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Trump ran as a champion of the working class, but his White House is packed with rich aides

Twenty-seven officials had assets worth at least \$2.3 billion when they joined the administration, according to a Post analysis of their filings. The new disclosures — filed by about 180 members of the administration — show how Trump has tapped members of the financial elite to serve as his closest aides. The president is not required to release more details of his finances until next year.

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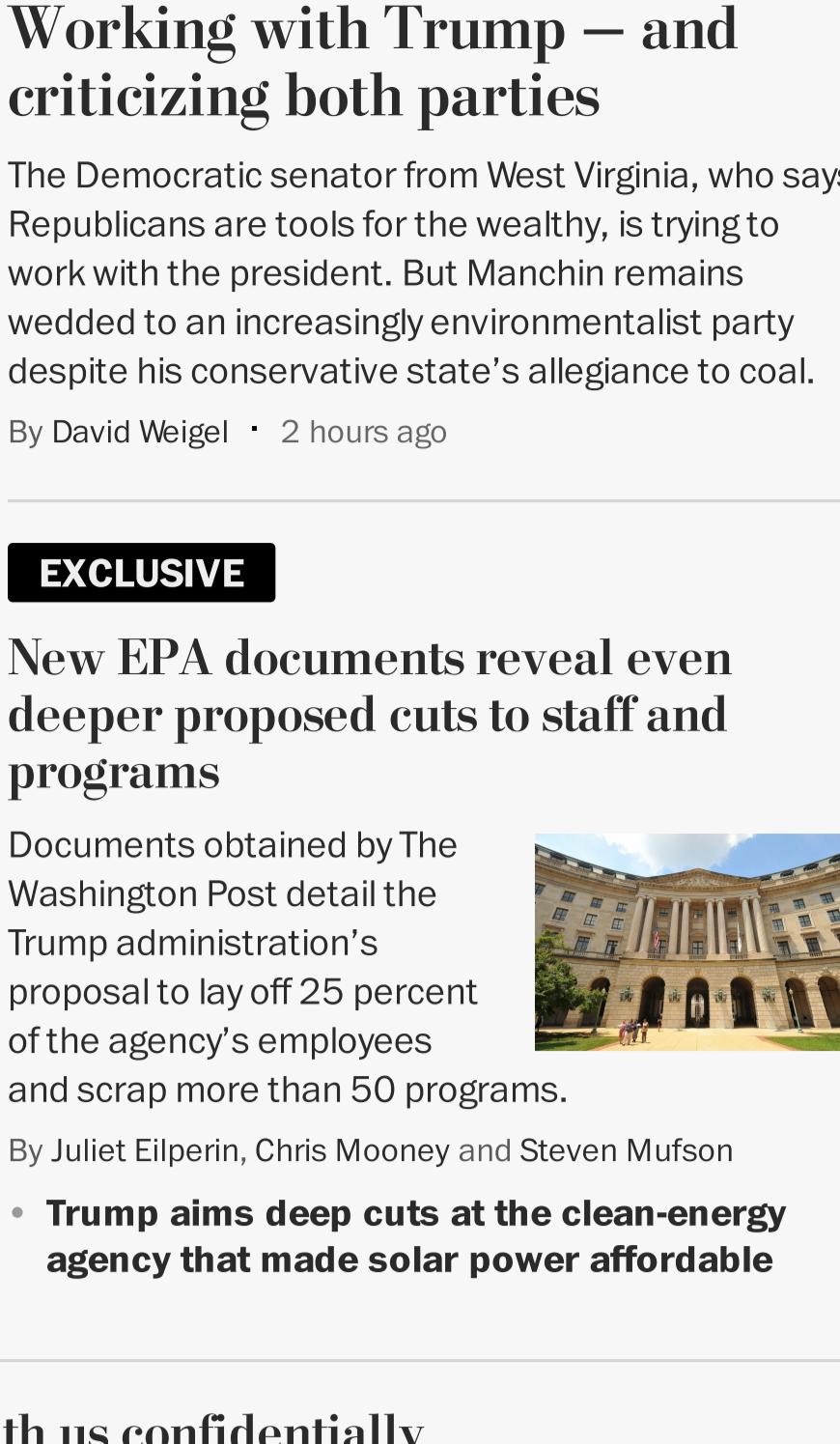
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Joe Manchin's high-wire act: Working with Trump — and criticizing both parties

The Democratic senator from West Virginia, who says Republicans are tools for the wealthy, is trying to work with the president. But Manchin remains wedded to an increasingly environmentalist party despite his conservative state's allegiance to coal.

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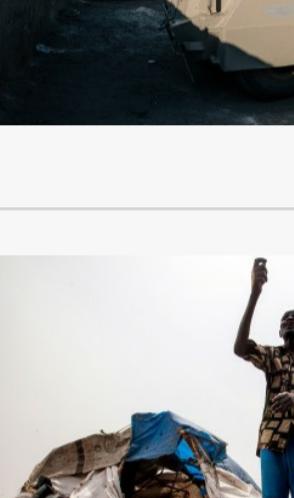
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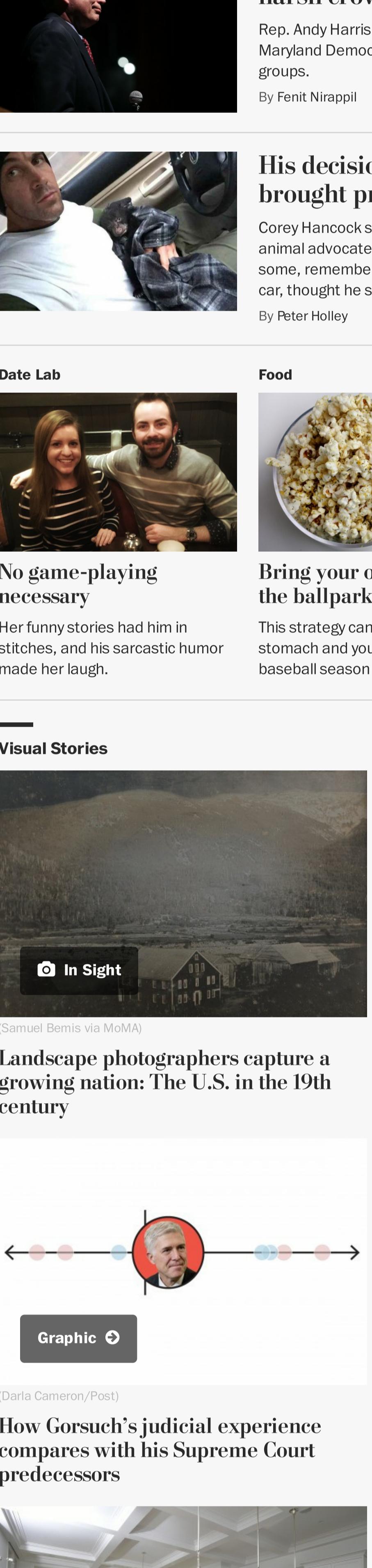


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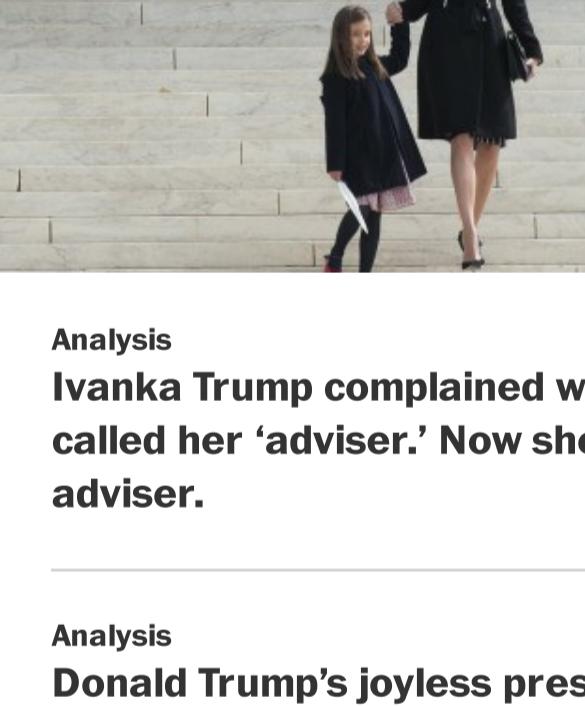
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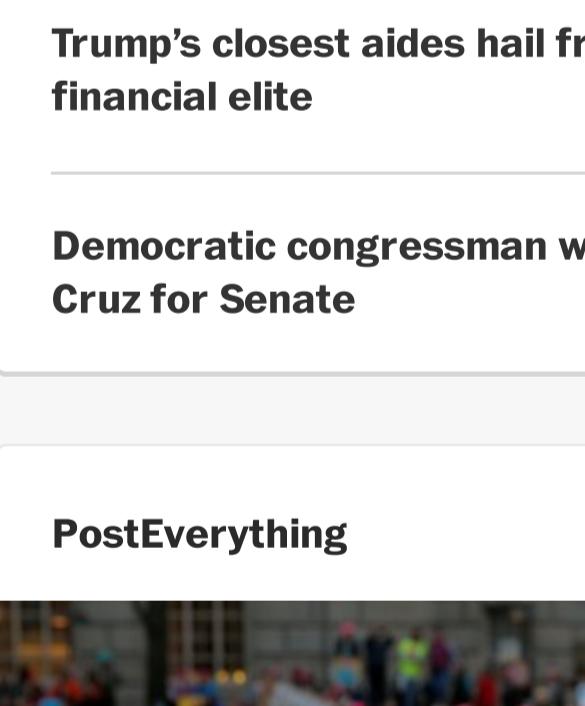
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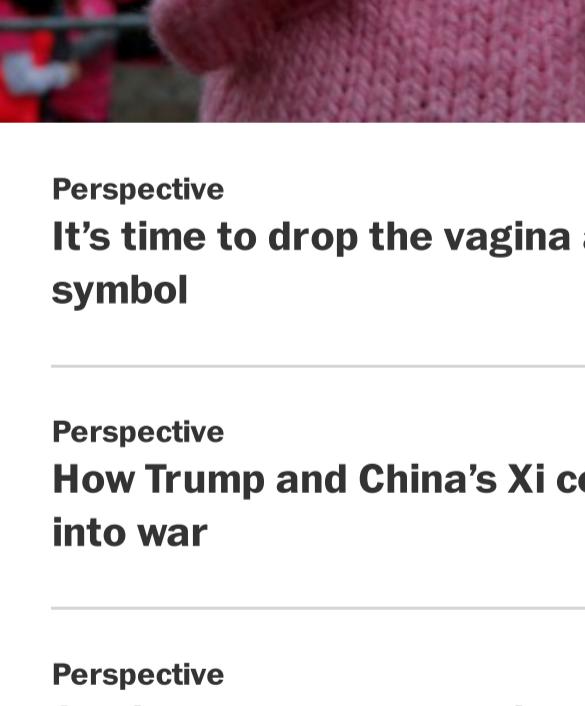
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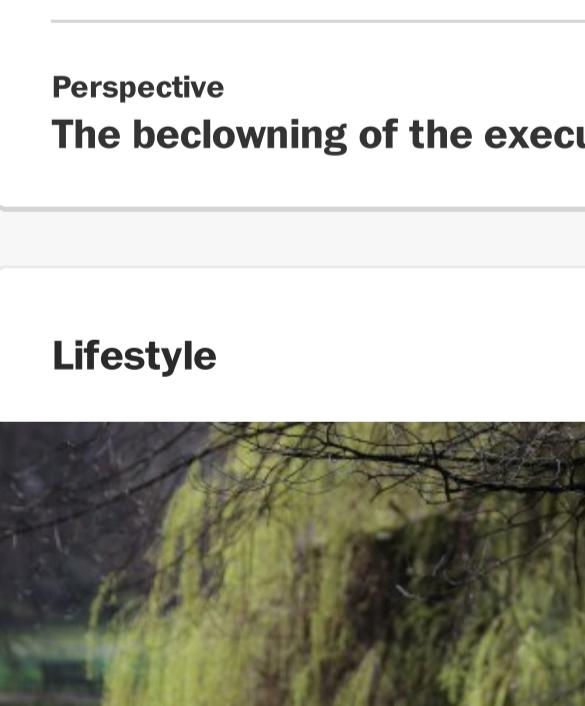
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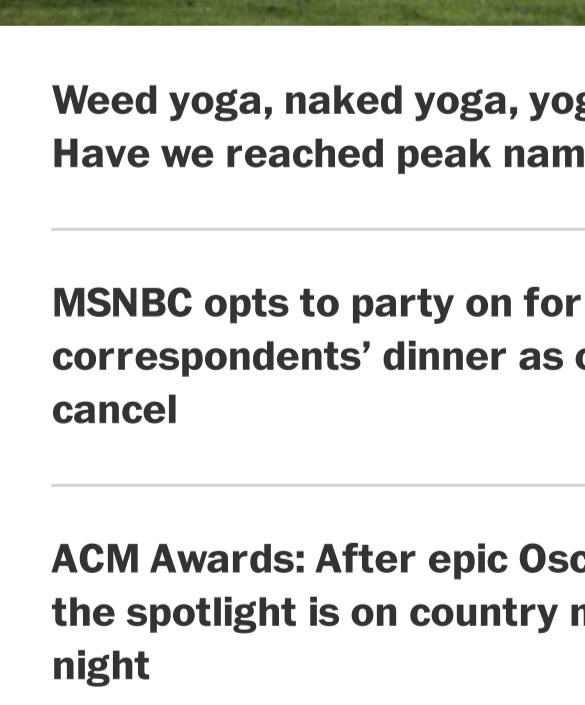
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Rep. Andy Harris was jeered by hundreds of people organized by the Maryland Democratic Party and its local affiliates, as well as grass-roots groups.

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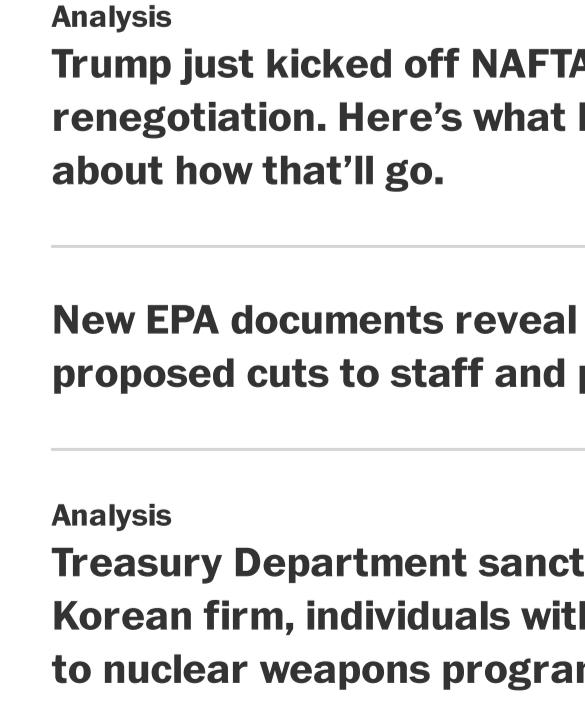
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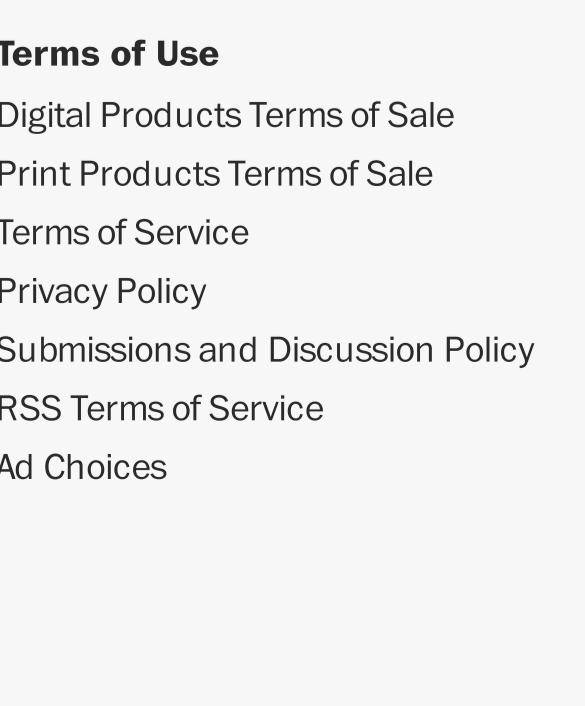
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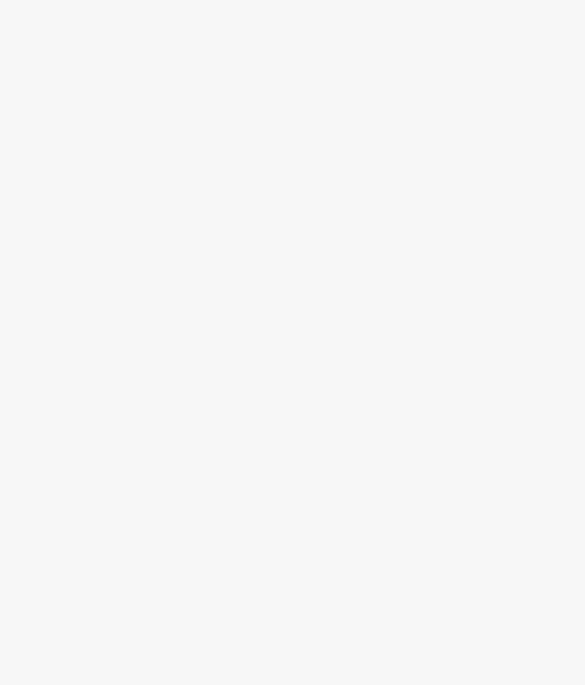
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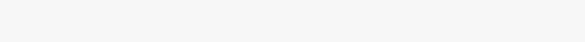
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