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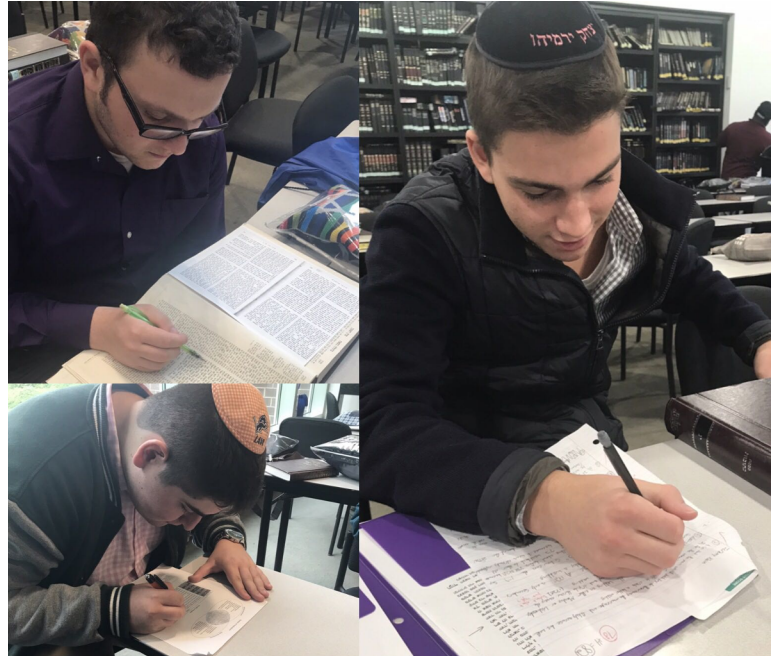
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## Exclusive Interview with Jason Greenblatt, Special Representative for International Negotiations for the United States

**By: Eitan Carroll**

*EC: How did you adjust/transition from your position as President Trump's corporate lawyer to a role of international prominence as special envoy to the Middle East?*

*JG: As you can imagine, over the 20 years that I worked at The Trump Organization, I developed a close relationship with the President. During the campaign, the President asked David Friedman, who is now our U.S. Ambassador to Israel, and me, to be his top advisors for Israel-related matters. Following his victory in November, I was honored to be asked by President Trump to be an Assistant to the President and Special Representative for International Negotiations.*

*In deciding whether to take on this role, it was important for me to decide if I was comfortable being separated from my wife and six children throughout the week, and only seeing them for Shabbat and on Sundays. I also had to consider the significant financial sacrifice that comes with a public service position. Ultimately, my family and I decided that I could not decline the President's offer of working with him, Jared Kushner, Ambassador Friedman, and others*



*towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians. While I loved my job as an Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at The Trump Organization, I feel incredibly blessed to serve in my new role at the White House. Each day, I rely heavily on the skills I developed in my former career. I am also fortunate to work with many talented individuals in the White House, the National Security Council, the State Department, and*

*our embassies and consulates abroad. All of this helped make my transition easier.*

*EC: What advice do you think Rav Aharon Lichtenstein zt"l would have given you upon accepting this position?*

*JG: It is tough for me to answer this question because Rav Aharon was such an incredible leader and scholar. Perhaps the best way for me to answer this question is to share with you that when the President offered me this position, my wife, children, and I asked ourselves whether this new role would be an opportunity, a responsibility, or an*

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## The Test of the new Test Day Schedule

**By: Yaakov Fuchs**

After last year's somewhat disastrous test schedule, change was in order. A new principal meant a new start, and at the beginning of the year, a new test format was put into play. As opposed to last year's four test per semester format, this year's test schedule has limited the tests three per semester, with four math tests. There are numerous pros and cons with the new format. For starters, the stress that came along with four tests per

semester has been greatly reduced. However, for some, reason tests still aren't spread out; Gemara, math, and science tests are still put in the same week, whereas the next week will only have one test. Although this issue is far more scarce than last year, it's still there and should be attended to. Also, although stress is reduced because of less tests, there is more pressure to succeed on individual tests because less tests equal greater weight on averages. That



being said, the overwhelming majority of students support the changes and progress that has and will be made to the test schedule. Another change that has been implemented this year is the new "Test Day Schedule." Similar to Thursday's "Club Schedule," the newly implemented schedule ensures that everyone takes the exam at the same time, each in their respective rooms. There are many positives to attribute to the new schedule, such as

eliminating dishonesty on exams. The only issues about the new schedule are that the proctors may not necessarily be able to answer questions regarding how the teachers wrote their tests, as well as recent reports of teachers misplacing tests. Overall, both the new test schedule and the new test day schedule have been extreme positives for the school, and it appears that the ship has gotten through the storm and is sailing smoothly. Sure, there are a few kinks that still need to be worked out, but overall, steps forward are steps in the right direction.



## A Wave of Terror: Neo-Nazis and White Nationalists Strike

**By: Eitan Kastner**

Over the past few months, a wave of terror has been leaving America on edge. Many neo-nazi and white supremacist rallies have been taking place across America leaving people frightened and unsure of what's to come.

The most notable of these rallies took place in Charleston during the month of August. The city was consumed by violence on Saturday as white nationalists from over 35 different states led by Richard Spencer, one of the primary leaders of the white supremacist community, and

counter-protesters clashed in one of the bloodiest



fighters in recent memory over the removal of Confederate statues across the South. Spencer had long planned and spoke of

a demonstration in response to the city's decision to remove a statue of Robert E. The rally, however, escalated into a series of racial taunting, shoving and

brawling, causing the governor to declare a state of emergency.

Those skirmishes mostly resulted in small cuts and

bruises.. Yet after the rally at a park was scattered, a car bearing an Ohio license plate accelerated into a crowd near the city's downtown mall, killing a 32-year-old African-American woman and injuring 19 others..

President Trump commented on the episode, stating how terrible it was and how we as a nation must unite. The President however failed to specifically condemn the acts of neo-nazis and white supremacists. I believe this was a huge mistake on Trump's part. It was such a simple thing to do, to condemn the groups of people who caused one of

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## College Tuition at an All Time High

**By: Alex Herman**

A recent poll taken by the Student Monitor, a college student research service, asked students about their biggest concerns regarding college. Sixty-three percent of students listed "cost of education" as their chief concern. Student Monitor also found that approximately two-thirds of the surveyed students agreed with the statement that "the cost of college is too expensive". But has the cost of a college education really increased since our parents were in college?

According to a report from

the Brookings Institute, college tuition is affordable for a large percentage of students. By merely looking at the "sticker price", or the advertised price of tuition, it seems that college prices have skyrocketed over the past two decades. However, the average amount that students are paying for tuition hasn't increased drastically. An analysis by the Wall Street Journal revealed that both private and public schools utilize money from students who pay full price to subsidize the cost for students with financial aid. In fact, recent data from the National Association of College and University Business Officers shows



that half of college students receives either academic scholarships or financial aid.

Although financial aid and academic scholarships have helped many students realize their college dreams, tuition has still increased tremendously. Over the past twenty years, the average tuition and fees at private universities have jumped 157 percent. Out-of-state tuition and fees at public universities have risen 194 percent. In-state tuition and fees at public universities have grown the most, increasing 237 percent. In order to combat this trend, Governor Andrew Cuomo

began the Excelsior Scholarship program. This program, enacted in April 2017, grants tuition-free college to all New York state universities. However, this scholarship is only available those who come from families making less than \$125,000 annually. More than 940,000 families qualify for free tuition at SUNY and CUNY under the new program. Governor Cuomo said "By providing tuition-free college to thousands of middle class New Yorkers, we are restoring the promise of the American Dream for the next generation and forging a bold path forward of access and opportunity for the rest of the nation to follow."



## It and its Sequel

By: Jacob Appel

It is a terrifying movie based on



the Stephen King novel. The horror film follows a group of young teens in Derry, Maine, who face their worst nightmare -- a shape-shifting evil that emerges from the depths of Derry's sewer every 27 years, to prey on the town's children. They must come together over the course of one horrifying summer, battling both their own personal fears and the murderous clown known as Pennywise, often referred to as "It." It was a hit almost immediately upon its release, collecting over 300 million dollars in its first month at the box office. Only a few weeks

after release, it was confirmed there will be a sequel. This wasn't a shock, though, since the movie ends with Pennywise laughing and a screen that says "part one..." The second part will be picking the story up 30 years later, following flashbacks to the boys' childhoods. It looks like the main cast of part one will be back for more. They will likely cast older actors who look like middle-aged versions of the kids in

It. There is not much information on part 2, but it is known that one of the members of the group stayed around in Derry to wait for Pennywise's return. That way he can warn the rest of the group to come back, and fight Pennywise once again. This was actually the original storyline of the novel. It ended up being over 1,000 pages, however, and was cut in half to save on costs. The script for the sequel is currently in the writing stage, after which it will be sent into production. At that point they will cast the adult actors for the film. It: Part 2 is scheduled to come out September 6, 2019. It will be a while.

## The North Korean Problem

By: Jeremy Koffsky

The year was 1991. The Soviet Union had just fallen. East Berlin and East Germany were gone, and communist regimes once supported by the Soviets were heading towards collapse. Many presumed that one of the first to fall would be the Republic of North Korea. With its isolationist mentality and a modern army supported by the US next door in South Korea, a rehashing of the Korean war that ended in a stalemate in 1953 seemed imminent. Kim Jong IL had other ideas. Through abandon technology left by the Soviets, Kim Jong IL secretly started developing the North Korean nuclear program. Intelligence gathered in 1993 led the US to suspect that the Kim administration was pursuing nuclear power.

its nuclear program in exchange for power plants. All was well, people thought, until August 1998, when North Korea launched a Taepodong-1 (ballistic missile) over Japan. The US did not know how to handle the situation at this point. Over the next 20 years North Korea would continue to develop its nuclear program each year testing more and more developed missiles and posing more and more danger to the western world.

Now it seems as if President Trump and Kim Jong Un (or "Rocket man" as Trump calls him) have ramped up this conflict. Trump has said "If . . . forced to defend itself or

its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea." One North Korean official has gone as far as to say that President Trump's words were a declaration of war. No President has yet to figure out the correct way



to handle the situation, but everyone agrees a full-on war would be disastrous for all. Both sides now possess enough nuclear power to destroy the world. The best options for the US seem to be either to work with the United Nations and China to isolate North Korea through trade sanctions

(something which has already happened to some extent) or to somehow stage a coup, taking Kim Jong Un out of office and letting the South Korean Military reunite the country. South Korea does not officially acknowledge that North Korea exists and considers it to be their land. Additionally, one who escaped North Korea and heads to South Korea (a very rare occurrence) is automatically granted full South Korean citizenship.

A coup attempt in North Korea would be particularly difficult as the North Korean people are strikingly loyal to their leader. If one escapes North Korea, his whole family is rounded up and sent to a labor camp. That punishment extends to

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## Donald Trump and the NFL: Explained

By: Aaron Nassir

Recently, the United States has been grappling with many dilemmas concerning many different facets of society. As President, Donald Trump is looked to guide and address the people about these issues. While the majority of people think that sports shouldn't be a concern of politicians, President Trump recently stepped into the fray with his opinions about the symbolism of national anthem, escalating the actions of a few players into a national debate.

San Francisco 49ers quarterback recently Colin Kaepernick chose not to stand during the pregame playing of the national anthem as an act of protest against racism and police brutality in America. This wasn't very popular with the NFL and it's fanbase, and it led to many debates over whether protesting patriotic rituals is a tactically or strategically sound course of action. Several other NFL players joined Kaepernick in the protest as well, but for what appears to be business reasons NFL owners have quietly blacklisted Kaepernick. The owners did not come out and say they are blacklisting him, but the goal was to rid of the controversy and get back to the lucrative business of football.

Never one to shy away from controversy, the President stated exactly what he thinks about kneeling

during the anthem. Just as the Kaepernick controversy was fading away the President brought it right back to focus. At a recent Alabama rally to support the campaign of Sen. Luther Strange, Trump's speech went on an extended tangent about pro football. "You know what's hurting the game?" Trump rhetorically asked- "When people like yourselves turn on television, and you see those people taking the knee when they are playing



our great national anthem."

Commentators quickly noted that the way President Trump differentiated between "people like yourselves" at a mostly white rally and "those people" protesting on the field was quite obviously a racial framing of the situation. On top of that President Trump also advised fans to boycott the NFL and speculated, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, Get that son of a ---- off the field right now. Out. He's

fired. He's fired!"

This comment brought tons of backlash, and the very fact that Trump as President even brought it up made it more of a political issue than it ever should have been. President Trump also got into conflict with NBA player Steph Curry on a more personal level concerning the same issue of protesting the anthem. This conflict led to Trump publicly tweeting out a withdrawal of his invitation to the White House for the Golden State Warriors. LeBron James also got

anti-Trump gestures than anything else.

In response to President Trump's comments, player responses have escalated- many NFL players are either kneeling or locking arms during the singing of the anthem. "What you just saw was a variety of responses with the theme of unity," an NFL front office source told CNN referring to how the players responded to the anthem. "All across the league, owners, coaches and players came together to decide what was best for them."

President Trump, after pushing national anthem protests to an unprecedentedly high level through his racist comments, is now returning to his position as the defender of neutral patriotic symbols. He tweeted several times saying that the American flag must be respected, and that the NFL should institute a rule where any player who won't stand for the anthem should be suspended. He added that this isn't even a race issue, rather an issue of respecting the country and national anthem. Trump also tweeted that he approved of players locking arms, saying it represented "great solidarity" for the country. On the issue of respecting the anthem, public opinion seems to be on Trump's side, saying that players should be standing for the anthem. At the same time, a poll conducted by CNBC a few

involved tweeting; "U bum @StephenCurry30 already said he ain't going! So therefore ain't no invite. Going to White House was a great honor until you showed up!", which got retweeted over 600,000 times. Fighting with Curry proved immediately disastrous and prompted anti-Trump statements from a range of athletes, franchise owners, and sports fans. It also led to a much larger wave of protests during Sunday's football games, protests that, given the context looked more clearly like

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**Jason Greenblatt**  
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obligation. We became certain that taking this job was an obligation, and I believe that Rav Aharon would have stood behind this decision.

EC: Are there any personal conflicts you are experiencing in this role as an Orthodox Jew trying to broker peace deals with Arab leaders in the Middle East?

JG: Prior to starting my new role, I was a bit worried that my religion would keep me from being perceived as someone suitable for the role. It is nearly impossible to bring two groups together, and negotiate a successful deal,

if one group believes that you are biased against them. In fact, the Arab and Muslim leaders, diplomats and negotiators that I engage with are very respectful of me being an observant Jew. For example, they graciously provide me with food that meets my kosher dietary restrictions and understand that I observe Shabbat. However, I was caught off guard when an attack about my religious observance came from some in the Jewish community who chose to criticize my decision not to wear my kippah at work. Regardless of how the press portrays my actions, both the Israelis and the Palestinians have embraced the United States' efforts to lead the

quest for peace, and my religious observance is a non-issue when it comes to those efforts.

EC: What's the most interesting souvenir you have brought home for your kids these past few months?

JG: Although I work in Washington, and do quite a lot of traveling around the Middle East, I make it a priority to have my family feel like they are with me on my journey. I try to bring my family stories and souvenirs that make them feel like they were right there with me on the trips. My wife and children enjoy hearing about the meetings and events that I attend, the personalized invitations I receive, the menus I bring home from

state dinners, and the signed memorabilia that I receive. While I can't share with my family many of the details of the meetings and conversations that I have, just hearing about who I meet and the general topics that we discuss make them feel like they were there. It is a unique way to bring us all together when we spend so much time apart.

Jason Greenblatt is an American lawyer. He was the executive vice president and chief legal officer to Donald Trump and The Trump Organization, and his advisor on Israel. In January 2017, he was appointed as the United States Special Representative for International Negotiations by President Donald Trump.

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three generations of the man's descendants. Weekly meetings are held in North Korea where citizens must say something their neighbors did to harm the state or a petty violation of the rules to prove their loyalty. If they cannot think of anything, they are punished.

President Trump does not seem to be using the right language in approaching this situation. He enjoys using big military power as a hallmark of his speech, but taking down North Korea will require something much more subtle, like a secret assassination plot. Trump's "strong talk" may help in that the North

Koreans believe that a full out war is coming. We can only hope Trump is not planning one. A total war with North Korea would not result in the destruction of the US but it can certainly result in the destruction of Seoul or Tokyo and both the Japanese and South Koreans are counting on the US to prevent that..One could only hope that this situation is resolved quickly with the least

amount of bloodshed possible. One could only hope that the evil North Korean regime which has ruled over a suffering people for over fifty years can finally be toppled.

One could only hope that that Koreans, from the North and South alike, will finally be able to join hands and unite in a free democratic country of their own.

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weeks ago that surveyed about 600 Americans shows 61 percent of respondents saying

players should not be fired if they do protest.

Overall no one really wanted Trump to mix politics into sports- both fellow politicians and sports fans didn't appreciate it. Sports are looked at as a break from

politics and Trump's comments took that away, politicizing what should now be politicized and creating a situation where coaches are expected to respond to presidential tweets. Hopefully these polarizing issues will be

reconciled and the nation will come together soon, and President Trump will turn his focus on issues facing the United States that are more important and demanding of his attention.



## Ethan

**By: Tzvi Heimowitz**

“That’s money!” shouts Ethan as he steps back and takes the shot. He swears under his breath when it

bounces off the rim. “Hey-Language!” shouts his coach from down the court. “Sorry,” he mumbles back.

I’m off my – WHEEEEEEEEEEE – the sound of Coach’s whistle interrupted his thought. “That’s all for today.

Be sure to get a good night’s sleep for the game tomorrow.”

Leaving the gym, Ethan spots his friend Aaron walking back to his car. Ethan’s house was on the block

before Aaron’s, so he didn’t feel bad always

asking for a lift.

“Hey Aaron can I get a ride home?”

“Yea, no problem. By the way, what was the history homework?”

“I didn’t know we had.”

“Well we do. I’ll ask Joe and we’ll do it tomorrow at lunch.”

Within a minute of coming home, Ethan was already in the shower. He let the hot water hit his body, his mind full of thoughts you only have in the shower. There must be a more efficient way to wash dishes. I usually end up washing my dishes by hand as using the dishwasher is too much work. What if you made a machine that has a slot where you put in dishes, and they are sprayed by water and soap as they go along a conveyor belt. Like

a car wash. I should patent that.

Ethan forgot all about his idea as he sank into a deep sleep.



BEEP BEEP BEEP. 7:38 AM. Oh shoot. Ethan scurried out of bed and got dressed. Aaron’s familiar silver audi was idling outside. “Drive on the fast side, Aaron. One more late, and

I get a detention.” It takes a couple minutes to find parking, but they make it in time for morning prayers.

Ethan opens up a prayer book. But he is not praying to Hashem; he is praying to Allah. Ethan is Muslim.

Hearing about the countless jihadist terrorist attacks across the globe, there is a natural feeling of anger that arises towards these terrorists, and more broadly, Muslims. We tend to lump together kids like Ethan with the suicide bombers of ISIS. Such urges should be rejected. Us Muslims and Jews are more similar than you’d think. Our society is divided enough as it is. The least we can do is keep an open mind towards our Muslim brothers, although they may not always seem like brothers.

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the bloodiest civil clashes in recent history. However; for whatever reasons only known to President Trump, he didn’t do so and instead cited “both sides” were to blame for the event. He should have specifically acknowledged that the white nationalists were to blame for the incursion.

More recently, Spencer and dozens of supporters came back to Charleston on Saturday. The white nationalists have dubbed this rally a model for protests across the nation.

The rally on Saturday featuring white supremacist leader Richard Spencer was the third rally prompted by the Virginia city’s plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from its Emancipation Park. White nationalists consider Confederate leaders heroes and want their statues to remain on display; counter-protesters see those leaders as symbols of racism and hate and therefore want their statues removed to symbolize the freedom of all people. The approximately 50

protesters came to Charlottesville singing Dixie, listening to fiery speeches, holding torches, and chanting slogans such as ‘the South will rise again’. There was no violence recorded, and the protesters left Charlottesville immediately via buses.

These public demonstrations are only the beginning. White supremacists wish to fulfill Trump’s promise that ‘America will be freed’ have been emboldened by his rise to power, nevertheless believing that the President’s ascendancy is only a good start. They

still don’t believe a man who ‘sold his daughter to a Jew’ is fit to be president.

We as Jews need to stand up and condemn groups of people that stand for hate, racism, and incite violence, who promote the dangerous ideology of a single pure race. These same ideas led to the deaths of over 6 million of our people. People like Richard Spencer who speak up against Jews and other minorities should not be tolerated and we need to do everything in our power to make racism, purity of race, and other Nazi ideas a thing of the past.



## Political Roundup By: Moshe Carroll

Senator Kaminsky unveils legislation to prevent anonymous political ads on Facebook. The legislation would require all political ads to contain the names of the groups or individuals that are paying for them. The Senator said his bill would discourage false and misleading ads while giving voters more information on those trying to influence their votes. The bill comes in light of Facebook turning over 3,000 ads purchased by Russian sources to three different congressional committees investigating Russian influence in the 2016 election.

Over 180 House Democrats sign letter urging Trump to re-certify

Iran nuclear deal. The group, led by Reps. Deutch (D-FL) and Price (D-NC), sent the letter to President Trump ahead of the Oct.15 deadline in which Iran's compliance to the deal must be recertified. The letter claims that subverting the



deal would cause Iran to attain nuclear weapons and "if President Trump decertified Iranian compliance without clear evidence of Iranian violations, it will jeopardize this united front against Iran."

Kathleen Rice was among the signatories despite her opposition to the deal in 2015.

Long Island joins bid to host Amazon's new \$5 billion headquarters. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano proposed

building the new headquarters in Belmont Park, which the New York Islanders have also been eyeing. "This will be a game changer in creating a new economy for Long Island. We believe Belmont should be a

candidate and it's time to think big," Mangano said. The headquarters would bring 50,000 six-figure jobs to Long Island. Roughly 50 cities across the U.S. and Canada have tossed their hats in the ring with Denver, Boston, and Washington D.C. among the top contenders according to a New York Times analysis.

Laura Curran wins Democratic Primary for Nassau County Executive. County Legislator Curran faced off against fellow Democrat and County Comptroller, George Maragos, beating him 79 to 21% with just an 8% turnout. Curran will take on Republican nominee Jack Martins in the general election on November 7.

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## Tennis's Rising in Popularity By: Harry Radinsky

If you ask most people what the most popular sport in America is, you get a variety of answers: football, basketball, hockey, and even baseball. But, only a very small minority would respond that tennis is the most popular. Yet, during the 2017 US Open, the total attendance was 691,143 spread out over twenty-four sessions for

an average of nearly 30,000 fans per session. This is higher than the average attendance of more than half of the MLB stadiums. On Opening Day alone, there were 61,839 fans on the grounds. Moreover, the admiration for the sport by the fans attending is quite fantastic.

The US Open and its grounds are an amazing venue. Tennis fans, sitting next to the court, are awed by the game. The prizes for the US

Open are exorbitant, with a purse of about \$50.4 million. This purse is demonstrative of how popular this event is with sponsors and fans. The US Open has the highest purse out of any of the four Grand Slams, namely the Australian Open in January, the French Open at the end of May, and Wimbledon in July.

Tennis, generally, also has some of the highest paid athletes. Roger Federer accumulated 64 million dollars between June 2016 and

June 2017, which would put him behind only LeBron James for earnings with endorsements this year. Further demonstrating the popularity of the US Open was the number of social media interactions, with 92 million video views and 18 million interactions between Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube.

As for athletic performance, Americans stood their

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## Winner Takes All- The MLB Wild Card Game

**By: Gavriel Aharon**

As another entertaining season of Major League Baseball comes to an end, ten of the thirty teams have the privilege of extending their season in hope of reaching the ultimate goal, the World Series. The MLB playoffs consist of four rounds: The one game wild card round, the best of 5 Divisional Series, the best of 7 American/National League Championship Series, and the final round, the best of 7 World Series. The wild card game is a one game playoff between the two teams with the best record in each conference that didn't win their division, with the better team getting home field advantage. This format is relatively new. Until 2012, only one non-division winner from each conference would win the wild card, so there was no one game playoff. The MLB implemented this new system for a number of reasons, but there are a few disadvantages to it as well.

There are various positive aspects of the new playoff

format. Prior to this system, it didn't matter so much for a team that would finish in the wild card spot to try and win the division, since both teams would be playing in the Divisional Series anyway. Now, with two wild card teams, there is



much more incentive to win the division to avoid playing in this do-or-die game. This makes baseball more exciting in September, and adds a lot more competition to each division. Not only is there more competition, but additional teams now have realistic chances of making it into the postseason. Since there were only four teams out of the fifteen in each

conference making the playoffs, adding a fifth team to each conference makes a big difference. Another great result of the new format is the excitement level for the fans. There is so much interest in these games, even from fans whose teams aren't in the game. It is more or less a "game 7" of any other playoff series, and teams go all out and try to do whatever

they can to make sure their season extends.

Despite all the excitement and competition that results from the wild card game, there is one tremendous issue. The season is 162 games, so how can it be fair that these two teams' seasons are decided by just one game? Joe Girardi, the Yankees manager, isn't a fan of the system- for this very reason. Before the

Yankees played in their wild card game, he said, "I know, it's for the excitement and the drama. But to play 162 games, you should get more than one game. That's my personal opinion." Home field advantage hasn't been much of a factor yet, as seven out of the twelve wild card games thus far have been won by the road team. In some cases, the better team is even at a disadvantage in this game. This is simply because of how much this game depends on your ace. One team might be the better, more balanced team than the other, but if the other team has the better starting pitcher, that can make the difference. Five of the wild card games have been shutouts by the road team (the wild card team with the worse record entering the game), proving just how much pitching can determine the outcome of the game. Until now, the two team wild card system has been very exciting, and teams that weren't able to make the playoffs beforehand now have a better shot. We'll see how it continues to play out in the coming years.

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delivers State of the Town address. The Supervisor discussed topics such as parks, the new 9/11 memorial in Point

Lookout, cost-saving purchase agreements such as LED street lighting, and community initiatives. Santino also touted his wide range of accomplishments during his past 20 months in office which include a 3%

spending cut in 2017 over the 2016 budget, three consecutive bond upgrades, and a \$23 million deficit that he turned into a \$5 million surplus. "I am proud of the accomplishments we made together in 20 short

months," Supervisor Santino said. He also added that he plans to make additional cuts in Town spending over the upcoming year.



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ground in the tournament, with an All-American women's semifinals and a total of 85 American men and women who competed in both the main and qualifying draws. The US Open overall is quite a popular event, and is a favorite with New York sports fans.

The Laver Cup is also a great tennis tournament, which takes place about two weeks after the completion of the US Open. Although it is only three days, from a Friday to a Sunday, it hosts many of the top tiered tennis players in the world. This is a brand new tournament that was established

this year. The Laver Cup is quite different than a typical tennis tournament, with draws



and brackets, since players were divided into two teams. Similar to golf's Ryder Cup, the players were separated by where they lived, and so it was Europe

versus the rest of the world. Team Europe was a huge favorite going into the tournament, since they combined for thirty-six

Grand Slam Titles while Team World had only one title. With the help of stars Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, Team Europe prevailed and won by a score of 15 to

9. Each member of the winning team took home \$250,000. Based on attendance and popularity, the Laver Cup was a huge success for the tennis world.

Both the US Open and the Laver Cup are among the biggest tennis events in September. They are thousands of miles apart, one in Flushing, New York, and the other in Prague, Czech Republic, which demonstrates tennis' global popularity and create significant interest for tennis throughout the world. These are two events that show sports fans that the world of tennis is fantastic and perhaps even superior to the more traditional sports.

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