

Fact Check: Could Andrew Jackson Have Stopped The Civil War, As Trump Said?

In an interview that aired Monday, President Trump spoke highly of Andrew Jackson, and wondered why more people don't ask why the Civil War happened, asserting the seventh president could have prevented it. Jackson died 16 years before the war began.

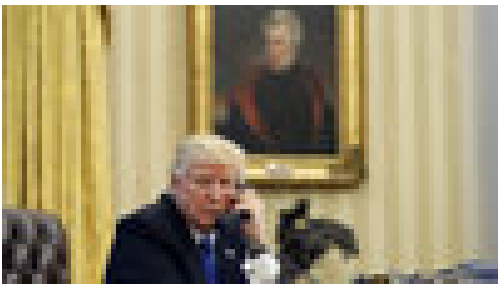


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In 'American Gods,' Even Deities Have The Immigrant Experience

The new Starz adaptation of Neil Gaiman's beloved fantasy novel, gods from all over the world are drawn to America when their worshippers arrive here — whether as immigrants, explorers or slaves.



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Fox News Co-President Bill Shine Resigns

Shine's departure is part of the aftershocks of the sexual harassment scandal that has gripped the network since last summer, leading to the exit of former Chairman Roger Ailes and host Bill O'Reilly.

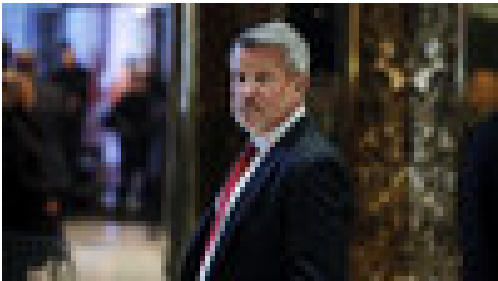


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With Spending Deal, Both Parties Get A Little Bit Of What They Want

The budget negotiations provided Democrats with a rare opportunity for leverage and clout, since their votes will be needed to advance the spending plan through the Senate. And for Republicans, the agreement delivers the political win of avoiding the threat of a shutdown.



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'Up First' Podcast: Congress Expected To Vote This Week On Spending Bill

Fyre Festival Hit With \$100 Million Suit; Organizer Says 'We Were A Little Naive'

Admitting they were "unable to realize our dream on the first try," festival organizers are giving attendees the option to forgo a refund and instead receive VIP passes to Fyre Fest 2018.



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Luxury Music Experience Turns Into Vacation Nightmare

As Audiences Enjoy 'Peak TV,' Strike Threat Puts Spotlight On The Writers

Hollywood writers are set to strike Tuesday when their current contract with studios, networks and producers ends. At issue is health care and a changed TV landscape with shorter seasons and less pay.



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Trump Proclaims May 1 Loyalty Day (So Did Every President Going Back To Eisenhower)

The day has been marked annually since 1955, but America's presidents describe loyalty in markedly different ways.



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May Day Marchers Around The World Celebrate Workers, Immigrants

Garment workers in Bangladesh demanding wage increases; unions in Greece critiquing austerity; left-wing parties in Poland highlighting civic rights; advocates in the U.S. celebrating immigrants.

United Against Trump, May Day Protests Expected To Swell

Trump Administration Is Sued Over Alleged Intimidation Of Federal Workers

A lawyer for United to Protect Democracy says the nonprofit is "protecting the civil service from purges, intimidation or politicization."

Why Mexican Chefs, Farmers And Activists Are Reviving The Ancient Grain Amaranth

The nutritious indigenous plant is part of a movement to revive native crops and cuisines — and a means of restoring the health and economy of Oaxaca, one of Mexico's poorest states.



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Severe Weather Kills At Least 14 People Across 5 Southern States

People are taking stock of the damage after heavy rain, flooding and tornadoes swept through over the weekend. The American Red Cross is calling it the deadliest start to tornado season in nine years.



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Fasting Studies Clash With Our Desire To Eat What We Want, When We Want It

Fasting every other day is no better for losing weight or keeping it off than restricting calories every day, a study suggests. And it's yet another example of how hard it is to study fasting.



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Cities Can Sue Big Banks Over Effects Of Discriminatory Practices, Supreme Court Says

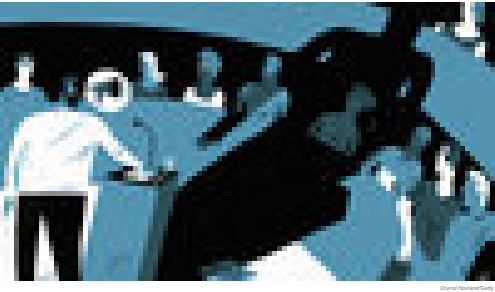
The city of Miami can sue Wells Fargo and Bank of America for damages caused by allegedly discriminatory and predatory lending practices, the Supreme Court ruled. The court's newest justice, Neil Gorsuch, wasn't involved in the case.



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4 Things We Don't Know About AP Tests

Nearly 3 million students take their Advanced Placement exams in the coming weeks. There's very independent research on the benefits of these courses.



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POP CULTURE

W. Kamau Bell's 'Awkward Thoughts' On Racism And Black Comedy

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Feeling out of place is a fact of life for Bell, who describes himself as a "black and proud ... mom's boy." He celebrates his outsider status in the new memoir *The Awkward Thoughts of W. Kamau Bell*.

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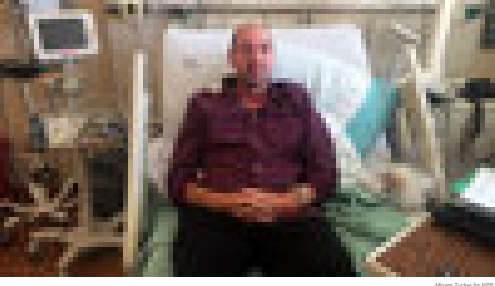


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NIH Study Aims To Unravel The Illness Known As 'Chronic Fatigue Syndrome'

Researchers do not know what causes people with the condition now known as ME/CFS to suffer debilitating exhaustion and other symptoms that make many everyday activities all but impossible.



Shawn Tucker for NPR

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A Singing Cowboy, A Millionaire And Rifles Dominate Montana Special Election

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Democrats hope a singing cowboy in Montana will become their party's latest candidate to mobilize enthusiasm and money against Republicans in a special election for the state's only U.S. House seat.

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In His Post-Fed Life, Bernanke Talks Taxes, Trump And Partisan Perceptions

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke discusses the contradictory partisan divide in people's views of the economy, the economy's health and the problem of those left behind by economic change.

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THE TWO-WAY - NEWS BLOG

Venezuelan President Bumps Up Minimum Wage Amid Weeks Of Public Upheaval

Nicolas Maduro announced the wage hike — Venezuela's third this year — during an address Sunday. The move appears intended to quell protests that have engulfed the country for over a month.



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A Lazarus Patient And The Limits Of A Lifesaving Stroke Procedure

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About 800,000 people have strokes each year in the U.S. Most are caused by clots that block blood to the brain. In some cases, doctors can remove the clot using a device that looks like a fishing net.

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DECEPTIVE CADENCE

Don't Hire Me. Hire A Female Composer Instead

The number of female composers represented in the programming of America's top orchestras is dismal — less than 2 percent. Guest essayist Mohammed Fairouz proposes one provocative solution.



Photo courtesy of Mohammed Fairouz



AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

Gabourey Sidibe's Message To The World: 'Mind Your Own Body'

"I am plus-size, I have dark skin and I am 100 percent beautiful," the actress says. Her new book *Yes It Is Just My Face*, is a collection of essays about body image and her rise to fame.

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MUSIC INTERVIEWS

Ladies And Gentlemen, The Revolution: Prince's Band On Reuniting And Healing

The band that backed Prince during the *Purple Rain* era is on tour celebrating his music. Members Wendy Melvoin, Bobby Z, and Doctor Fink say it helps them — and audiences — to process their grief.

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