

Fragile Trump-McConnell alliance faces its 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 consummate political insider, and President Trump, the ultimate outsider, will need to balance each other to score a major legislative victory.

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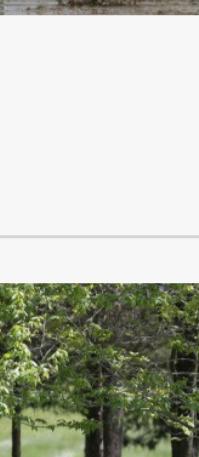
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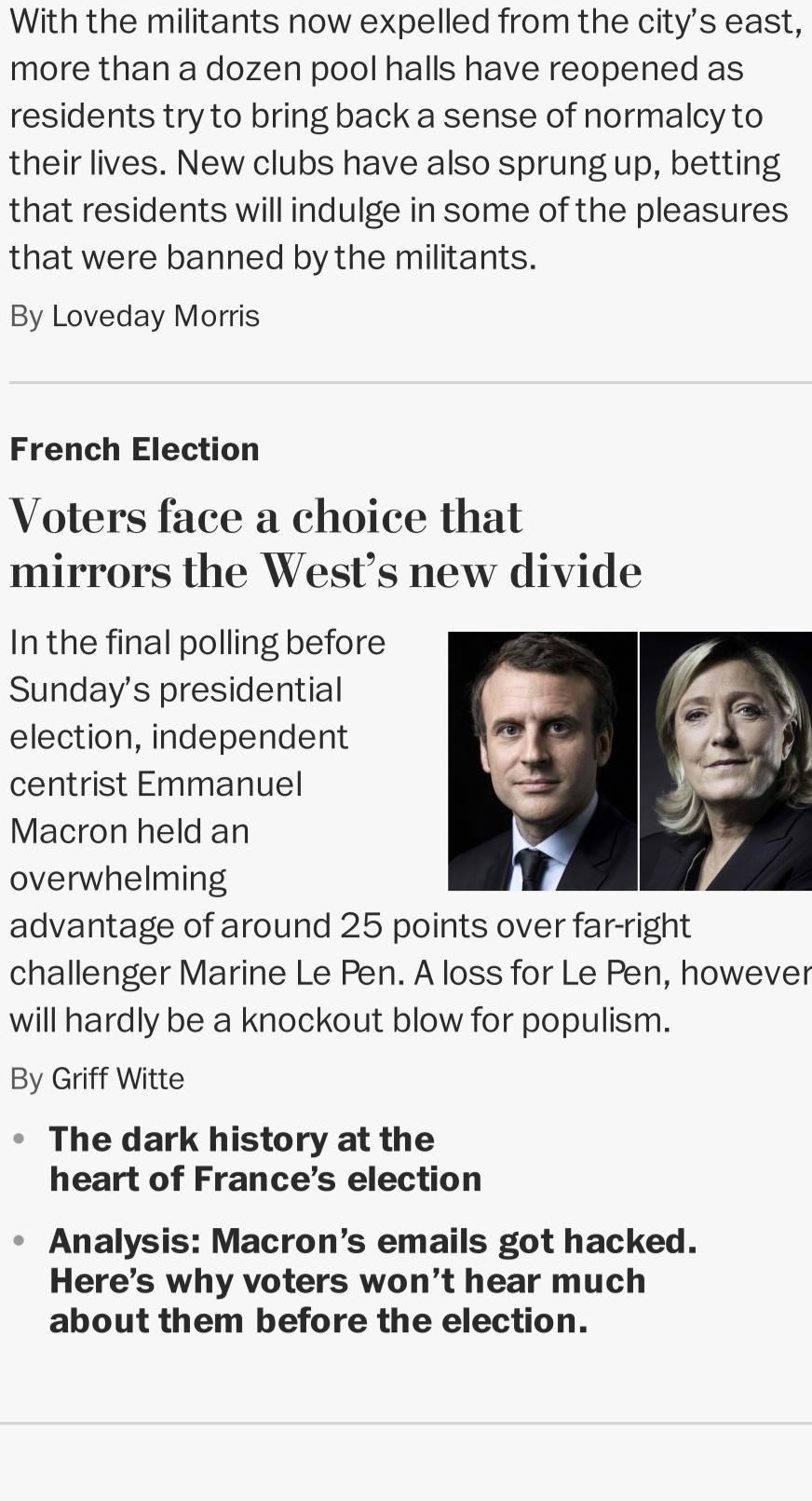
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 'Nobody dies because they don't have access to health care,' a GOP lawmaker said. The boos drowned him out.

In a Beijing ballroom, Kushner's sister flogs a \$500,000 'investor visa' to the wealthy Chinese

Chinese citizens were urged to invest in a New Jersey real estate project for a chance to immigrate to the United States. But President Trump's vow to crack down on immigration, as well as criticism from members of Congress, has led to questions about the future of a program known in China as the "golden visa."

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Mohammed Fathi and other locals play pool at Captain, a popular club in Mosul, where billiards clubs have sprung up.

'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, betting that residents will indulge in some of the pleasures that were banned by the militants.

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French Election

Voters face a choice that mirrors the West's new divide

In the final polling before Sunday's presidential election, independent centrist Emmanuel Macron held an overwhelming advantage of around 25 points over far-right challenger Marine Le Pen. A loss for Le Pen, however, will hardly be a knockout blow for populism.

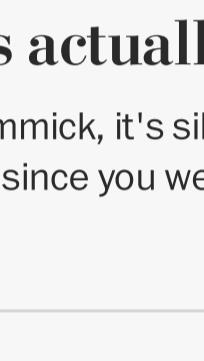
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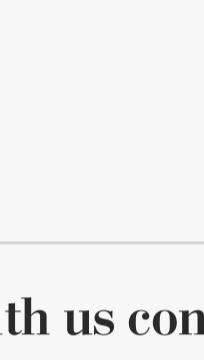
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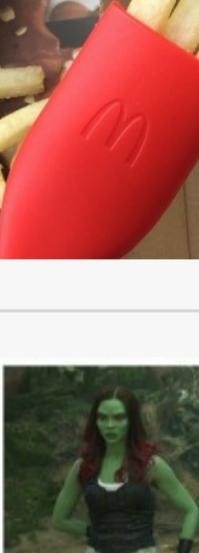
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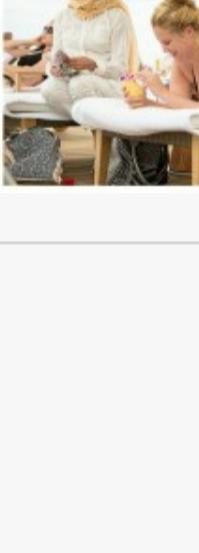
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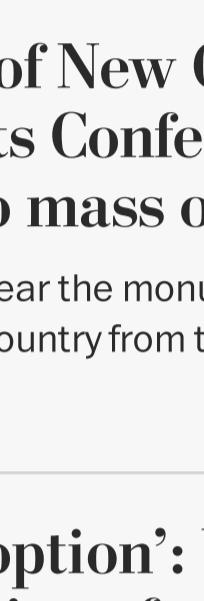
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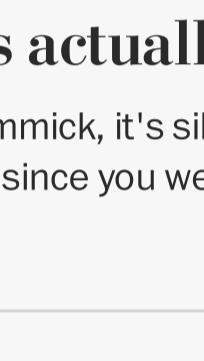
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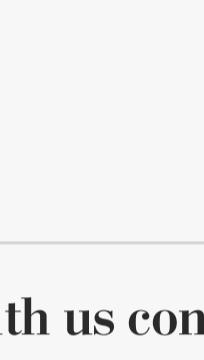
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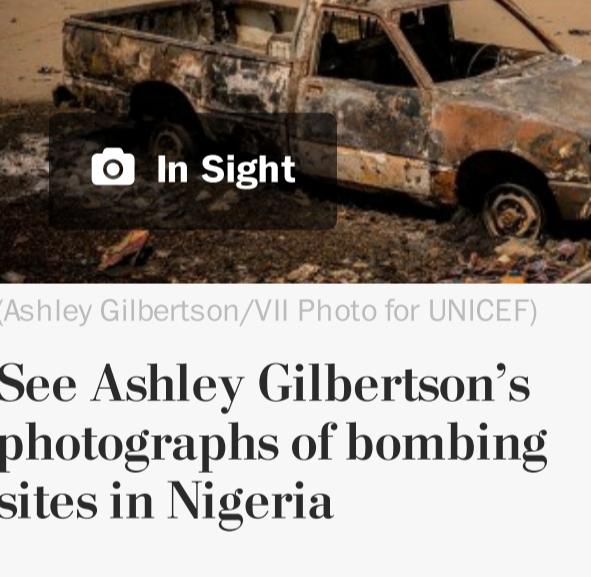


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Trump is expected to be at his golf club in Bedminster a lot this summer. So are protesters, who are pledging to hold a "people's motorcade" every Saturday, whether Trump is in town or not.

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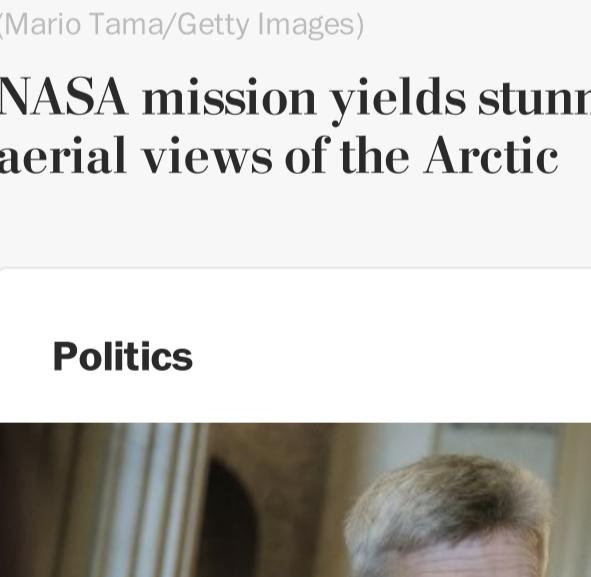
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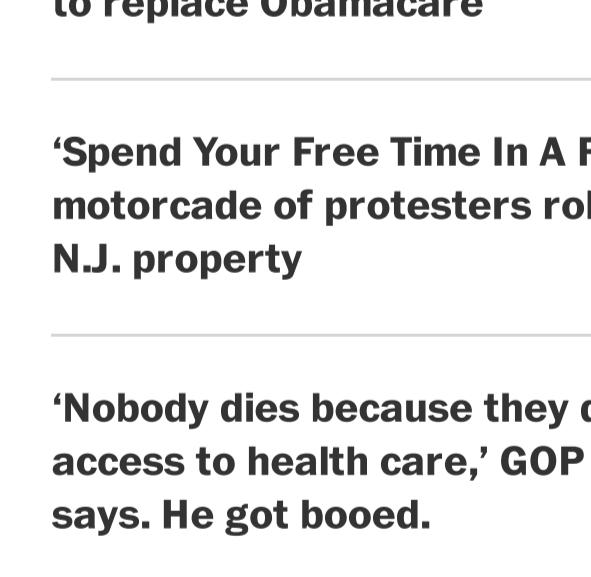
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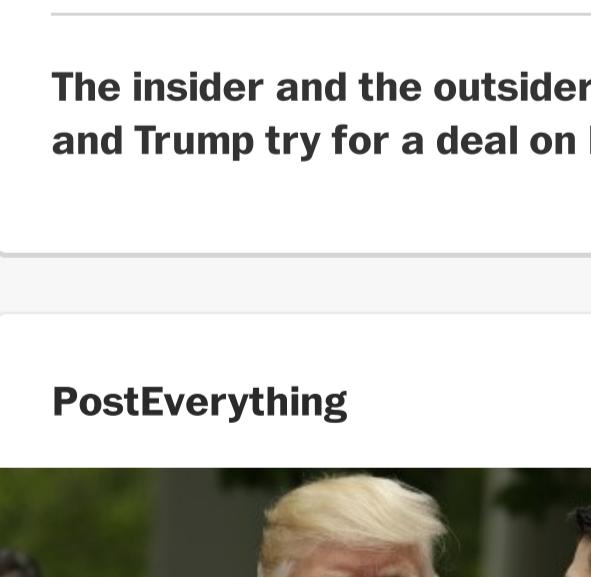
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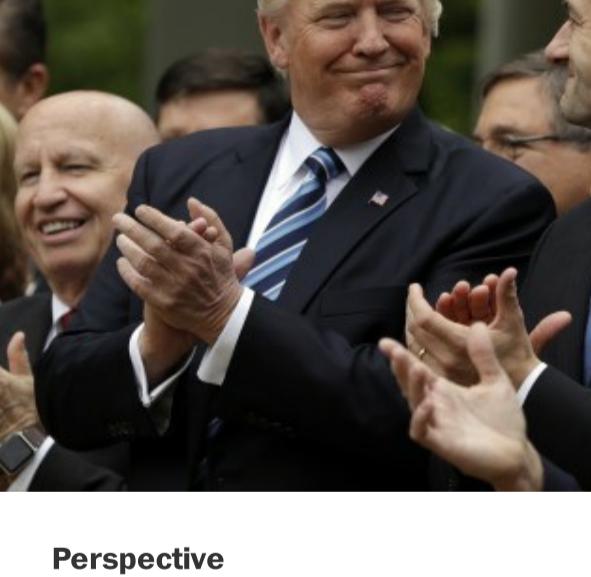
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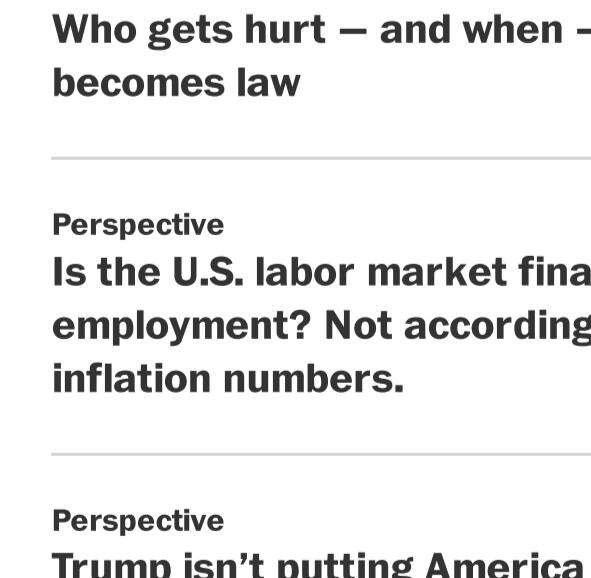
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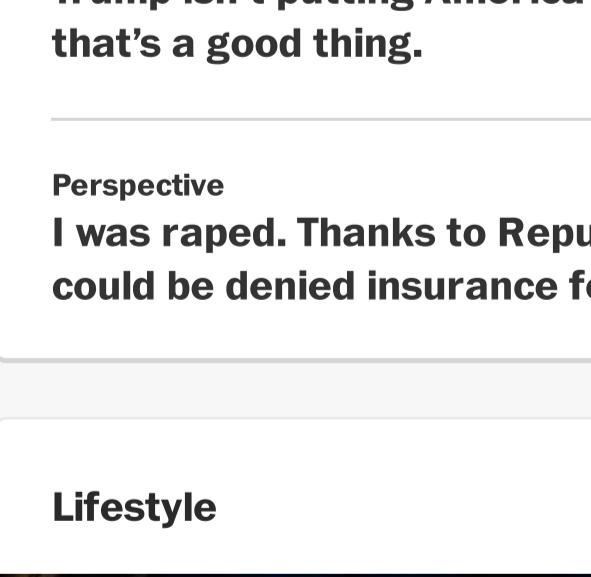
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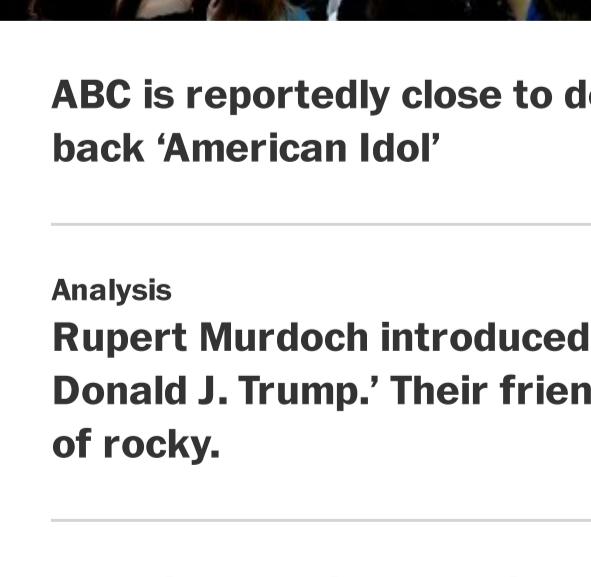
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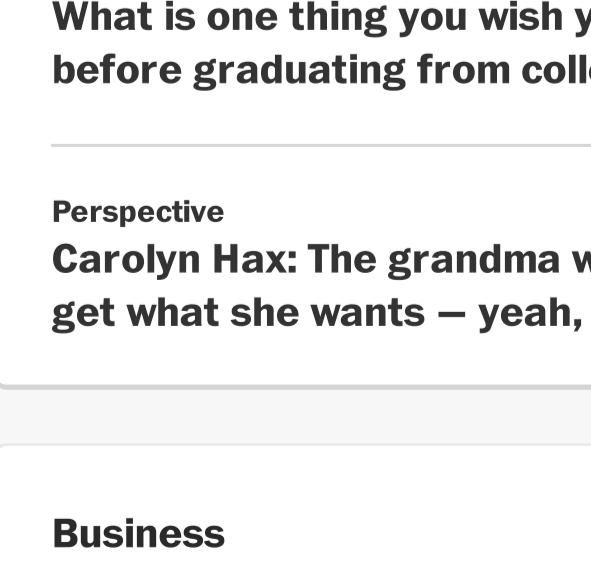
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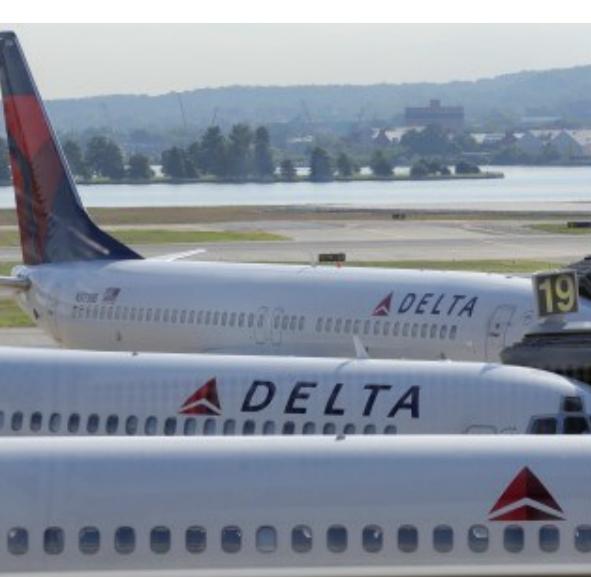
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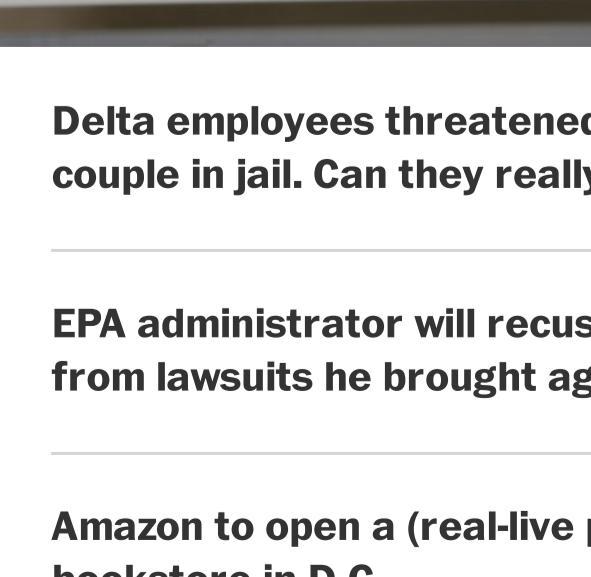
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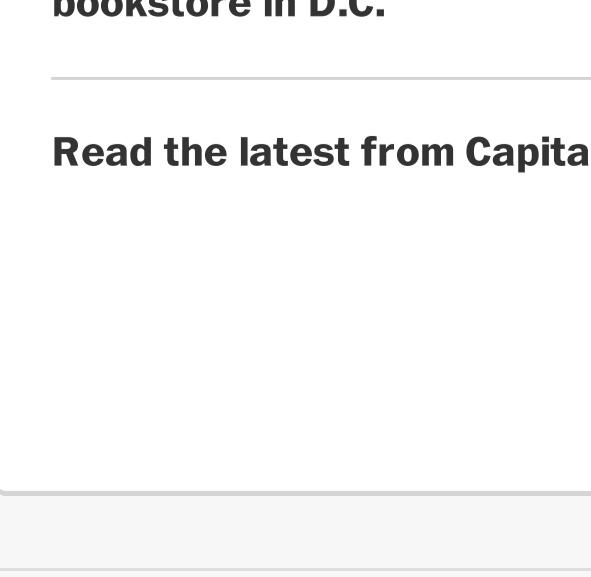
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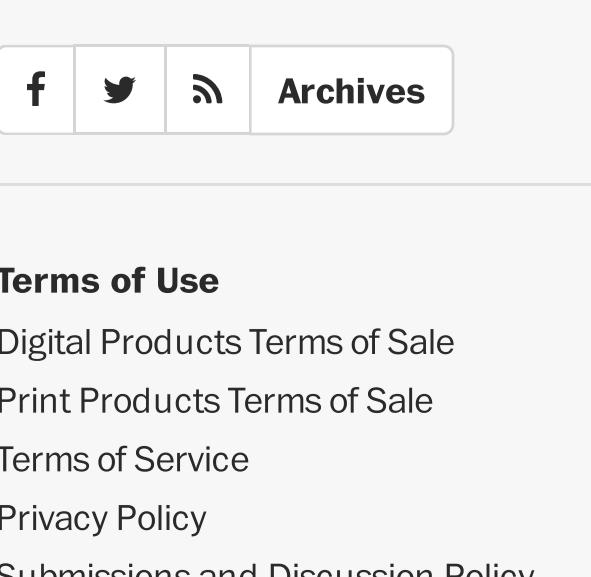
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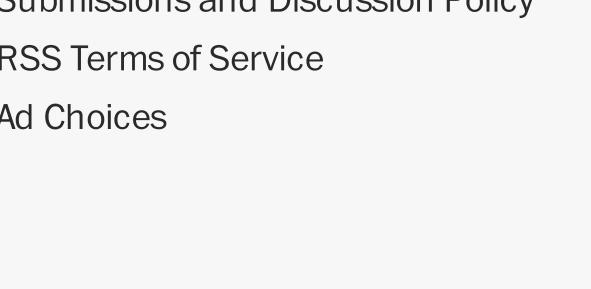
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