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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tennis great sport to play for lifetime

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very pleased to see David Dunlap's name was chosen for our tennis court complex. A more deserving person would be hard to find. As would a more kind, generous, friendly and ever-helpful tennis teacher, player and partner.

The summer before she would start high school, my daughter wanted to enter with something to offer. She and I took tennis lessons from Mr. Dunlap and she turned out to be a "natural" and went on to play as No. 1 throughout her high school years and earned a four-year tennis scholarship at Cumberland University.

Unfortunately for me, I was definitely not a natural, but I fell in love with the game and played incessantly (or as often as I could talk anyone into it) from the age of 57 to 80.

It is really a pity that more young (and old) people don't think of the sport of tennis. It is the only active one often played into one's 90s.

I had played softball all my life, but tennis offered everything softball (or baseball) did, without the long periods of sitting in the dugout or standing in the field, where often a ball never came. You were "at bat" ALL the time, not just two or three times a game.

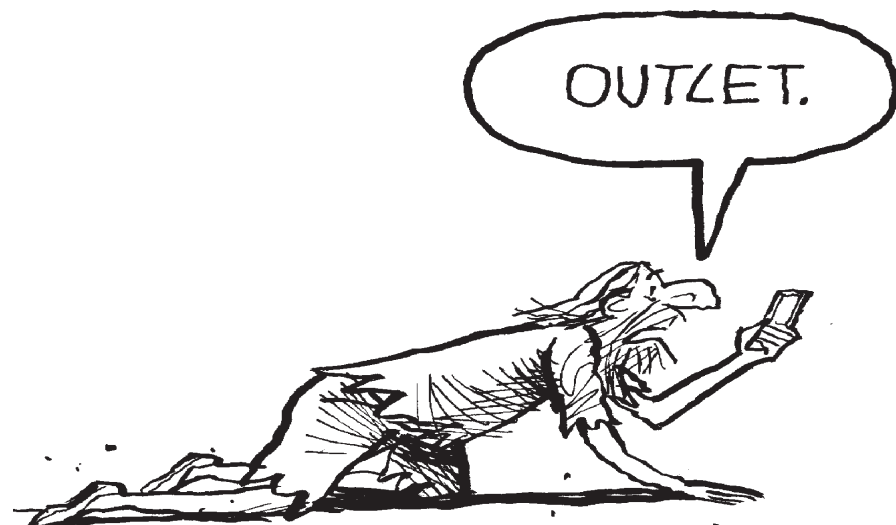
You also were "fielding" grounders, line-drives and fly balls constantly. You are "catching" and "batting" ALL the time. It's great. It's never too late to learn and start playing, and you meet great people (and whip them every chance you get).

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Too much secrecy not good

National leaders of all stripes have complained for decades Washington keeps too many secrets. Too much of the government's information is classified, the argument goes, making it nearly impossible for Americans to know what their leaders are doing.

"Secrecy is a mode of regulation," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote in 1997, when the congressionally created board he headed, the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, released a report.

Moynihan hoped a "culture of openness" would develop to balance the culture of secrecy. It didn't happen. A dozen years later, in 2009, *The New York Times* editorialized that the federal government's creation of "107 different categories of restricted information ... seems designed not to protect legitimate secrets but to empower bureaucrats." Still more recently, when the House held hearings on secrecy in 2015, the journalist Terry Anderson testified, "The Moynihan commission recommended some changes in the law, including an office of declassification. Nothing was acted upon."

Today, the culture of secrecy is keeping the public from learning some basic facts about the Trump-Russia affair, even as newscasts and newspapers are filled with reporting, speculation and debate about it. When it comes to allegations that the Trump campaign conspired with Russia to fix the 2016 election, the Justice Department and other agencies have withheld information from the public because such information is classified, or because it is purport-

edly critical to an ongoing investigation, or because officials just want to keep the department's secrets secret.

This year, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Devin Nunes wrote a memo, based on classified information, about the FBI's rationale for wiretapping the Trump campaign's volunteer foreign policy adviser Carter Page. The FBI and Justice Department protested that releasing the memo would endanger both lives and national security. President Trump ordered it released, and the public finally learned the FBI had used the opposition research known as the Trump dossier as part of its wiretap application. The country -- and the investigation -- survived.

Then there are the Michael Flynn papers. On Jan. 24, 2017, just four days into the Trump administration, the FBI went to the White House to interview Flynn, ostensibly on the suspicion that during the transition he might have violated a never-enforced law on U.S. contacts with foreign officials. It was that interview that led Flynn to plead guilty to lying to the FBI.

The need for the government to stop reflexively classifying and keeping secrets is especially acute in a case like Trump-Russia, when there is endless public debate over every aspect of the case, and some of the president's adversaries hope to use the affair to remove him from office. Nothing could be of greater public interest and benefit than the release of more facts.

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I'll take discomfort food

Beverly invited us to dinner the other night, telling us she'd just found a new fish stew recipe she was dying to make.

"It just sounds so delicious: Isla Bonita Fish Stew, with smoked paprika, onions, tomatoes and potatoes. I just can't wait to taste it," she said.

After a round of drinks and appetizers, we sat down at the table. Beverly pulled the stew out of the oven, placed it on the table and started serving. We all shared a little toast and then started to eat.

I've never seen people eat so slowly before. Beverly had a funny look.

"These potatoes are still hard. How is that possible? They've been in the oven for 40 minutes."

"The onions are pretty raw, too," I added helpfully.

"I think it's wonderful," Sue said as she kicked my shin under the table. "You must give me the recipe."

"I wonder what went wrong?" said Beverly, still puzzled. "I did everything exactly like the recipe said."

Finally, I realized we were going about it all wrong. "Beverly," I said, "think if we had all gone to a fancy restaurant tonight, and the special on the menu was 'Isla Bonita Fish Stew: our most popular item, with warm but firm yellow potatoes and barely steamed farm-fresh onions in a subtle, delicate broth. A dining experience you won't find anywhere else.' You'd have thought the chef was a genius."

"We'd have said, 'How did he make something so wonderful? Did you notice how the potatoes stayed firm and yet the tomatoes were so soft?'"

"I'll bet the cook who accidentally spilled a bunch of coconut on top of the shrimp one day probably thought,

'Now I'm going to have to throw the whole mess out and start over.' But he didn't, and now everyone loves coconut shrimp. I'll bet one day, some restaurant owner said, 'What are we going to do with all these leftover chicken wings? Everybody wants to eat chicken breasts and legs, but nobody wants the wings.'

"Someday, everyone will want 'Beverly's Fish Stew' the same way they want chicken wings," I told her.

I don't know if Beverly bought it, but she stopped apologizing and we all started eating it a little faster.

It reminded me of a story I'd heard about Captain Cook. When they discovered that scurvy was caused by a

lack of vegetables, ships started serving sailors the only vegetable that would last on a long sea voyage: sauerkraut. It's not something everyone loves, and the sailors wouldn't

eat it. So Captain Cook gave the order that only officers could eat sauerkraut. The sailors nearly mutinied, insisting they get as much sauerkraut as officers. The captain grudgingly gave in.

Maybe that's true of everything in life. Some of us are always disappointed we're not rich or beautiful or tall or athletic or gifted with wonderful voices. But look again. Do you think the actress on the cover of that magazine is happy? You know, the one who's currently divorcing her third husband.

Now they're fighting in the tabloids over who gets custody of a dog neither one of them really likes that much. The dog wants to go back to the rescue center and hopes he can get adopted by a couple that actually likes each other.

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Some dream jobs to consider

There are tons of ways to make money, but some professions are a mystery to me. I watched a Lifetime Hallmark Christmas movie (Yes, they are cheesy and predictable. Yes, sometimes I just need a happy ending) and the main character was a personal shopper for a living. Then, in the movie "Blended," Drew Barrymore's character was a professional closet organizer. Like, do you know anyone who does that for a living?

Take blogging for example. I've never understood exactly how it works. After I graduated from Lipscomb, one fellow communication major that I shared several courses with moved to New York and that's what she does. Her blog is called Being Elliot and her Instagram has 37,000 followers. According to her blog, she's a wardrobe stylist too and she documents her travels around the world.

Another blogger I follow on Insta is Kimberly Odom with The Beauty Fox. She's also a clinical nutritionist and health coach originally from McMinnville. Her blog is dedicated primarily to health and beauty. Still, I'd enjoy a behind-the-scenes look/breakdown of how to make money as a blogger. I'm genuinely intrigued!

Love Disney? Apparently, being a Disney character is actually a legitimate career possibility. I can't imagine that being my fulltime gig and I'm assuming there isn't much job security since aging is inevitable. Actually, a friend of mine took an internship working for Disney and said her expectations collided with the reality of her position.

I started doing some research online and there are some really unusual jobs out there. Here's a list of four jobs I find strange and unique:

• **Fortune cookie writer** – Someone gets paid for writing those fortunes and it's estimated that fortune cookie writers earn around \$30,000 a year predicting customers' futures. Maybe this could be my side job?

• **Chocolate scientists** – To me, this job doesn't even sound real! According to Peter Higgins, president and chocolate scientist at Purdys Chocolatier, it takes a food science degree to learn about different types of soils along with the chemistry and molecules that make up food.

• **Nail polish namer** – Again, this is another word-related job I think would be fun. I believe I could come up with some silly and fun nail polish names!

• **Video game tester** – Although I have no interest in this, I'm sure the idea of playing video games for a living is pretty appealing to some.

On a slightly different note, I asked my niece recently what she wanted to do for a living. Her 8-year-old response: "I want to be a Youtuber." Although I initially wanted to insert my own suggestions, I refrained and asked her to expand on this career choice. Zo explained she could review toys and other things. After briefly reflecting, I don't think her response is that far-fetched.

So, I bought a bath bomb from Lush and let her try it out. She used it and gave her review. The funny thing is, she is a natural!

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