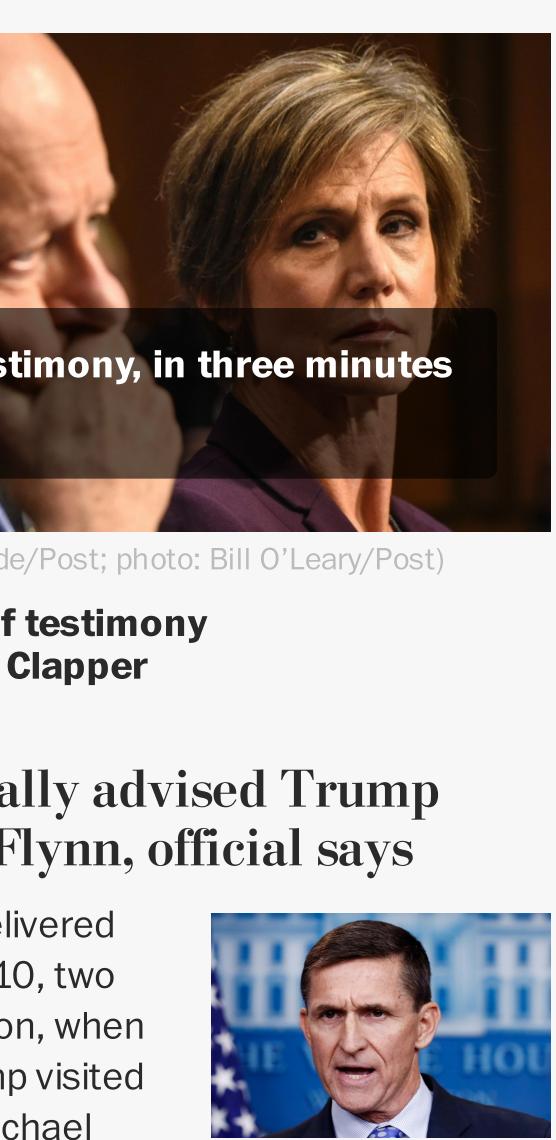


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The plan, which still must be approved by the president, would be a major shift in strategy that effectively puts the United States back on a war footing with the Taliban. It would authorize the Pentagon, not the White House, to set troop numbers in Afghanistan and give the military far broader authority to use airstrikes to target the militants. It is part of a larger effort to push a resurgent Taliban back to the negotiating table, officials said.

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Yates says she warned White House that Flynn could be blackmailed

Former acting attorney general Sally Yates testified at a Senate hearing that she expected White House officials to "take action" on her January warning that then-national security adviser Michael Flynn was "compromised by the Russians." The retired general stayed on at the White House for 18 days after Yates's warning. After the hearing, President Trump tweeted that Yates "said nothing but old news."

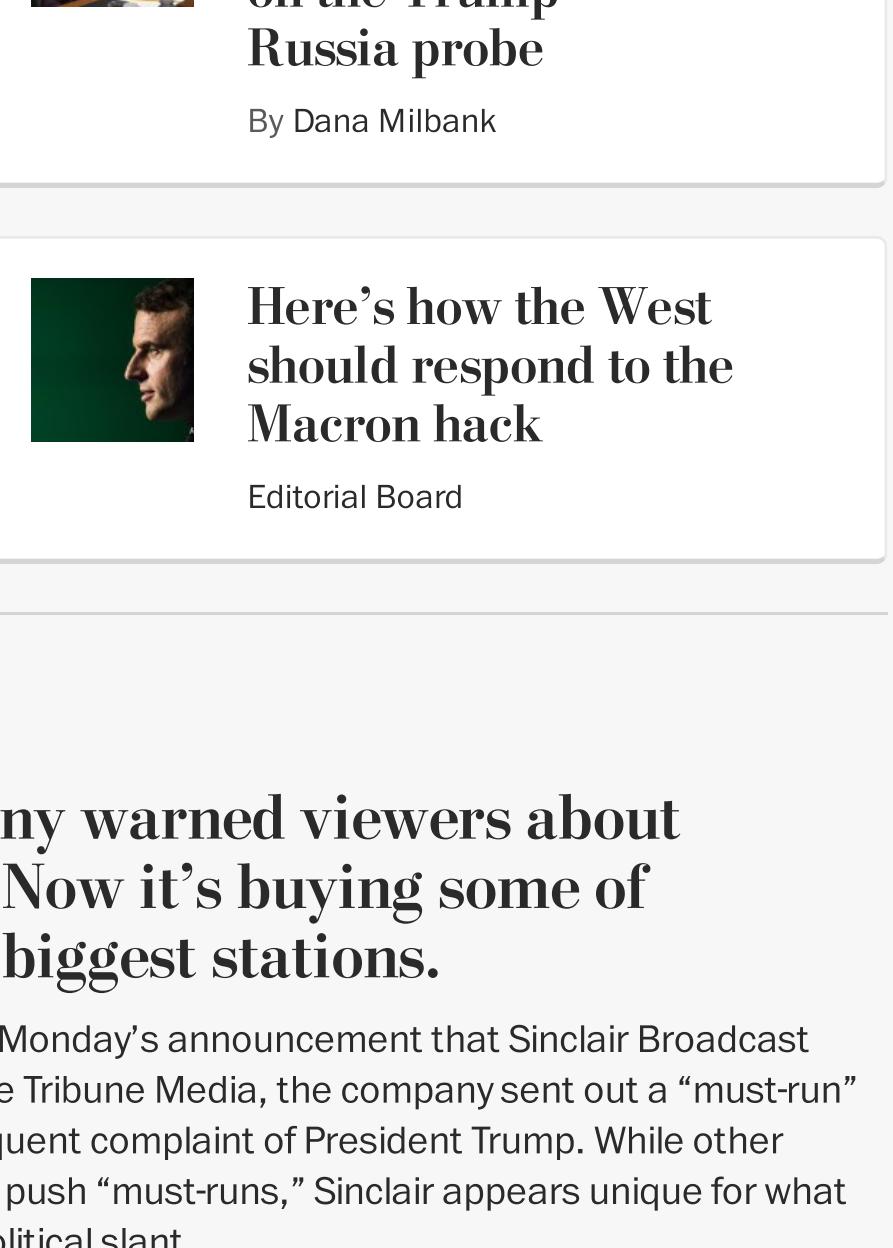
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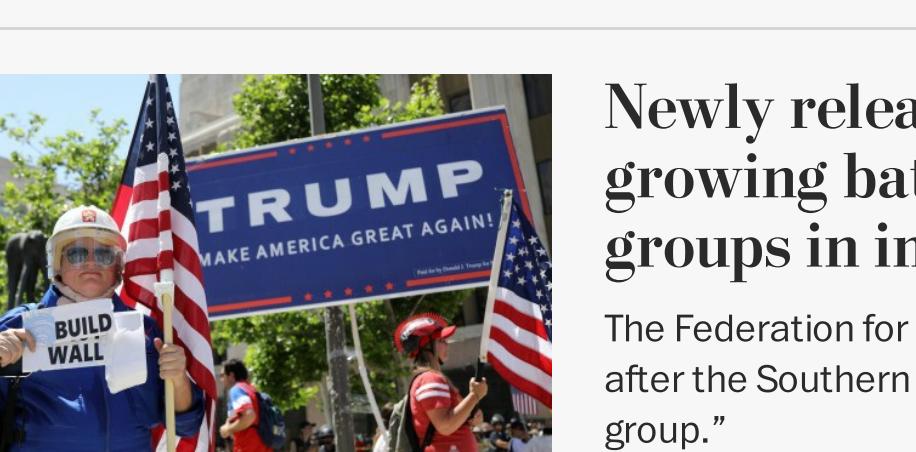
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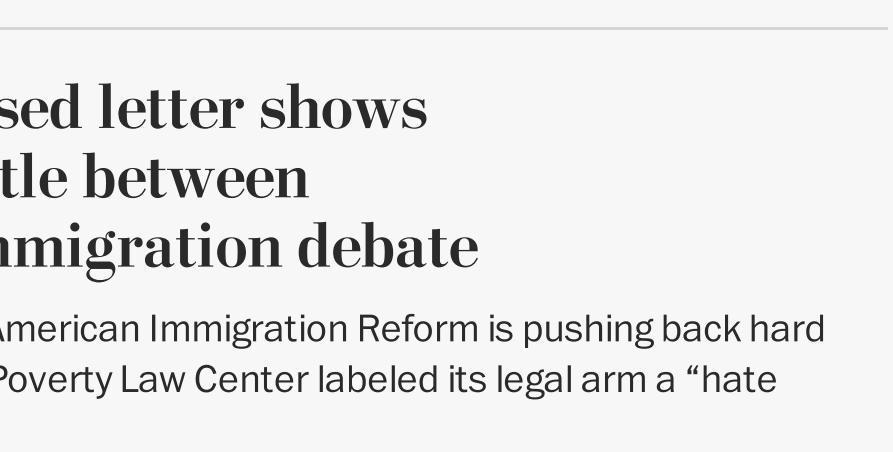
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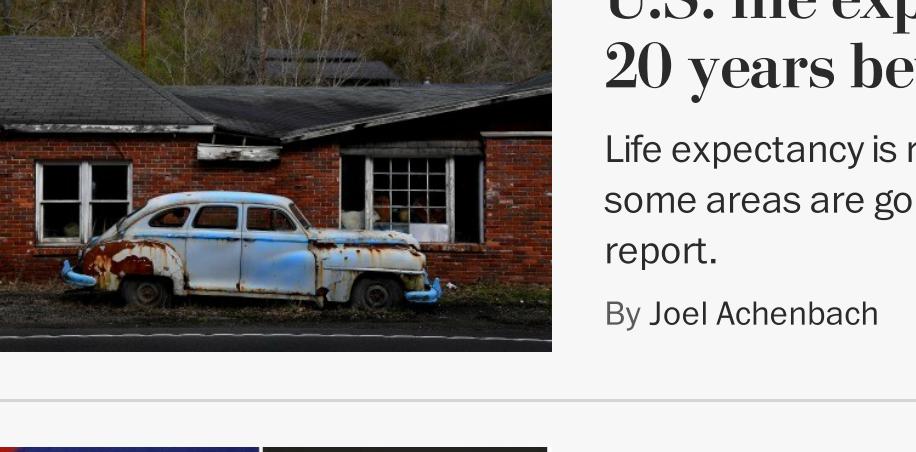
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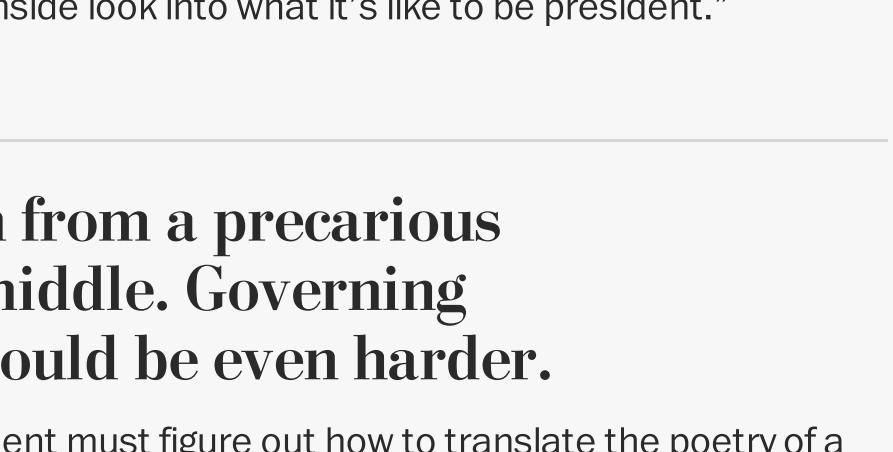
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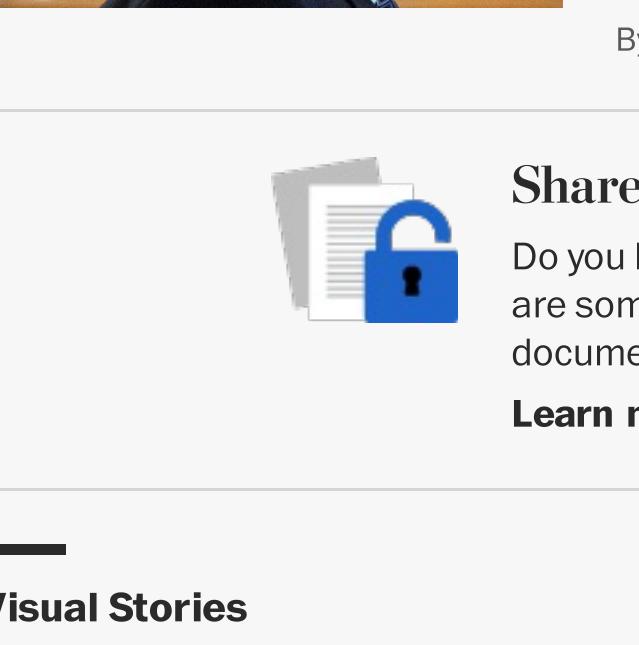
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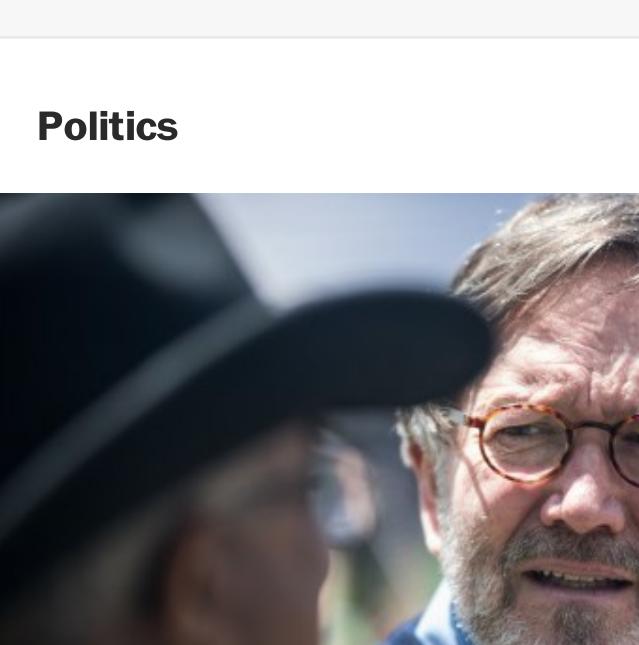
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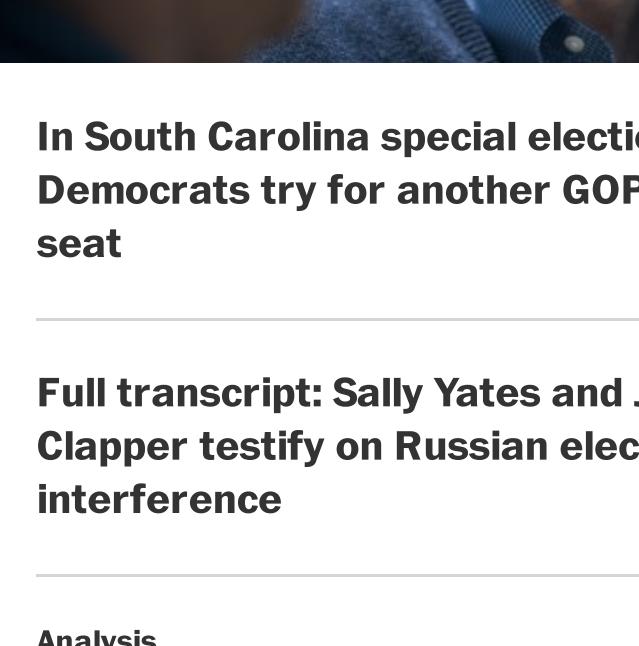
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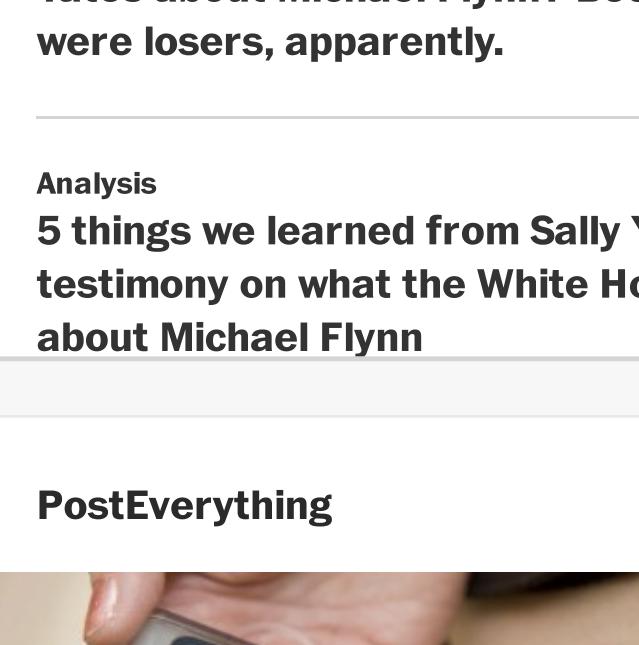
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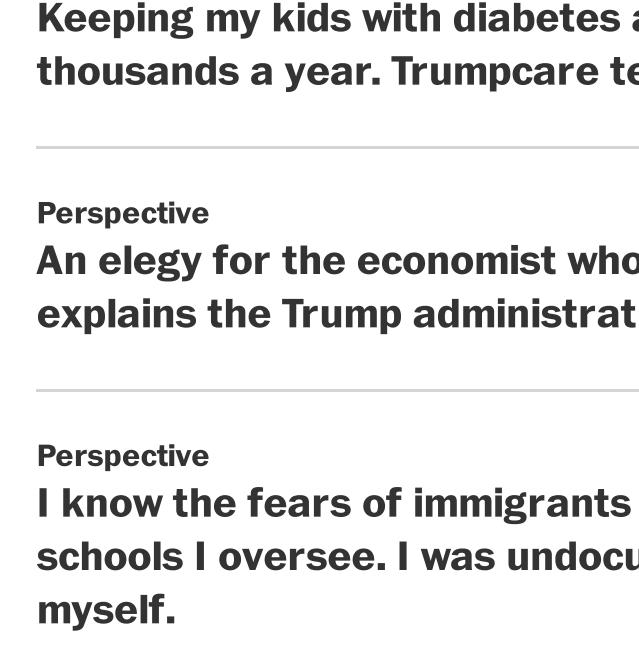
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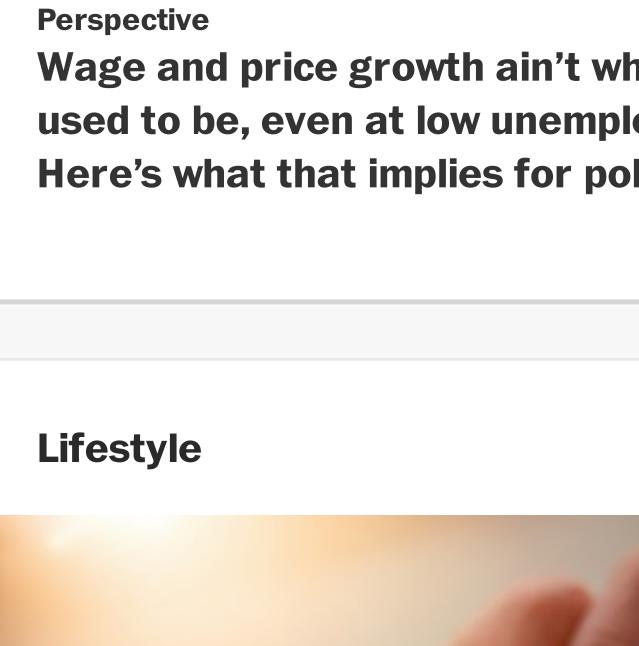
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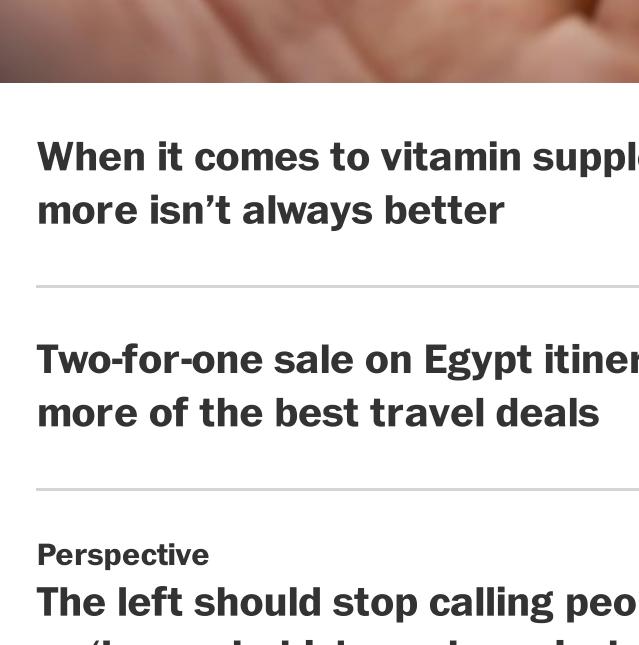
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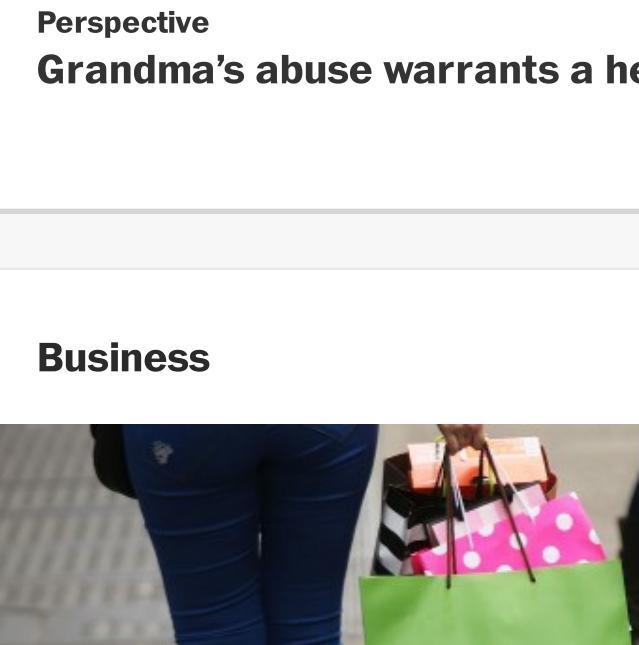
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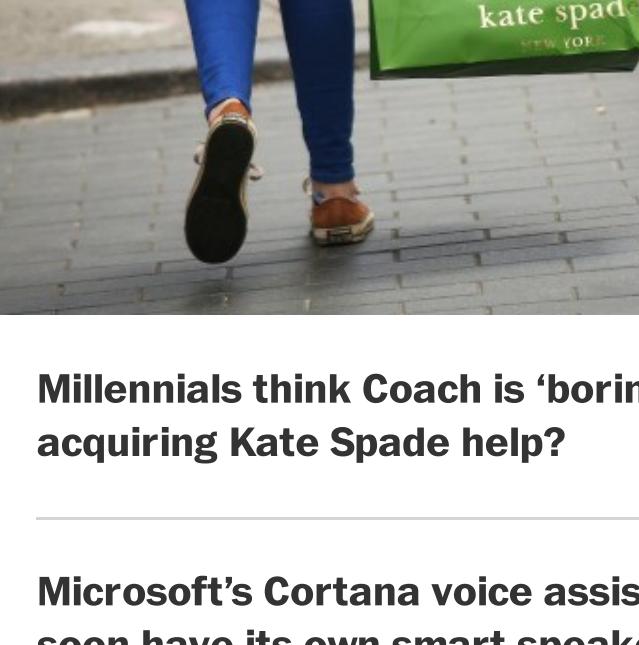
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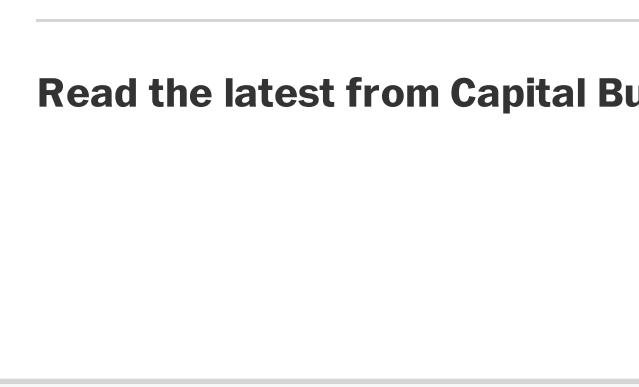
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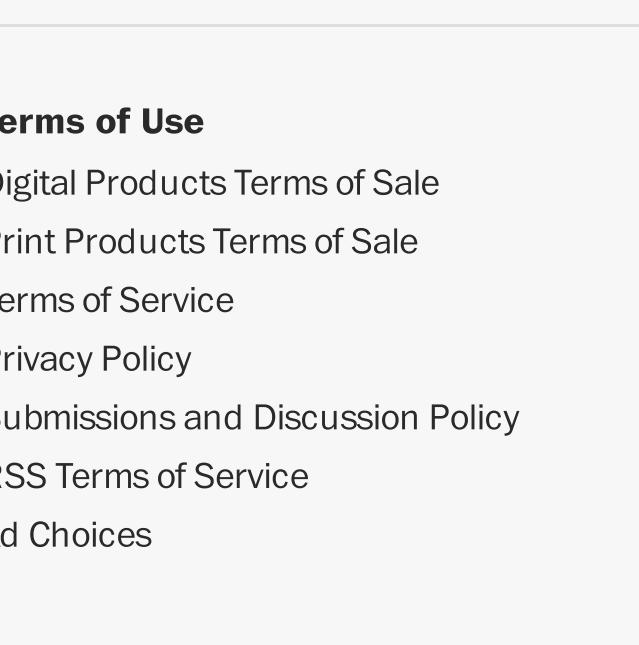
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