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U.S. Pressures Russians as Trump Warm Up to NATO

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS and DAVID E. SANGER 9:26 PM ET

- The Trump administration publicly chastised President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia but privately worked to hash out increasingly bitter differences.

At the same time, President Trump embraced NATO as an effective and vital force for peace and security.

At Meeting, Putin and Tillerson Find Little to Agree On 9:13 PM ET

Russia Vetoes U.N. Resolution Condemning Syria Chemical Attack 7:20 PM ET

Policy Shifts Hint at Wall Street Wing Eclipsing Populists

By ALAN RAPPEPORT 9:02 PM ET

President Trump backtracked from labeling China a currency manipulator, said that he no longer wanted to eliminate the Export-Import Bank, and that he might retain the chairwoman of the Federal Reserve.

75 Comments

Trump Undercuts Bannon, Whose Job May Be in Danger

By JEREMY W. PETERS and MAGGIE HABERMAN 9:03 PM ET



A comment by Mr. Trump, “I am my own strategist,” was taken as ominous for the president’s chief strategist, Stephen K. Bannon, who is seen as increasingly isolated in the White House.

‘I Screwed Up’: Spicer Apologizes for Hitler Comments

Watch: Spicer Spinning Spicer

After Campaign Exit, Manafort Got Loans Via Ties to Trump

By MIKE McINTIRE 6:36 PM ET



A shell company created by Paul Manafort the same day he left the presidential campaign quickly received \$13 million in loans from the businesses.

Pruitt Attacked From Right Over E.P.A. Finding on Emissions

Court Approved Wiretap on Trump Aide for Russia Ties

By MATTHEW ROSENBERG and MATT APUZZO 9:15 PM ET

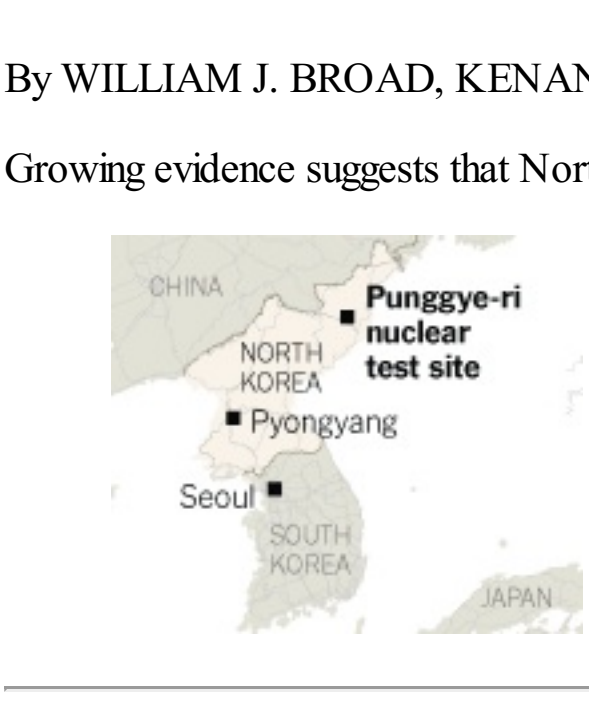


To get permission last summer to wiretap Carter Page, a onetime adviser to the Trump campaign, the Justice Department had to show probable cause that he was acting as a Russian agent.

North Korea May Be Preparing Its 6th Nuclear Test

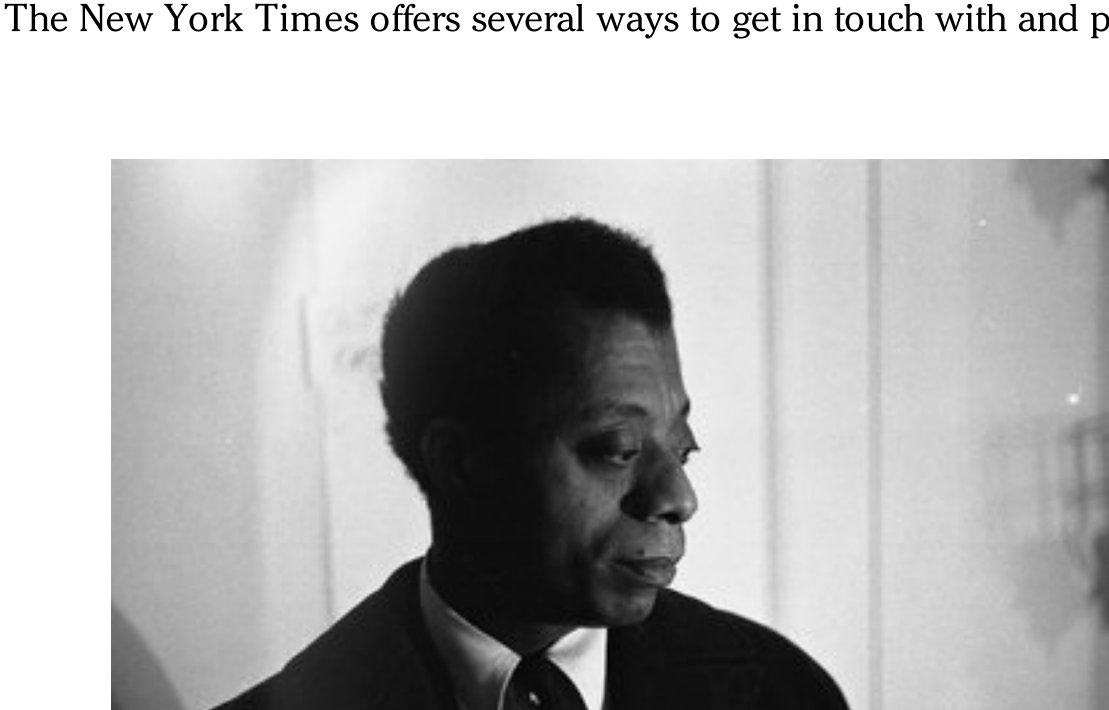
By WILLIAM J. BROAD, KENAN DAVIS and JUGAL K. PATEL

Growing evidence suggests that North Korea may soon conduct another underground detonation in its effort to make nuclear arms.



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James Baldwin in 1964, attending the opening of his play “Blues for Mister Charlie” in New York. Credit Robert Elfstrom/Villon Films, via Getty Images

James Baldwin’s Long-Hidden Archive Comes (Mostly) Into View

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem has bought the author’s rich archive, but the private letters admirers have longed to read will largely remain under seal.

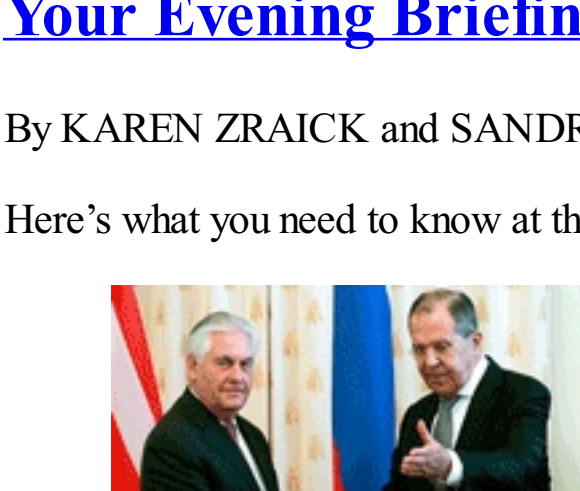
By JENNIFER SCHUESSLER



Your Evening Briefing

By KAREN ZRAICK and SANDRA STEVENSON 6:05 PM ET

Here’s what you need to know at the end of the day.



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By CHARLES McDERMID 8:00 PM ET

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With O'Reilly Away, the Murdochs Assess the Damage

By EMILY STEEL and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT 9:23 PM ET

Bill O'Reilly has left Fox News for a planned vacation while his employers decide whether they should force him from the network over sexual harassment accusations.

Gray Mood in G.O.P. Suburbs: The Party Is a ‘Mess’

By ALEXANDER BURNS and JONATHAN MARTIN

A narrower-than-expected victory in Kansas and an even tougher contest next week in Georgia are highlighting Republicans’ troubles with affluent white voters.

Republican’s Narrow Win in Kansas Is Bad Sign for G.O.P.

The Republican Won, but Voters Shifted Left in Kansas

Russell Westbrook's Season the Best Ever?

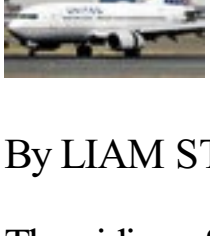


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Westbrook's outrageous regular season, which ends on Wednesday, must be considered the single greatest season by any athlete ever, right? Here are some other contenders.

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United Airlines Offers Refunds as Outrage Continues

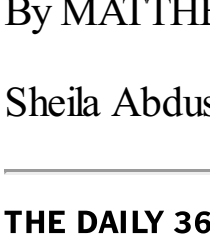


By LIAM STACK 8:19 PM ET

The airline offered a refund to every passenger on the flight from which a man was dragged on Sunday, and the Chicago Aviation Department placed two more officers on leave.

- [Why ‘Sorry’ Is Still the Hardest Word 9:10 PM ET](#)
- [Air Travel Is Terrible. Silicon Valley Is Partly to Blame.](#)

New York Appeals Court Judge Found Dead in River



By MATTHEW HAAG and WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM 10:10 PM ET

Sheila Abdus-Salaam was pulled from the Hudson River by police. An investigation is under way, but the police said they found no immediate evidence of criminality.

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Dorothy Mengerling, who died on Tuesday, was a perfect comic foil, softening her son David’s bite.



ng Cherry Blossoms Won’t Arrive Early

The annual festival at Brooklyn Botanic Garden occurs at the end of April, regardless of nature’s timeline. Russians thought they would have a pal in the White House, but relations between the two countries are as tense as ever.



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By JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

Do transgender people have an obligation to be open about their history?

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The Ups and Downs of the Sears Empire



By SARA PARETSKY

Everything you needed — underwear, a house, a tombstone, a dining room set — all in one store or catalog.

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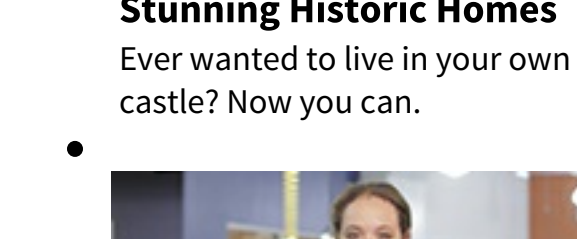


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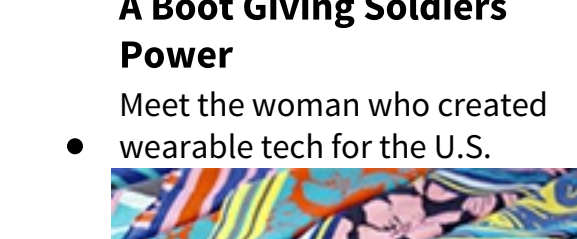
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3h	A star on “Chappelle’s Show” and Eddie Murphy’s older brother, Charlie Murphy, 57, has died from leukemia. In a famous skit, he spoofed himself encountering Rick James.	
4h	The sculptor who nearly 30 years ago created Wall Street’s “Charging Bull” said that “Fearless Girl” was an insult to his work and demanded that it be relocated.	
5h	The Chainsmokers might have gamed their way into pop , but the release of “Memories... Do Not Open” shows that pop is hard work, our critic writes.	
6h	Even the most stalwart cynics may have trouble slaying dry-eyed during the 9/11 musical “Come From Away,” our theater critic writes.	
7h	Lula and Simba, the last surviving animals at the Mosul zoo in Iraq , have been rescued. They were taken to a wildlife shelter in Jordan.	
8h	Jude Law will play a young Albus Dumbledore in the next installment of J.K. Rowling’s prequel series to the Harry Potter tales.	
8h	Calls to remove children’s books written by Bill Cosby from libraries and school curriculums last year landed the “Little Bill” series on the “most challenged” books list.	
8h	A European court has ruled against requiring transgender people to be sterilized , but the decision won’t prompt an immediate legal change in the countries that require it.	
9h	A mascot for some, an offense for others. The Major League Baseball commissioner, Rob Manfred, has expressed a desire “to transition away from the Chief Wahoo logo.”	
9h	A college student in Michigan was charged after another student with a peanut allergy passed out at an off-campus party and woke up with peanut butter on his face.	
10h	Ocellated lizards’ scales continuously flip between black and green . New research finds this behavior could be similar to a pattern in a computer simulation.	
10h	Reporters and editors at the New York news organizations DNAinfo and Gothamist have agreed to unionize after combining their operations last month.	
11h	A stray cat on the field halted a Miami Marlins baseball game on Tuesday, delighting fans as it evaded capture. No one seemed to mind the interruption.	
12h	A new program to provide free tuition for college students in New York is being hailed as a breakthrough, but low-income students may have a hard time qualifying for it.	
12h	Robert Ryman, a minimalist master , is giving 21 of his works to the Dia Arts Foundation. The paintings will remain in rooms of their own, as arranged by the artist.	
12h	A cooling system failure in Canada resulted in an ice scientist’s worst nightmare , as ice cores, some of which were 22,000 years old, partially or fully melted into puddles.	
13h	Saber-toothed cats paid a stiff price for being such fearsome predators. An analysis of their bones found them to be riddled with injuries likely picked up while hunting.	
17h	Cathay Pacific is replacing its chief executive, as losses mount . The airline has been battered by fuel prices and intense competition from low-cost carriers.	
21h	Hungary’s right-wing government is under pressure over a law that would effectively shut down a college founded by the Hungarian-American philanthropist George Soros.	
1d	We humans think we invented farming. But we didn’t. In a South American rain forest millions of years ago, ants had already figured it out . A new study explains how they did it.	
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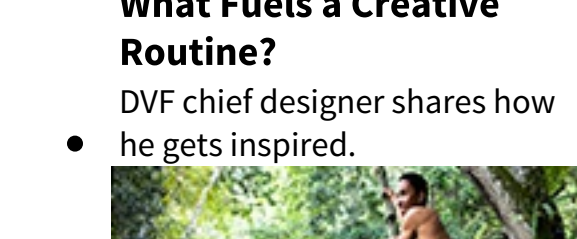
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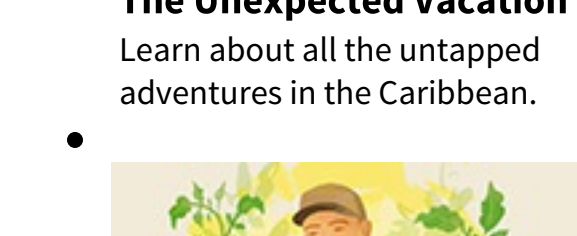
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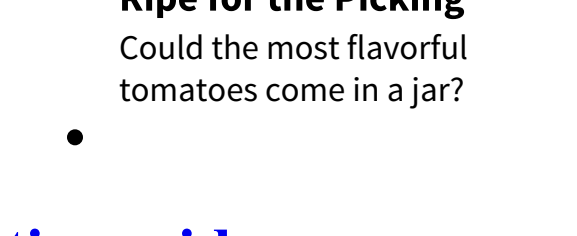
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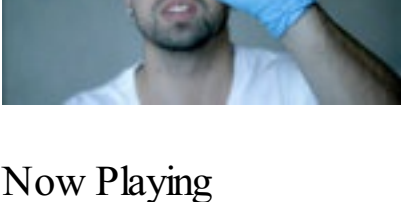
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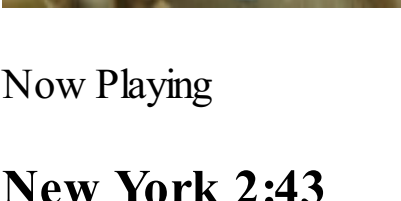
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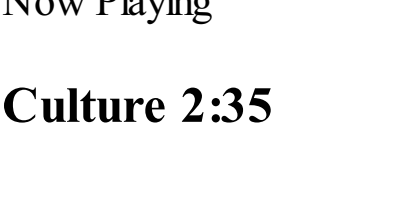
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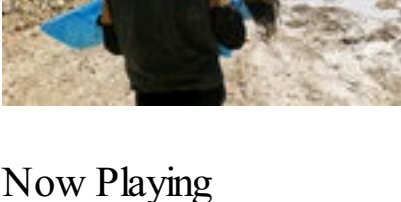
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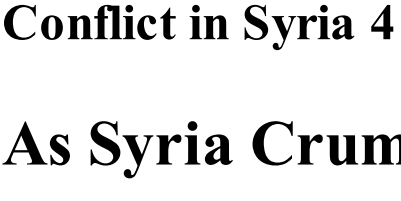
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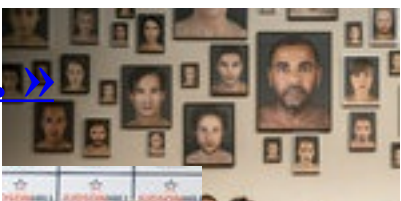
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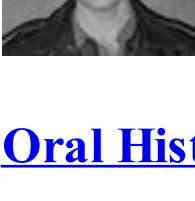


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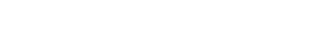
























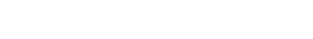








































































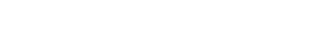




















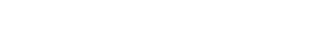


































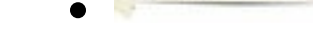
























































































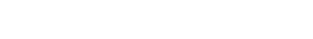






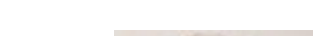




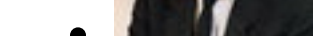
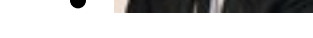



























































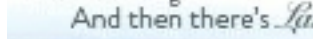






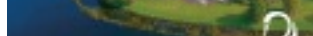




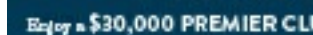
























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