

Because I Was Harmed

An advocate against female genital mutilation/cutting explains: "I wanted to break the sense of powerlessness that persists generation after generation."



Illustration by Joe Zeff

First Listen: Adele, Pearl Jam, The Avett Brothers And More Cover Brandi Carlile's Greatest Album

The musicians on *Cover Stories* joined the project, in part, because they believe in the cause it benefits — all proceeds go to War Child UK. But they inhabit it because Carlile's music feels right in their hands.



Brandi Carlile/PR

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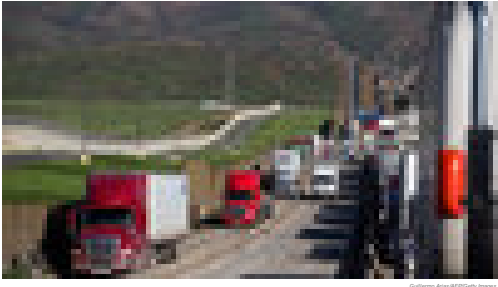
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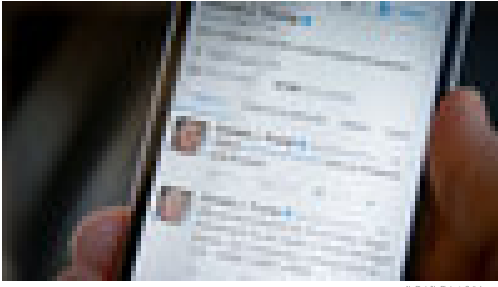
Despite his long-standing criticism of the North American Free Trade Agreement, President Trump has opted to reopen negotiations on the deal rather than run the risk of scrapping it altogether.



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Trump's Tweet-And-Switch On Shutdown And Flynn

The president went on a tweetstorm Thursday blaming Democrats for a possible shutdown, even though one's unlikely. Why? Democrats happened to be clustered on cable news talking about Michael Flynn.



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Congress Likely To Avoid Government Shutdown (At Least For Another Week)

Michael Flynn Is The Subject Of A Pentagon Investigation



As Los Angeles Burned, The Border Patrol Swooped In

People often remember the LA riots in terms of tensions between African-Americans, white police officers and Korean business owners. That story gets more complicated when you step into a predominantly Latino neighborhood.

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United Airlines Settles With Passenger Dragged From Plane

Terms of the settlement have not been released. United promises changes in the way it deals with passengers.



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Female Marines Tackle What They Call A Corps' 'Culture Of Sexism'

Maj. Jaslene Garner's photo was swept into the online group in which users, including some fellow troops, graded or demeaned military women. Now she is joining with other Marines to return fire.

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Rep. Jaslene Garner

White House Touts 'Historic' 28 Laws Signed By Trump, But What Are They?

Although the number is relatively large, the substance of the measures tells a different story.

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In Trump's First 100 Days, A Dramatic Reduction In Immigration

Trump's First 100 Days: Too Soon To Claim Big Job Gains?



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This Time, 'Dear White People' Is Not So Much About Them

The new Netflix series, with its incessant and incisive look at race at a fictional Ivy League college, doesn't really focus much on white people at all.

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Insurance companies face deadlines to offer Affordable Care Act plans for next year, but lawmakers and the White House have left key decisions up in the air.

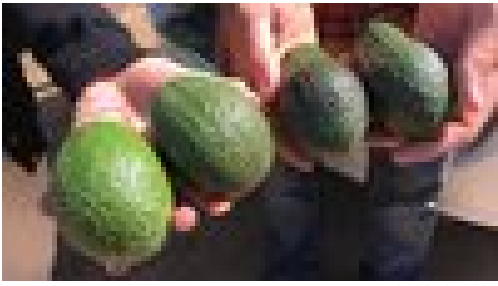
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California Is On Its Way To Having An Avocado Crop Year-Round

Americans ate 2 billion pounds of avocados last year; many came from Mexico. That's because avocados grow year-round in Mexico's climate, but not California's. Researchers are working to change that.



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Arkansas Poised To Carry Out Its Fourth Execution This Month

Arkansas set its scheduled execution, targeted for death-row inmate Kenneth Williams continued to try to stop it in court. He is the fourth and final inmate scheduled to die in Arkansas this month.



Legal Issues Remain After Arkansas Executions

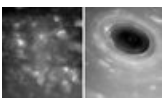
Ohio Gov. John Kasich On America's Division And Rising Above 'Self-Absorption'

Kasich describes his presidential run and the state of political discourse in his memoir, *Two Paths: America Divided or United*. "We all need to live a little bigger than ourselves," he says.

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Cassini Craft Beams Closest Images Ever Taken Of Saturn

Cassini is "showing us new wonders and demonstrating where our curiosity can take us if we dare," NASA's planetary science director says.

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Google Spins Up Its First Servers In Cuba

The company can speed up delivery of high-bandwidth content like YouTube videos because the servers will now store data locally. But accessing the Internet in Cuba remains difficult and expensive.



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ALL TECH CONSIDERED

Scientists Hunt For Hard Evidence On How Cop Cameras Affect Behavior

Police departments in about 95 percent of cities nationally have put wearable cameras on officers, or soon plan to. But do these body cameras make neighborhoods safer? Scientists want to find out.



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Police Videos Aren't Going Away, How Can We Learn From Them?

MUSIC INTERVIEWS

Sylvan Esso On The Pressure To Make Magic — Again

Once Amelia Meath and Mick Sarison became famous as Sylvan Esso, they immediately felt the burdens of replicating their success. Three years after their electro-pop debut, they're back with 'What Now.'

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Shawn Larson/Outrage of the artist



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GOATS AND SODA

Why Do So Many Africans Drown?

One of the most dangerous spots is Lake Victoria. And even the police who patrol the lake don't always know how to swim. But a life preserver may be on the way.

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Homegrown Indian Beverage Industry Takes On Cola Giants With Nostalgic Flavors

A handful of new Indian beverage companies are offering traditional Indian tastes in neat, hygienic packs and bottles. The industry is growing fast and already competing with big soda companies.



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