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Nancy Pelosi faces a fight in her quest to become speaker.



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How to understand the U.S. climate report

### MUELLER INVESTIGATION

## Michael Cohen Admits Talks for Trump Over Moscow Tower Occurred Well Into Campaign

Mr. Cohen, President Trump's former lawyer, admitted that he had engaged in negotiations to build a Trump Tower in Moscow well into the 2016 presidential campaign, far later than previously known.

After Mr. Cohen's plea, Mr. Trump said his former fixer was once again lying in order to get a reduced sentence for the crimes he



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## From Loyalist to Enemy: The Evolution of the Trump-Cohen Relationship

Michael Cohen, President Trump's former lawyer, pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about plans to build a tower for Mr. Trump in Russia. The admission is the latest twist in the onetime Trump loyalist's deteriorating relationship with the president. Jefferson Siegel for The New York Times

## Trump's Lawyers Say His Recall of Moscow Deal Matches Cohen's

The president told the special counsel that he

Here are the 34 people who have been charged as a result of the Mueller investigation.

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before it fell apart, the lawyers said.

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Trump Cancels Meeting With Putin Over Russia's Hostilities With Ukraine

President Trump canceled his meeting with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, citing the unresolved naval standoff in which Russian forces seized three Ukrainian ships.

Mr. Trump made the announcement as he was leaving for the Group of 20 summit meeting in Argentina.

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General Electric Aviation's factory in Cincinnati. A Chinese intelligence official is accused of trying to obtain trade secrets from the company. Luke Sharrett/Bloomberg

### After a Hiatus, China Accelerates Cyberspying Efforts to Obtain U.S. Technology

China's practice of breaking into American computers has become a core grievance of the Trump administration as leaders of the two countries prepare to meet.

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**Argentina once saw hosting G-20 as a chance to shine. But violence, a recession and a suspected bombing plot have the country rattled.**

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manager to bury a sexual assault allegation.

Instead, the scheme helped sink the CBS

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## POLITICS

### What's Stronger Than a Blue Wave? Gerrymandered Districts

It wasn't a wave everywhere. In North Carolina and other states, gerrymandered congressional maps played a big role in keeping down Democratic gains.

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Thirty-two Democrats voted in a secret ballot against Representative Nancy Pelosi's speakership. These are the known dissenters.

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The California Democratic Party leader stepped down over allegations of sexual misconduct.

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## U.S. ECONOMY

### Falling Oil Prices May Make Trump Happy but They Pose Risks for U.S.

### How Tariffs Work, and Why China Won't See a Bill

We don't send a bill to China, and other basics of what happens when

The U.S. became the world's largest oil producer this year, and a collapse in prices could hurt scores

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and manufacturing industries.

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The editors of The Times Book Review choose the best fiction and nonfiction titles this year.

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Stephen Doyle

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Barry Berke, Noah Bookbinder and Norman Eisen

### **What Cohen's Deal Means for Trump**

We can expect even bigger bombshells — and White House threats against Mueller — in the coming weeks.

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## What Is Robert Mueller Thinking?

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## Donald Trump's Dimming Prospects

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## Racing Across Antarctica, One Freezing Day at a Time

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Louis Rudd and Colin O'Brady are in the middle of a unique race across the coldest continent, and their daily tasks range from the mundane to the death defying.

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### The Rapid Rise and Sudden Fall of 6ix9ine

A year ago, the rapper seemed on a path to hip-hop stardom. To bolster his street cred, he partnered with a Bloods street gang. Now he is under indictment.

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Colin O'Brady

### Why the Director of 'Anchorman' Decided to Take On Dick Cheney

With "Vice," his biopic of Bush's vice president, Adam McKay completes his journey from "S.N.L." writer to fierce critic of the

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## In Other News

### A Lament for a Lost Consensus From Obama and Baker

Former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State James A. Baker III called for bipartisanship in a partisan era.



### Politics Nov. 29 U.S. Overdose Deaths Set a Record Last Year

The opioid epidemic has contributed to reductions in American life expectancy over the last three years, new data show.

### The Upshot 6h ago Official Search in Northern California Fire Is Completed



It is possible that the death toll, which stands at 88, will rise, if some victims' remains were overlooked or are found later in areas that were not searched.

## Before Colts Neck Murders, Two Brothers and Troubled Business Ties

A New Jersey man stands accused of killing his brother and his family, including two young children, as decades of intertwined lives began to unravel.

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A mother whose 20-month-old child

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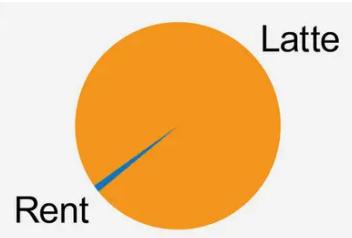
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### Features

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Joy, Black Love  
and Resistance in  
Harlem**

A look back at “The Sweet Flypaper of Life,” a collaboration between the

## Richard Prince's New, Late Style Is One of His Best



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## Manspreading, Renaissance-Style: 2 Experts Weigh In on



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several other works is among this artist's most fun to look at, and uncharacteristically generous and self-revealing.

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## Reggae Music Is Added to Unesco Cultural Heritage List



Reggae was added to the world body's list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity, an honor Jamaicans hope will bring the genre more recognition.

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"How to Behave Badly in Elizabethan England," by Ruth Goodman, and "What Would Mrs. Astor Do?," by Cecelia Tichi, are witty guides to the manners and insults of previous eras.

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## Patti LuPone, From Broadway to the Open Road

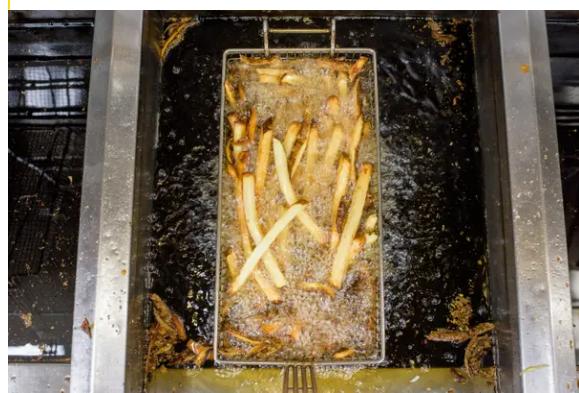


The Tony-winning actress and frequent traveler talks about her favorite vacation spots and why she expects her hotel room to be ready when she arrives.

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### Is Always Just a Tap Away

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A gorgeously illustrated stage version of the classic essay about 1960s California ennui may miss the point.

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