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5 Insights On The 'Nuclear' Battle Over The Gorsuch Supreme Court Nomination

The high court will be even more polarized as future nominees become more ideologically extreme. The Senate will also be changed, as will faith in U.S. democratic institutions in general.

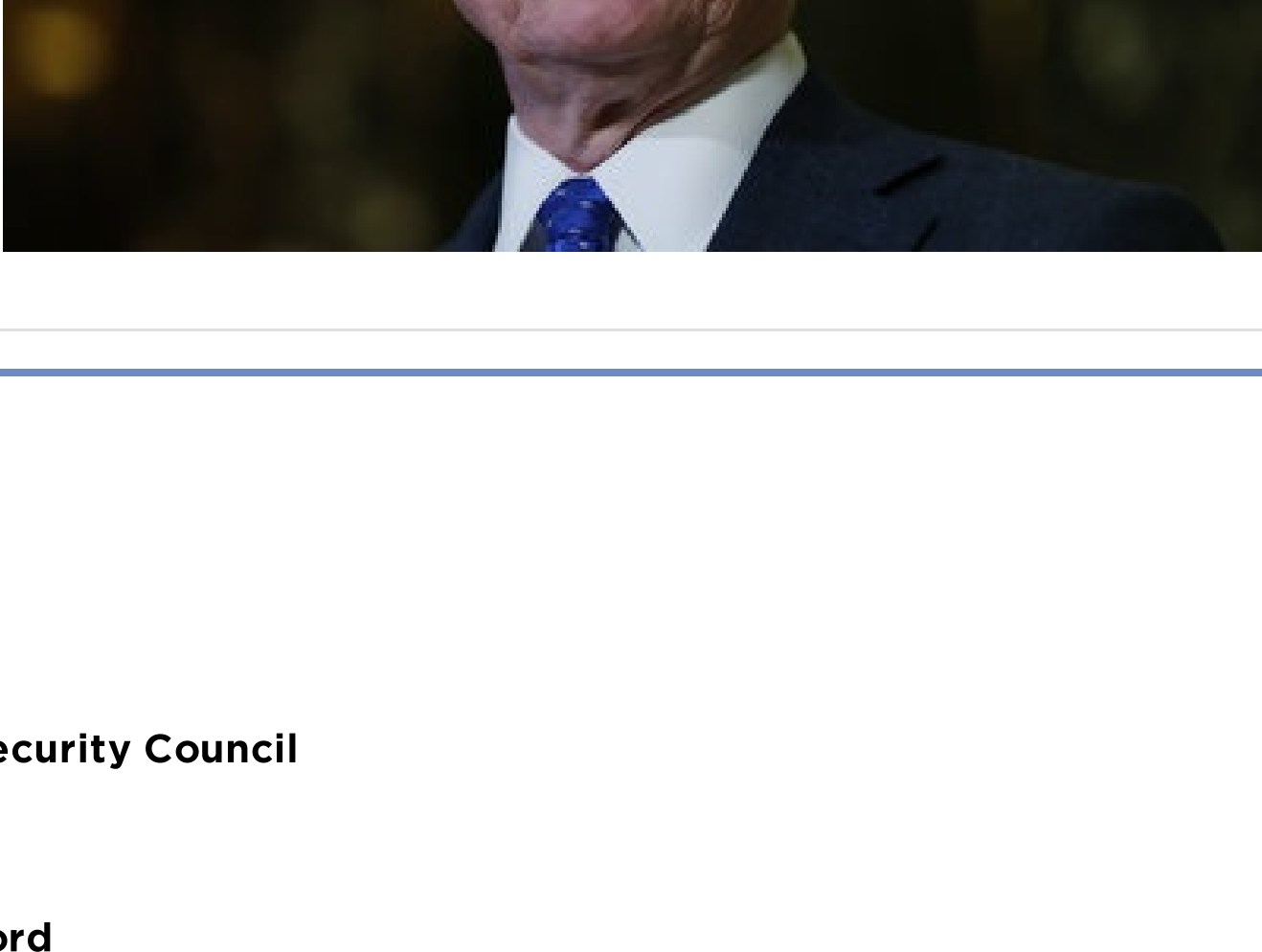
Going 'Nuclear': How We Got Here

'Up First' Podcast: Senate Braces For 'Nuclear' Option

LAW

Legal Marijuana Advocates Are Uneasy With Sessions' Stance

Drug legalization advocates and former prosecutors are watching the Justice Department to see how it shifts emphasis on marijuana prosecutions. Attorney General Sessions takes a hard line on the drug.



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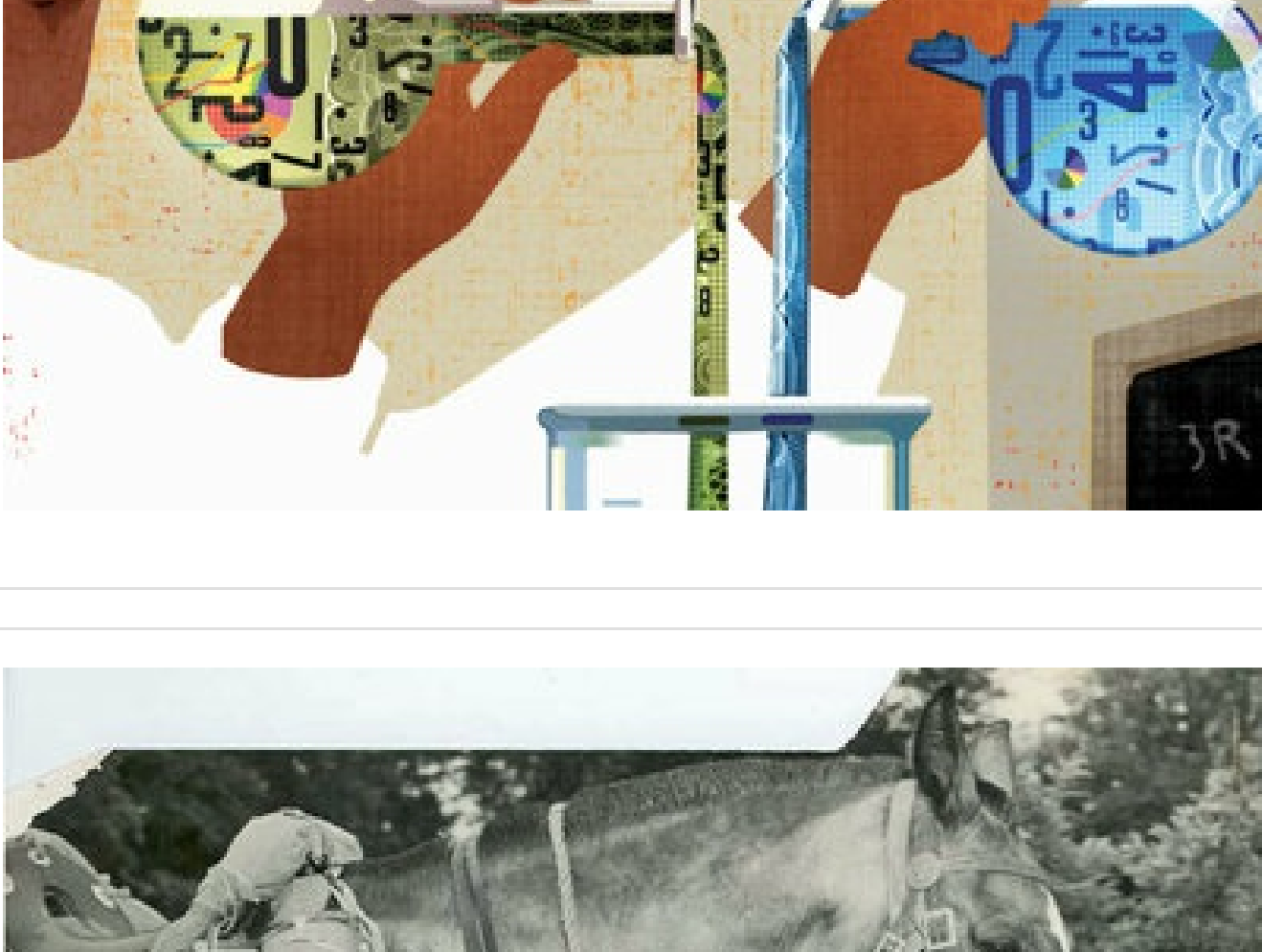
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How Flawed Science Is Undermining Good Medicine

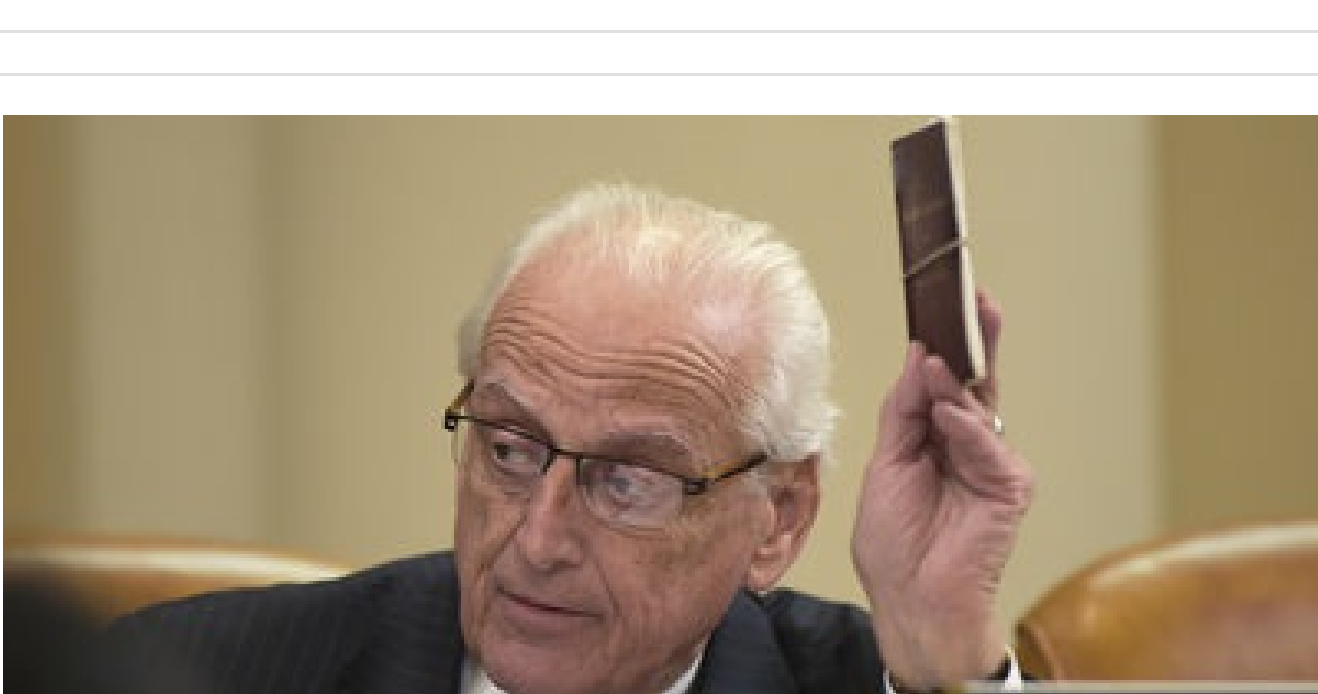
U.S. taxpayers pay \$30 billion a year to fund biomedical research aimed at finding better treatments. But competition for scarce funding and tenure may be prompting some scientists to cut corners.



HISTORY

The Unsung Equestrian Heroes Of World War I And The Plot To Poison Them


April 6 marks 100 years since the U.S. entered World War I. Years before, the U.S. supported the effort by sending over thousands of horses — who were so important that Germans plotted to kill them.



POLITICS

Activists Plan 'Tax Day' Marches Calling For Release Of Trump's Taxes


As tax day approaches, Democratic activists are calling on President Trump to release his taxes. On April 15, critics are planning anti-Trump tax marches across the country.



ANALYSIS

Trump Picks Strategy To Counter Russia Storyline: Blame Susan Rice

It took a while to get going, but the White House has settled on its alternative narrative to potential connections between the Trump team and Russia's meddling in the U.S. election.



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The View From Khan Shaykhun: A Syrian Describes The Attack's Aftermath

"Their faces had turned yellow and they had stopped breathing," a Syrian activist tells NPR. "As I'm describing the incident to you now, my hands are shaking. No, my whole body is shaking."



Why Children Face The Greatest Danger From Chemical Weapons

After Deadly Attack In Syria, Global Outrage Mounts And Investigations Continue

Experts Suspect Nerve Agent Was Used In Syrian Attack



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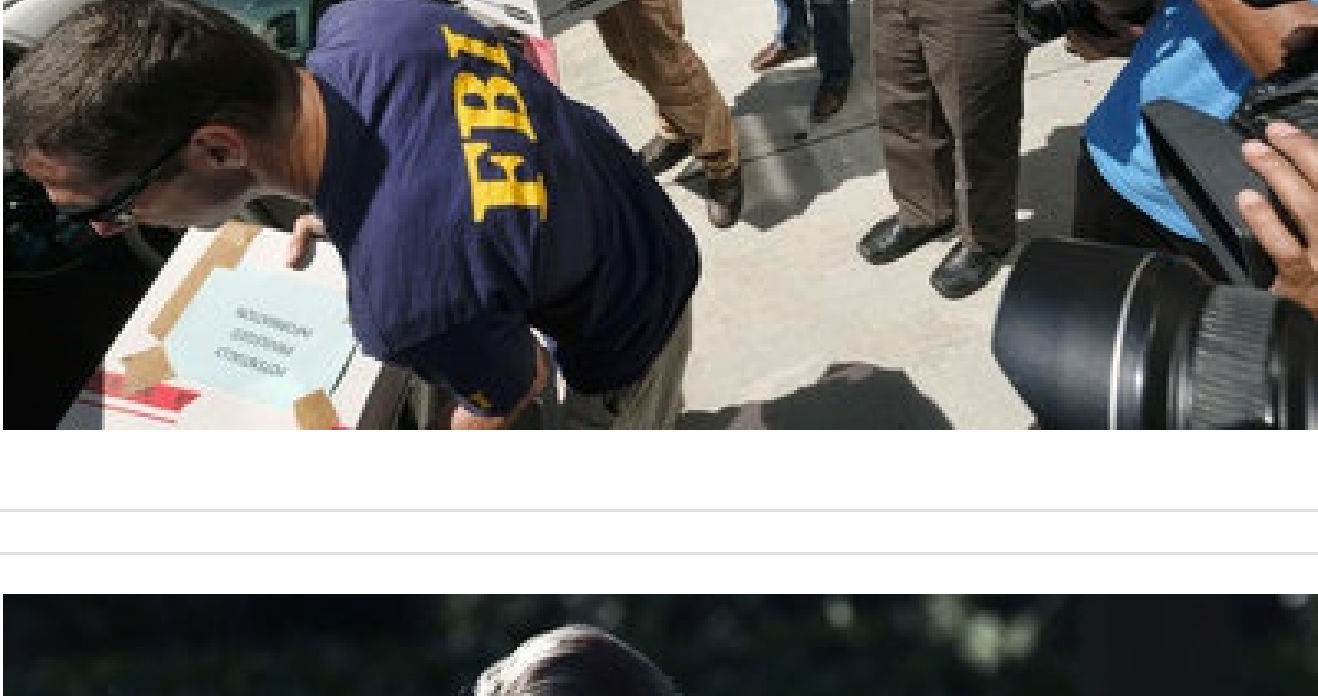
The bidding period has closed for the companies hoping to design and deliver the president's signature campaign promise. Here's a look at some of the proposals — from wire mesh to 30-foot pipe organs.

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Civilian Deaths In Mosul Lead U.S. And Iraqi Forces To Change Tactics Against ISIS

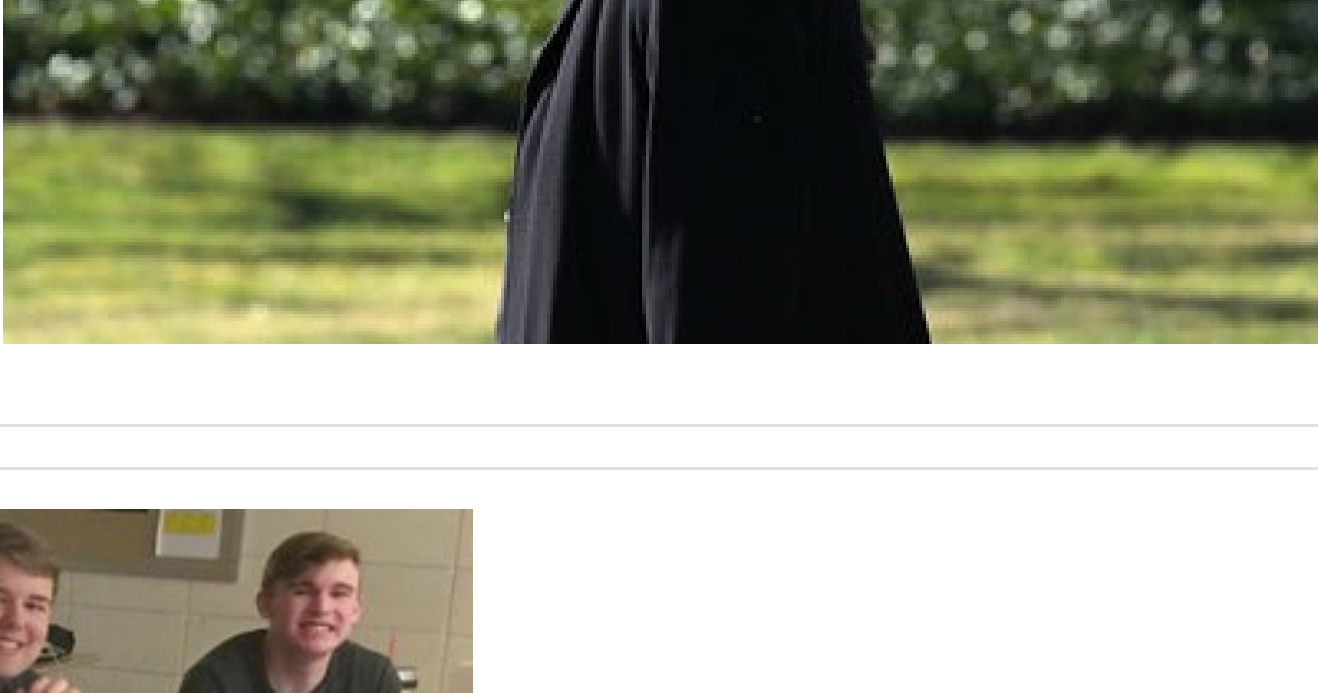
The Iraqi commander coordinating the battle tells NPR the military will slow an offensive pushing into the crowded old district of the city, using fewer U.S. and Iraqi airstrikes.



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Feds Raid Suspected \$50M Visa Fraud Ring Near Los Angeles

The FBI alleges the business represented Chinese nationals under a program that awards green cards for investing a half-million dollars in job-creating projects. But the projects were never built.



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Steve Bannon Removed From National Security Council

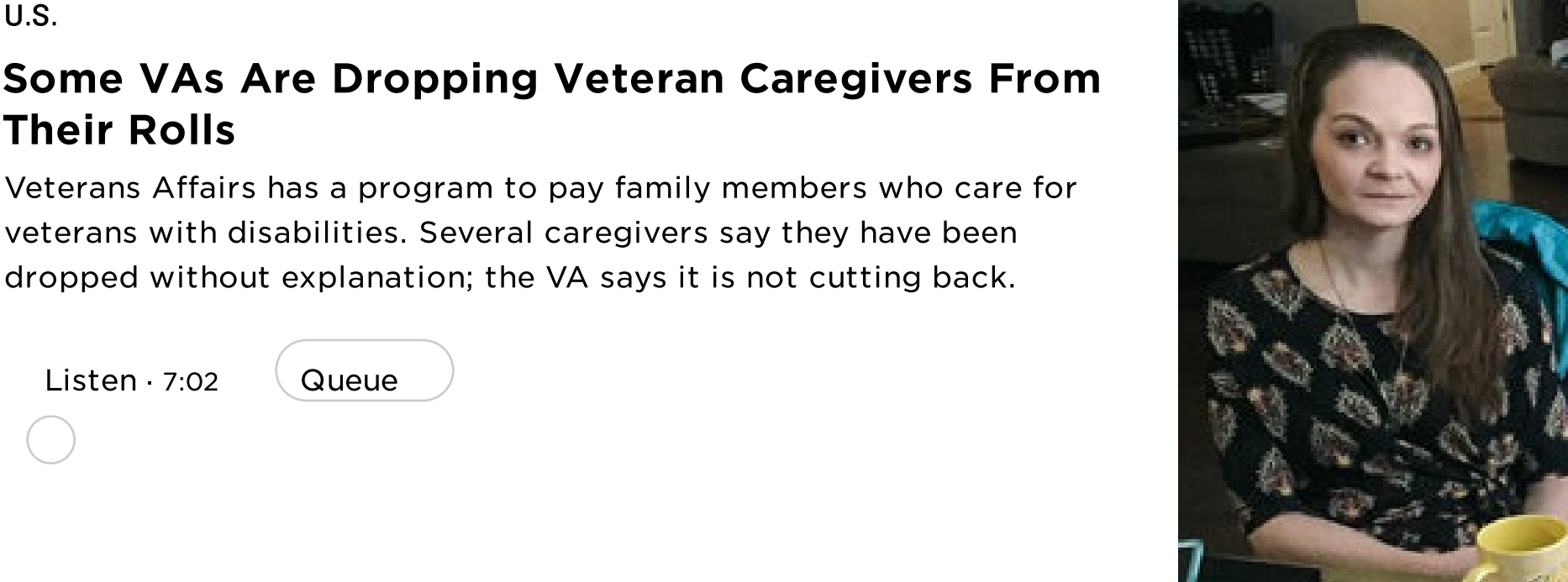
President Trump's chief strategist had been elevated to the national security group in an unprecedented move in January. He will retain his role as senior adviser for domestic affairs.



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Student Newspaper's Fact Check Results In New Principal's Resignation

The principal stepped down after a Kansas high school's student paper investigated her claim of having degrees from Corlins University, an entity whose legitimacy has been questioned.




Courtesy of Emily Smith/Pittsburg High School

U.S.

Some VAs Are Dropping Veteran Caregivers From Their Rolls

Veterans Affairs has a program to pay family members who care for veterans with disabilities. Several caregivers say they have been dropped without explanation; the VA says it is not cutting back.

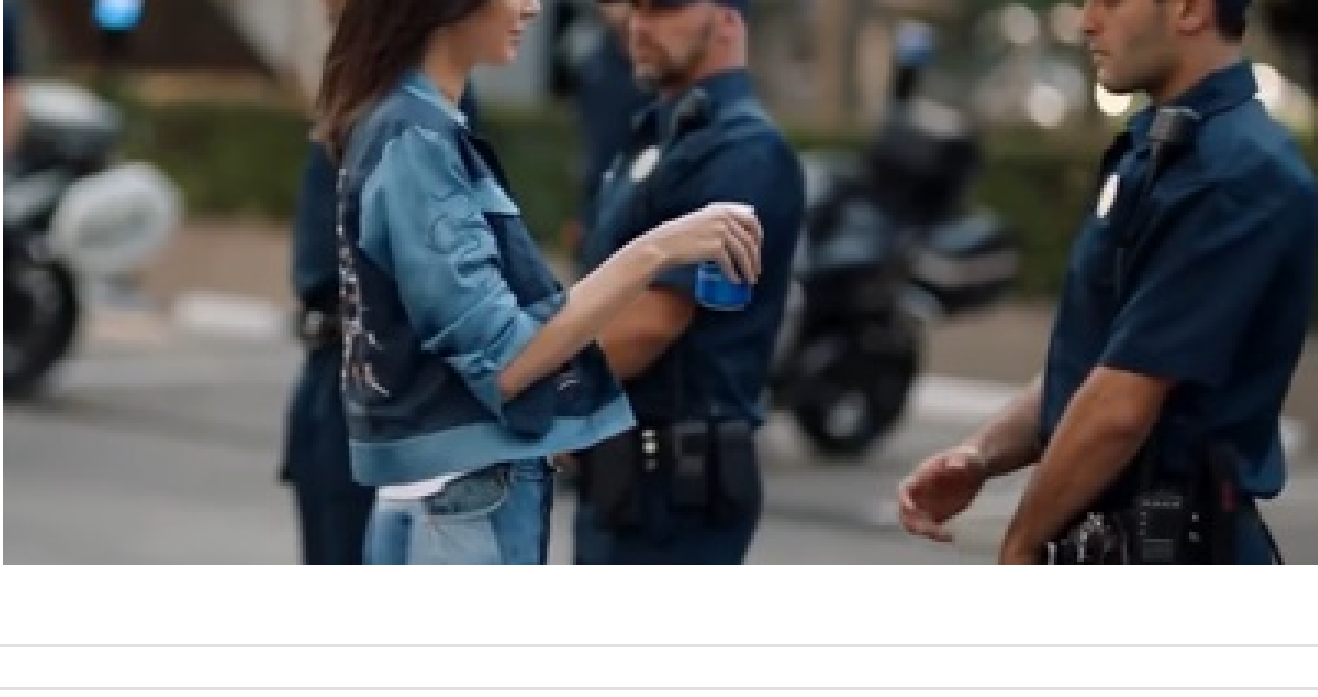
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Cherry Coke In China Now Served With A Warren Buffett Smile

The billionaire's visage temporarily graces cans of Cherry Coke, newly launched in China. Buffett, a Coke shareholder, is apparently quite popular there — and he's famously fond of Cherry Coke.



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After Uproar, Pepsi Halts Rollout Of Controversial Protest-Themed Ad

Pepsi said it was trying to project a message of unity with its ad set at a protest, starring Kendall Jenner. But on Wednesday the company apologized, saying it had missed the mark.

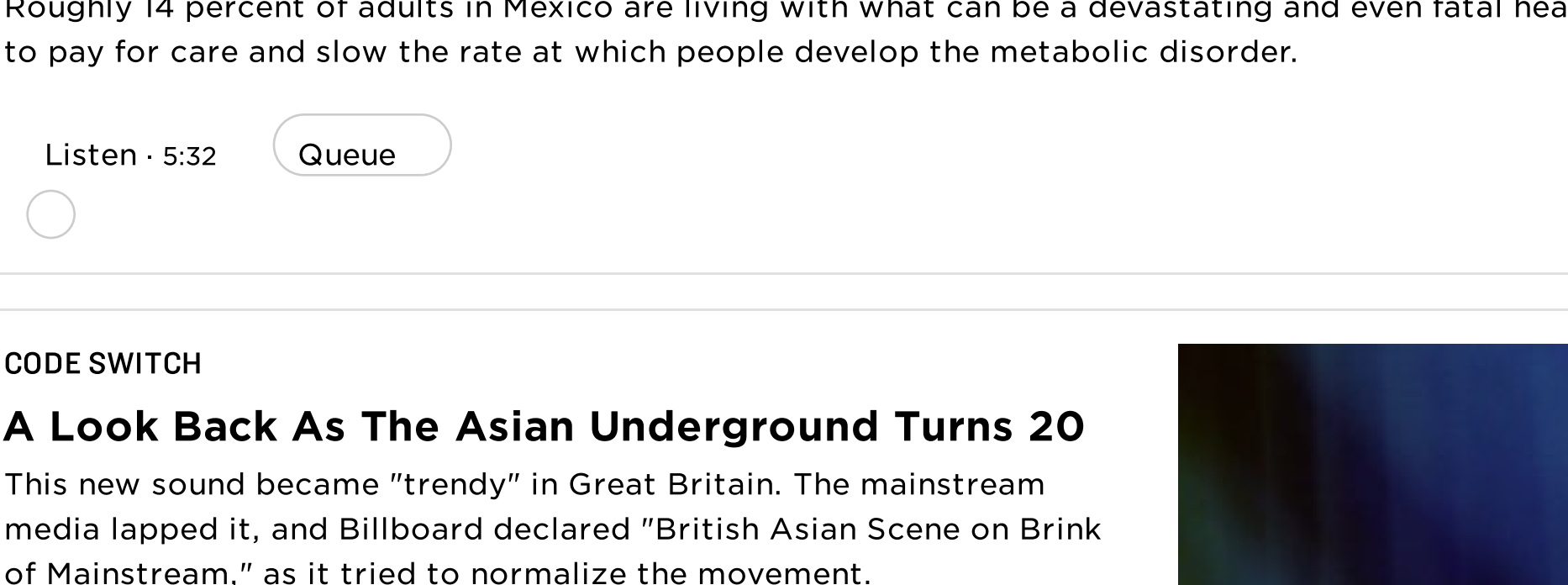


GOATS AND SODA

How Diabetes Got To Be The No. 1 Killer In Mexico

Roughly 14 percent of adults in Mexico are living with what can be a devastating and even fatal health condition. The government is struggling to pay for care and slow the rate at which people develop the metabolic disorder.

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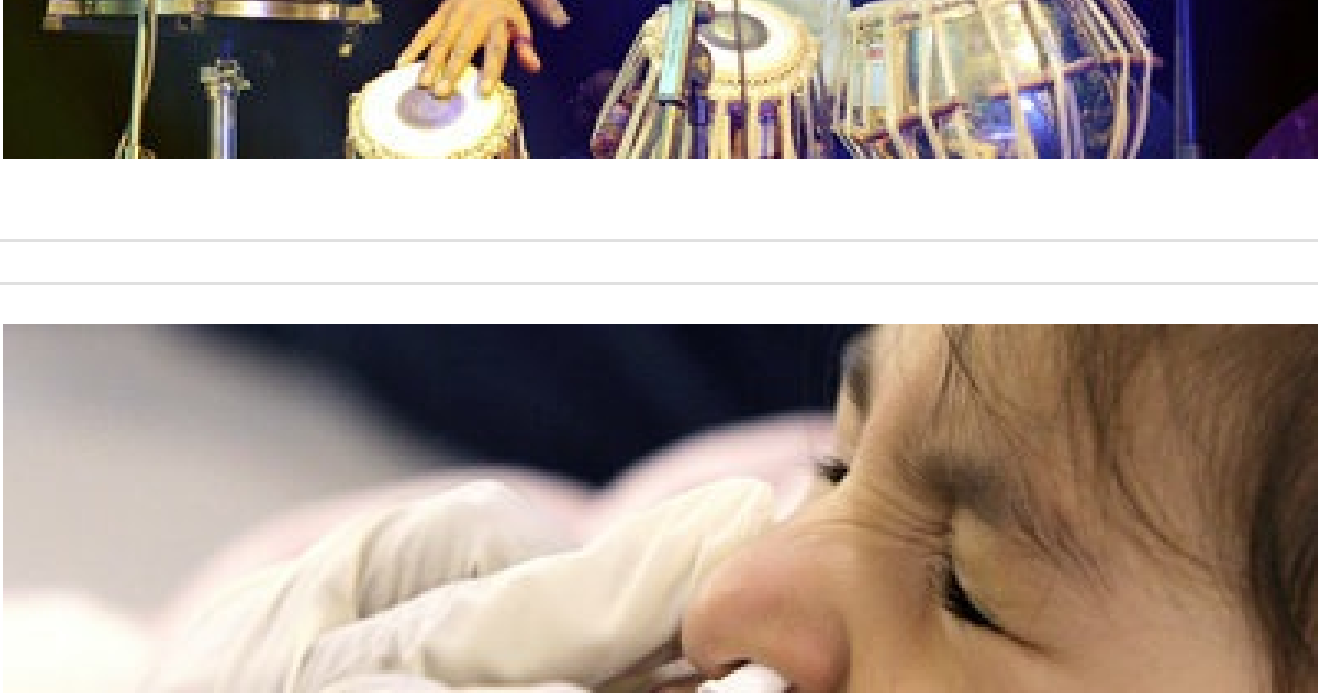


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CODE SWITCH

A New Sound Back As The Asian Underground Turns 20

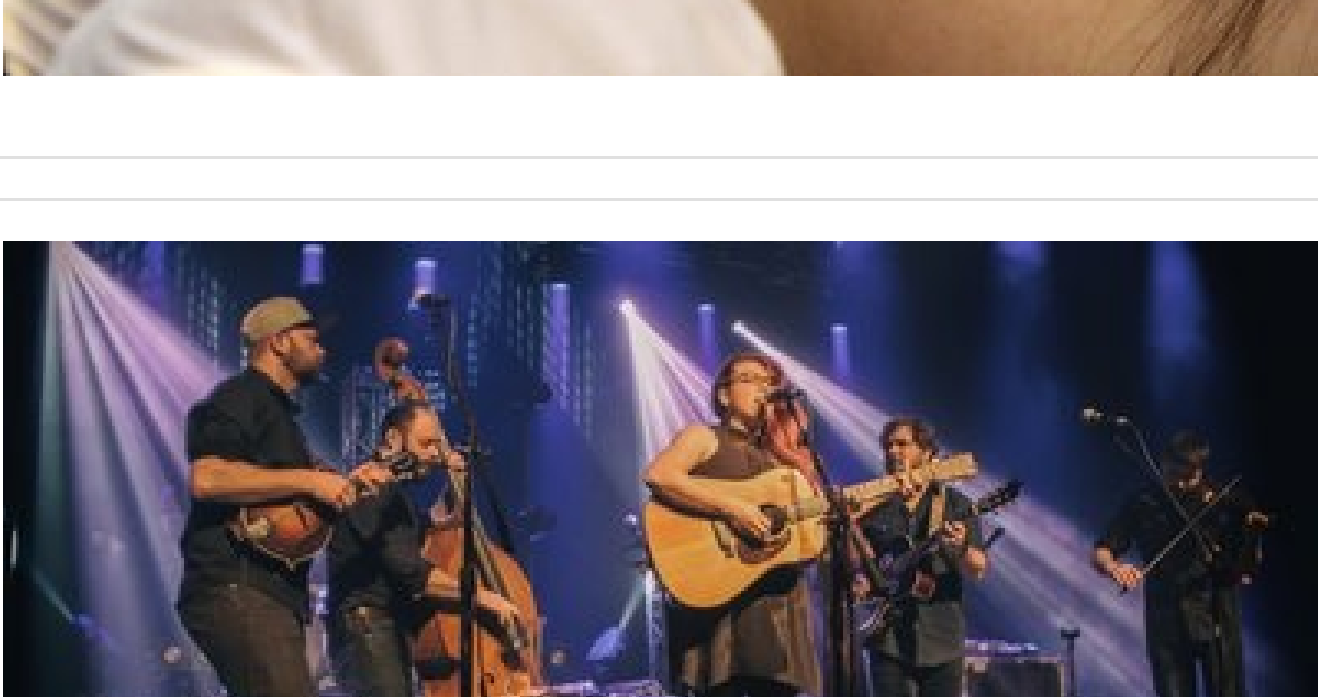
This new sound became "trendy" in Great Britain. The mainstream media lapped it, and Billboard declared "British Asian Scene on Brink of Mainstream," as it tried to normalize the movement.



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Emergency Room Doctors Are Picking Noses — For Drug Delivery, That Is

Nasal versions of sedatives and overdose drugs are increasingly popular in emergency departments. Doctors like that they act quickly and don't require an IV to administer.

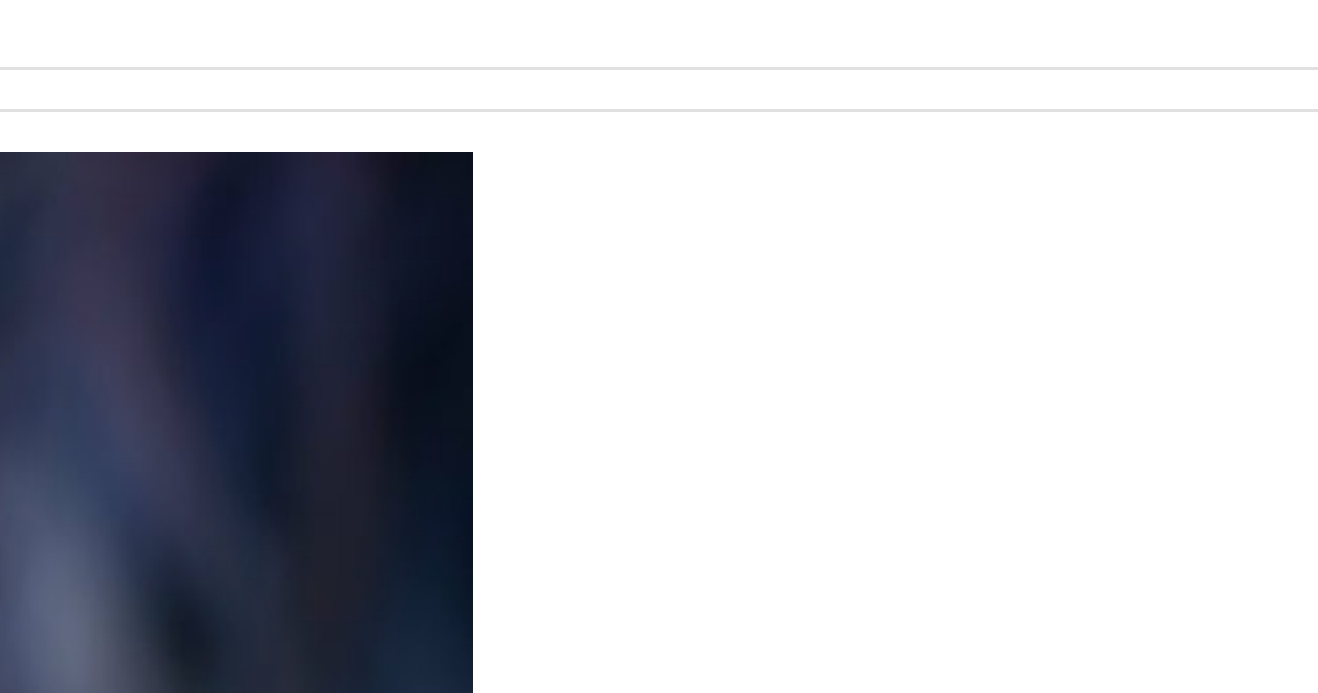


MUSIC INTERVIEWS

Get To Know The 'String-Band Pop' Of Nashville's Front Country

Though each of Front Country's five members has had a vastly different musical education, they all share a no-rules approach to modern bluegrass that honors the craft of pop music.

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ALL SONGS TV

Sink Into TALsounds' 'Disgrace,' A Bathtub Full Of Synthesizer Ooze

Good Willsmith member Natalie Chamí's late-night gurgle of oscillator-pop exists somewhere between Bjork's hushed confessionals and The Knife's minimalist synth experiments.



Courtesy of the artist

