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## Merck chief takes a stand

CEO quits council over Trump's rally response, drawing president's ire

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON AND JENA MCGREGOR

Just a month ago, President Trump invited Merck chief executive Kenneth C. Frazier to the White House, calling him one of the "great, great leaders of business in this country." On Monday morning, Trump singled out Frazier again, this time to express his displeasure over the pharmaceutical executive's abrupt decision to resign from the president's American Manufacturing Council.

Frazier, citing a "matter of personal conscience," said he felt "a responsibility to take a stand against intolerance and extremism" in the wake of the violence in Charlottesville and Trump's failure to quickly and explicitly condemn the white supremacists who organized the rally.

It took Trump just 54 minutes to respond, calling out Frazier among the legions of activists, celebrities and politicians from both parties expressing similar sentiments.

"Now that Ken Frazier of Merck Pharma has resigned from President's Manufacturing Council, he will have more time to LOWER RIPOFF DRUG PRICES!" Trump tweeted.

Frazier, one of a handful of African American chief executives of Fortune 500 companies, is just the latest corporate executive to break with the administration. Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk and Disney chief Robert Iger stepped down from their

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President Trump after making a statement on the violence in Charlottesville. For video of his remarks, visit [wapo.st/whcharlottesville0815](http://wapo.st/whcharlottesville0815).

## Racism is 'evil,' Trump says

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Now specifically decries 'white supremacists'

BY DAVID NAKAMURA AND SARI HORWITZ

President Trump moved Monday to quell growing public outrage over his tepid response to the weekend violence in Charlottesville, condemning the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis by name and declaring racist hate groups "repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans."

In a hastily arranged appearance at the White House, Trump vowed that his administration would hold the perpetrators of violence at a white supremacist rally fully accountable and said that such displays of hatred and bigotry have "no place in America."

"Racism is evil, and those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups," Trump said in brief remarks in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

Trump's statement came two days after he did not specifically condemn the "Unite the Right" rally Saturday, when a man who had espoused racist and pro-Nazi sentiments allegedly killed a woman and injured 19 others by slamming his car into a crowd. Trump's apparent reluctance to single out white na-

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## No bail for suspect; portrait emerges of a violent teen

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ, JACK GILLUM, MICHAEL E. MILLER AND STEVE HENDRIX

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Years before a 20-year-old Ohio man allegedly rammed his car into a panicked crowd of activists in Charlottesville, it was his disabled mother who was terrified. James Alex Fields Jr. was barely a teenager in 2010 when his mother — who uses a wheelchair — locked herself in a bath-

room, called 911 and said her son had struck her head and put his hands over her mouth when she told him to stop playing a video game, according to police records. On another occasion, records show, he brandished a 12-inch knife. Once, he spit in her face.

"Mom is scared he is going to become violent here," a dispatcher wrote in a log of the November 2011 call in which Fields's mother, Samantha

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## Recounting a day of rage, hate, violence and death

BY JOE HEIM

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Rumors circulated all week. Details were scant. No time or place was certain, but the word was that white nationalists and supremacists coming to town for Saturday's Unite the Right rally had a Friday night surprise. They were going to march in a torchlight procession — a symbolic gathering meant to evoke similar marches of Hitler Youth and other ultraright nationalist organi-

zations of the past century.

A little after 8 p.m., Richard Spencer, a leader of far-right white nationalists and a scheduled headline speaker at the Saturday rally, texted a reporter.

"I'd be near campus tonight, if I were you," he wrote. "After 9 p.m. Nameless field."

The rumor was true. The torchlight parade was on. It would prove to be the catalyst for a horrific 24 hours in this usually quiet college town that

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## Anti-tax orthodoxy of GOP frays in some states

BY SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR

CHARLESTON, ILL. — Reggie Phillips had all the right qualifications to get elected to the state House from this rural community about 200 miles and a world away from Chicago. The silver-haired businessman was successful and self-made, a born-again Christian with a deeply conservative, low-tax message.

But that was in 2014. A two-year partisan standoff over the budget rattled his district, leaving the university that is its economic engine struggling for survival. So a few months into his second term as a member of the Illinois House, Phillips broke with most of the state's other Republicans and voted for a budget that raised the state income tax 32 percent.

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## Calmer messaging on the Korean Peninsula

Helicopters carrying staff traveling with Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, fly over Seoul. He is visiting Asia to allay fears of conflict over North Korea. Meanwhile, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un appeared to back off his recent heated military rhetoric. Story, A10

## New Russia emails show caution in Trump camp

Young campaign adviser's early appeals to set up meetings drew concern

BY TOM HAMBURGER, CAROL D. LEONNIG AND ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN

Three days after Donald Trump named his campaign foreign policy team in March 2016, the youngest of the new advisers sent an email to seven campaign officials with the subject line: "Meeting with Russian Leadership - Including Putin."

The adviser, George Papadopoulos, offered to set up "a meeting between us and the Russian leadership to discuss US-Russia ties under President Trump," telling them his Russian contacts welcomed the opportunity, according to internal

campaign emails read to The Washington Post.

The proposal sent a ripple of concern through campaign headquarters in Trump Tower. Campaign co-chairman Sam Clovis wrote that he thought NATO allies should be consulted before any plans were made. Another Trump adviser, retired Navy Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, cited legal concerns, including a possible violation of U.S. sanctions against Russia and of the Logan Act, which prohibits U.S. citizens from unauthorized negotiation with foreign governments.

But Papadopoulos, a campaign volunteer with scant foreign policy experience, persisted. Between March and September, the self-described energy consultant sent at least a half-dozen requests for Trump, as he turned from primary candidate to party nominee, or for members of his team to meet with Russian officials.

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