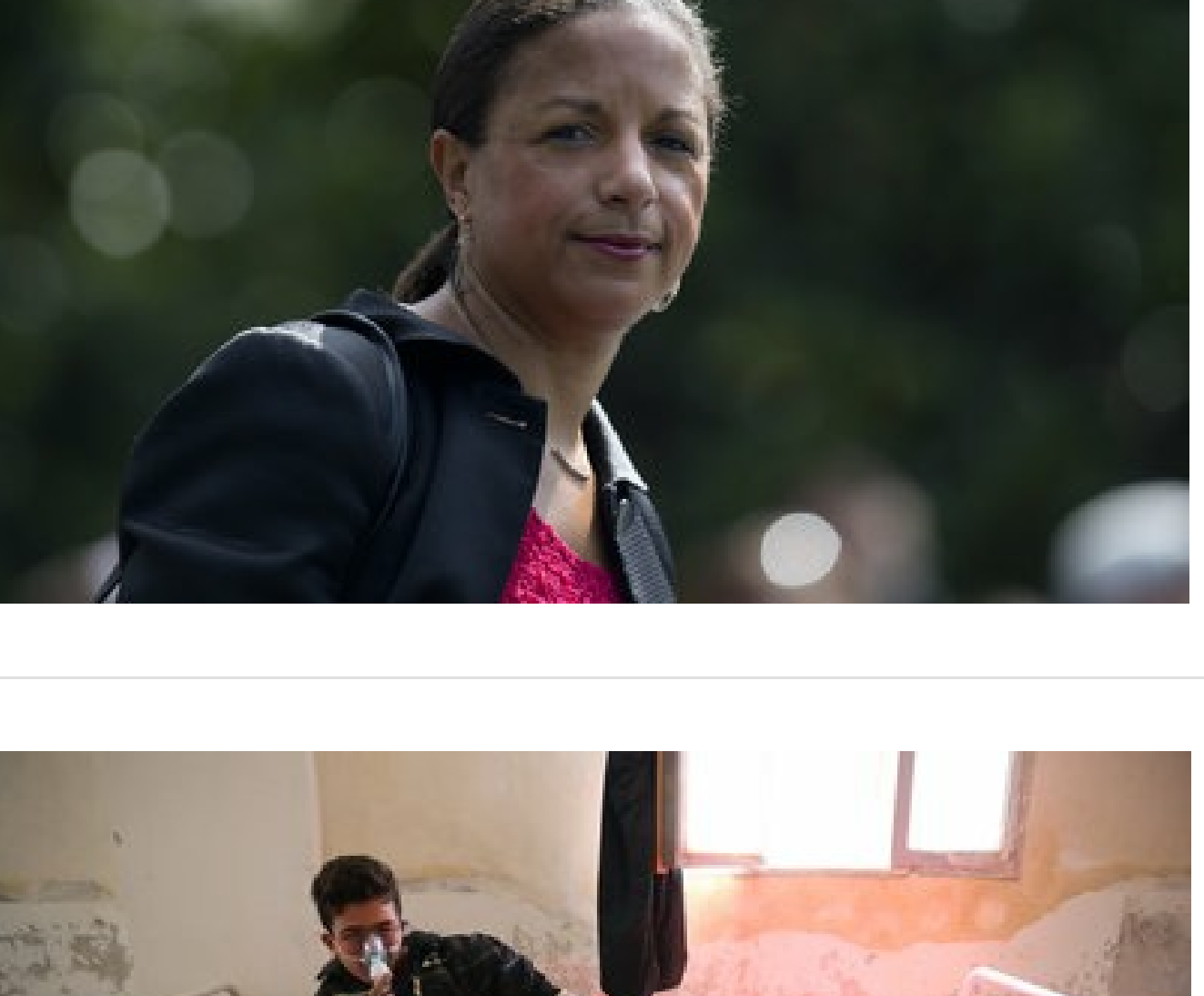


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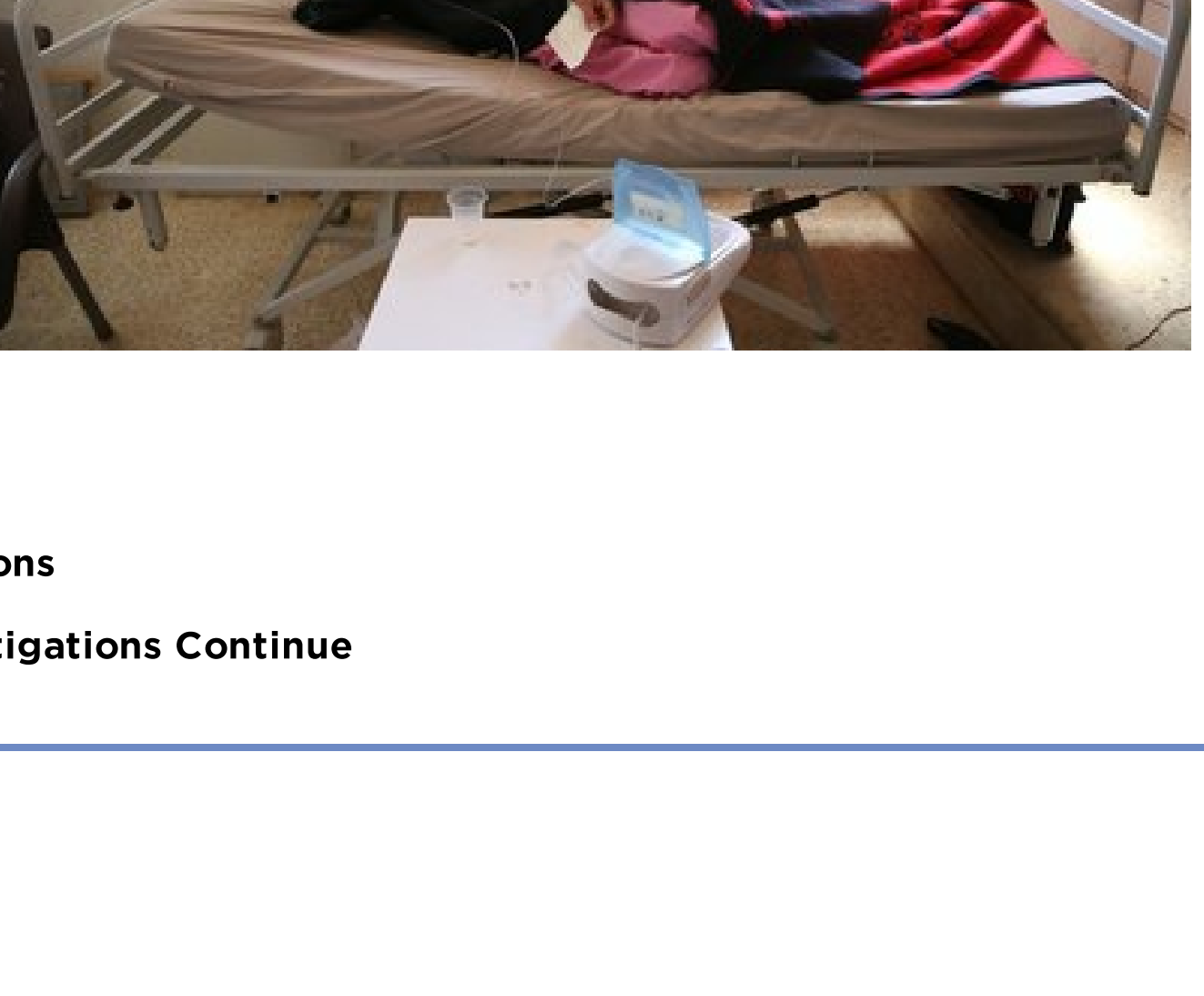
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**Trump Picks Strategy To Counter Russia Storyline: Blame Susan Rice**  
It took a while to get going, but the White House has settled on its alternative narrative to potential connections between the Trump team and Russia's meddling in the U.S. election.



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"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."



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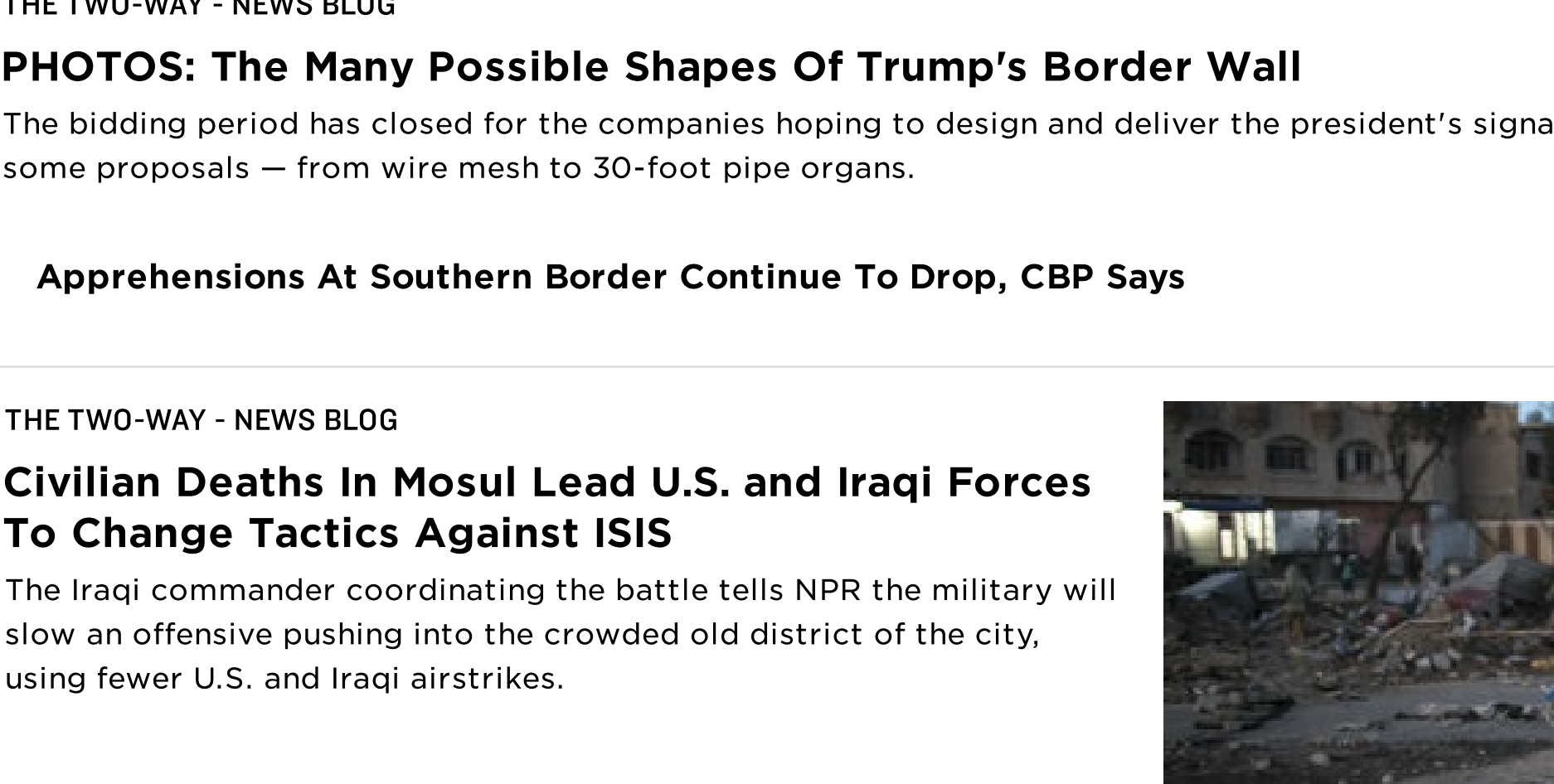
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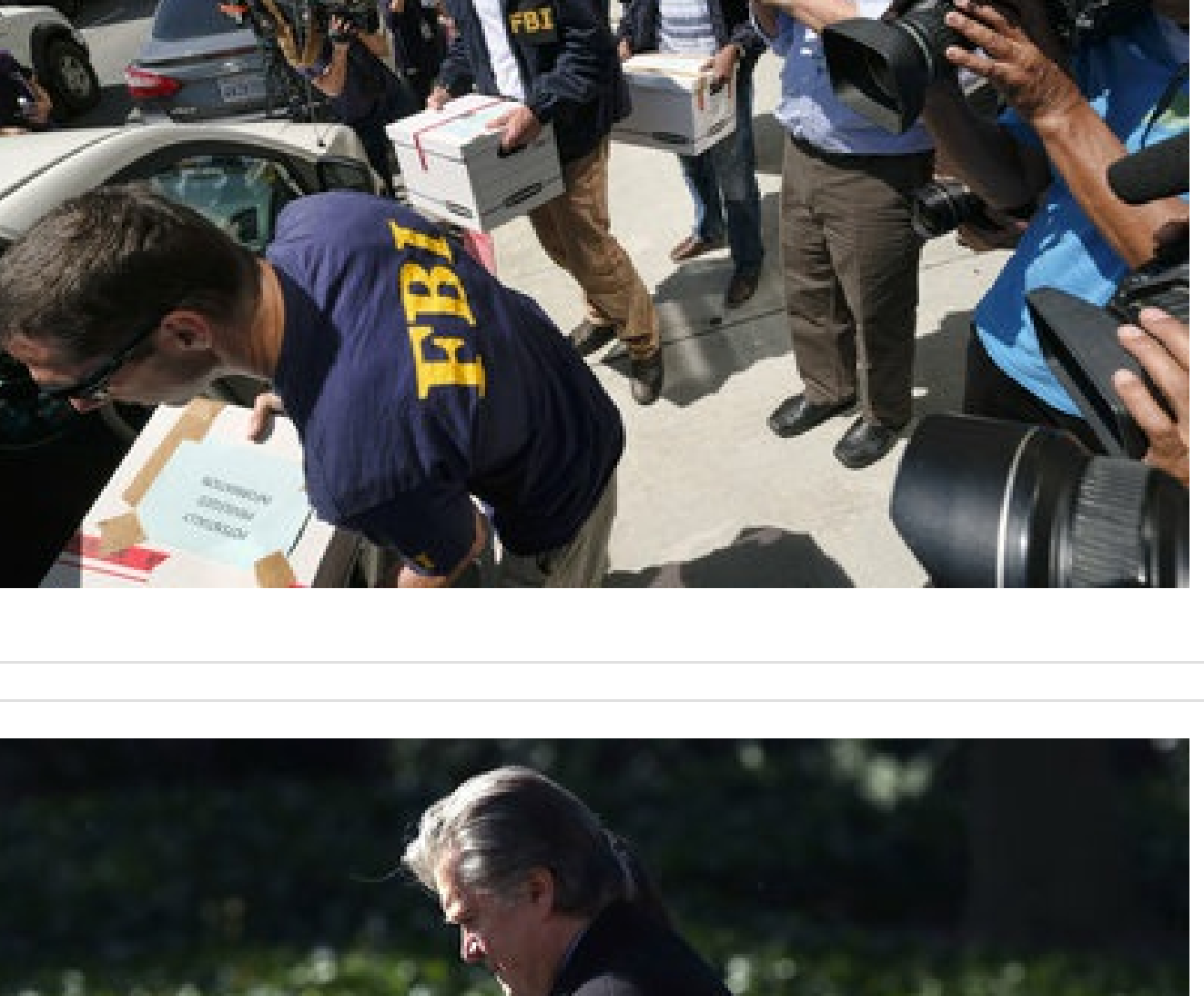


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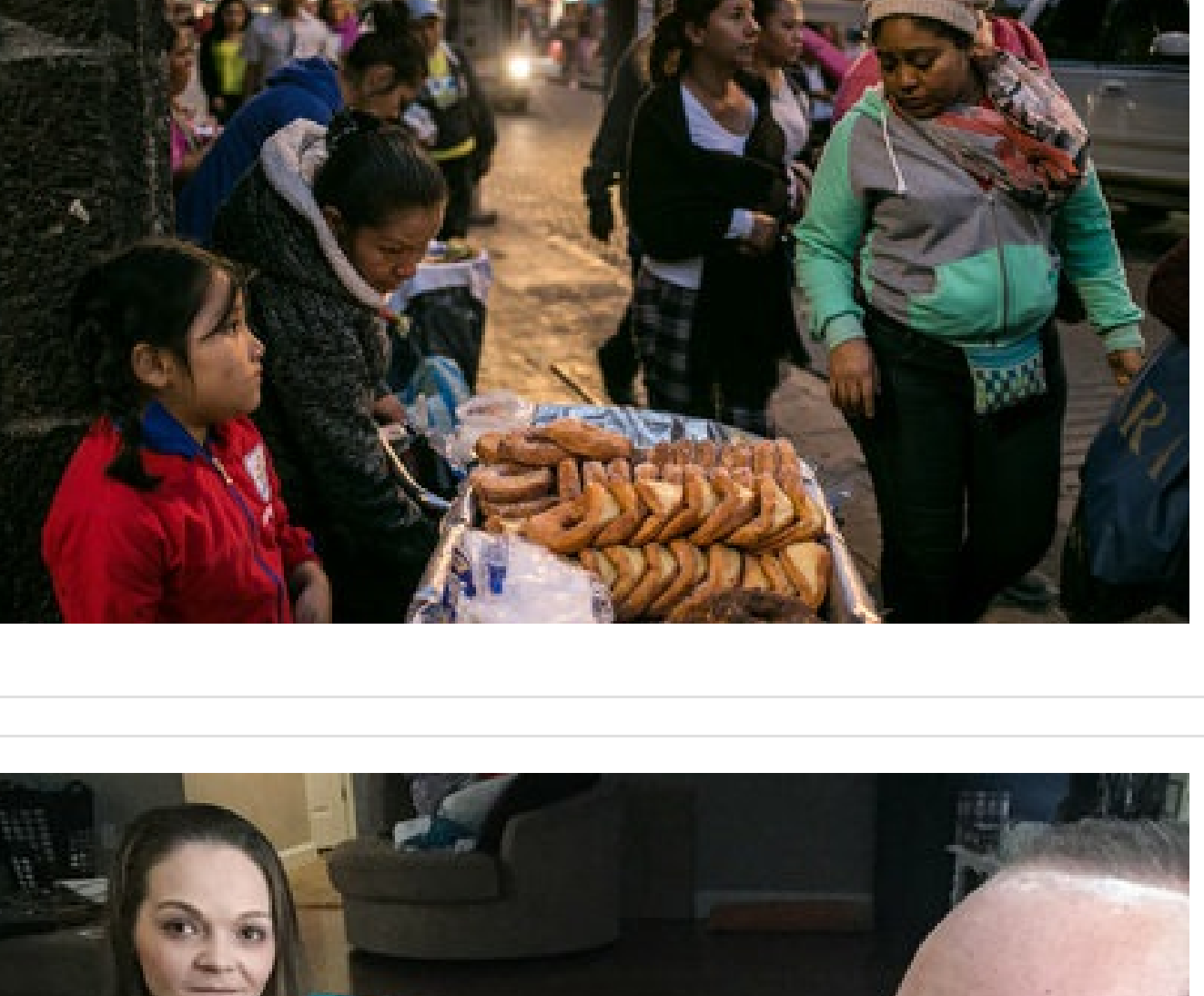
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The FBI alleges the business represented Chinese nationals under a program that awards green cards for investing a half-million dollars in job-creating projects. But the projects were never built.



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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.

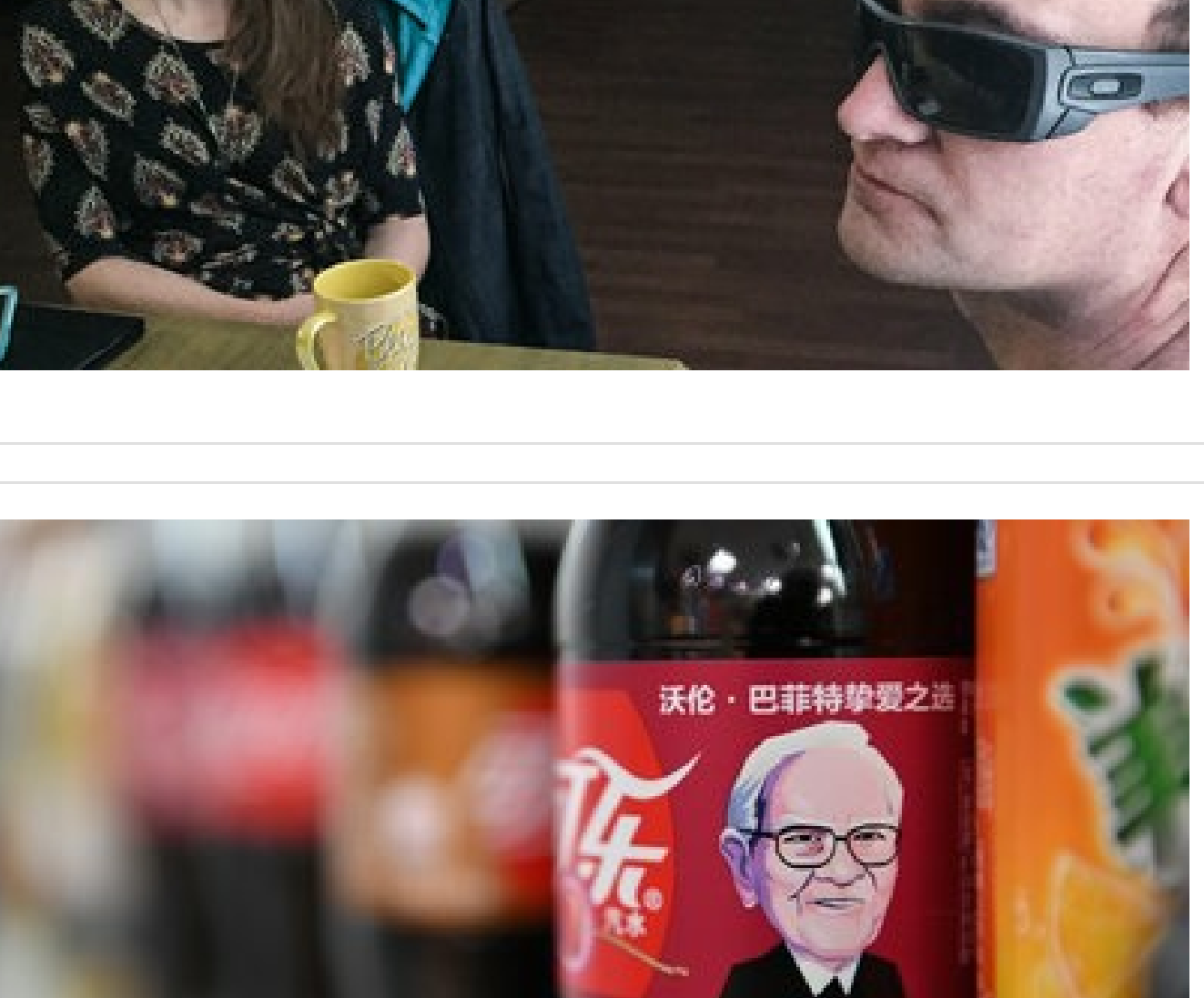


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**How Diabetes Got To Be The No. 1 Killer In Mexico**  
Roughly 14 percent of adults in Mexico are living with what can be a devastating and even fatal health condition. The government is struggling to pay for care and slow the rate at which people develop the metabolic disorder.

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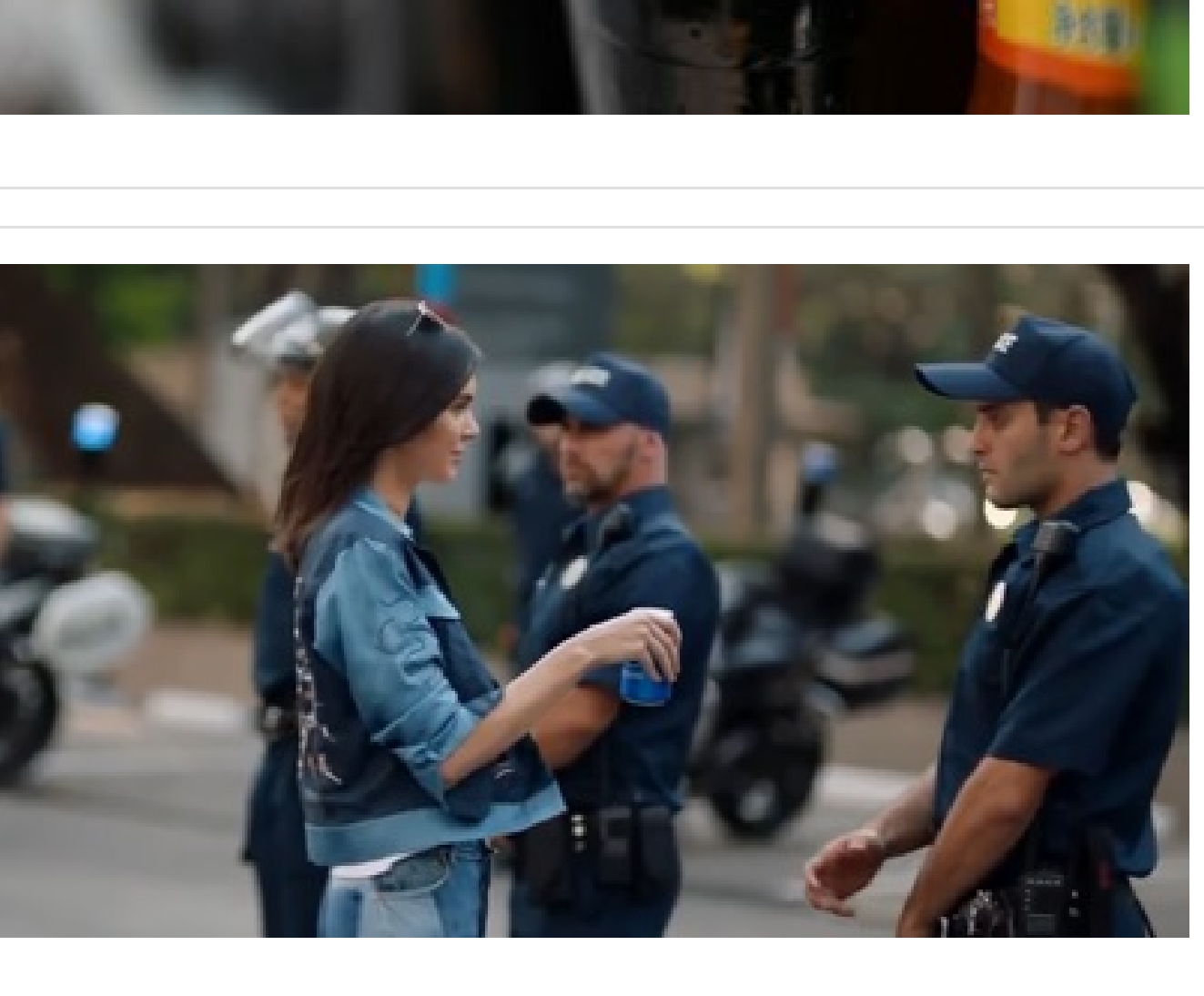


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Veterans Affairs has a program to pay family members who care for veterans with disabilities. Several caregivers say they have been dropped without explanation; the VA says it is not cutting back.

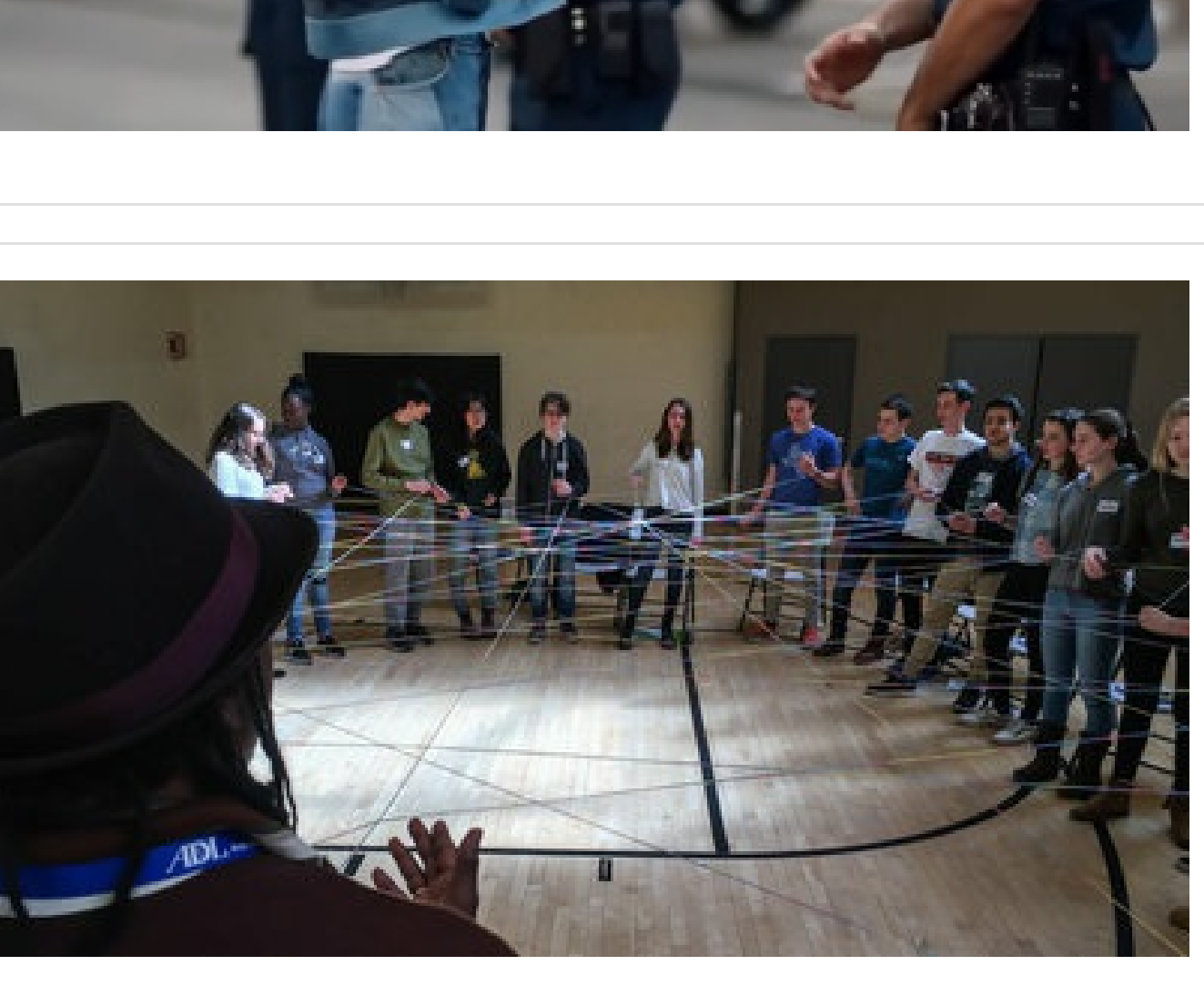
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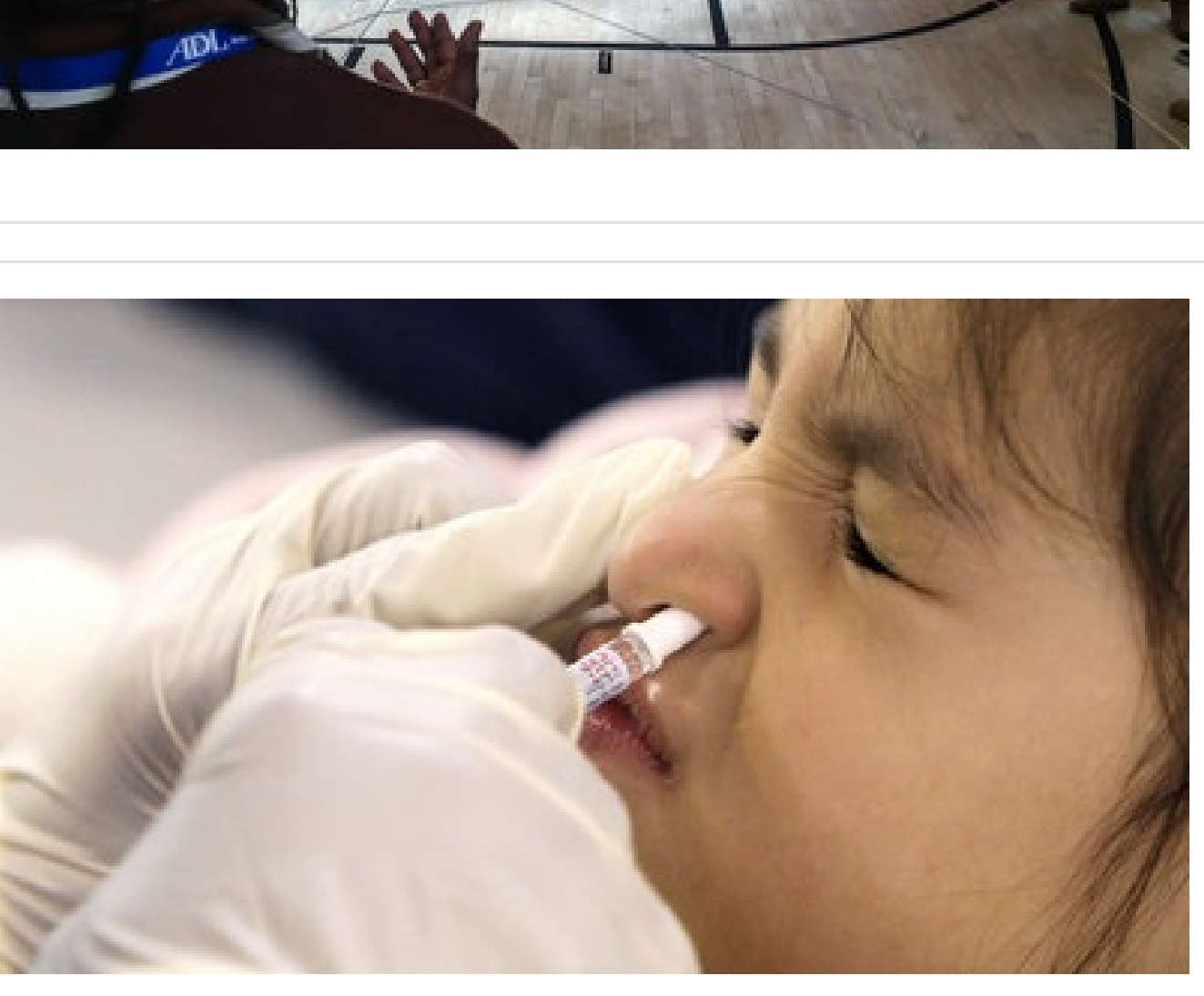
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**Cherry Coke In China Now Served With A Warren Buffett Smile**  
The billionaire's visage temporarily graces cans of Cherry Coke, newly launched in China. Buffett, a Coke shareholder, is apparently quite popular there — and he's famously fond of Cherry 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.

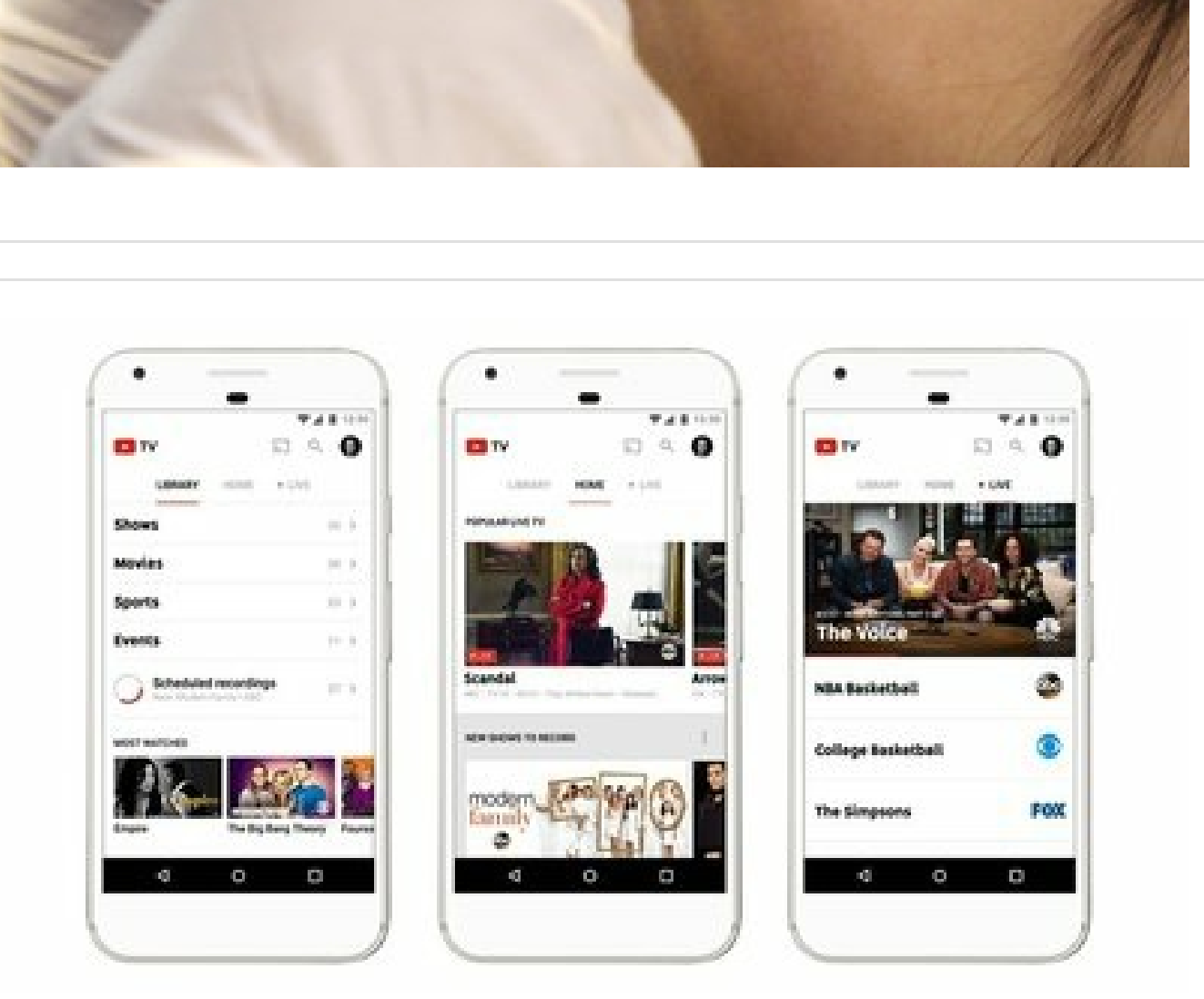


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**Fighting Hate In Schools**  
Hate is on the rise in U.S. schools. For students and educators, that means finding new ways to promote tolerance and inclusion.


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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.



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**Once An Alternative To Mainstream TV, YouTube Now Offers Just That With New Service**  
With its streaming TV service launching Wednesday, YouTube joins a crowded field. But it offers several features the others don't.




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.

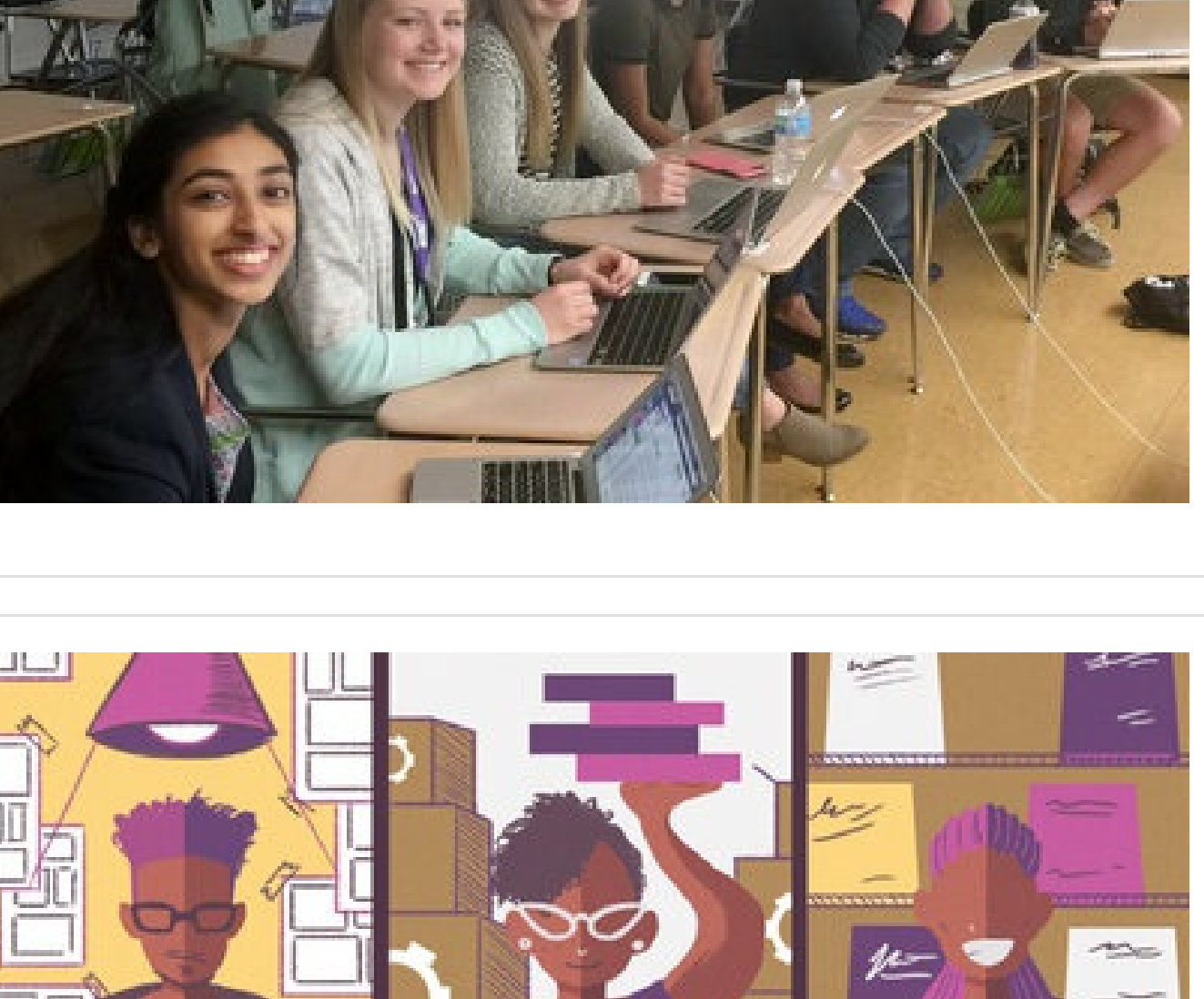
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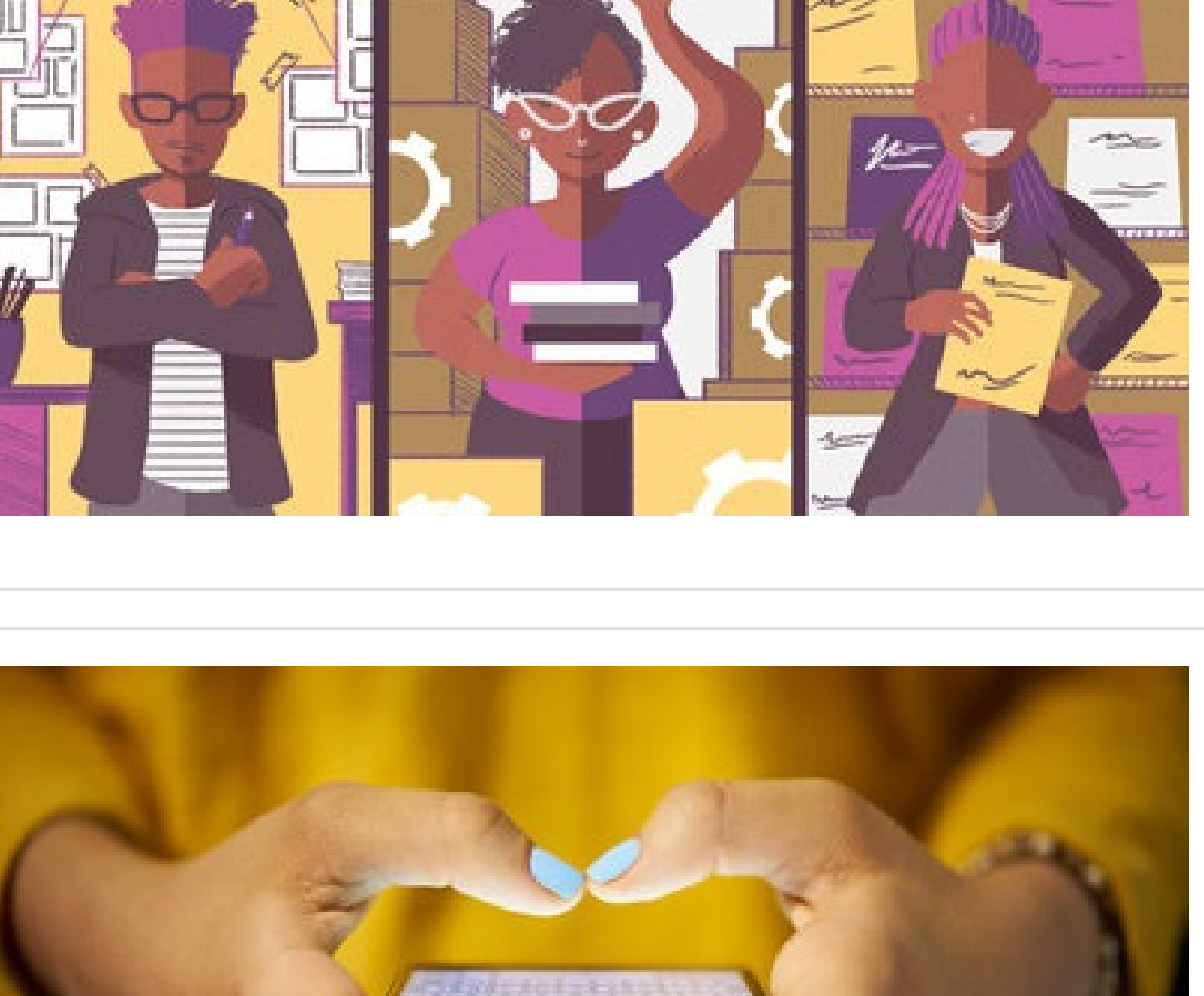
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**Alec Baldwin On Career Highs And Lows, And Playing A 'Larger Than Life' Trump**  
FRESH AIR  
Baldwin tells Fresh Air that his SNL impression of the president is purposefully exaggerated. "There's a kind of volume to it," he says. "It's kind of the Macy's Day Parade [version] of Trump."



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**Student Newspaper's Fact Check Results In New Principal's Resignation**  
The principal's stepped down after a Kansas high school's student paper investigated her claim of having degrees from Coriell University, an entity whose legitimacy has been questioned.

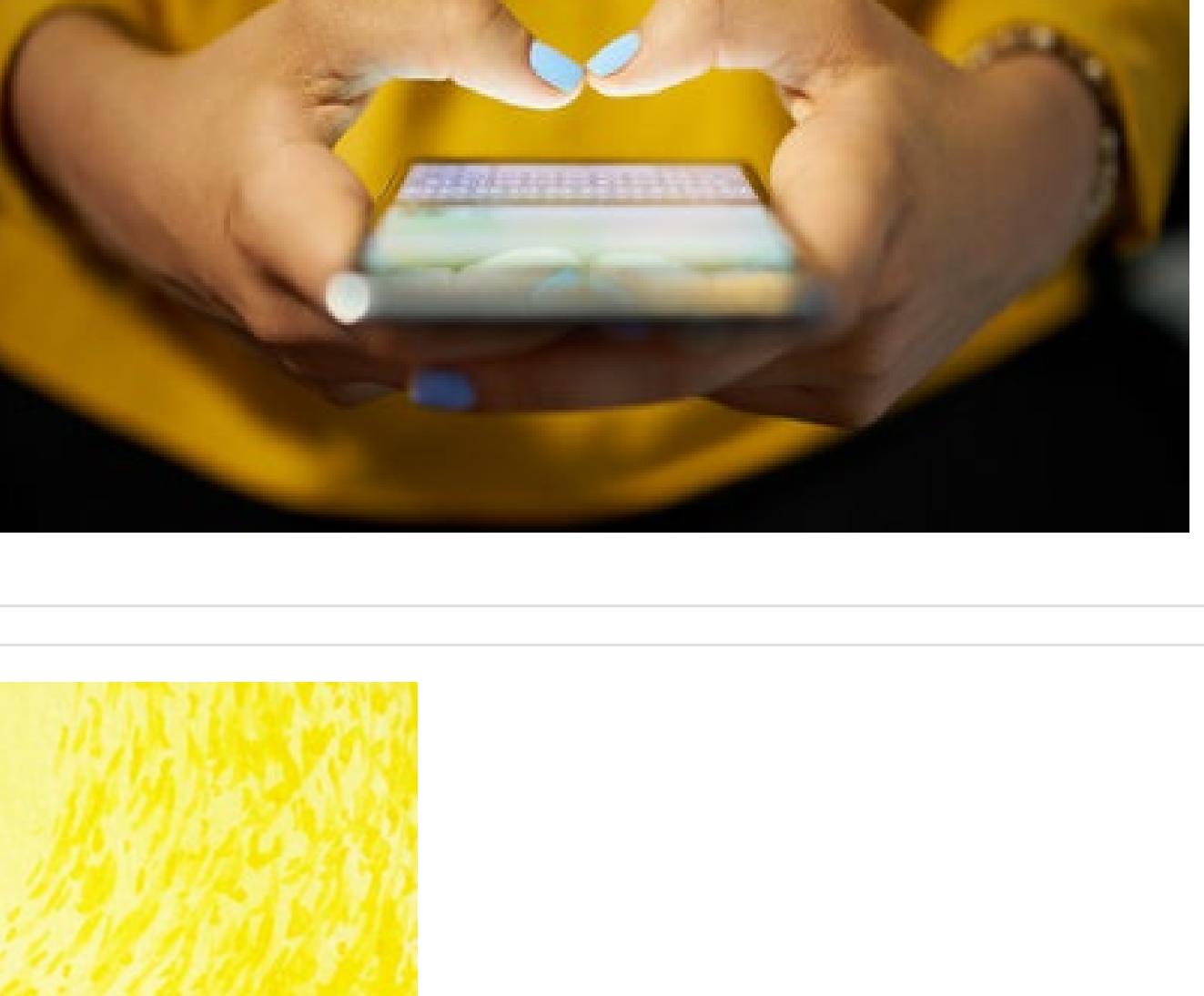


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**Changing Guest In Comics**  
Gene Demby and guest host Glen Feldon (our play cousin from Pop Culture Happy Hour) explore how comics are used as spaces for mapping race and identity.


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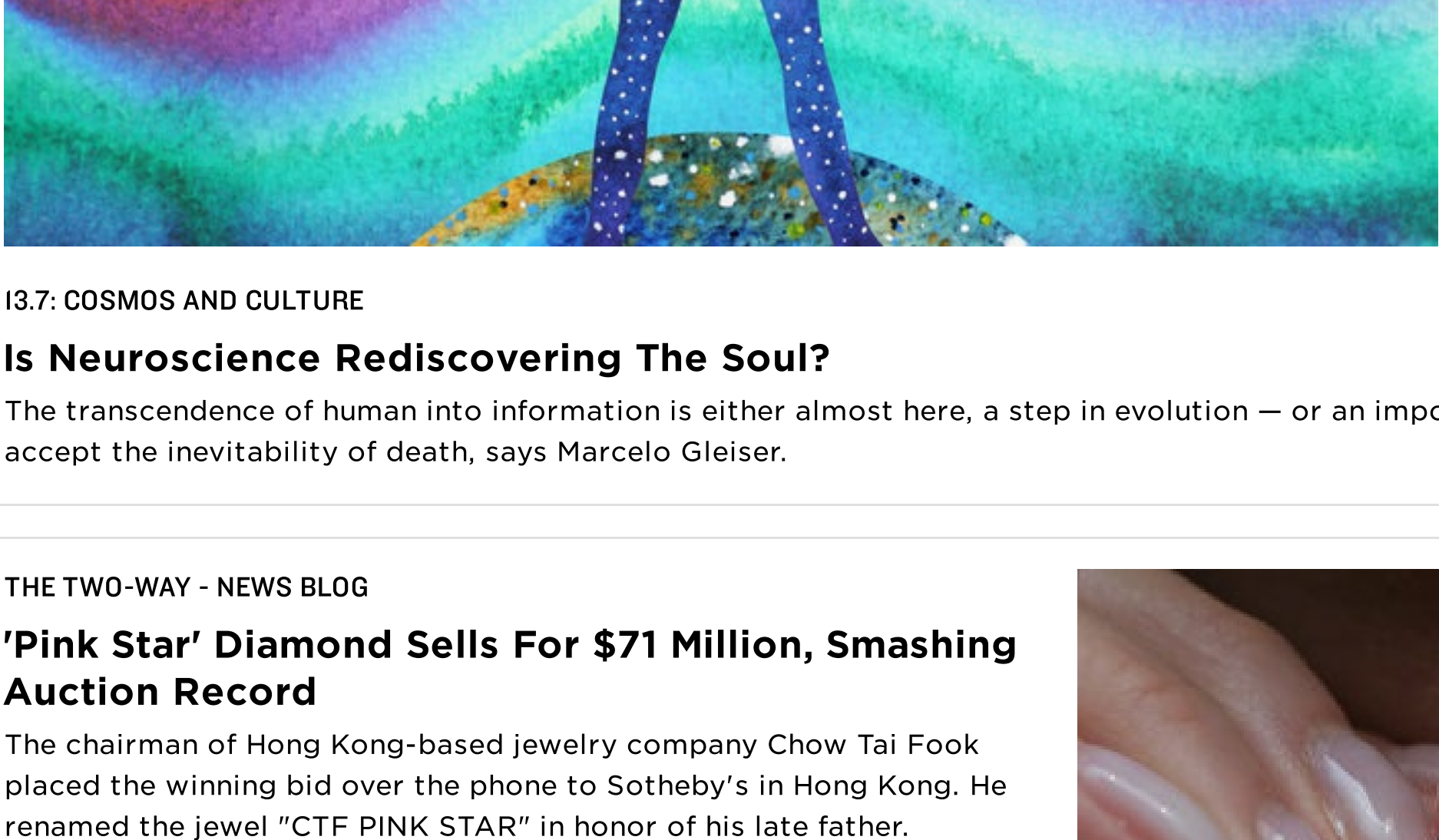
ALL TECH CONSIDERED

**What Should We Make Of The 'Tweetstorm' Or Whatever You Call It?**  
They're all over Twitter: Strings of tweets about politics or Russian plots or long thoughts. Maybe they're a new way to tell stories, but they say just as much about us as they do about the platform.



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**Is Neuroscience Rediscovering The Soul?**  
The transcendence of human into information is either almost here, a step in evolution — or an impossibility, a mad dream of people who can't accept the inevitability of death, says Marcelo Gleiser.



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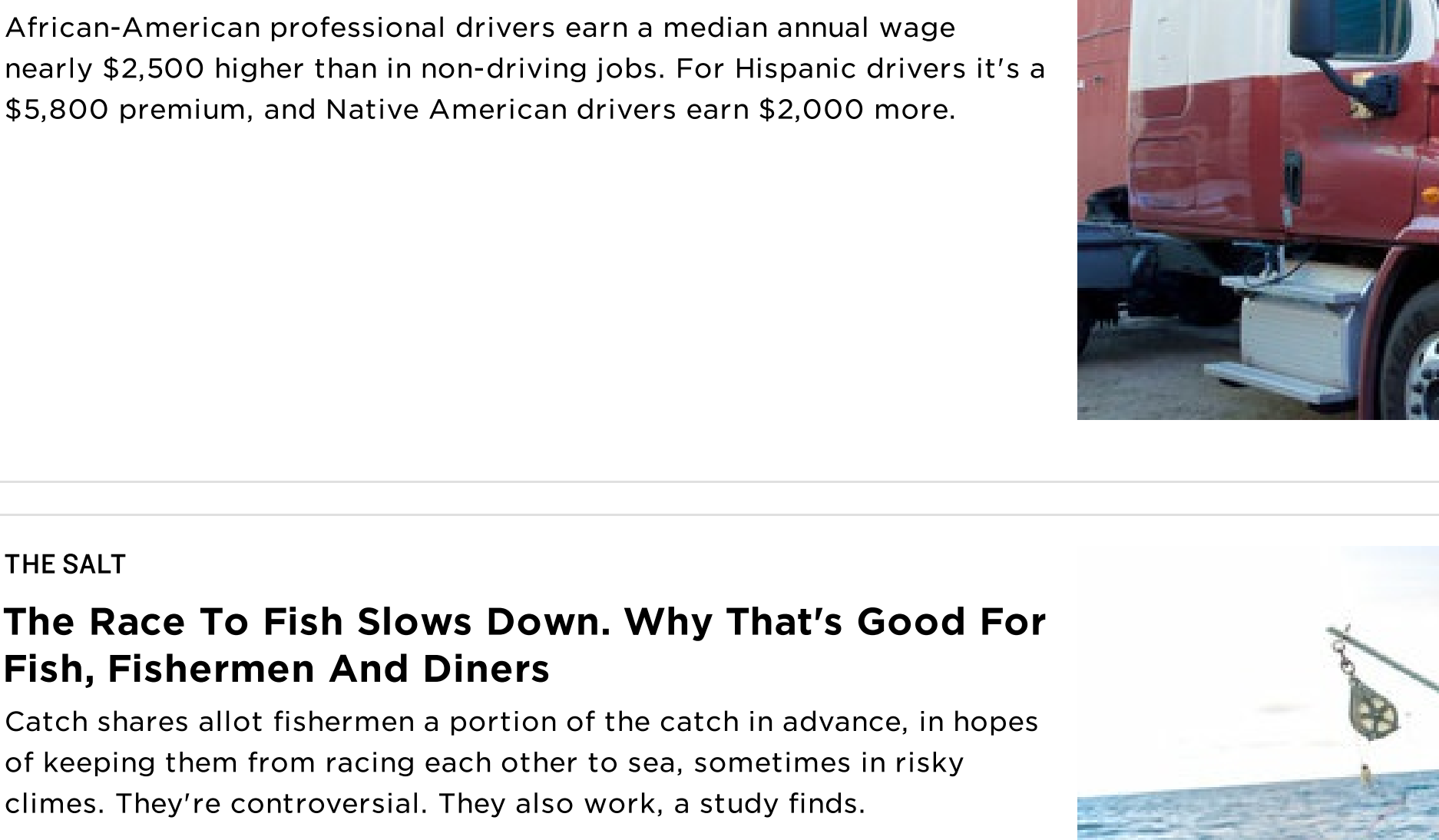
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**'Pink Star' Diamond Sells For \$71 Million, Smashing Auction Record**  
The chairman of Hong Kong-based jewelry company Chow Tai Fook placed the winning bid over the phone to Sotheby's in Hong Kong. He renamed the jewel "CTF PINK STAR" in honor of his late father.



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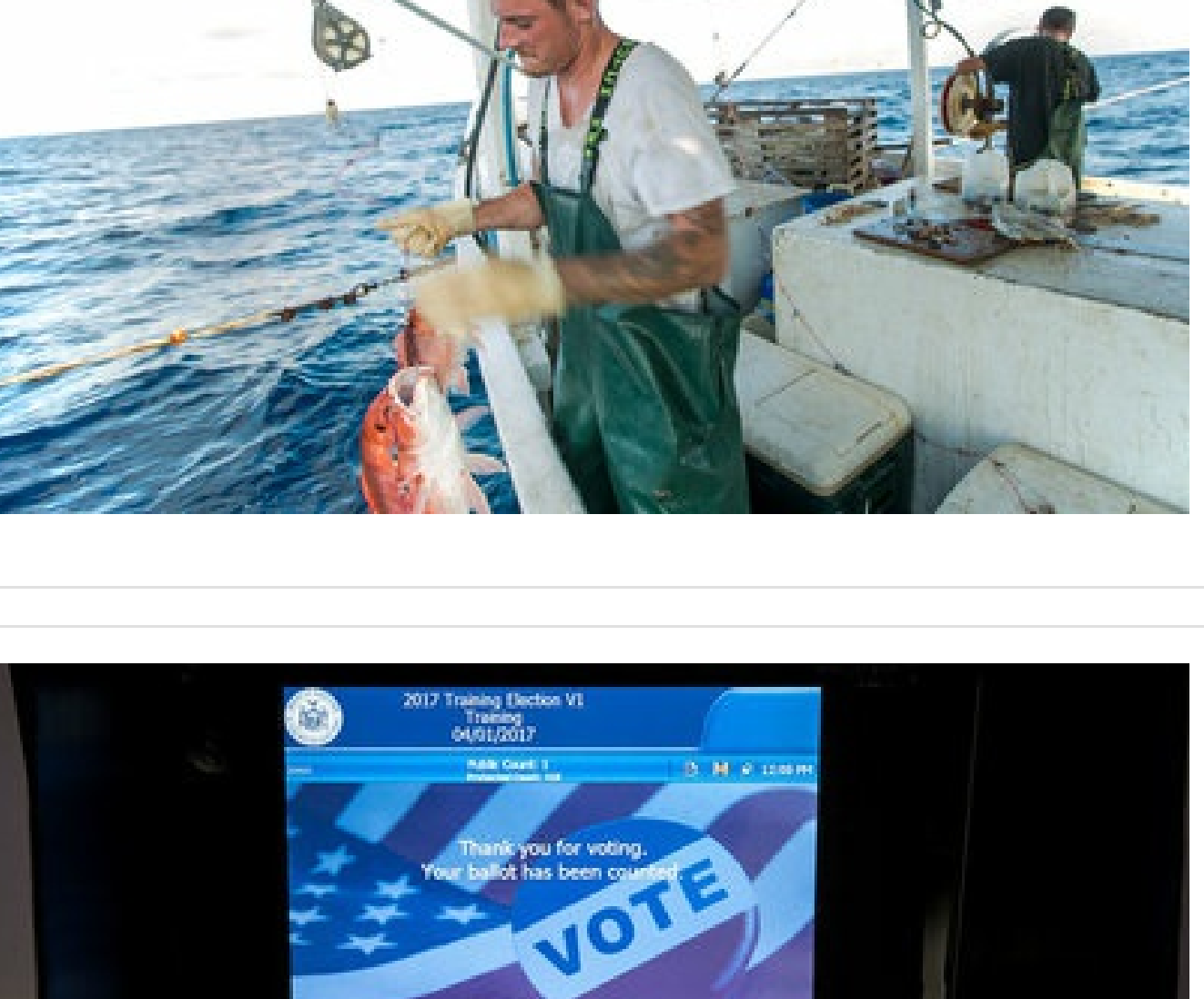
**Fixing A Hole: 'Sgt. Pepper' Remixed And Reissued For 50th Anniversary**  
One of the most important records in pop history is getting an appropriately comprehensive reissue.



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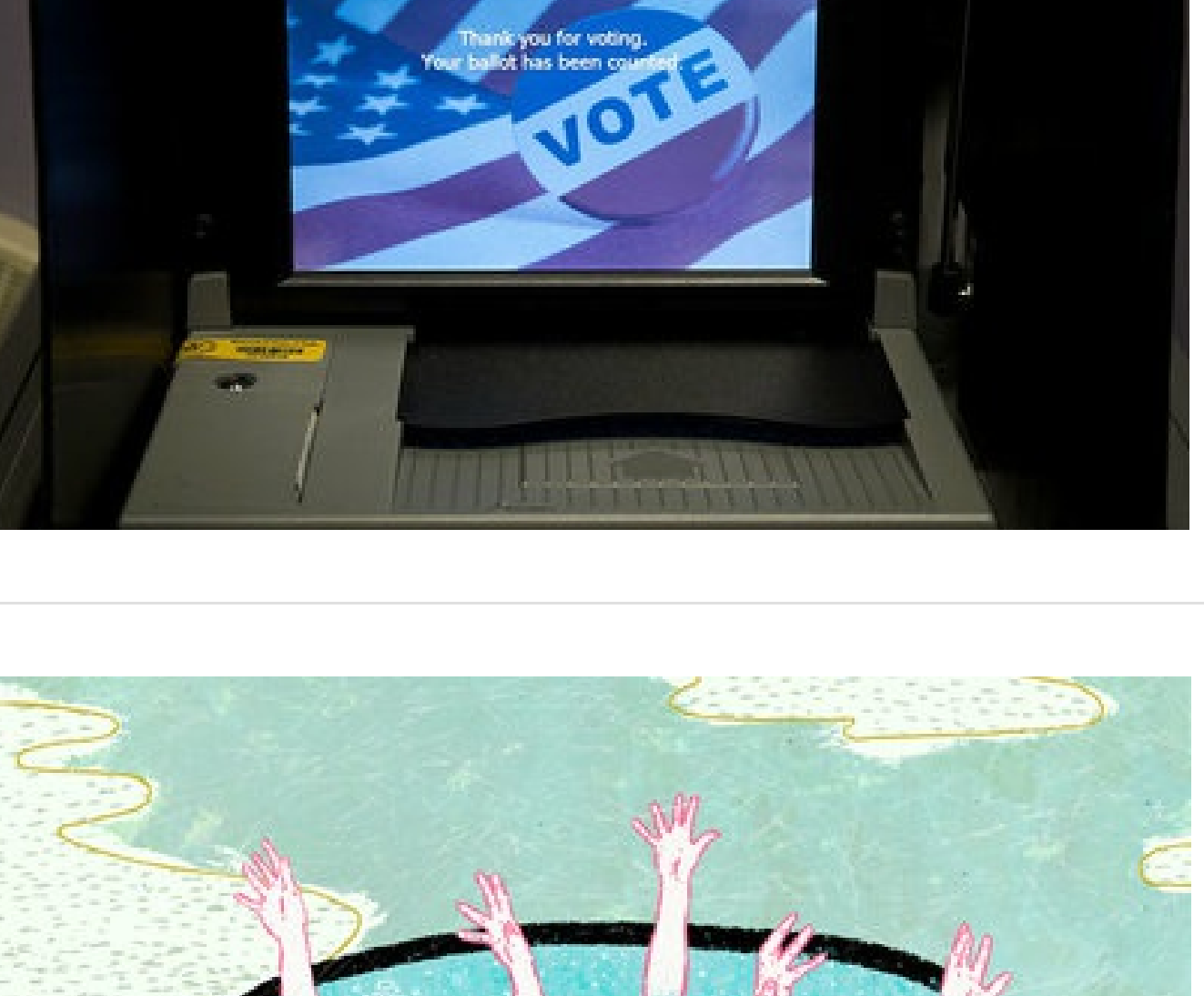
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**How Driverless Vehicles Could Harm Professional Drivers Of Color**  
African-American professional drivers earn a median annual wage nearly \$2,500 higher than in non-driving jobs. For Hispanic drivers it's a \$5,800 premium, and Native American drivers earn \$2,000 more.



THE SALT

**The Race To Fish Slows Down. Why That's Good For Fish, Fishermen And Diners**  
Catch shares allot fishermen a portion of the catch in advance, in hopes of keeping them from racing each other to sea, sometimes in risky climates. They're controversial. They also work, a study finds.




POLITICS

**State And Local Officials Wary Of Federal Government's Election Security Efforts**  
The federal government's new focus on election security has state and local officials concerned that they'll be told how to run their elections in the name of security.

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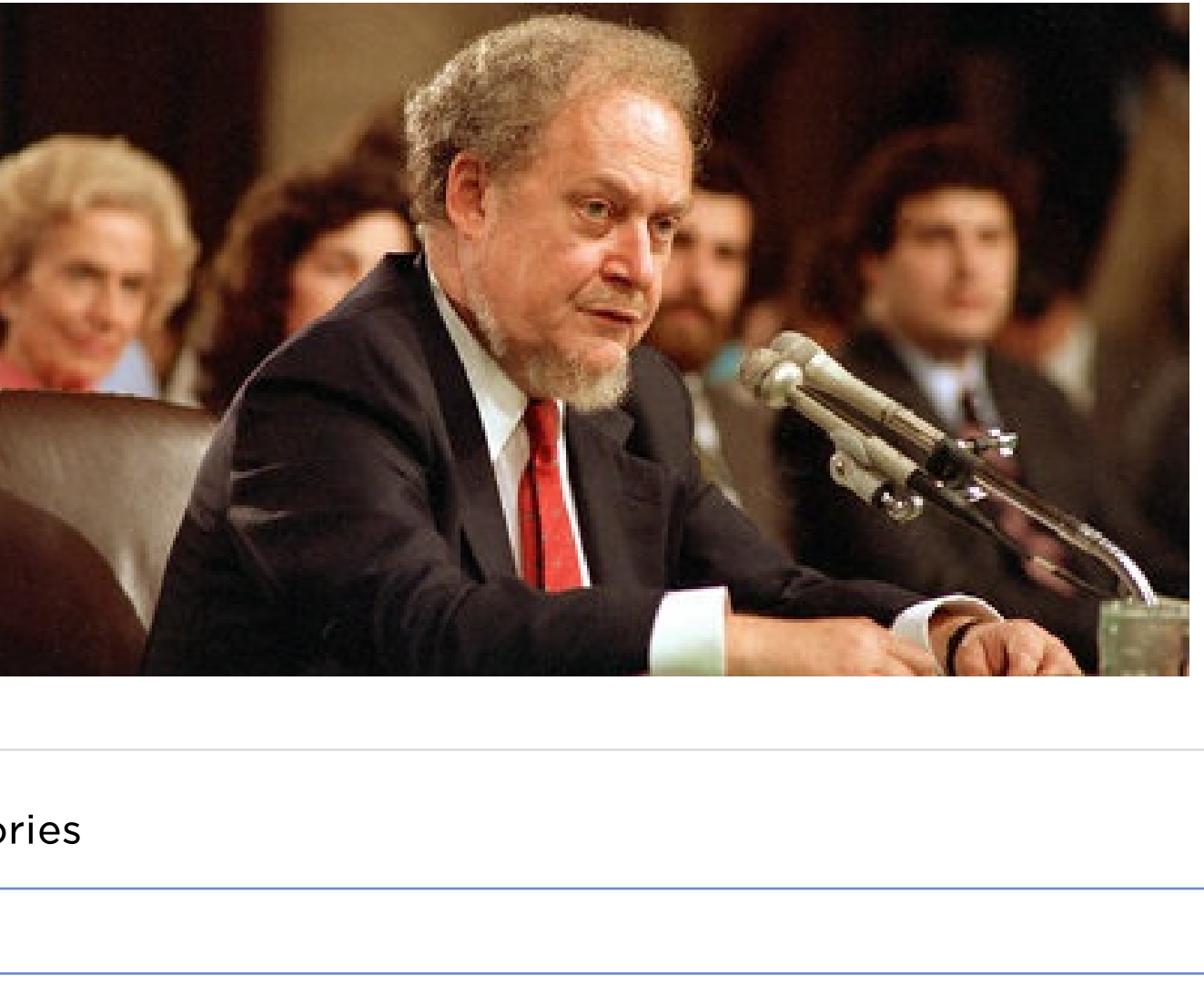


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**Teachers, Lawyers And Others Worry About The Fate Of Student Debt Forgiveness**  
Borrowers are "frightened," "anxious," "betrayed," at the suggestion that a federal student loan forgiveness program could be taken away.

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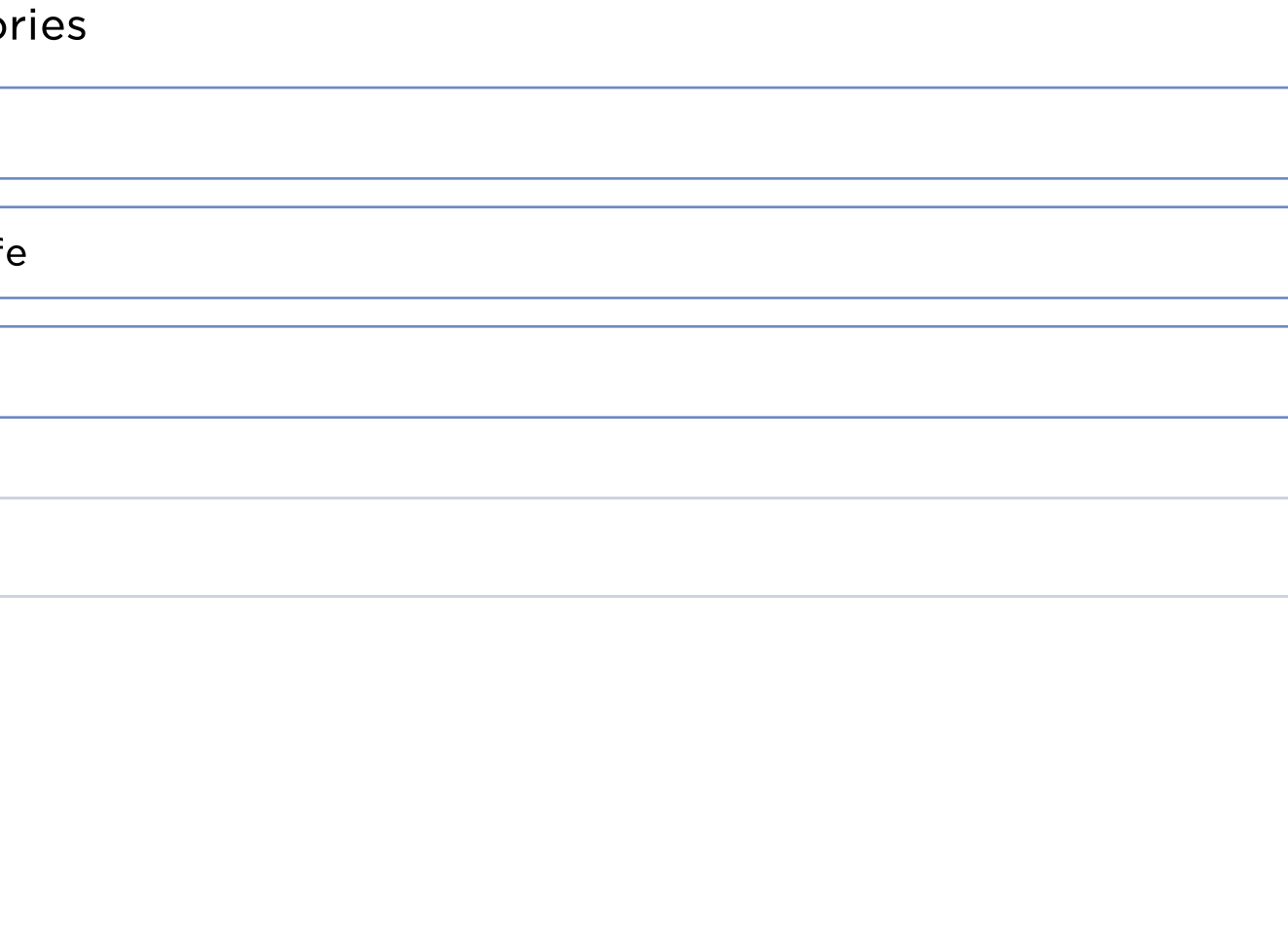
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