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CHARLES ESHELMAN/WIREIMAGE PHOTO  
New White Sox manager Robin Ventura rejoined the organization four months ago as an adviser.

## Surprise! It's Ventura

Sox's hiring of former 3rd baseman a shock to most, including him

The idea of Robin Ventura succeeding Ozzie Guillen as White Sox manager came from so far out of left field that even Ventura acknowledged he was surprised when general manager Ken Williams approached him about taking the job.

But take it he did. Ventura, 44, who has no managerial experience, was named the new Sox skipper Thursday, less than four months after starting his duties as a special adviser. "The passion was there to do it," Ventura said. "I realize I haven't managed, but this is the organization that is going to give me the support to do the job." Williams said Ventura met the very specific criteria the White

Sox were looking for. "A passion for the city and the organization, and a drive to win a World Series championship ... leadership, a communicative ability that I think will translate well into working with veterans players as well as our young players," said Williams, who will be patient with the inexperienced Ventura. "I do not expect him to be Tony La Russa on day one," Williams said. **Chicago Sports**

By the numbers

- 16 seasons played
- 6 Gold Glove awards
- 2 All-Star appearances
- 18 grand slams, tied for fifth most in major league history



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Bob and Barb Malizzo, along with daughter Kristina Chavez and her son Adrian, visit their daughter Michelle Ballog's grave at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso, Ind. Ballog died after a medical error at UIC Medical Center in Chicago.

## Family lends hand after deadly error

Medical mistake spurs relatives to join hospital panel, not sue

BY DEBORAH L. SHELTON  
Tribune reporter

Michelle Malizzo Ballog was nervous as hospital staff wheeled her into surgery to replace a temporary stent in her liver. In a procedure two weeks earlier, also at University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, she had awakened too early from the anesthesia, an unsettling experience.

But this time she didn't

wake up.

Monitoring errors were made while she was under anesthesia, and Ballog, whose youngest daughter had turned 1 the day before, stopped breathing and suffered cardiac arrest on the operating room table. She lapsed into a coma and died nine days later at 39.

Her parents and sister had no idea at first that Ballog's death was caused

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Barb Malizzo holds a favorite photo, showing her daughter Michelle Ballog, herself and husband Bob. The Malizzos and another daughter now work on hospital safety.

**"We might be able to save someone's life."** — Bob Malizzo

## Obama, activists urge action as divisions mount



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Tea party sets its sights on GOP establishment

BY KATHLEEN HENNESSEY  
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WASHINGTON — GOP leaders in Congress may seem to be frequently bending over backward to please the most conservative flank of their party — but the gymnastics don't appear to be doing the trick.

Like the vast majority of Americans, tea party activists say they, too, disapprove of how Congress is doing its job. But the reasons they offer are notably different from those heard elsewhere.

In interviews, several leading activists said Republicans were too quick to compromise and too accommodating to Democrats. They don't cite an insufficient effort on job creation, the top concern voiced by most Americans, but an inadequate attempt to rethink the role of government.

They urged lawmakers to be more aggressive and stick to a pattern of brinkmanship that has brought

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President turns up heat on Congress to pass jobs bill

Ratcheting up the pressure on Republican opponents, President Barack Obama on Thursday threatened Congress with a bitter fight over his \$447 billion jobs program if a vote is not taken. He vowed to bring it to Congress piece by piece, if necessary.

Obama insisted his proposal would give a jolt to the economy. He said he would use his re-election campaign to highlight the GOP's opposition — a gamble, based in part on Obama's knowledge that while his approval ratings have plummeted, Congress is even less popular.

Soon afterward, Republican leaders zeroed in on the tax increases that Democrats proposed to pay for the plan, including a surtax on millionaires.

"This bill is the same wasteful spending, the same burdensome union giveaways and the same temporary tax policy that has failed the American people the last two years," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

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## Mosque resistance questioned

Uproar ensues as plan switches from church to mosque

BY MICK SWASKO AND TED GREGORY  
Tribune reporters

For years, HOPE United Church of Christ advertised on its front lawn plans to build a church on 14 acres it owns just southwest of Naperville, and the minister there says he never heard so much as a peep of displeasure.

But those plans fell through, and now that the church wants to sell the property to another religious group, protests have erupted at the Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission. Handmade signs critical of the deal



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A notice-of-public-hearing sign marks the Will County site that the Islamic Center of Naperville wants to buy, annex to Naperville and someday build a mosque on.

have sprouted on utility poles.

This time around the Islamic Center of Naperville wants to buy the land and someday build a mosque there, said HOPE's pastor, the Rev.

Timoth Sylvia. In his view, that's the difference.

"This display of true ignorance ... breaks my heart, raises my concern and honestly angers me," Sylvia wrote to congressmen and friends earlier

this week. "The Islamic Center of Naperville has had to fight so hard for all that they have, and this next chapter of their story appears as if it may play

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