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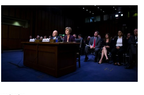
'We Believed Gen. Flynn Was Compromised,' Sally Yates Testifies

The former acting attorney general told a Senate subcommittee that she repeatedly informed the White House that former national security adviser Michael Flynn was engaging in "potentially" conduct. James Clapper, former director of national intelligence, also testified at the hearing.



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TIMELINE: How Michael Flynn Left The Trump White House

Obama Warned Trump About Michael Flynn During Oval Office Meeting

POLITICS

Kushner Family Business Pitch In China Prompts Questions About Investor Visas

Jared Kushner's sister recently pitched a New Jersey project to investors in China. Such investors could get a crack at an immigration visa to the United States in exchange for $500,000.

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'GOP Health Bill Leaves Many 'Pre-Existing Condition' Patients Up To States

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Before the Affordable Care Act, people with pre-existing conditions often couldn't get health insurance — or paid sky-high premiums. The Republican bill passed by the House last week would let states decide.

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'Baby Got Back' As An Anthem For Body Positivity

"It was like a blown-out, glorified version of what was actually being said at that time," the rapper says of the butt-positive single that inspired controversy, parody and some genuine gratitude when it was released 25 years ago.

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What's Next? Sixth Season Of 'Veep' Probes Post-Presidential Life

Julia Louis-Dreyfus says growing up in Washington, D.C., and later living in Los Angeles helped her prepare for her role in the HBO comedy. "You're selling a brand of yourself," she says.

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Penn State Student's Hazing Death Was No Accident, Grand Jury Says

Eight Beta Theta Pi fraternity members face charges of involuntary manslaughter over the death of a new pledge in February. For nearly 12 hours after Timothy Piazza fell, no one called an ambulance.

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Austrian Court Rules Facebook Must Delete Hate Speech

The decision could have global consequences. The court ruled that the harsh words against an Austrian politician must be deleted from Facebook worldwide.

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Life Expectancy Can Vary By 20 Years Depending On Where You Live

Geographic inequality in lifespan is growing in the United States, with people in some counties living more than 20 years longer than those in others.

The Forces Driving Middle-Aged White People's 'Deaths Of Despair'

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Public Restrooms Become Ground Zero In The Opioid Epidemic

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People often turn to public restrooms as a place to get high on opioids. It has led some establishments to close their facilities, while others are training employees to help people who overdose.

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Trump Travel Ban Returned To Court, With President's Words At The Center

A federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., heard arguments about the legality of President Trump's revised travel ban. Immigrant advocates argue it discriminates against Muslims.

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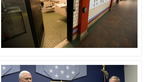
Giving Up Nuclear Weapons: It's Rare, But It's Happened

President Trump is calling on North Korea to relinquish its nuclear arsenal. History suggests that's unlikely. Only one country, South Africa, has built its own nukes and then given them up.



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Sinclair Broadcast Group Has Deal To Buy Tribune Media's TV Stations

Sinclair's holdings are vast and the deal, which needs approval of federal regulators, would give it stations in seven of the biggest 10 markets. It would further propel consolidation in the industry.

ALL TECH CONSIDERED

After Decades Covering It, Tech Still Amazes Walt Mossberg

The longtime tech journalist, who retired in the 1990s, when he says tech columns were written "by geeks for geeks," As he retires, Mossberg reflects on how tech has evolved, often in unexpected ways.

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Nigerian President Heads to London For 'Follow-Up Medical Consultation'

Officials offered no further clarity on the time that he has repeatedly sidelined Muhammadu Buhari this year. In announcing the visit, a spokesman merely stated that "there is no cause for worry."

SCIENCE

Trump's Budget Would Eliminate A Key Funder Of Research On Coastal Pollution

The Sea Grant program, which funds research on coastal environments, is cited by the White House for elimination in 2018. If it goes, a project that finds leaking septic tanks goes down the drain, too.

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Is A Stradivarius Violin Easier To Hear? Science Says Nope

Old Italian violins like those made by Stradivari are famous for their sound. Researchers wanted to see if it was easier for people in a blind test thought were violins projected better than old ones.

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A Stolen, Then Recovered, Stradivarius Returns To The Stage

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The Russia-brokered deal is backed by regional heavyweights Iran and Turkey. But it remains to be seen whether this deal will be any different than other truces that have failed to stop the violence.

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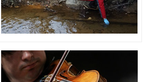
The former president and the fiction-titan foained a surprise on readers Monday, announcing they'll be releasing a novel named The President Is Missing in June 2018.



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Coach Announces It Is Buying Kate Spade In $2.4 Billion Deal

The news confirms months of rumors that the two New York-based companies were in talks. Coach hopes to use Kate Spade to attract millennial customers. Both boards unanimously approved the deal.

José Santacruz/NPR

HISTORY OF OUR TIME

Condoleezza Rice: Institutions Aren't Perfect, But They're The Bedrock Of Democracy

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice tells NPR that America is still a "bright, shining city on the hill, not because we're perfect but because we struggle in our imperfections every day."

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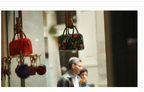

POP CULTURE

Actress Gabourey Sidibe On Anxiety, Phone Sex And Life After 'Precious'

FRESH AIR

As a young woman, Sidibe struggled to find work before landing the film role that would change her life. "This is my path, and I'm really grateful that I'm on it," Sidibe says of her acting career.

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Gabourey Sidibe's Message To The World: 'Mind Your Own Body'

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Secret U.S. Space Plane Lands With A Boom In Florida

For a secret aircraft, the X-37B wasn't very stealthy about its return to Earth. The space plane was launched in 2015.

TINY DESK

Aimee Mann: Tiny Desk Concert

"This song is called 'You Never Loved Me' — it's another cheery, optimistic number," says Aimee Mann, introducing the second of four songs in this Tiny Desk Concert.

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