diploma holder, briefly
- Stripes' counterparts on a pool table
- Tijuana two
- 75 Stylist's tubefuls

DOWN

- 1 Reptiles on the Nile
- 2 Roller-coaster feature 1979 Fleetwood Mac
- Best possible
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- Tooth cover
- 7 Black-tie event 8 Black card, half the
- Sister
- 10 Part of NGO, for short
- 11 Before she became a megastar, this Canadian won the Eurovision title in 1988 representing Switzerland
- 12 On one's toes

- 13 Funeral heaps
- 18 Prefix for cycle or sex
- 22 "Who's there?" answer
- Wise saying 27 Nary a soul
- Every bit 28
- Athletes often tear them: abbr.
- Movie scene
- Contest rules also state that this kind of "performer" may not be used during the competition
- Company named for a volcano
- Digression
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- Loch that may contain a monster
- Copier company
- 46 Smoke
- 48 Cloth by the sink
- 51 Cheese named for an Italian city
- Folded food
- Texas mission
- Panetta and Spinks
- 57 Cubes in a Coke
- Blown away
- Fashionable magazine 62
- Genre for Sam Cooke
- 64 Male Manxes, e.g.
- 66 Fancy tuna
- Totally awesome
- Scores made by WRs and RBs

The Week Contest

This week's question: Longtime single people in places like Brooklyn and San Francisco are now practicing "sologamy" and marrying themselves in full ceremonies. If a sologamist were to write a book on how to sustain a successful marriage with yourself, what could it be titled?

Last week's contest: A new study has found that a shot of extra testosterone makes men less likely to think before they act, possibly because the hormone boosts confidence and eliminates the self-doubt that helps people evaluate their decisions. Please come up with a medical term for testosterone-induced, male overconfidence that "I'm right!"

THE WINNER: Male-pattern boldness Neil Ludlam, Sky Valley, Calif.

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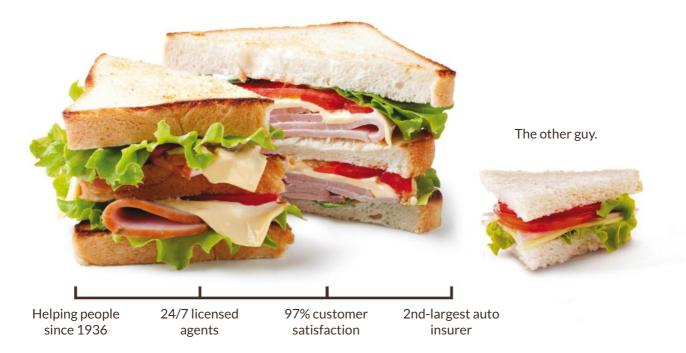
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