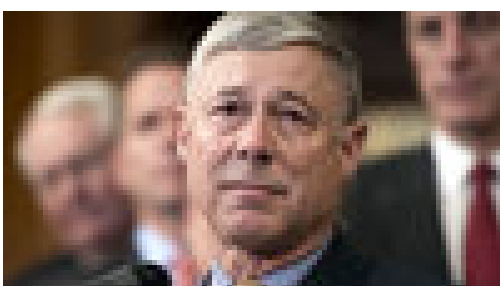


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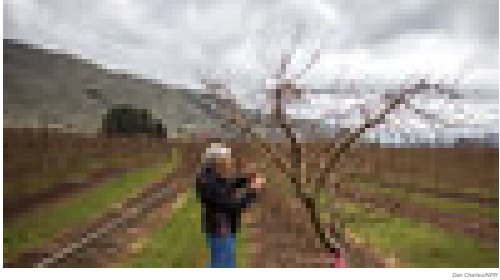
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Here's How The Obama Presidential Center Will Look

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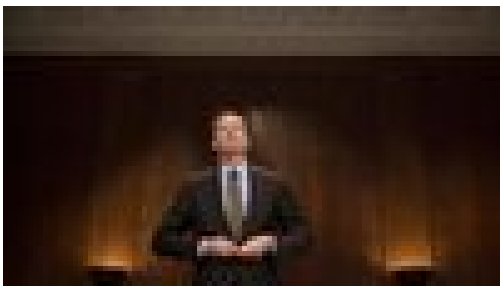
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Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Comey said it was still the right decision to alert Congress about revisiting an investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails.



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A Second Lawsuit Against Fyre Festival Also Targets Its 'Tribe' Of Influencers

A new suit seeking class-action certification targets not only the festival's organizers, but also the models and influencers — the "Fyre Tribe" — at the center of its marketing campaign.



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'Sgt. Pepper's' Becomes A 'Star Wars' Parody In Comical New Album

The band is strong with this one.



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Nigerians are raising concerns about the health of Muhammadu Buhari, who hasn't been seen in public for more than a week and has missed his third straight cabinet meeting.



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The message is clear: Kids who attend public preschool programs are better prepared for kindergarten than kids who don't.



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Short Book, Long Simper: Ivanka Trump's 'Women Who Work'

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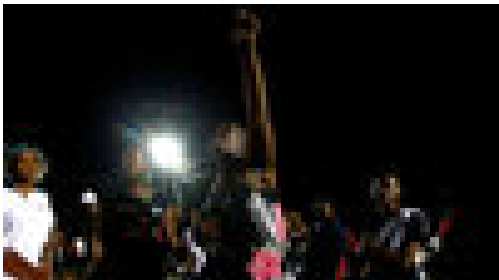
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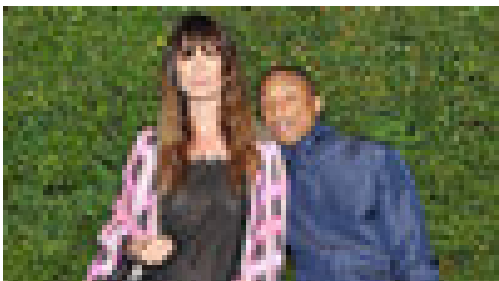


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