

Standard online reader survey



Q: Do you think starting trade wars with China, the Europe Union, Canada and Mexico will benefit the United States economy?

YES 43 percent
NO 57 percent

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I hope administration has empathy for kids

TO THE EDITOR:

I read the guest editorial from the *Boston Herald* in the July 6 edition of your paper about Melania Trump's second visit to the border and her "empathy" for the children.

I also noticed they didn't mention the first trip she made wearing the infamous coat. It makes me wonder if she really is empathetic or was that just a "dog and pony show" as the saying goes.

I truly wish she is sincere about those children.

Now, don't get me wrong. I never have approved of illegals crossing the border and have written letters to the editor about it in the distant past, but I believe all this was handled the wrong way by the present administration.

That is no way to treat children. Only time will tell if Melania is empathetic or not. It's obvious her husband certainly isn't. Melania, burn the coat.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Privacy, please

When your TV starts watching you, it's time to demand greater privacy

In a more innocent time, a 1993 *New Yorker* cartoon showed one pooch saying to another, "On the internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

Twenty-five years later, the days when people could stick a toe into the online world without compromising their privacy is a distant memory.

As the federal government loses interest in our privacy, state legislators should step up to protect us from incessant data mining and reselling.

New assaults on privacy pop up every day. For example, Verizon-owned Oath, the owner of AOL and Yahoo!, is telling users who wade through the legalese that it is giving itself permission to snoop through and store their emails, instant messages, posts, photos and message attachments and share that data, including personal banking information.

If there's a data breach at Oath, hackers could wind up with a gold mine.

Oath also says if you don't like how it uses your data, you can't sue but must instead go to arbitration, where the cards typically are stacked against you.

And now there's yet a new worry.

As reported in the *New York Times*, new companies

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have sprung up to keep tabs on what people watch on their smart TVs and connected devices, including whether they watch conservative or liberal programming and which political party debates they view. Advertisers then can pay to place ads on those TVs and devices.

One company, Samba, says it has collected viewing records from 13.5 million smart TVs in America.

When people are first setting up their TVs, Samba offers to recommend programs and provide special offers, the *Times* reported. Only those people who go online or click through to another message screen — if they read more than 10,000 words of privacy policy and terms of service — learn that Samba will track nearly everything on that TV, second by second.

Last week, California passed the nation's toughest online privacy law. It requires businesses to be transparent about data collection, and it allows people to prohibit the sale of their personal data. They can even, if they like, demand that it be deleted.

If California can put a premium on protecting personal privacy, we don't see why Illinois and other states can't do the same.



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The future of abortion rights

Comedians making jokes about getting your abortions now, before the Supreme Court abolishes *Roe v. Wade*. Emojis indicating a woman won't have sex with a man who is anti-abortion. Headline declarations that "There's A Special Place In Hell For Women Who Gut Abortion Rights." Such has been the digital deluge after Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement from the Supreme Court.

What is the future of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all three trimesters of pregnancy? This issue has polarized much of the country. It's an opportunity to ask: Who are we and who do we want to be?

Friends of mine who just returned from the Holy Land mentioned a group they encountered along their travels called Efrat. The name comes from Miriam, the sister of Moses. She was a brave prophet who was called Efrat, a name that has the same root as a word meaning "to populate the world."

As the group's website tells her story: "Pharaoh decreed that all male Jewish infants were to be drowned, and declared the death penalty to anyone evading his orders. Miriam personally intervened, endangering her own life to save Jewish children from certain death. In addition, she provided the children's families with all their needs. As a result of her bravery, the Jews continued to multiply and the Jewish nation survived."

Our abortion debates can bring out the worst in our politics. But the people who do the work of listening to and walking with women in their

hours of need are some of the saints and saint-makers among us. The woman who trusts enough to believe she will be able to raise an unexpected child or who gives her child to a loving couple for adoption is one of the most generous among us. The family that opens its home to a foster child for an uncertain amount of time is one of the most loving among us. They are the kind of people we should be giving more headlines and attention to, celebrating and emulating. And we should be asking them, always: What more do you need?

A privately funded project, Efrat's Yad Chava Baby Fund is determined that a woman should not have to terminate a pregnancy for economic reasons. We need more of that.

The chairman of Efrat has said: "We do not have a single case of a woman who was sorry in the end that she brought her child into the world." Isn't that the side we ought to be erring on? Not promising simple ways out — that aren't simple at all — but helping women make choices for life and love? People are doing that in the world, and in ways that aren't mired deep in miserable abortion debates.

Instead of adding to the screaming, what if we all found a group and got more involved, financially or with our time? Or we could look around and fill some real needs of people around us. It's harder work than pontificating about the president's latest move. And it's more fulfilling, too. It could even save a life.

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It's a GOOOOAAAAAAL!!

I've been forced to watch a lot of World Cup football this year, because I've been traveling outside the U.S. If, like me, you don't follow soccer, it's hard to imagine what a news-dominating event this is for the rest of the world.

Each soccer-playing country recruits a team of all-star players and hopes for four years of bragging rights. When underdog South Korea stunned defending champion Germany, it was front-page news. When France smacked down Argentina in a 4-3 match, for days, the only news was how unusual it was to have such a high-scoring game. A 4-3 score in soccer is like a 50-40 win in a baseball game. It's unheard of.

Every hotel lobby and bar TV blared the Portugal/Uruguay match. It was the same in Spain for the Spain/Russia meet-up, where the Russians upset Spain with a tie-breaking penalty kick.

And this is just the quarterfinals. The final game will be July 15.

Soccer at this level is a high-contact, brutal game. Imagine a basketball game where you're allowed to stick your foot between the legs of a guy dribbling full-bore toward the hoop. Imagine punting a football with your forehead. It is a game of elbows in the face and aggressive shoving and pushing. They use no sissy shoulder pads, no wimpy helmets.

Before this trip, I'd watched 10 minutes of soccer in my life. It was a college playoff game where my full-ride-sports-scholarship niece was carried off the field with a broken leg when a player kicked her instead of the ball. She's fine now, but she never played soccer again.

I understand a lot of parents are

concerned about their children playing American football due to the news about permanent brain damage. But if they think soccer is a safer alternative, they might want to tune in to a World Cup game. It's not as safe as they think. Nothing's 100 percent safe, but track and field, tennis and golf are looking better all the time.

You'd think a game this brutal and exciting would be a huge hit in the U.S., and you'd be right. Except for one thing: The game never stops. There is no time to squeeze in a commercial. When a soccer player gets hurt on the field, play continues and the clock keeps ticking.

There's a foul shot, the clock keeps ticking. They spit out some teeth, the clock keeps ticking. After every goal, there is a bunch of manly hugging — and still the clock keeps ticking.

The action is nonstop. You can almost see the players lose body weight through sweat as the game goes on. Soccer games have two non-stop halves, 45 minutes each, with a 15-minute halftime. The games, with some exceptions, will last for one hour and 45 minutes. An American football game, on the other hand, has a clock time of just one hour. In reality, it lasts four hours, with pauses every 15 seconds for penalties, timeouts, quarters and scoring celebrations. And all those pauses come with commercials.

I don't care how many schools have varsity soccer teams, or how well our soccer teams do at the Olympics. Unless the timing rules change, you are never going to see Monday Night Soccer on a major U.S. TV network.

There's no money in it for them. Contact Jim Mullen at mullen.jim@gmail.com.



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Before you vote, do homework

I'm a fact checker. I bring my Bible to church to look up scriptures mentioned in sermons. After receiving a prescription from a doctor, I go home and read and research the medicine I'm taking. For me, it's about knowledge and evidence. For my own 100-page qualitative research paper, I used over 50 citations from research-based databases to support my own methodology.

So what do you think I do during an election year? You guessed it. I show up for local debates, I listen and I go home and investigate.

If I learned anything in undergrad while earning my minor in political science, it's that there are government hoops to jump and channels to go through. Don't be fooled by candidates promising to change things up and quickly implement new policies because it's not typically realistic.

Obviously, I'm most interested in the sheriff's race. I grew up in Big Jackie's neighborhood, graduated high school with his niece Dana and my uncle Marc Martin is one of the candidates running for sheriff.

I'm not for mudslinging, but I'm also not about to be hoodwinked either. So I want to touch on just a few things I've overheard during the debates and from exploring other candidates' political platforms. This is applicable to all candidates running for office.

Hobbies have no place in the political arena. I don't care what you do in your pastime unless it correlates or effects your abilities in the position. I do care how you're going to spend tax dollars, if you know how to keep the office operational and if you can remain level-headed in stressful situations.

Show me the men and women who work alongside you daily, who are willing to put their names (and sometimes their jobs at risk) to back you publicly. To me, this speaks volumes of a candidate's leadership qualities and ability to run an office effectively and efficiently.

If you're unsure about something, admit it with the assurance that you'll look into it. Don't pop off with some ridiculous gibberish/gobbledygook because it's reflected in your answer. Also, don't make promises to voters you won't be able to keep because your excuses won't hold up when you're unable to fulfill them, that is, if you're lucky enough to deceive enough to get the position.

Experience can be so subjective. It's like my fourth-grade teacher used to say "Practice makes permanent, not perfect" so if you've been doing something inefficiently for 25 years, are your years really beneficial to the position and Warren County? Sometimes with age, does not come wisdom.

As corny as it may sound, your vote really does matter. (Just ask Cole Taylor, he'll quickly tell you that he lost by 1 vote in the last election.) Whoever wins these races has the power to impact your life and future in your hometown. This is why it's important to listen and do your own research before casting your ballot.

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