

2020 Vision: If a single speech can shake up the Democratic race, it might happen in Iowa

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Will any of this year's candidates pull an Obama at the newly named Liberty and Justice Celebration?



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Thanks to Trump, the U.S. hasn't admitted a single refugee since September

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October was the first full month in at least 18 years in which the United States did not admit any refugees.



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Vietnam arrests two in UK truck death investigation

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Vietnam police have arrested two people for trafficking in connection with the death of 39 migrants whose bodies were found in a truck in Britain, many of them feared to be Vietnamese. The move comes after British police arrested four people over the tragedy and are now seeking to question two brothers from Northern Ireland who have links to the road-haulage and shipping business. The victims were initially identified by British police as Chinese, but many are now believed to be Vietnamese after families in central Vietnam said their loved ones had not been heard from.



Image description: Vietnam arrests two in UK truck death investigation

Finally, some good news for California: Infamous Diablo and Santa Ana winds will die down soon

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/finally-good-news-california-infamous-155401034.html>

Santa Ana and Diablo winds, the pattern responsible for frequent and strong wind events in California, are forecast to end soon.



Image description: Finally, some good news for California: Infamous Diablo and Santa Ana winds will die down soon

Hollow building becomes center of Iraq's uprising

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The skeleton of a high-rise building overlooking Baghdad's central Tahrir Square known as the Turkish Restaurant has become a temporary home and a bustling center for protesters staging demonstrations against Iraq's ruling elites. Dressed in combat trousers and wearing an Iraqi flag as a cape, the 35-year-old is the leader of the group, made up of 20-odd young men who occupy a corner of the building's base. Groups of young men have occupied all 18 floors of the building, with its cramped unlit narrow staircases.



Image description: Hollow building becomes center of Iraq's uprising

Guard linked to beating had been subject of complaints

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/prison-guard-had-complaints-inmate-181331396.html>

A guard accused in a lawsuit of beating a female inmate so severely she was left paralyzed had previously been accused of trading cigarettes for sex, insubordination, harassing inmates and other actions at a Florida prison, according to a news report. Despite the long history of accusations, the Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala never fired Keith Turner and he had been promoted to lieutenant a few years ago, The Miami Herald reported. Cheryl Weimar said in a lawsuit that she was nearly beaten to death by four guards in August at the prison.

Image description: Guard linked to beating had been subject of complaints

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Who Wore It Better? 10 Names Shared by Automakers

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Hezbollah TV channel says Twitter accounts suspended

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/hezbollah-tv-channel-says-twitter-accounts-suspended-195946402.html>

The television station of Lebanon's powerful Shiite movement Hezbollah protested Saturday that most of its Twitter accounts had been suspended. Al-Manar accused the US-based social media platform of giving in to "political pressures". "There is no place on Twitter for illegal terrorist organisations and violent extremist groups," a Twitter spokesperson told AFP.



Image description: Hezbollah TV channel says Twitter accounts suspended

Iran, Please Don't Develop a Stealth Fighter

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It might be nice to have one, but it'll bring nothing but trouble.



Image description: Iran, Please Don't Develop a Stealth Fighter

Ken Cuccinelli Calls Debbie Wasserman Schultz a Witch: She 'Got on Her Broom and Left'

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/ken-cuccinelli-calls-debbie-wasserman-153716730.html>

A day after a contentious congressional hearing in which he was accused by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) of pushing a "heinous white supremacist ideology," acting U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Ken Cuccinelli essentially called the congresswoman a witch. Appearing on Fox & Friends on Friday morning, Cuccinelli brushed off questions about whether he's still being considered to head up the Department of Homeland Security by saying he will keep doing his current job "in the face of some people who would rather we are not as successful." "Are you referring to Debbie Wasserman Schultz by chance," co-host Ainsley Earhardt asked, prompting Cuccinelli to say she was "among them." The hosts went on to play a video clip from Thursday's contentious hearing in which the Florida lawmaker claimed the Cuccinelli and

President Donald Trump were pursuing a white supremacist policy by denying public benefits to legal immigrants, including children. That's one of those things that politicians can say things because they are protected, co-host Steve Doocy remarked. However, you are as somebody who is serving in the public interests you have to give facts. Cuccinelli insisted that while he was under oath, Wasserman Schultz was literally protected to lie, citing the speech and debate clause in the Constitution. He then asserted that she only came into the hearing to make a speech before making his witch allusion. She wasn't at much of the committee hearing, he said. She came in, laid on her smears on both me and the president, all completely false. And then wasn't there much longer, got on her broom and left. It was a fly-by for her and to get a little sound bite. The hosts, meanwhile, rather than push back on Cuccinelli's not-so-veiled sexist insult of a female lawmaker, instead expressed sympathy for the Trump immigration chief. She didn't want you to interrupt her, Earhardt declared. And I guess the rules prevent you from doing but she is smearing your reputation and character and saying something you don't feel like it is true. You have to defend yourself. Following Cuccinelli's Fox & Friends remarks, Wasserman Schultz took to Twitter to respond, calling out the Trump official for trying to silence outspoken women who speak truth to power. Read more at The Daily Beast. Got a tip? Send it to The Daily Beast here Get our top stories in your inbox every day. Sign up now! Daily Beast Membership: Beast Inside goes deeper on the stories that matter to you. Learn more.



Image description: Ken Cuccinelli Calls Debbie Wasserman Schultz a Witch: She 'Got on Her Broom and Left'

Greta Thunberg says meeting with Trump 'would be a waste of time'

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/greta-thunberg-trump-meeting-waste-of-time-ellen-show-145843540.html>

The Swedish teenage climate activist says she wouldn't want to meet with the president even if given the opportunity.



Image description: Greta Thunberg says meeting with Trump 'would be a waste of time'

Saudi Aramco: from 'Prosperity Well' to energy behemoth

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/saudi-aramco-prosperity-well-energy-behemoth-094544881.html>

From its beginnings in 1938 when it first struck oil with the aptly named "Prosperity Well", Saudi Arabia's energy giant Aramco has delivered unimaginable riches to the desert kingdom. Aramco's plans to list on the Saudi stock exchange, in what could be the world's largest IPO, represents a "historic moment" in the firm's evolution, its chairman Yasir al-Rumayyan said Sunday. "Aramco will be a source of greater national pride and admiration.



Image description: Saudi Aramco: from 'Prosperity Well' to energy behemoth

Maria Fire broke out minutes after utility company re-energized high-voltage power line

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/utility-company-says-maria-fire-124814760.html>

Southern California Edison says it turned power back on minutes before the Maria Fire erupted nearby in Ventura County



Image description: Maria Fire broke out minutes after utility company re-energized high-voltage power line

Bill O'Reilly: 'If Joe Biden is elected president ... he has to be impeached'

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/bill-o-reilly-joe-biden-151945880.html>

Disgraced former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly shared his dream of what should happen if Joe Biden were to win the Democratic nomination and then defeat President Trump in 2020.

'If Joe Biden is elected president, the day after he's sworn in, he has to be impeached,' said O'Reilly.



Image description: Bill O'Reilly: 'If Joe Biden is elected president ... he has to be impeached'

Georgia ex-policeman sentenced to 12 years in prison in shooting of unarmed black man

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/georgia-ex-policeman-sentenced-12-204431480.html>

A former Georgia police officer was sentenced on Friday to 12 years in prison after his conviction in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man outside an Atlanta apartment in March 2015. Robert "Chip" Olsen, a 57-year-old white man, was convicted last month of aggravated assault and violating his oath of office but found not guilty of murder in the killing of 26-year-old Anthony Hill. Before the sentencing, members of Hill's family urged Dekalb County Superior Court Judge LaTisha Dear Jackson to sentence Olsen to the maximum penalty of 30 years behind bars.

Image description: Georgia ex-policeman sentenced to 12 years in prison in shooting of unarmed black man
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New execution date set for Georgia inmate

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Georgia officials set a new execution date Friday for a death row inmate two days after he was granted a temporary reprieve because of a legal technicality. Ray Jefferson Cromartie, 52, is scheduled to die by lethal injection Nov. 13 at the state prison in Jackson. Georgia Corrections Commissioner Timothy Ward set the execution for the first date of a seven-day window ordered Friday by a Superior Court judge in Thomas County.



Image description: New execution date set for Georgia inmate

California wildfires: Climate change driving ?horror and the terror? of devastating blazes, say scientists

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The words from California?s former governor could barely have been more stark. ?I said it was the new normal a few years ago,?? said Jerry Brown. ?This is serious, but this is only the beginning. This is only a taste of the horror and the terror that will occur in decades.?



Image description: California wildfires: Climate change driving ?horror and the terror? of devastating blazes, say scientists

Low-Yield Nuclear Weapons Won?t End the World

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/low-yield-nuclear-weapons-won-000000242.html>

A recent video by Princeton University?s Program on Science and Global Security, Plan A, suggests that the use of one low-yield non-strategic nuclear weapon, in a NATO-Russia conflict, would lead to the large scale use of strategic nuclear weapons and the death of more than 90 million people. While the video?s makers deserve credit for its production quality and very ominous background music, the scenario they offer, while always possible, is highly unlikely.



Image description: Low-Yield Nuclear Weapons Won't End the World

Aniah Blanchard's UFC Fighter Stepdad Says Missing Alabama Teen Is 'Amazing'

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Aniah Haley Blanchard, 19, was reported missing by her family on Oct 24. The last time she was heard from was by a friend the night before, according to authorities.



Image description: Aniah Blanchard's UFC Fighter Stepdad Says Missing Alabama Teen Is 'Amazing'

To Shake Up Trump, Kim Jong Un Gets All Mystical? Then Launches Missiles

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/shake-trump-kim-jong-un-090953124.html>

Photo Illustration by The Daily Beast/Korean Central News Agency/AP From sacred Mount Paektu, the Korean peninsula's highest peak on the North's border with China, to the 10,000 spire-like pinnacles of Mount Kumgang just above the line with South Korea, Kim Jong Un has cast himself of late as the bold, fearless, iconic leader literally daring to ascend the highest peaks in pursuit of power over the divided country. There's nothing remotely subtle about the campaign that has pictured him on a white stallion riding through the early snows of another frigid winter on Mt. Paektu or striding up the slopes of Kumgang. It's all about projecting the image of a hero in a campaign of intimidation aimed at both the U.S. and South Korea in a climactic drive to get President Donald Trump and the South's President Moon Jae-in to yield at last to his demands. North Koreans Think Trump Admin Talks Are 'Sickening.' So Should You. And now Kim had added some very important missile tests to his message. In a sequence that clearly had been pre-scripted as the second act after those daring ascents, North Korean gunners test-fired what the North's Academy of Defense Science proudly described as "super-large multiple rocket launchers." Kim, having already appeared as a fit if somewhat portly outdoorsman, did not have to be standing by to press the button. While that image of the brave warrior dominated the state media, the academy reported "the perfection of the continuous fire system" as "verified through the test-fire to totally destroy with super-power the group target of the enemy and designated target area by surprise strike of the weapon system of super-large multiple rocket launchers." The ferocity of the test, at least as claimed, carried one especially disturbing message. That kind of firepower isn't for use against American or Japanese soil, but could devastate America's largest overseas base at Camp Humphreys, 40 miles south of Seoul, 60 miles below the Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas. The base, no doubt shielded by all manner of sensors, missiles and other wizardry, has got to be a sitting duck for the North's increasingly advanced weaponry. Most of America's 28,500 troops in Korea, plus families and civilian employees, are now there after the closure of U.S. bases below the DMZ and withdrawal of the central

headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea from the historic Yongsan base in Seoul. Nearby Osan Air Base is headquarters for the Seventh Air Force, also an easy target. 'Megabase in Korea's Danger Zone,' is the cover story in this week's Army Times magazine. The North Koreans 'said they've been developing these weapons to be able to strike a 'fat target,'' David Maxwell, senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, who spent years in Korea as an army officer, is quoted as saying. 'We assume that the 'fat target' is Camp Humphreys as well as Osan Air Base.' Even as U.S. forces were moving into Humphreys, writes Kyle Rempfer, 'North Korea has developed large caliber rockets and ballistic missiles as well as a nuclear capability' within range of the expanded 3,500-acre base. 'North Korea's 300-millimeter multiple rocket launchers and new KN-23 short-range ballistic missiles both have an advertised capability to reach Camp Humphreys.' Not-to-worry is, nonetheless, the soothing message from Moon and his aides. Echoing Trump's earlier expressions of non-concern about the North's short-range missile tests, South Korea's national security adviser, Chung Eui-yong, said the latest shots, the 12th this year but the first in a month, were not 'very grave threats.' In fact, he argued, 'our missile defense and intercept capabilities' are 'absolutely superior.' With two months to go before the end-of-year 'deadline' set by the North for the U.S. to propose a new deal, however, the testing assumes seriously intimidating overtones. At the top of the North's demands are an end to sanctions and a 'peace declaration' but no real end to its nuclear program, long since sanctified in the North's constitution. As for Moon, Kim has come up with a bargaining tool that demonstrates the futility of any deal with North Korea. He's demanding South Korea demolish or remove an entire tourist resort at the foot of Mount Kumgang, aka Diamond Mountain, heaping scorn on what was once the most visible showcase for promoting North-South rapprochement. North Korea's state media is dressing up the demand with images of Kim, sporty in a white shirt tailored to fit his contours, appearing to conquer Kumgang on foot just as he rode up the slopes of Paektu on a white horse. Whether he got to the top of Paektu on the horse as claimed, the imagery from Kumgang leaves no doubt he trudged only far enough for a photo-op that provided the setting for his message to Moon. Packing 290 pounds on his rotund five-foot seven-inch frame, Kim was not at all fit for the hike. Missing are photographs showing him at the majestic Kuryong waterfall, which tumbles 84 meters down granite cliffs. Only four kilometers up the trail, it's the destination for just about everyone else who's been there. Also further up the trail, a special wooden bench, lovingly painted and repainted a sparkling dark blue, is said to be exactly where Kim Il Sung sat to gaze on Mount Kumgang, some of whose many pinnacles are often lost in the clouds far above. A low-lying chain link fence keeps disrespectful tourists from sitting where the late 'Great Leader' once sat. No doubt Kim Jong Un would love to plant his ample posterior on granddad's bench, but he got nowhere near it. Rather than at the falls or on the bench, Kim is seen with imagery selected and edited to give an impression of an indomitable figure conquering the mountain. Shots show him with a stout walking stick standing on a footbridge, smiling with aides in a clearing, edging by large boulders, his coyly smiling wife, Ri Sol Ju, close behind. Viewers don't need to know all these photos were staged where the trail begins. The scenic setting provides the backdrop for a shocking message to South Korea and the U.S., too. In a devastating setback to South Korea's efforts at reconciliation, Kim declared the facilities built by South Korea's largest construction firm, Hyundai Engineering and Construction, were 'ugly' and 'unpleasant' to look at. North Korea has demanded South Korea set a date in writing for removal or demolition of all of them, including 10 hotels, sports and entertainment facilities, a duty-free shopping center and dozens of individual structures to accommodate tour groups. Kim's denunciation of the facilities at Kumgang, which also include an 18-hole golf course and a hot springs spa, is a calculated rebuff to President Moon, who still fantasizes about reopening the resort to South Koreans. Seoul has barred them from going there ever since a South Korean woman was shot and killed by a North Korean soldier in July 2008 while wandering outside the tourist area to gaze at the sunrise. Another problem is how to get around sanctions blocking commercial transactions with the North. It was as though Kim wanted to portray himself as a daring sportsman, a larger-than-life character afraid of nothing before getting down to the serious business of dissing the South as punishment for Moon's failure to stand up to U.S. demands for the North to give up its nuclear program. As for the U.S., Kim's heroics provided the window-dressing for a series of intimidating messages for his friend President Trump. After the North's state media put out photos showing Kim as a virile figure fit to climb any mountain, subordinates came out almost daily with threats against the U.S. for dithering on a deal. 'The Korean peninsula is at a critical crossroads,'

said the country's second ranking leader, Choe Ryong-hae, at a confab of the so-called non-aligned movement in Azerbaijan. The choice was "either moving towards durable peace along with the trend of detente, or facing again a touch-and-go crisis." That warning came after another top leader, Kim Yong Chol, resurgent after having been reported in May to have been executed for the failure of the Trump-Kim summit in Hanoi, said Trump had better not count on his friendship with Kim to keep the North from testing nukes and missiles. "The U.S. is seriously mistaken if it has the idea of exploiting the close personal relations" between Trump and Kim, said Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of the Workers' Party Central Committee, in a statement carried by Pyongyang's official news agency. The U.S., he said, is now "more desperately resorting to the hostile policy" toward North Korea. Those stern words, coming right after Kim's shows on Kungang and Paektu, left the South Koreans with no convincing response. South Korea's unification ministry called for "creative solutions" to the entire problem of dismantling the resort complex and keeping Kim happy. North Korea turned a cold shoulder to the South's suggestions for "individual" tours that might avoid sanctions. Kim's current observations from the bottom of Kungang were meant to show how South Koreans desecrated this scenic wonderland when they opened it to tourism in deals made by South Korea's Kim Dae-jung, the country's president from 1998 to 2003. "Mt. Kungang is our land of blood," Kim Jong Un is quoted as saying. "We have our own sovereignty and dignity on the cliffs and trees." Those hideous South-made structures, he said, were "severely damaging the landscape" and "neglecting the management of cultural tourism." While Trump Shrugs, North Korea's Building Better Missiles Read more at The Daily Beast. Get our top stories in your inbox every day. Sign up now! Daily Beast Membership: Beast Inside goes deeper on the stories that matter to you. Learn more.



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Iran says cooperation plan sent to Gulf neighbours

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/iran-says-cooperation-plan-sent-gulf-neighbours-170841810.html>

Iran said Saturday it has sent Iraq and Arab states of the Gulf the text of its security and cooperation project first unveiled by President Hassan Rouhani at the UN in September. Rouhani "sent the full text (of the initiative) to the heads" of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Iraq and "asked for their cooperation in processing and implementing it", the foreign ministry said. The GCC is a six-nation bloc that groups Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Oman.



Image description: Iran says cooperation plan sent to Gulf neighbours

23 ISIS wives start repatriation case in Netherlands

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/23-isis-wives-start-repatriation-181335896.html>

Lawyers for 23 women who joined the Islamic State group from the Netherlands asked a judge on Friday to

order the Netherlands to repatriate them and their 56 young children from camps in Syria. The women and children were living in "deplorable conditions" in the al-Hol camp in northern Syria, lawyer Andre Seebregts said in court.



Image description: 23 ISIS wives start repatriation case in Netherlands

A woman in Indiana was found dead in a house filled with 140 snakes with an 8-foot-long python wrapped round her neck

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/woman-indiana-found-dead-house-110704279.html>

Laura Hurst, 36, was found dead in a house in Oxford, Indiana, owned by County Sheriff Don Munson, an avid snake collector.



Image description: A woman in Indiana was found dead in a house filled with 140 snakes with an 8-foot-long python wrapped round her neck

Chicago teen charged in suspected gang shooting that injured girl who was trick-or-treating

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/chicago-teen-charged-suspected-gang-163315543.html>

A 7-year-old girl was trick-or-treating in Chicago when she was hit by a stray bullet. A teenager has now been charged.



Image description: Chicago teen charged in suspected gang shooting that injured girl who was trick-or-treating

El Salvador expels Venezuelan diplomats from the country

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/el-salvador-expels-venezuelan-diplomats-092106501.html>

El Salvador said on Saturday it had ordered Venezuela's diplomats to leave the Central American country within 48 hours, arguing that the decision was in line with its position that Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is illegitimate. In a statement, the government said President Nayib Bukele recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela's interim president until free elections were held in the South American country. El Salvador will receive a new Venezuela diplomatic corps, named by Guaido, the government

added.

Image description: El Salvador expels Venezuelan diplomats from the country
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Blast in Syrian town held by Turkey-backed gunmen kills 13

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/syrian-christian-gunmen-deploy-against-115621706.html>

A car bomb exploded in a northern Syrian town along the border with Turkey on Saturday killing 13 people, Turkey's Defense Ministry said. The ministry said about 20 others were wounded when the bomb exploded in central Tal Abyad, which was captured last month by Turkey-backed opposition gunmen from Kurdish-led fighters. A spokesman for the main Kurdish-led force in Syria, Mustafa Bali, blamed Turkey for the blast, saying Turkey and the Syrian fighters it backs "are now creating chaos" in Tal Abyad to displace the Kurds who live in the town.



Image description: Blast in Syrian town held by Turkey-backed gunmen kills 13

Trump's Naval Dream Seems Sunk: America Can't Afford a 355 Ship Navy

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/trumps-naval-dream-seems-sunk-193000340.html>

Like a Christmas wish list, the Navy wants a fleet of 355 ships. It just can't afford it.



Image description: Trump's Naval Dream Seems Sunk: America Can't Afford a 355 Ship Navy

Distressing photos show glaciers that are disappearing or on the brink of collapse around the world

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/distressing-photos-show-glaciers-disappearing-202720966.html>

The future of glaciers around the world is shaky. Here are photos showing some of the glaciers that might not be around for much longer.



Image description: Distressing photos show glaciers that are disappearing or on the brink of collapse around the world

SNL's Weekend Update Applauds Trump's 'Genius Troll Move' of Leaving New York for Florida

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NBC After a lackluster cold open centered on Kate McKinnon's Elizabeth Warren, a lazy bit with McKinnon's Kellyanne Conway and the Baghdadi raid's hero dog mocking President Trump, and several sketches of the great Kristen Stewart doing her damndest to elevate some seriously subpar writing, 'Weekend Update' returned on Saturday Night Live. And this week, co-hosts Colin Hanks and Michael Che took a break from cracking transphobic jokes to focus on Trump's decision to move from New York City to Florida, where he'll pay even less taxes than he already does. SNL's Kellyanne Conway and the Baghdadi Raid's Hero Dog Mock Trump Bill Maher's Show Has Gone Completely Off the Rails? Donald Trump announced that he is changing his permanent residence from New York to Florida, because you know what they say: if you can't drain the swamp, move to it,' said Colin Hanks. 'I gotta say, it's such a genius troll move that Trump raised taxes for New Yorkers and then left New York. It's like ripping one in an elevator, then pressing all the buttons and running out.' 'Trump also said he's leaving New York because local politicians have been treating him very badly' especially one New York politician who has been actively destroying his life,' he added, before throwing to a picture of Rudy Giuliani. Next came Che: 'I don't blame Trump for moving. He got booed today in New York at the UFC fight, he got booed in D.C. at the World Series, now he's moving to Florida so he can probably get booed at Disney World. He gets booed everywhere he's ever lived. I mean, even Cosby can still play Philly.' Read more at The Daily Beast. Got a tip? Send it to The Daily Beast here Get our top stories in your inbox every day. Sign up now! Daily Beast Membership: Beast Inside goes deeper on the stories that matter to you. Learn more.



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Schools, clinics shut as strike hits UN Palestinian agency in Jordan

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/schools-clinics-shut-strike-hits-un-palestinian-agency-130957223.html>

Thousands of employees of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees went on strike in Jordan on Sunday, shutting schools and health centres that provide services for more than two million people. The strike demanding pay rises is being observed by around 7,000 workers, UNRWA spokesman Sami Mshamsha said, and comes as the agency faces an unprecedented financial crisis. It has brought to a standstill work at UNRWA schools, clinics and centres providing social welfare to refugees across Jordan, Mshamsha said.



Image description: Schools, clinics shut as strike hits UN Palestinian agency in Jordan

View Photos of Honda's SEMA Lineup

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/view-photos-hondas-sema-lineup-160000033.html>

Image description: View Photos of Honda's SEMA Lineup

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Greta Thunberg seeks lift back across Atlantic to climate meet

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/greta-thunberg-seeks-lift-back-across-atlantic-climate-170554421.html>

Teen climate activist Greta Thunberg had made it half-way from Sweden to Chile by boat, train and electric car when next month's UN climate summit was unexpectedly scrapped. "As #COP25 has officially been moved from Santiago to Madrid I'll need some help," Thunberg tweeted from Los Angeles. Thunberg's highly publicized journey has so far involved crossing on a zero-emission sailboat from the coast of England to New York, traveling overland through North America by train and in an electric car borrowed from Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Image description: Greta Thunberg seeks lift back across Atlantic to climate meet

New Mexico man gets life for killing family as teen

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/mexico-man-gets-life-killing-001833737.html>

A man convicted of fatally shooting his parents and three siblings in New Mexico as a 15-year-old was sentenced Friday to life in prison with the possibility of parole in a case that has tested the limits of mental treatment for juvenile offenders. Judge Alisa Hart sentenced 22-year-old Nehemiah Griego after his attorney sought a sentence that would have let him continue treatment while on probation.



Image description: New Mexico man gets life for killing family as teen

This time, Southern California was prepared for wildfires. Here's how countless homes were saved

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The winds roared again but Los Angeles and other Southern California cities were prepared as firefighters saved thousands of homes.



Image description: This time, Southern California was prepared for wildfires. Here's how countless homes were saved

Iraq's Top Cleric Warns Iran to Stay Out

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(Bloomberg Opinion) -- To understand what Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is saying, you have to translate him twice: first from Arabic to English, then from politesse to plain-speak. In the first translation, a key passage from his Friday sermon in the holy city of Karbala went like this: "No person or group, no side with a particular view, no regional or international actor may seize the will of the Iraqi people and impose its will on them." The second translation: "Back off, Khamenei!" That is how it would have sounded to Sistani's audience in Karbala, where it was read out for the ailing octogenarian by an aide; in the streets of Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, where a bloody crackdown on largely peaceful protesters has taken more than 200 lives; in the Iraqi parliament, where lawmakers are negotiating a response to the demonstrations; and in Tehran, where Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has been struggling to respond to the rising anti-Iran sentiment that undergirds uprisings in Iraq and Lebanon. Khamenei has unleashed Iran's proxies in the streets -- Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Shiite militias in Iraq -- to intimidate the protesters. He has also dispatched his chief enforcer, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps commander Qassem Soleimani, to the Iraqi parliament, to rally Shiite parties behind the feckless Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi. But if anything, these responses will only fan the anger in the streets against Iranian interference in Iraqi and Lebanese politics. Not even Khamenei, who is practiced in the art of ignoring popular resentment, can have failed to notice the anti-Iran slogans echoing through Iraqi cities. Nor will it have escaped his attention that the loudest chanting comes from Iraqi Shiites, a community he expects to favor his Islamic Republic. The Supreme Leader's anxiety was palpable in his tweets on Thursday, when he tried to blame Tehran's usual suspects -- the U.S., the Zionist regime, some Western countries, and the money of some reactionary countries -- for the protests. Sistani's sermon was a riposte, designed to set Khamenei right. Although born in Iran, he is no fan of Khamenei and other hardliners in Tehran, preferring the likes of President Hassan Rouhani. Iraq's Grand Ayatollah has been in a quandary over the protests. Every Iraqi government since 2005 has had his personal imprimatur: His word has united factions among the Shiite majority. Prime Minister Abdul-Mahdi, too, has his blessing. As such, Sistani is complicit in the corruption and ineptitude that have brought the Iraqis into the streets. His early pronouncements on the protests vacillated between bromides against corruption and calls on the protesters to abjure violence. But as the demonstrations have persisted, Sistani has grown progressively more critical of the government, blaming it for the violence. His Friday sermon puts him squarely on the protesters' side. In addition to interfering Iranians, the leaders who have long benefited from his validation came under attack. As the politicians in Baghdad struggle to devise a response that will satisfy angry Iraqis, the so-called sage of Najaf warned that Iraqis have a right to a "referendum on the constitution" to change how they are governed. By invoking the prospect of a referendum, Sistani may have given the protesters a new focus for their energies, and Iraqi politicians a way to break the toxic pattern of inconclusive elections and compromise prime ministers. Much will depend on the reaction of another cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr, who has also taken the protesters' side -- even joining them in the streets -- and has called for Abdul-Mahdi's removal. Sadr, frequently described as a

firebrand, has little in common with the preternaturally placid Sistani. But the prospect of the protests being led by one and backed by the other is certain to rattle turbaned heads in Tehran. And if Sistani and Sadr were to throw their combined weight behind demands for a referendum ? and who knows, maybe even inspire emulation by the Lebanese ? that might be the stuff of Khamenei's nightmares. To contact the author of this story: Bobby Ghosh at aghosh73@bloomberg.net To contact the editor responsible for this story: James Gibney at jgibney5@bloomberg.net This column does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board or Bloomberg LP and its owners. Bobby Ghosh is a columnist and member of the Bloomberg Opinion editorial board. He writes on foreign affairs, with a special focus on the Middle East and the wider Islamic world. For more articles like this, please visit us at bloomberg.com/opinion ©2019 Bloomberg L.P.



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The U.S. Military is Sending Thousands of Troops and Even B-1 Bombers into Saudi Arabia (To Counter Iran)

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And that is just for starters.



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Teachers strike taught Chicago's new mayor tough lessons -analysts

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot made strategic errors in the first major fight of her tenure, an 11-day teachers' strike, but may have learned lessons that will prove useful as she confronts immense city budget challenges, political observers said. Lightfoot, 57, was elected in convincing fashion to become Chicago's first black woman mayor in April, when she vaulted to victory on promises to dismantle the city's corrupt political machine and reform the city's school district.



Image description: Teachers strike taught Chicago's new mayor tough lessons -analysts

A 9,000-barrel leak in the Keystone pipeline in North Dakota spilled enough crude oil to fill half an Olympic-sized swimming pool

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The second large oil spill from the Keystone pipeline in two years provoked outrage because TC Energy told activists that spills were unlikely.



Image description: A 9,000-barrel leak in the Keystone pipeline in North Dakota spilled enough crude oil to fill half an Olympic-sized swimming pool

Toll in Philippine quakes climbs to 21

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The death toll in two powerful quakes that struck the southern Philippines in the past week has risen to 21, authorities said Sunday, as survivors struggled to access food and water. The 6.6-magnitude and 6.5-magnitude quakes hit the island of Mindanao two days apart, destroying buildings and displacing tens of thousands of residents. The quakes also left 432 residents injured with two people still missing, it added.



Image description: Toll in Philippine quakes climbs to 21

For Vietnam's 'Box People,' a Treacherous Journey

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LONDON -- Vietnamese smugglers call it the "CO2" route: a poorly ventilated, oxygen-deficient trip across the English Channel in shipping containers or trailers piled high with pallets of merchandise, the last leg of a perilous, 6,000-mile trek across Asia and into Western Europe. Compared to the other path -- the "VIP route," with its brief hotel stay and seat in a truck driver's cab -- the trip in a stuffy container can be brutal for what some Vietnamese refer to as "box people," successors to the "boat people" who left after the Vietnam War ended in 1975. Vietnamese migrants often wait for months in roadside camps in northern France before being sneaked into a truck trailer. Snakeheads, as the smugglers are known, beat men and sexually assault women, aid groups, lawyers and the migrants themselves say. People cocoon themselves in aluminum bags and endure hours in refrigerated units to reduce the risk of detection. That journey proved fatal last week for 39 people, many of them believed to be Vietnamese, who were found dead in a refrigerated truck container in

southeastern England. As dangerous as the last leg of the migrant journey to Britain often is, those petrifying hours in a trailer are sometimes only a sliver of months if not years of harsh treatment -- first at the hands of organized trafficking gangs, and then under imperious bosses at nail salons and cannabis factories in Britain. But still they come, an estimated 18,000 Vietnamese paying smugglers for the journey to Europe every year at prices between 8,000 and 40,000 pounds, around \$10,000 to \$50,000. In Britain, where Brexit has discouraged the flow of labor from Eastern Europe, migrants see a country thirsty for low-wage workers, paying easily five times what they could earn at home and free of the onerous identity checks that make other European countries inhospitable. Vietnamese smugglers, for the most part, get their clients across to France and the Netherlands, where other gangs, often Kurdish and Albanian, or, as in the recent case, apparently Irish or Northern Irish, finish the job. Many come from Ha Tinh and Nghe An, two impoverished provinces in north-central Vietnam, and leave for Britain with their eyes wide open to the risks, analysts say. Having watched their neighbors suddenly refurbish their homes with pricier materials, or buy better cars, they crave the same sense of security for their family, whatever it might cost them. But when Britain fails to deliver on that promise, migrants can end up in a dreadful limbo, kept from seeking help by the country's harsh immigration system and living in the grip of a shadowy system of traffickers and the employers who rely on them. "I always encourage them, 'Stay at home,'" the Rev. Simon Thang Duc Nguyen, the parish priest at a Catholic church in East London attended by many migrant parishioners, said this week. "Even though you are poor, you have your life. Here, you have money, but you lose your life." Not all the 20,000 to 35,000 undocumented Vietnamese migrants estimated to be living in Britain have horror stories to tell. Many migrants, some experts say, put up with the travails of working in Britain for the real chance of a payday. "My research has shown stories of migrants are not all about exploitation and not all about being trafficked," said Tamsin Barber, a lecturer at Oxford Brookes University. "People are usually coming here agreeing to take high risks to work illegally and potentially earn large amounts of money in the cannabis trade." But more vulnerable Vietnamese are also being trafficked to Britain, with the authorities receiving five times as many referrals last year as in 2012. Once family and friends have scraped together enough money, the odyssey may begin with a trip to China to pick up forged travel documents. That is how many of the dozens of people who died in the truck began their journey, said Anthony Dang Huu Nam, a Catholic priest serving a church in the town of Yen Thanh, where he said dozens of the victims were from. On the way from China to Russia to Western Europe, one of the most punishing stretches is the walk through Belarusian forests to the Polish border. In a 2017 French survey of Vietnamese migrants, a man identified as Anh, 24, told researchers that he and five other men, led by a smuggler, were repeatedly arrested in Belarus, only to be released at the Russian border to try again. When they finally succeeded, they were met by a truck waiting on the Polish side. "We were cold," the survey quoted him as saying. "We didn't eat anything for two days. We drank water from melted snow." Other routes, choreographed down to the minute, land migrants in European airports with recycled visas and travel documents, according to "Precarious Journeys," a recent report from ECPAT, an anti-child-trafficking organization, and other groups. As a precaution, smugglers in Vietnam often tell people to arrive at airport check-in desks 10 minutes before they close, for instance, so agents do not have enough time to inspect paperwork. The trip can take months, even years. Nguyen Dinh Luong, 20, one of the migrants believed to have died last week, wanted to go to France to find work and support his siblings, seven of them in all, his father, Nguyen Dinh Gia, said. But in Russia, he overstayed his tourist visa and was confined to his house for six months. Then he moved to Ukraine and France, where he found a job as a waiter, before deciding to go to Britain for work in a nail salon. Trips are frequently interrupted when migrants are detained or run out of money. Some migrants are forced to work along the way, in garment factories in Russia or in restaurants across Europe. Some women sell sex, researchers say. Smugglers often keep people in the dark about where they are as a way of exerting total control. In a 2017 case, 16 Vietnamese people picked up by the Ukrainian authorities in Odessa thought they were in France. When migrants disobey their smugglers, the blowback can be fierce. "They cannot be discovered by the police, so they have to keep the discipline," said Nguyen, the priest in London. "If you do not behave, you can be punished by beatings, or for women be abused sexually." And once they arrive in Britain, they are often in for a rude awakening. Sulaiha Ali, a human rights lawyer, said migrants were sometimes promised legitimate work in a restaurant or on a construction site, only to be forced to work as "gardeners" in a house converted into illegal cannabis growing operations.

Locked inside the house for days at a time and often living 15 to a room, workers face the risk of fire from tampered electrical wiring and health problems from noxious chemicals. In the nail salons where many Vietnamese find work, salon bosses can control every aspect of workers' lives, a power that can breed exploitation, though researchers said some bosses also become migrants' surrogate parents, cooking for them and providing a place to stay. When the police raid places housing migrants, they can often ignore signs of forced work or human trafficking and send migrants into deportation proceedings instead, migrant advocates say. "The emphasis, as soon as it's established someone doesn't have any identification documents, is not trying to establish whether they've been exploited," Ali said. "It's on, 'Can we justify detention? Can we get them removed back to their countries?'" That threat of deportation, whatever someone's circumstances, is a cudgel for trafficking gangs to keep migrants under their sway. "There's a serious distrust of authorities, a lot of the time because traffickers have embedded that in victims' minds: 'You don't have official documents,' or, 'You're going to be deported or imprisoned,'" said Firoza Saiyed, a human rights lawyer. "It's another thing that makes disclosure really difficult." Older Vietnamese migrants in Britain, many of whom arrived after the Vietnam War, are separated by a wide cultural gulf from the newer arrivals, but they have still proved to be a crucial support, ever more so in the last week. Nguyen, who left Vietnam in 1984, said he had been fielding calls from families in Vietnam, wanting to know if he could tell them whether their children were in the trailer. "The mother, the father, all called me in tears," he said. "I couldn't bear hearing the words. You have to borrow a lot of money for this journey, and now you had hoped your daughter, your son can be successful, and that you can have some money to pay the debt. Now, it's hopeless -- nothing." He went on, "Nothing is OK, as long as they are arrested or in prison. It's OK, they survived. But now they lost two things. They lost hope and they lost their lives. Nothing." This article originally appeared in The New York Times. (C) 2019 The New York Times Company



Image description: For Vietnam's 'Box People,' a Treacherous Journey

Andrew Yang's campaign has gone mainstream

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While some Democratic presidential candidates are cutting back on their campaigns, entrepreneur Andrew Yang is going all in, Politico reports. Yang, who as recently as April had fewer than 20 staff members on his campaign's payroll, now has 73 people running the show. "It's been like a startup but this startup has gone mainstream, about to go public, if you want to keep using the analogy," said Zach Graumann, Yang's campaign manager. "And frankly and I tell the team, 'we're just getting started.'" There's some big names now involved with the campaign, as well, lending more credence to Graumann's words. Devine, Mulvey, and Longabaugh -- a media consulting firm which worked for the 2016 campaign for Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) but opted not to join forces again for 2020 over "differences in a creative vision" -- has shifted its services to the Yang campaign because he's "offering the most progressive ideas" among the Democratic candidates. They also don't think he's a flash in the pan. "We wouldn't have signed on with somebody we didn't think was a serious candidate," Mark Longabaugh said. "Yang has a good deal of momentum and there's a great deal of grassroots enthusiasm for his candidacy and that's what's driven it this far." Yang still faces numerous hurdles to really get back in the running, but the campaign surely thinks it's possible. Read more at Politico.

Image description: Andrew Yang's campaign has gone 'mainstream'

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Store clerk sentenced to 22 years for killing teen who stole \$2 beer

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A Memphis store clerk was sentenced Thursday to 22 years in prison for fatally shooting a 17-year-old who had shoplifted a beer, authorities said.



Image description: Store clerk sentenced to 22 years for killing teen who stole \$2 beer

Oklahoma parole board OKs largest-ever US mass commutation

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Oklahoma will release more than 400 inmates after a state panel on Friday approved what officials say is the largest single-day mass commutation in U.S. history. The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board unanimously approved the commutations, and Gov. Kevin Stitt said his office would process the recommendations for final approval. The board considered 814 cases and recommended 527 inmates for commutation.

Image description: Oklahoma parole board OKs largest-ever US mass commutation
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PG&E and Southern California Edison have turned off power to minimize fires. It hasn't worked. What will?

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Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison have cut off power to minimize wildfire risk. Yet the wildfires haven't stopped. What now?



Image description: PG&E and Southern California Edison have turned off power to minimize fires. It hasn't worked. What will?

Fact: The United States and Iran Came within Minutes of War Back in June

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Around 4:30 AM that morning, a U.S. Navy RQ-4N Global Hawk spy drone flying a routine circuit over international airspace in the Persian Gulf was shot down by an Iranian Ra'ad surface-to-air missile system. Later that day, U.S. forces were ostensibly 10 minutes away from striking three Iranian bases likely with air- and sea-launched missiles



Image description: Fact: The United States and Iran Came within Minutes of War Back in June

Airbnb bans 'party houses' after Halloween shooting in California

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Police were still searching for the shooter who opened fire on Thursday night at the costume party, which authorities say was attended by more than 100 people at the house in Orinda, less than 20 miles (30 km) east of San Francisco. The party host rented the home through Airbnb and told its owner she was holding a reunion for only a dozen people, the San Francisco Chronicle reported citing the owner, Michael Wang.



Image description: Airbnb bans 'party houses' after Halloween shooting in California

Trump impeachment: Energy secretary refuse to cooperate with probe unless he gets 'open hearing'

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/trumps-energy-secretary-refuses-cooperate-211120972.html>

The US energy secretary has said he will not cooperate with the impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump unless he gets an 'open hearing'. Rick Perry, who has previously ignored a congressional subpoena to testify before House committees spearheading an investigation into the president's dealings with Ukraine, once again indicated he would not attend.



Image description: Trump impeachment: Energy secretary refuse to cooperate with probe unless he gets 'open hearing'

Beijing says 'ready to work' with ASEAN on South China Sea rules

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Beijing said Sunday it is "ready to work" with Southeast Asian nations on a code of conduct in the flashpoint South China Sea, where it is accused of building up military installations and bullying fellow claimants.

China claims most of the resource-rich waterway, a major global shipping route that has long been a source of tension in the region. For years, the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been locked in talks for a code of conduct for the sea, where China is accused of deploying warships, arming outposts and ramming fishing vessels.



Image description: Beijing says 'ready to work' with ASEAN on South China Sea rules

For the Best Three-Row Mid-Size Crossovers and SUVs, See These Full Rankings!

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Top sommelier accused of sexual assault as MeToo hits fine wine industry

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Link: <https://news.yahoo.com/top-sommelier-accused-sexual-assault-164704207.html>

A prominent US sommelier has been accused of sexual assault by several women in a report in the New York Times. Anthony Cailan, 29, has worked at restaurants including the Usual in New York, and Bestia, and Animal, in Los Angeles. Mr Cailan was on the cover of the October issue of Wine & Spirits magazine, which named him a leader of the industry. 4 women have accused Anthony Cailan, a rising star sommelier, of sexually assaulting them or of attempting to do so <https://t.co/eoOT5jWKxI>? The New York Times (@nytimes) November 1, 2019 Raquel Makler, 22, a wine bar manager, claimed to the New York Times that Mr Cailan assaulted her at his apartment. Sarah Fernandez, 29, a wine sales representative, also claimed that she had been assaulted at his apartment by the sommelier. Two women who declined to be named made similar allegations. In an email to the newspaper Mr Cailan said: "The truth is, these allegations against me are false. I look forward to the opportunity to clear my name." In the last few years the MeToo movement has led to sexual assault and misconduct allegations against a series of prominent men involved in the restaurant industry. The wine business is also dominated by men and sexual harassment is common, the New York Times reported after speaking to 30 women across the industry.



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