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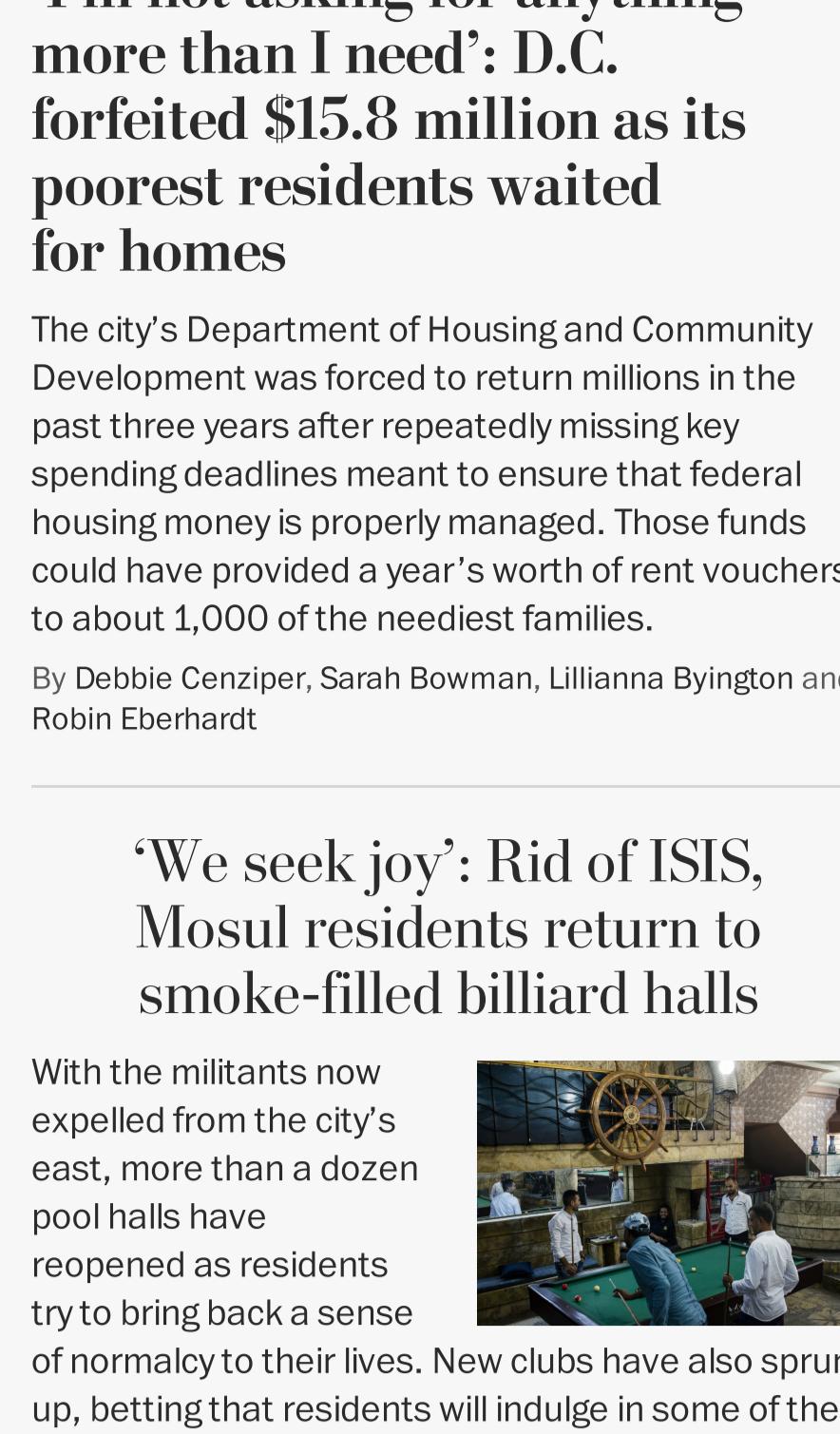
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With Europe on the line, polarized French voters choose today between Macron and Le Pen

Centrist former economy minister Emmanuel Macron has the lead in polls over the anti-EU firebrand Marine Le Pen, but in a campaign studded with surprises, voters are braced for the possibility of one more turnout expected to top 75 percent as the nation's next president.

By Griff Witte and Isaac Stanley-Becker • 1 hour ago

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Michael Wilkerson, who is disabled by cervical degeneration, has been waiting seven years for a city rent voucher. (Jahi Chikwendiu/The Washington Post)

'I'm not asking for anything more than I need': D.C. forfeited \$15.8 million as its poorest residents waited for homes

The city's Department of Housing and Community Development was forced to return millions in the past three years after repeatedly missing key spending deadlines meant to ensure that federal housing money is properly managed. Those funds could have provided a year's worth of rent vouchers to about 1,000 of the neediest families.

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Trump-McConnell alliance gets biggest test yet with health care

At stake is the long-term future of the health-care system and the near-term future of the GOP-controlled government. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a political insider, and President Trump, the ultimate outsider, will need to balance each other to score a big legislative win.

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Democrats say Republicans will "pay a price" in the midterm elections for the health-care bill, but their internal divisions may stand in the way of a strong campaign.

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'We seek joy': Rid of ISIS, Mosul residents return to smoke-filled billiard halls

With the militants now expelled from the city's east, more than a dozen pool halls have reopened as residents try to bring back a sense of normalcy to their lives. New clubs have also sprung up, letting that residents will indulge in some of the pleasures that were banned by the militants.

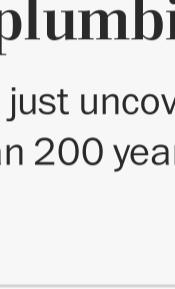
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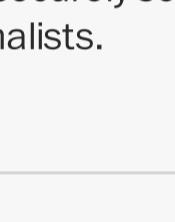
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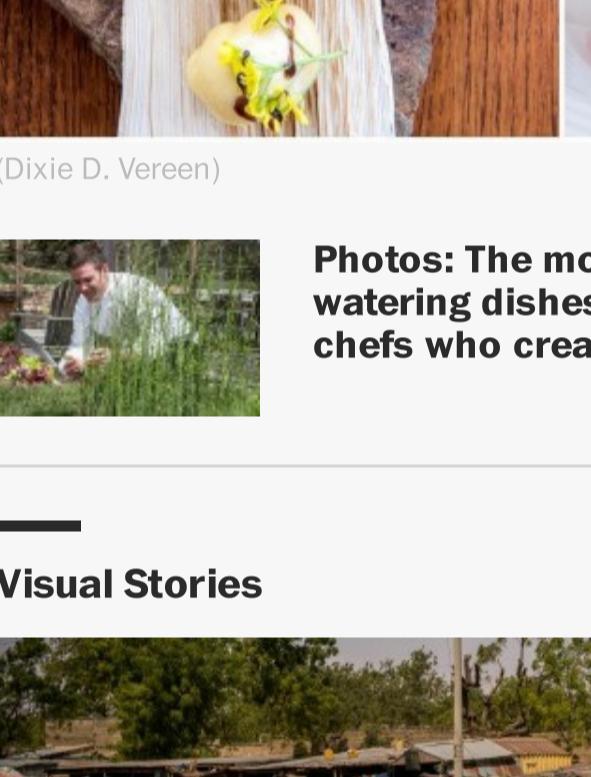
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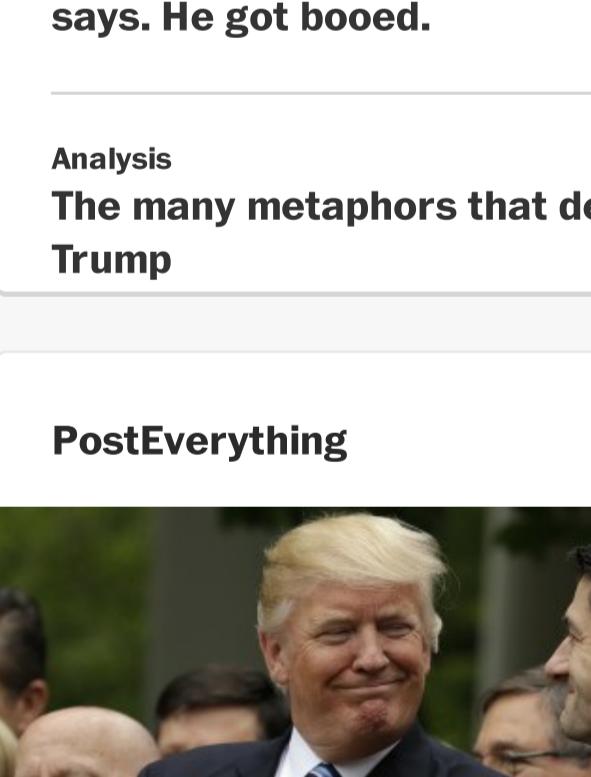
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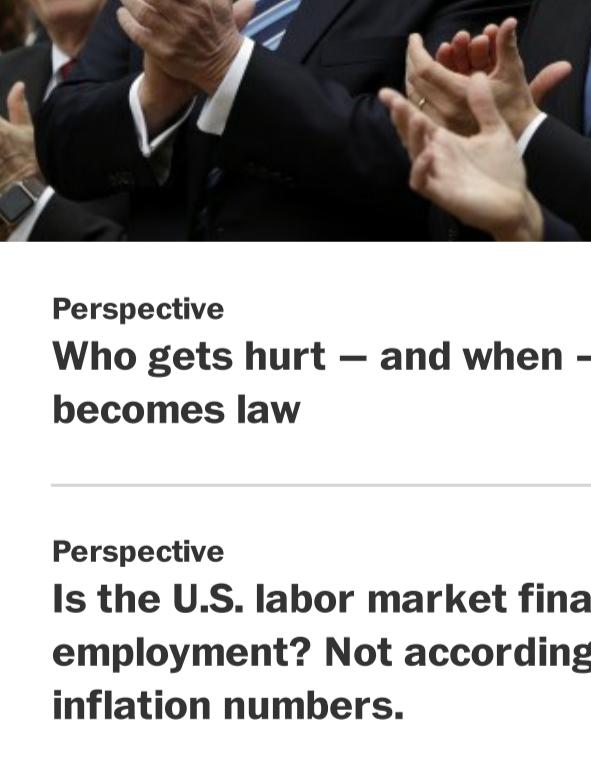
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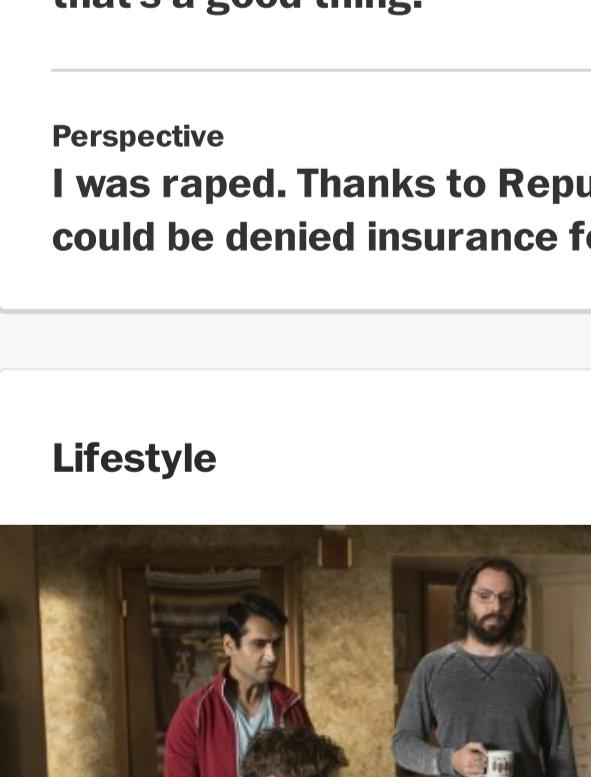


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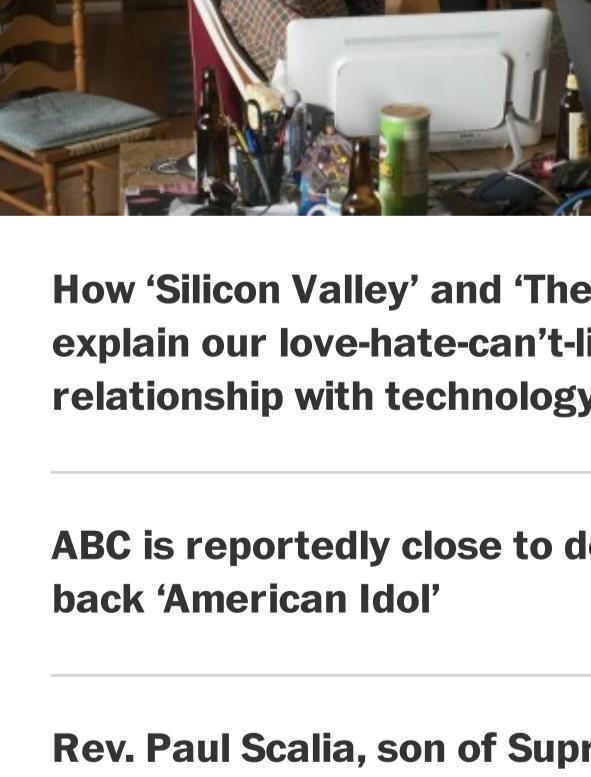


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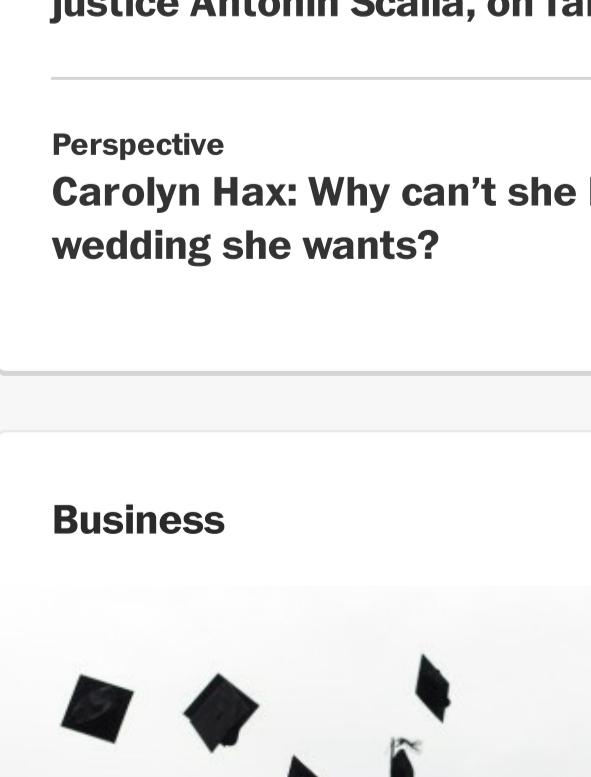
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