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Le Pen defeat brings Europe's far-right wave crashing to a halt

Anti-E.U. firebrand Marine Le Pen's overwhelming loss to centrist Emmanuel Macron, whom voters preferred nearly 2-to-1, is a reality check for far-right forces. Despite victories for Brexit and Donald Trump, voters across Western Europe have since elected mainstream candidates to office, likely shutting out far-right candidates for years.

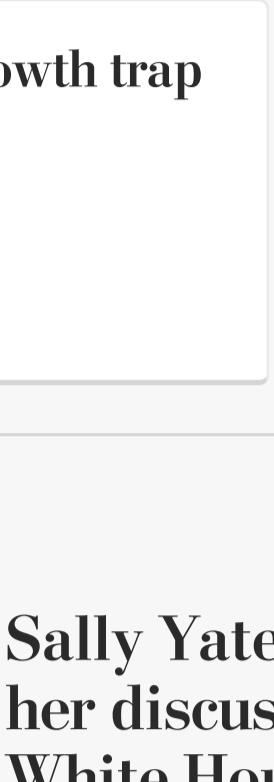
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A political boy wonder, Macron is France's youngest leader since Napoleon Bonaparte

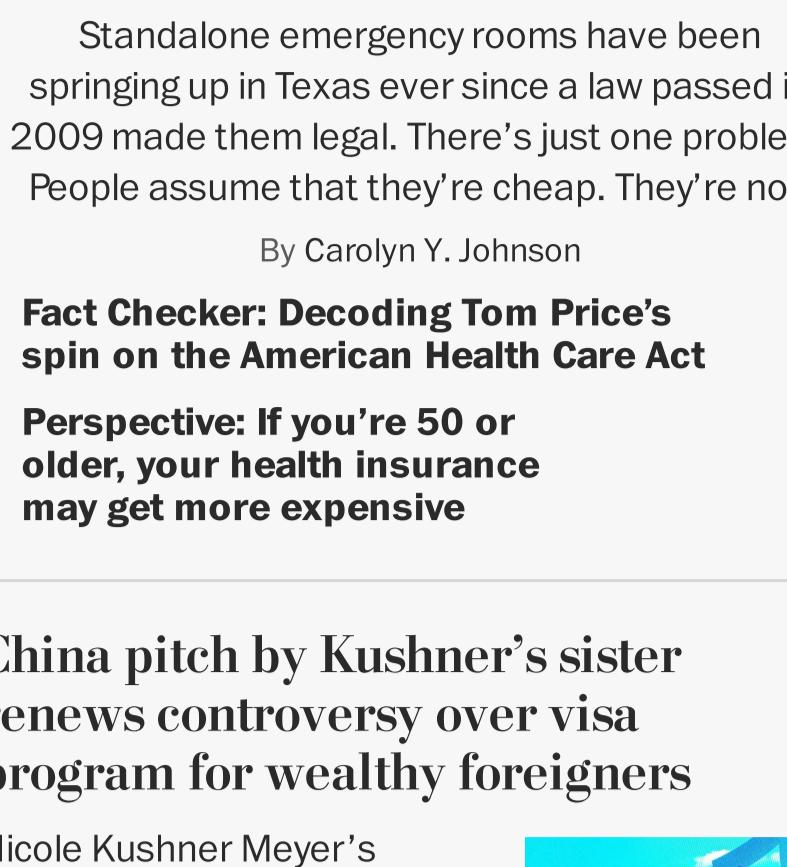
A banker who has never held elected office, Macron's rise is "entirely unprecedented" in a system that typically rewards entrenched political dynasties. He will be France's first modern president to not belong to either the center-left or center-right parties.

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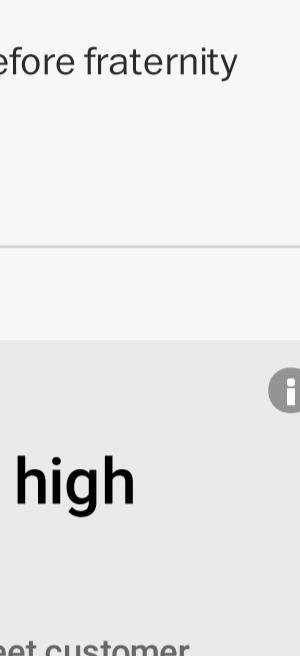
The move could significantly change the makeup of the 18-member Board of Scientific Counselors, which advises the EPA's key scientific arm on whether the research it does has sufficient rigor and integrity.

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China pitch by Kushner's sister renews controversy over visa program for wealthy foreigners

Nicole Kushner Meyer's sales presentation in Beijing about the EB-5 investor visa program brought pointed criticism from Democrats, who said she sought to benefit from her ties to her brother, who is the husband of Ivanka Trump, has become one of Trump's closest advisers.

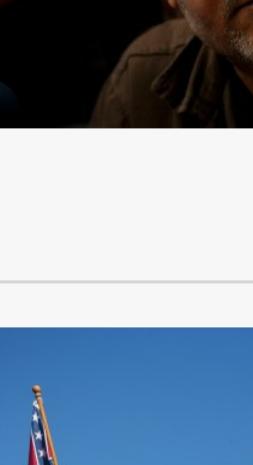
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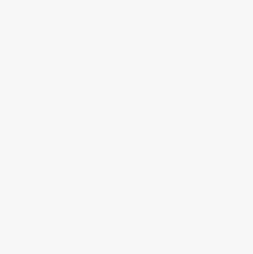
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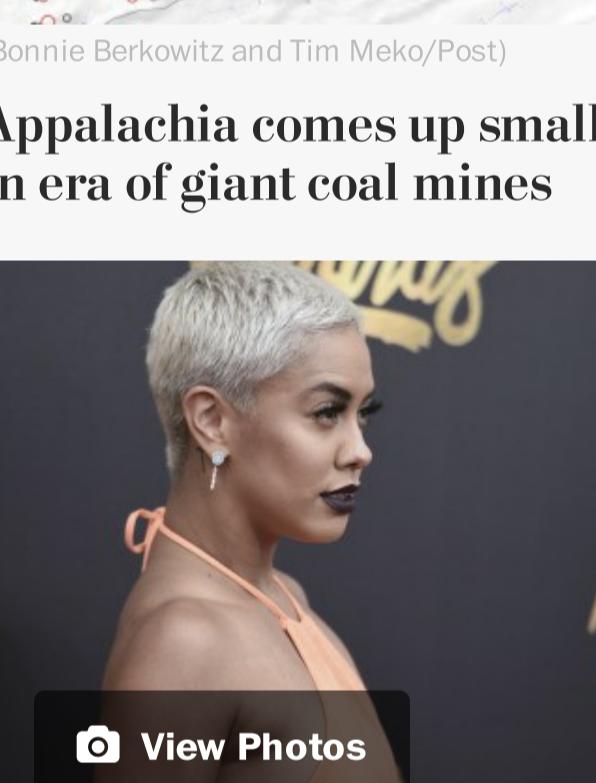
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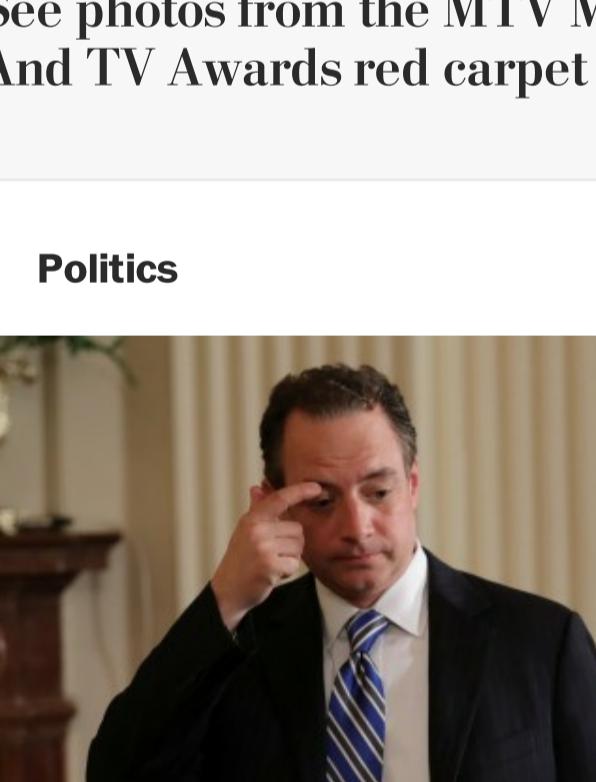
Lawmakers want to question Yates, an Obama administration holdover who served as attorney general for 10 days, about her conversation in January with White House counsel Donald McGahn regarding former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

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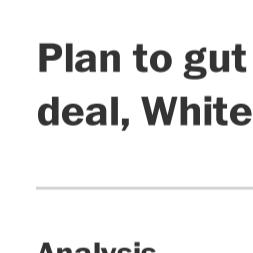
Over intense opposition from immigrant rights groups and Democrats, Gov. Greg Abbott signed a measure that allows police to ask about a person's immigration status and threatens sheriffs with jail if they don't cooperate with federal authorities.

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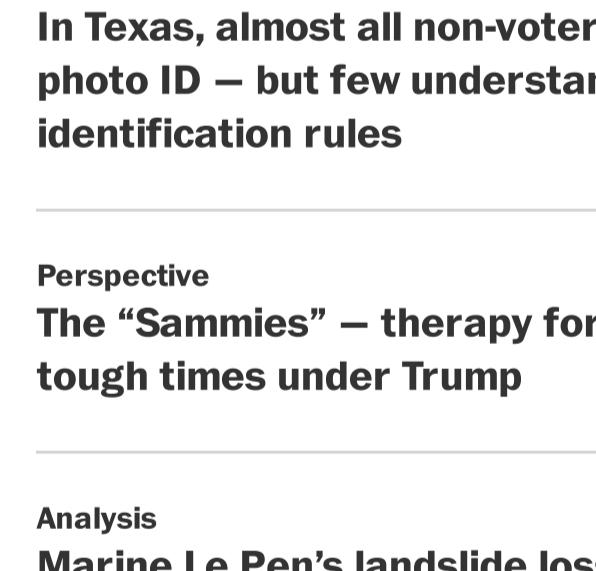
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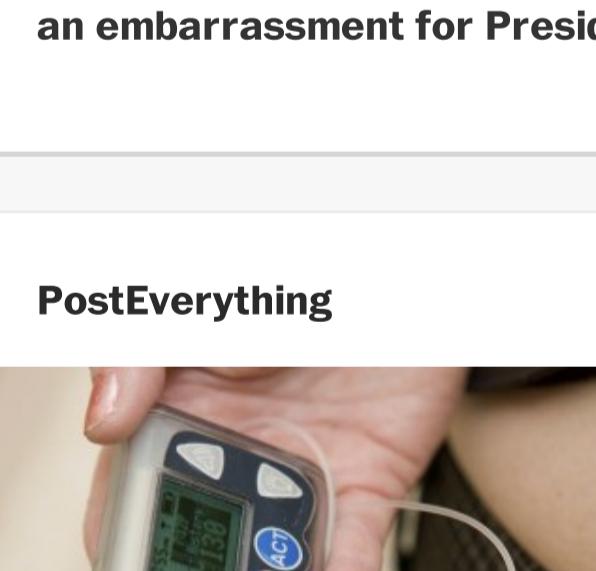
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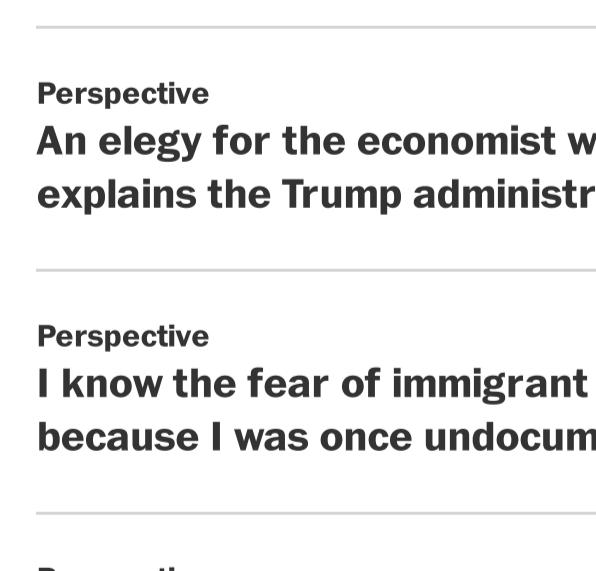
While economists have been concerned about recent data on earnings, a new paper suggests that ordinary Americans have been dealing with serious economic problems for much longer than may be widely recognized.

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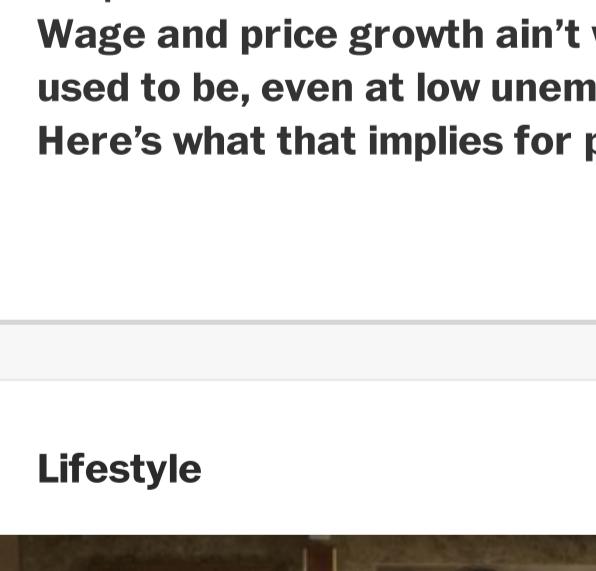
Israel released video footage purportedly showing Marwan Barghouti, the man Palestinians compare to Nelson Mandela, sneaking a mouthful of cookies and a candy bar in his prison cell. Barghouti's wife said the video clip was "fabricated."

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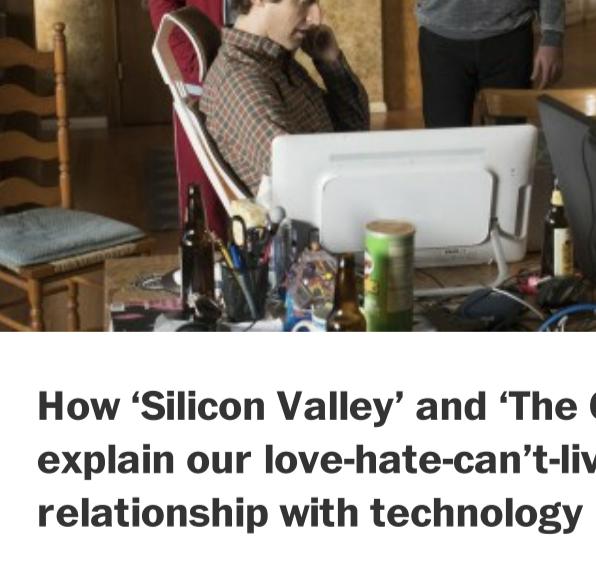
Confederate flag-waving demonstrators came face to face with people who want to see statues of Confederate leaders such as Robert E. Lee removed.

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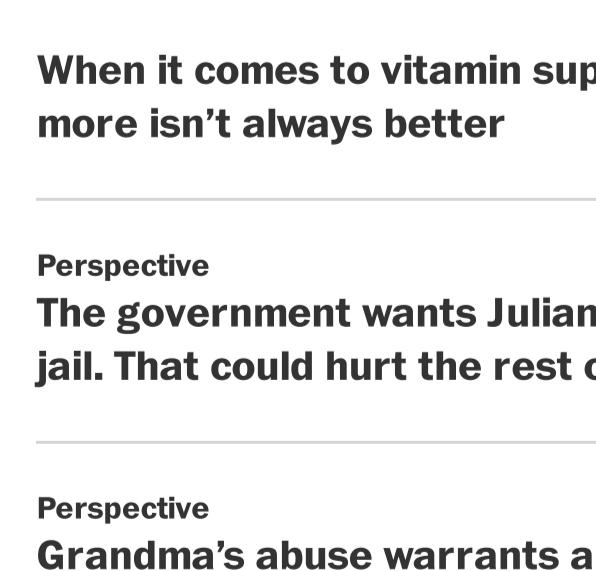
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Whether inadvertently or intentionally, Pine and his tongue-in-cheek comments highlighted the glaring lack of diversity in big-budget superhero movies.

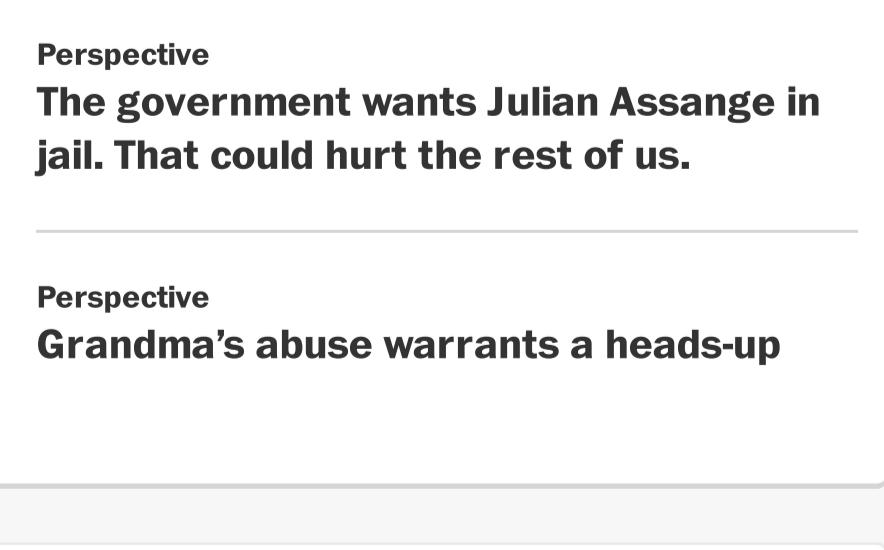
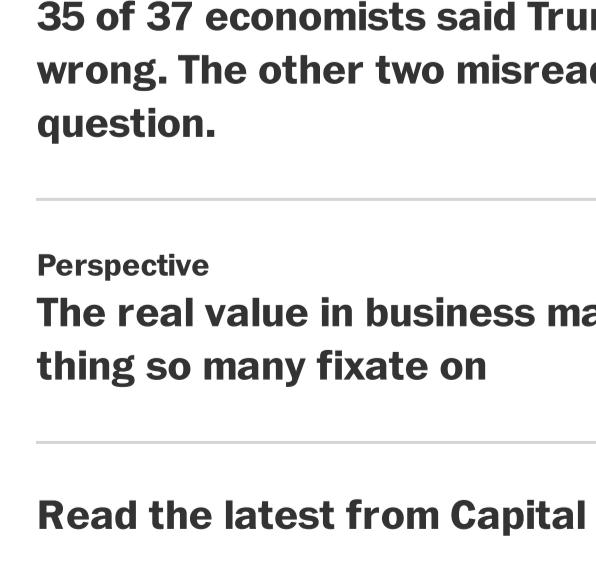
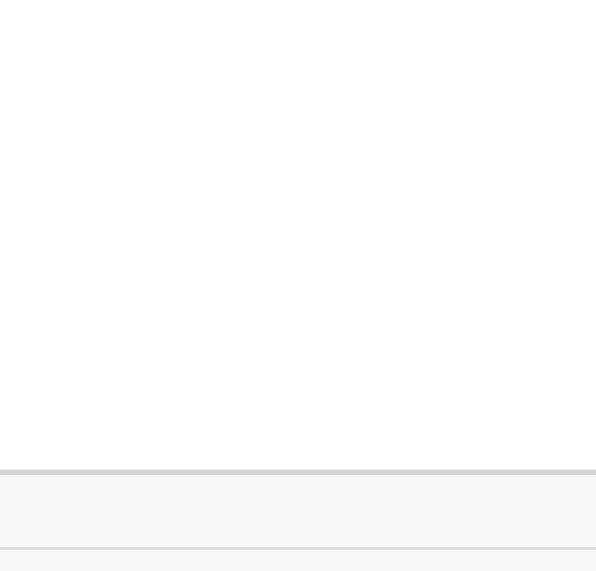
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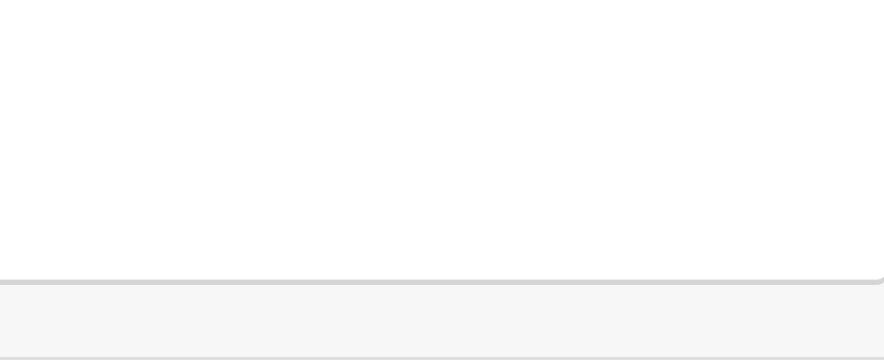
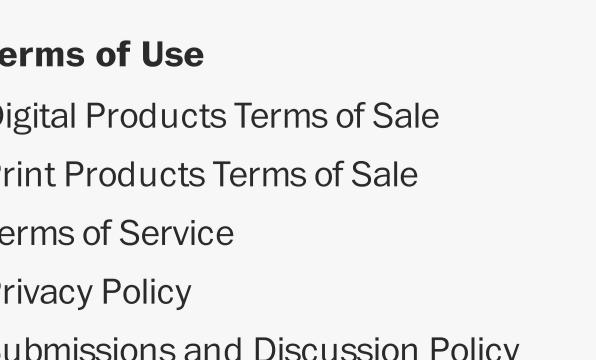
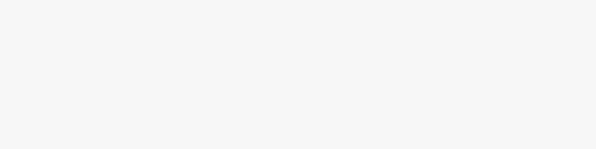
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