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FBI obtained secret warrant last summer to monitor Trump adviser Carter Page

The court order, issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, allowed agents to monitor Page's communications, officials said. The order is the first indication that the FBI had reason to believe during the 2016 presidential campaign that a Trump campaign adviser was in touch with Russian agents.

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Trump just made some very strange comments about Stephen Bannon

"I like Steve, but you have to remember he was not involved in my campaign until very late," Trump said. And then he appeared to threaten Bannon's job.

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Spicer apologizes after receiving sharp criticism for saying Hitler didn't use chemical weapons

The White House press secretary had criticized Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons, saying that even Adolf Hitler — who used gas chambers to kill millions of Jews — did not sink to that level of warfare and "was not using the gas on his own people in the same way that Assad is doing."

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• Hitler refused to use sarin during WWII. The mystery is why.

U.S. says new evidence discredits Russia's claim on sarin attack

The Trump administration declassified an intelligence report to counter Moscow's explanation for the deadly attack, pointing to evidence that a Russian-made, Syrian-piloted aircraft dropped at least one munition carrying the nerve agent sarin. "I think it's clear that the Russians are trying to cover up what happened there," one official said.

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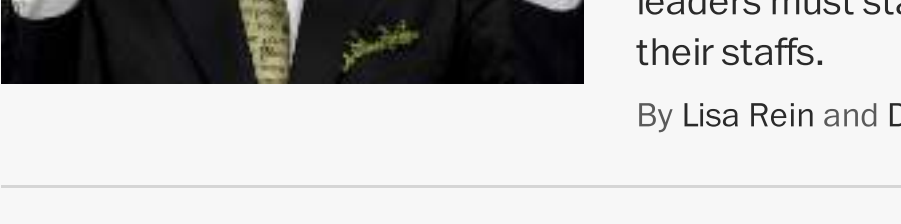
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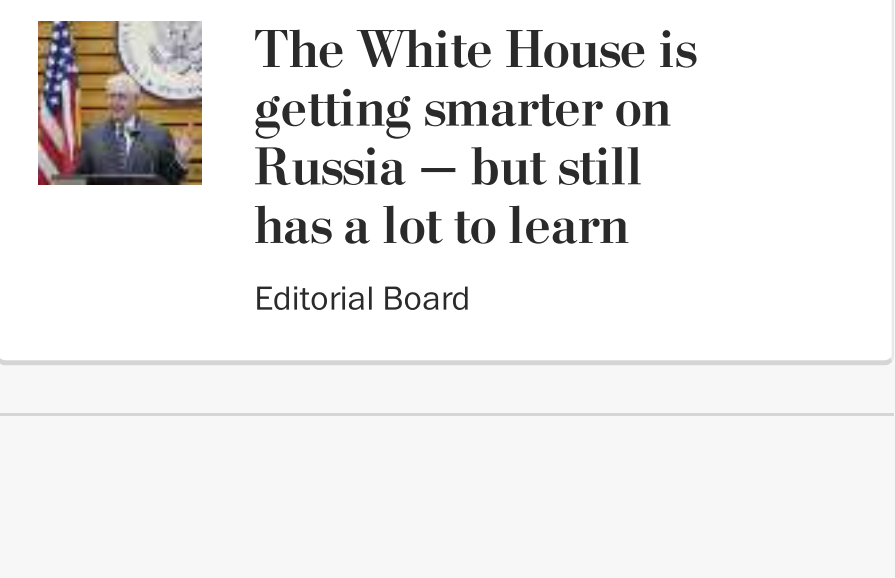
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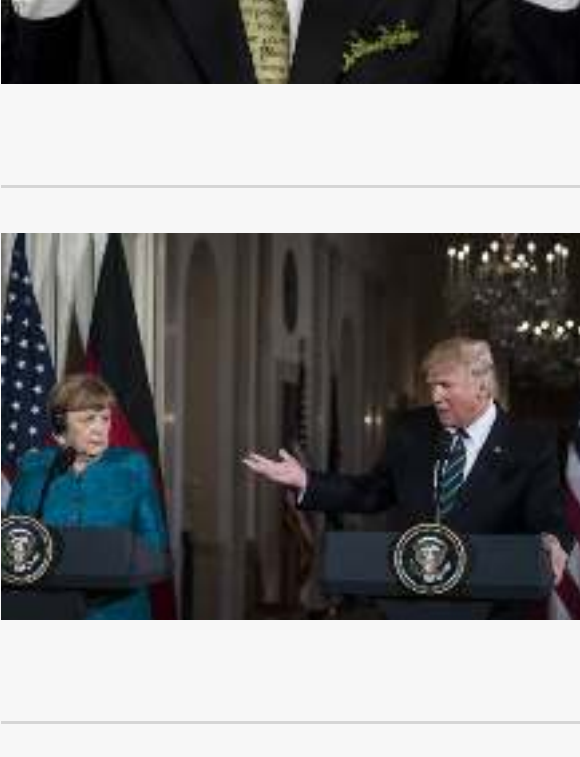
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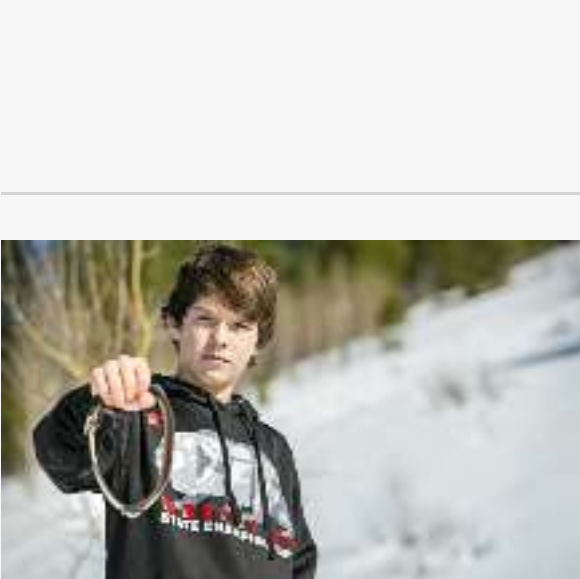


Rural America's dying hospitals

The demise of Haywood Park Community Hospital three years ago this summer added Brownsville, Tenn., to an epidemic of dying hospitals across rural America. Nearly 80 have closed since 2010, including nine in Tennessee.

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San Bernardino shooter was married 2 months and already separated from teacher he killed, police say

When officers arrived Monday at the California elementary school, the couple were dead. Police said Cedric Anderson entered the classroom, raised a large-caliber revolver and, without saying a word, opened fire, apparently targeting his wife. Two students were also struck, one fatally.

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Mitt Romney's 'binders full of women' are real. They weigh 15 pounds, 6 ounces.

An old gaffe resurfaces, but the discovery of the binders could make voters in deep-red Utah, where Romney might run for the Senate, nostalgic for a time when the chief criticism of the nation's top Republican was that he tried too hard to promote women.

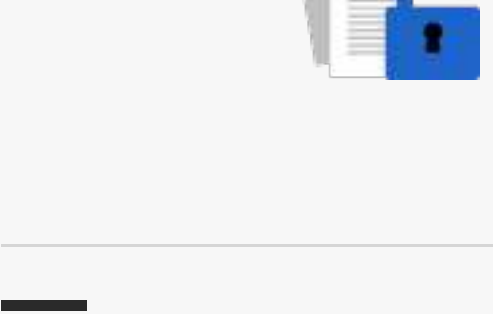
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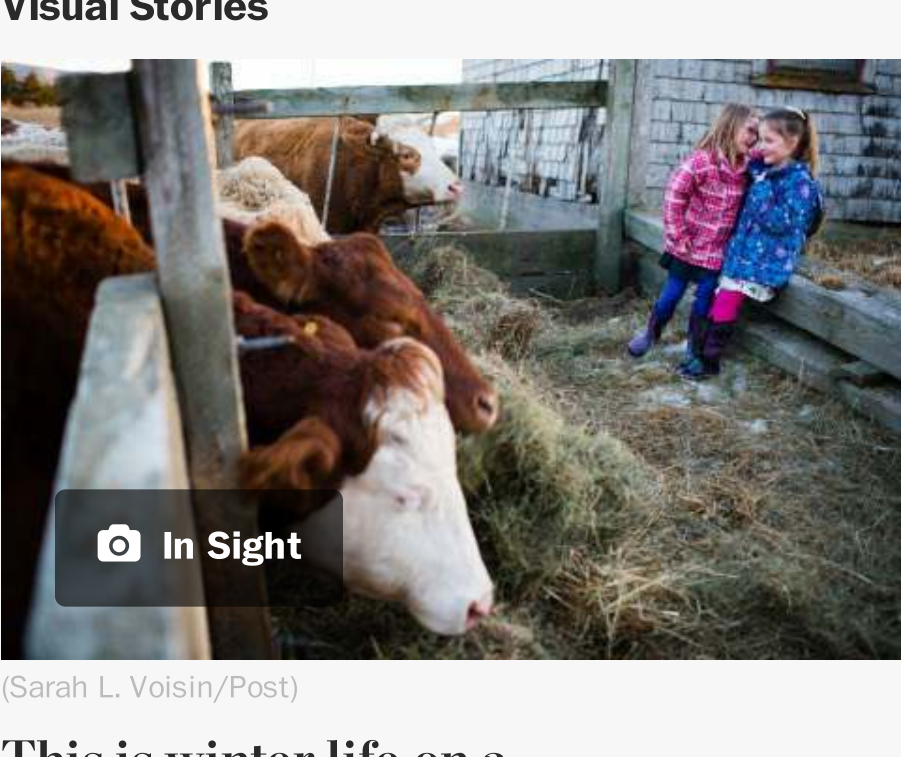


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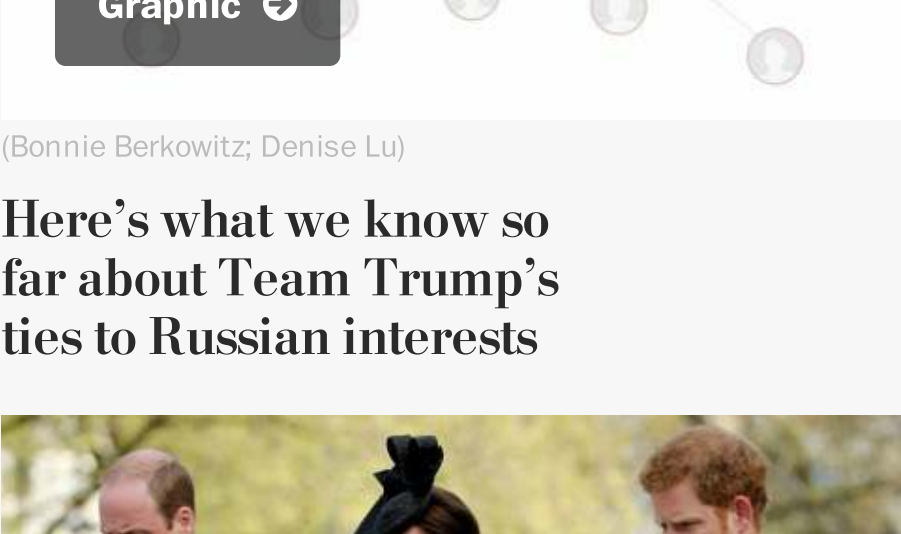
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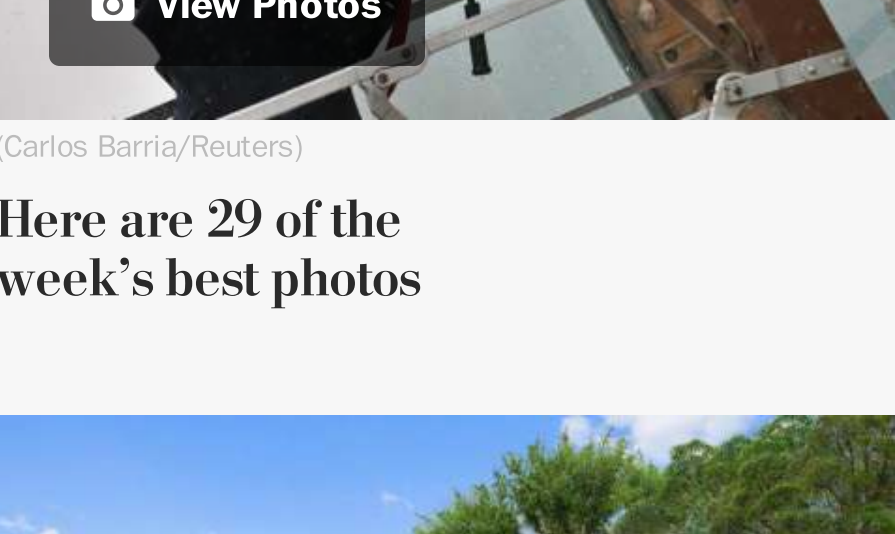
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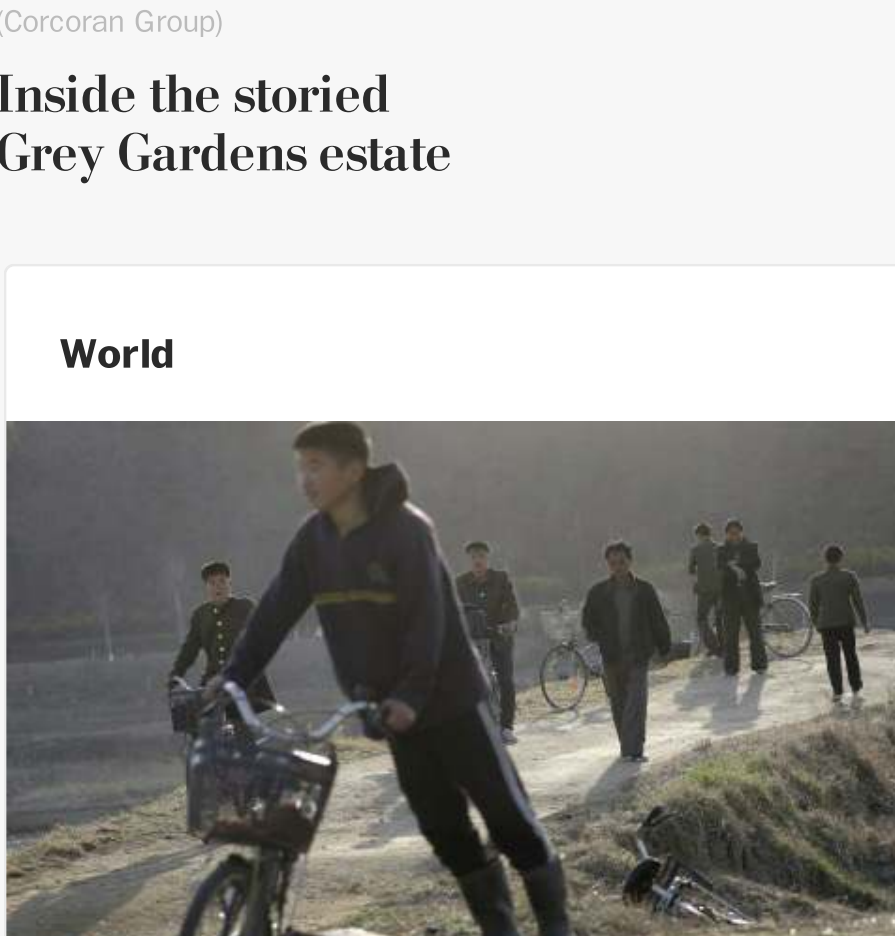
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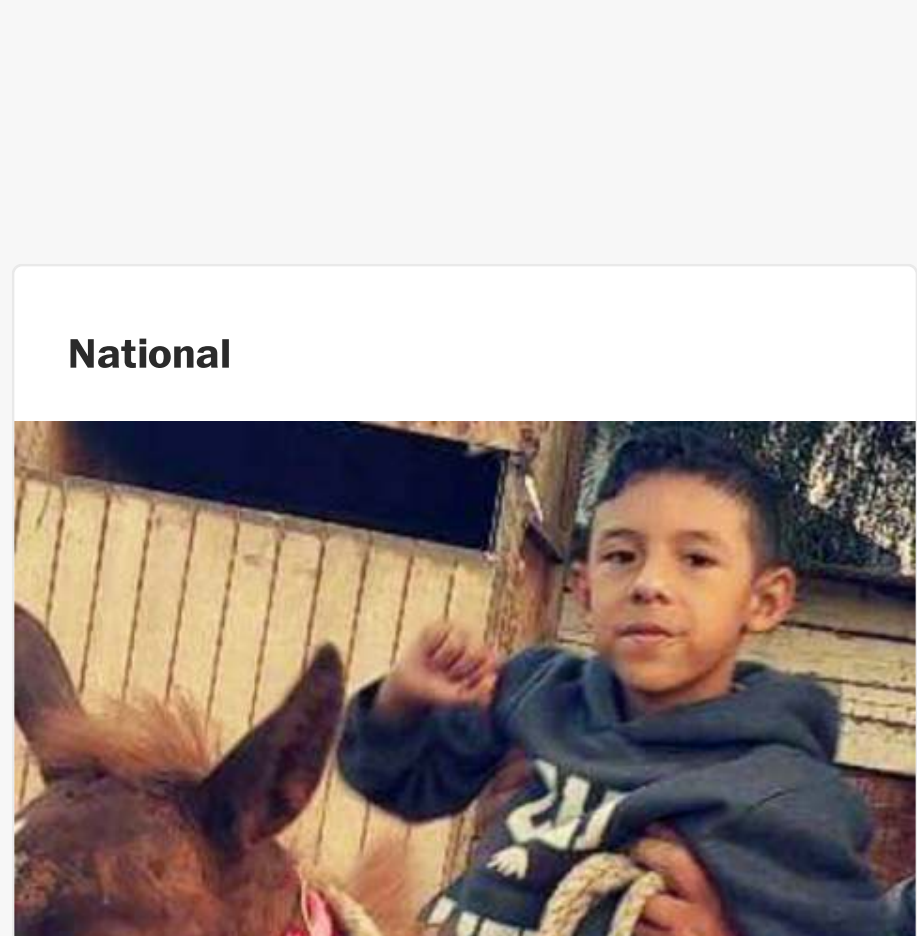
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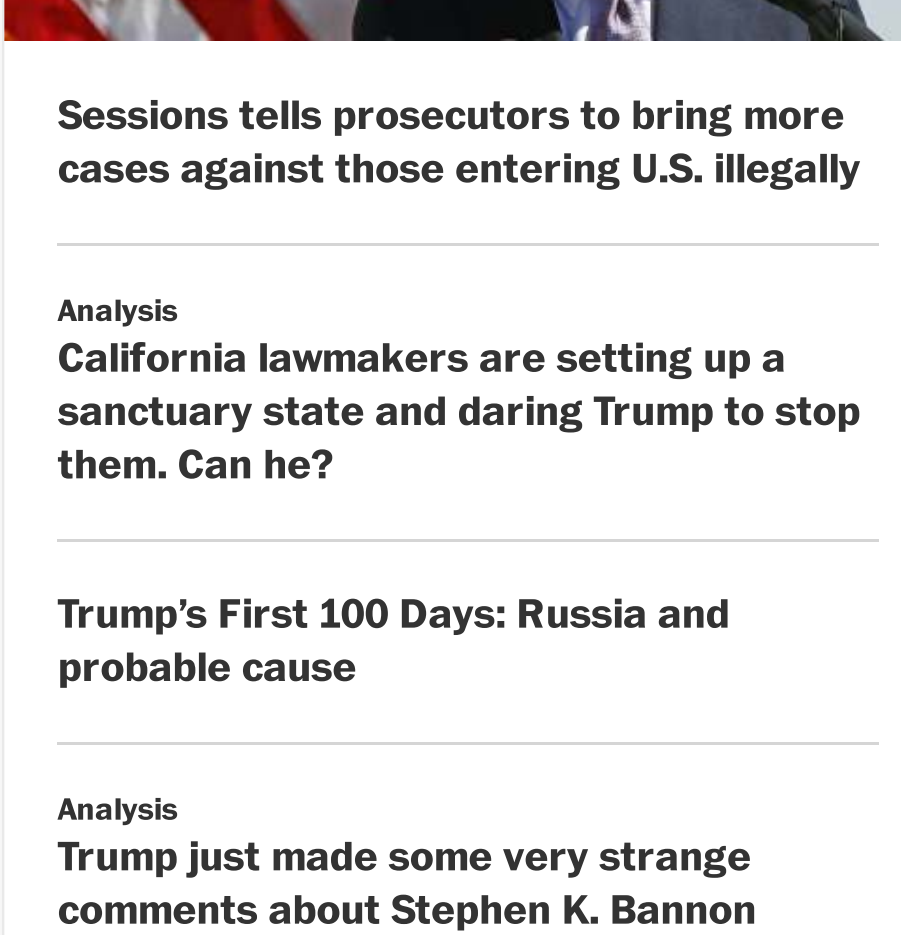
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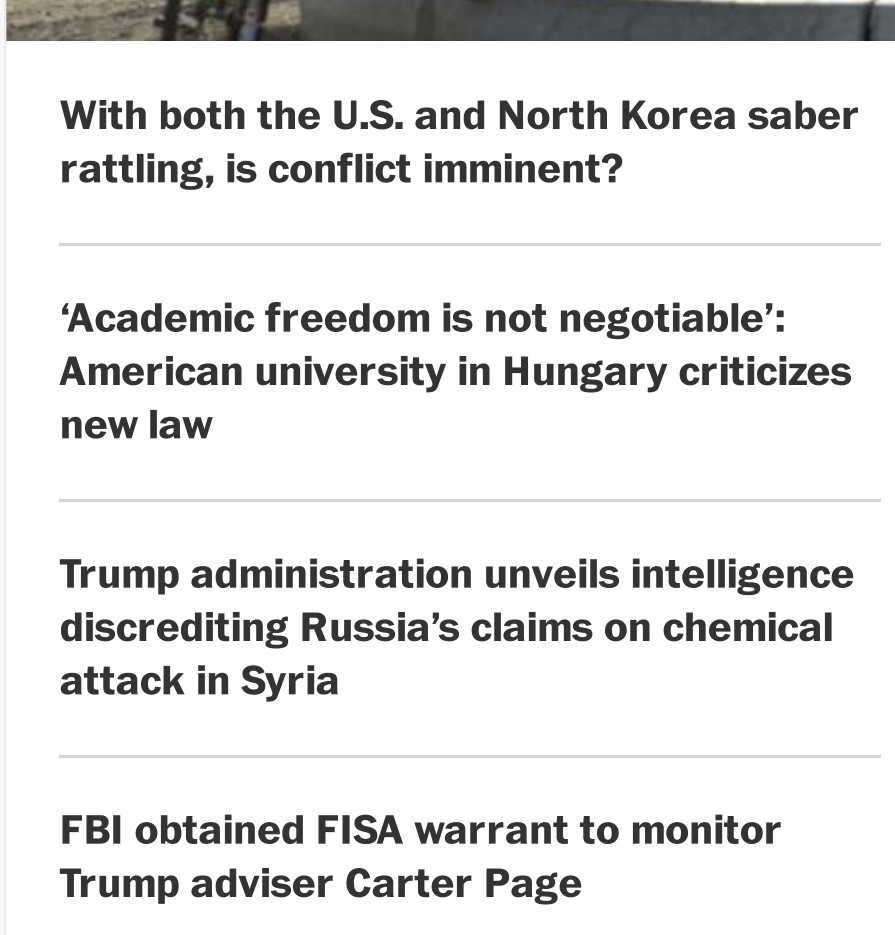
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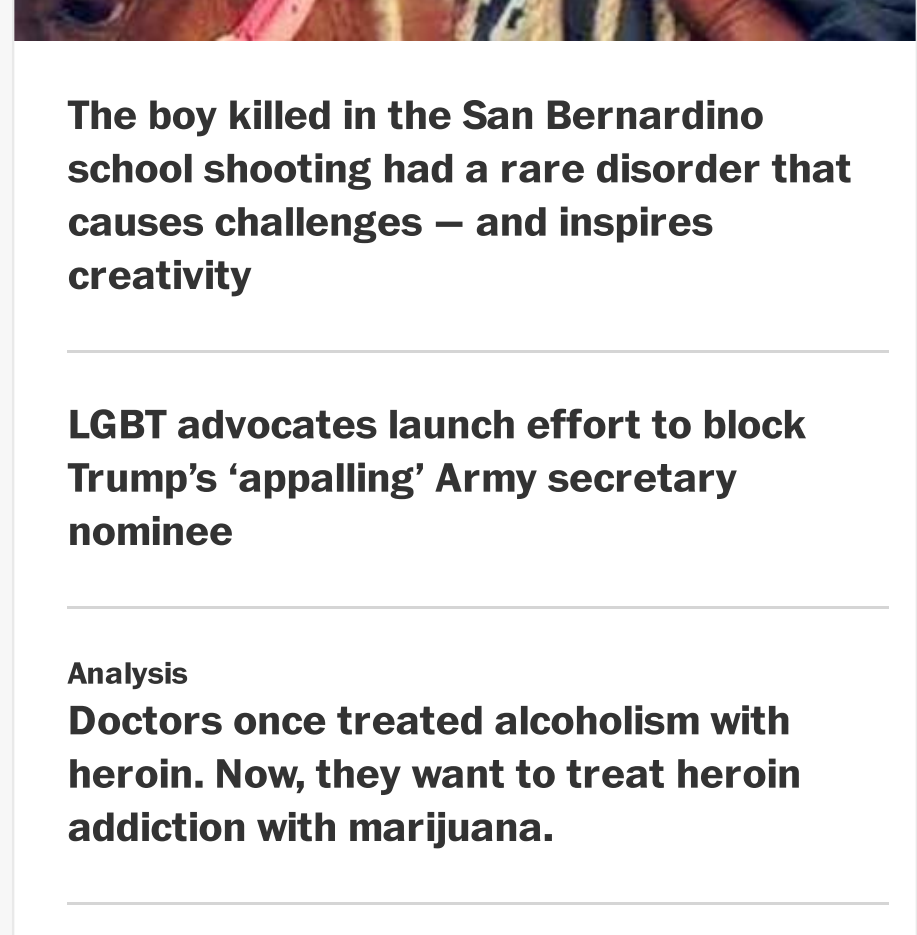
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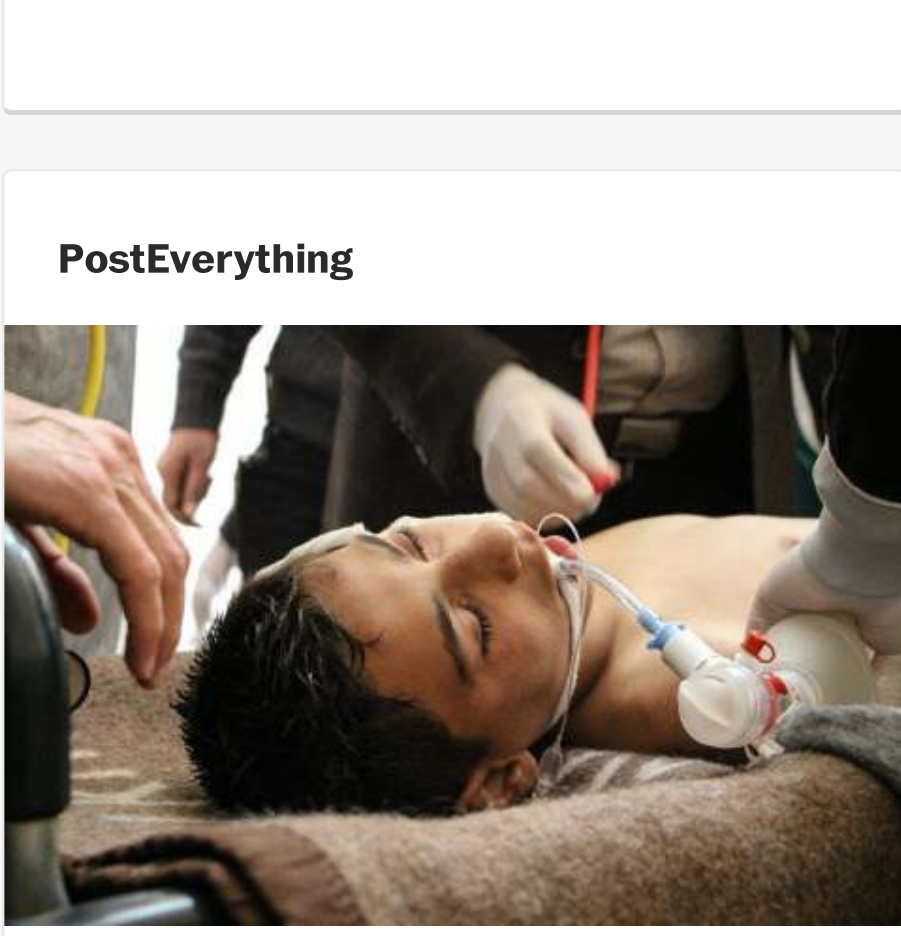
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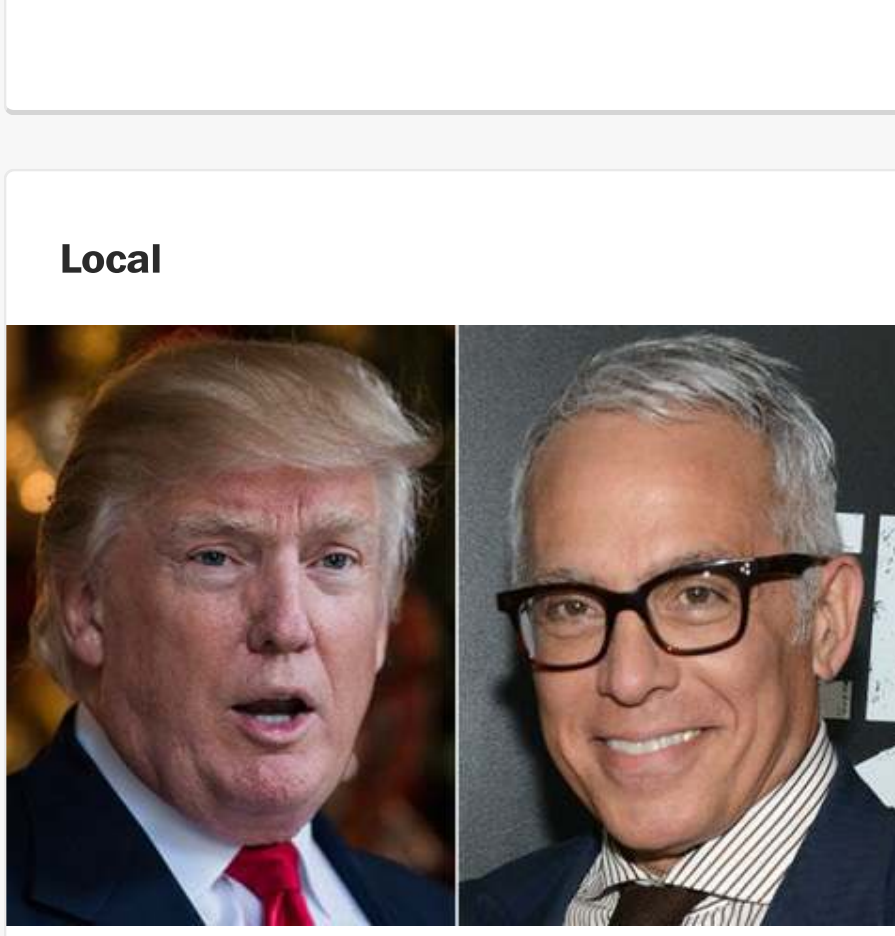
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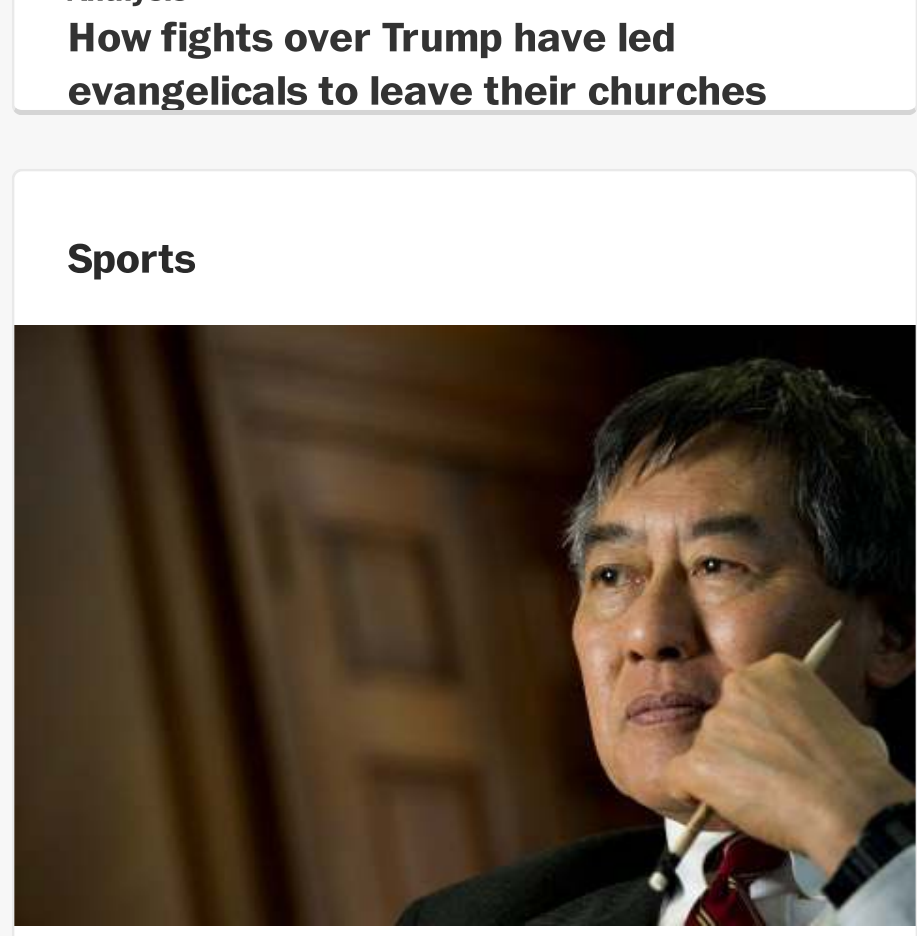
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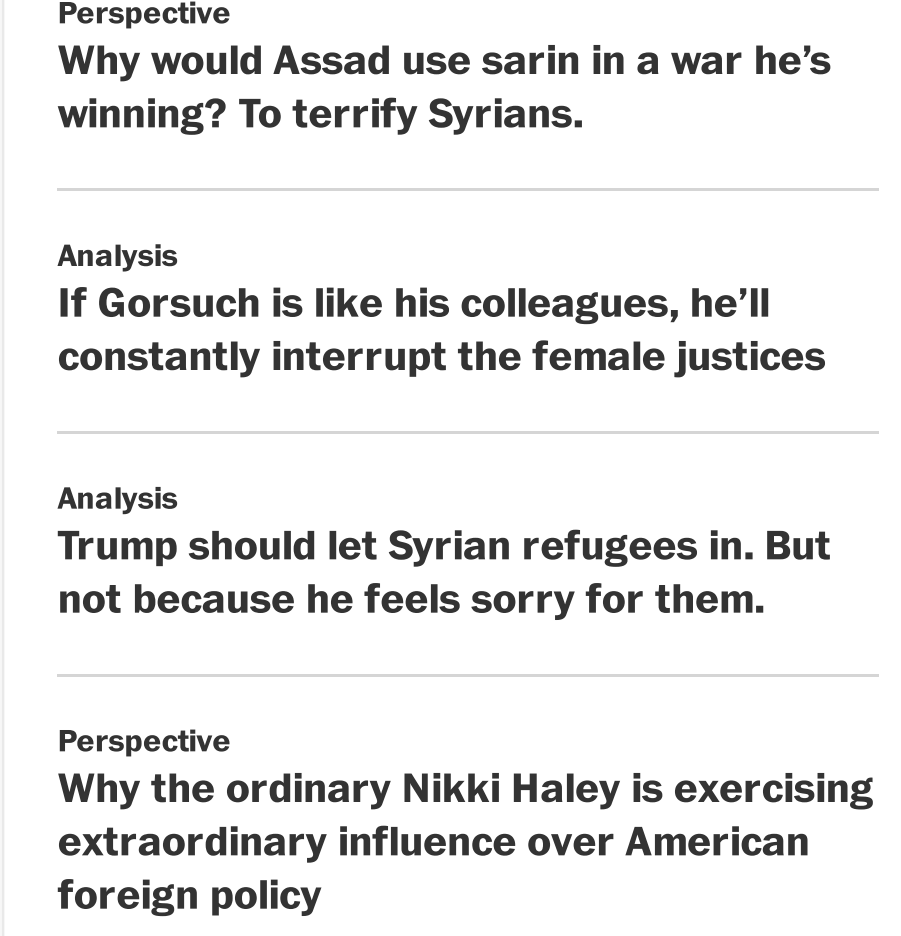
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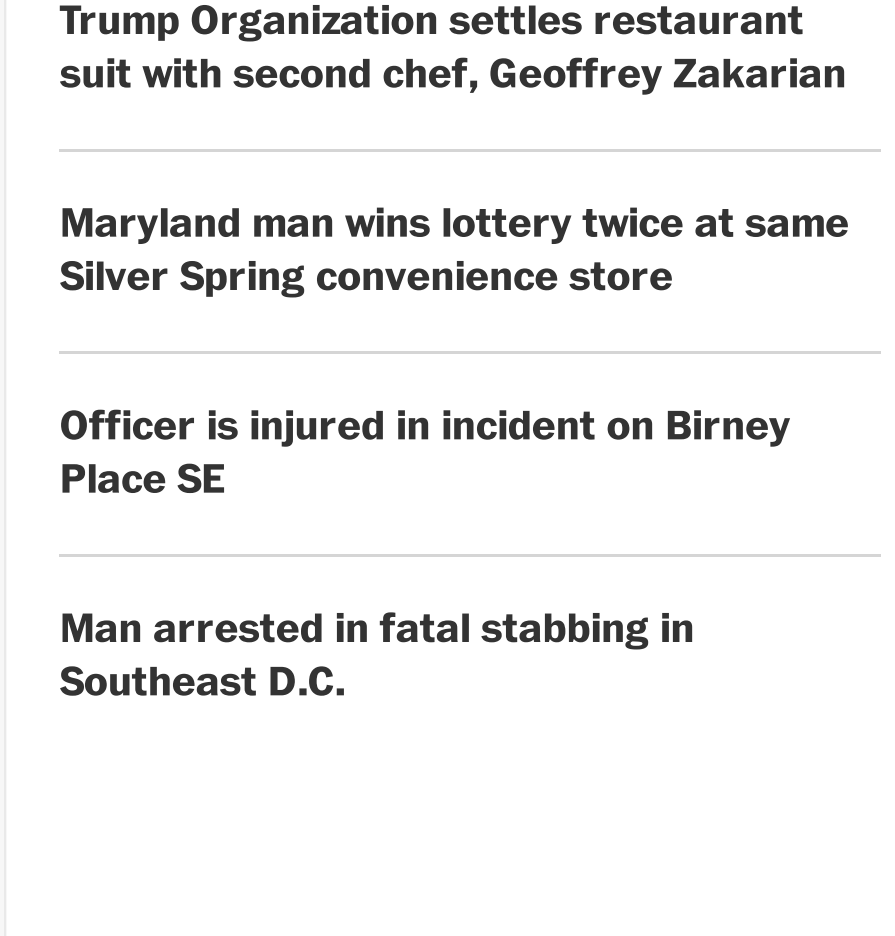
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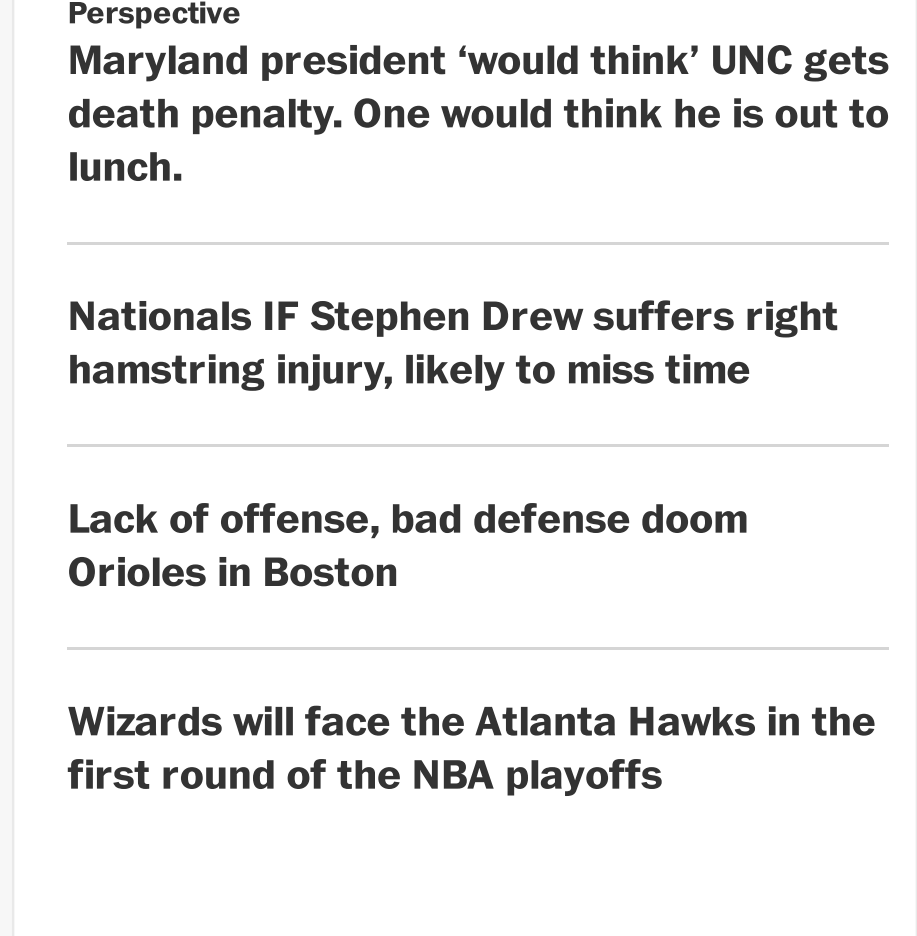
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