

Showdown looms over money for border wall as budget deadline nears

President Trump and his top aides pressed congressional Republicans to use the threat of a government shutdown to win funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, an effort that could lead to a standoff with lawmakers in both parties ahead of Friday's deadline to pass a spending bill.

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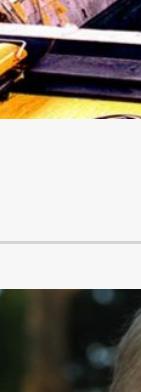
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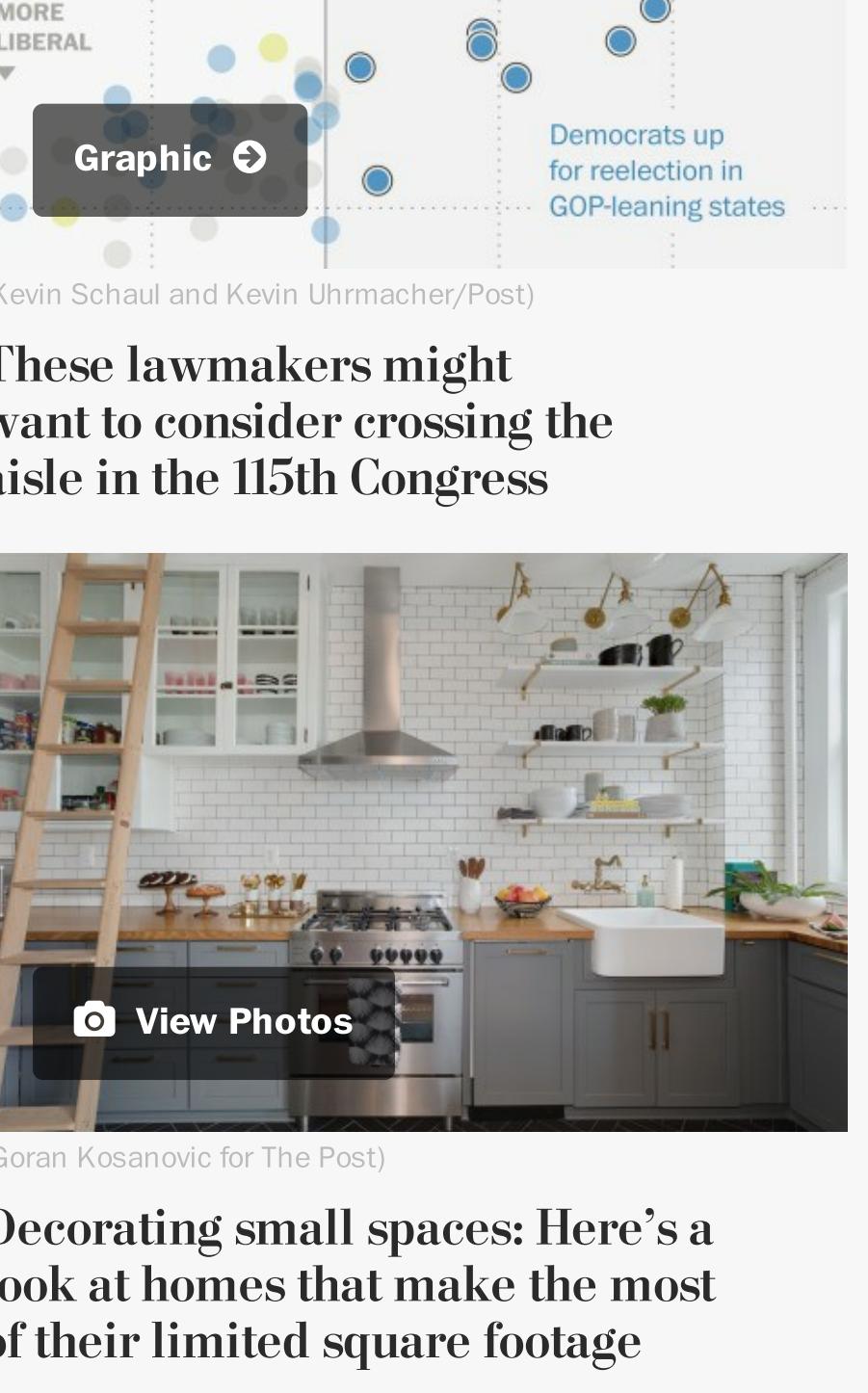
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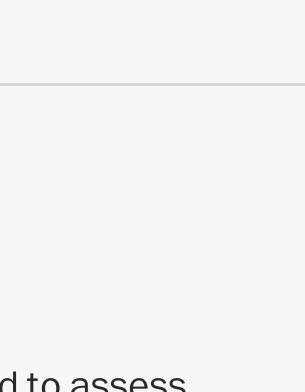
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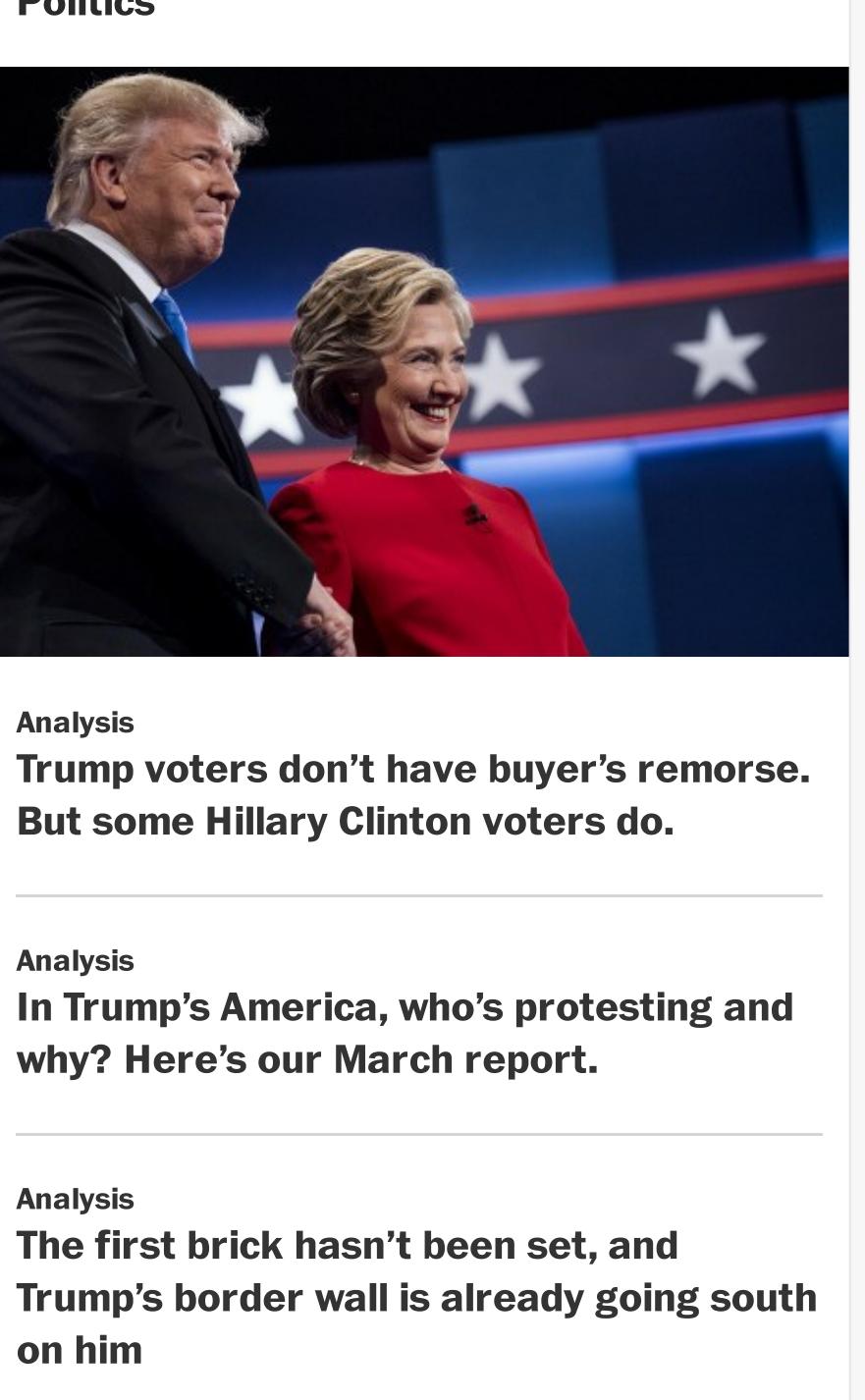
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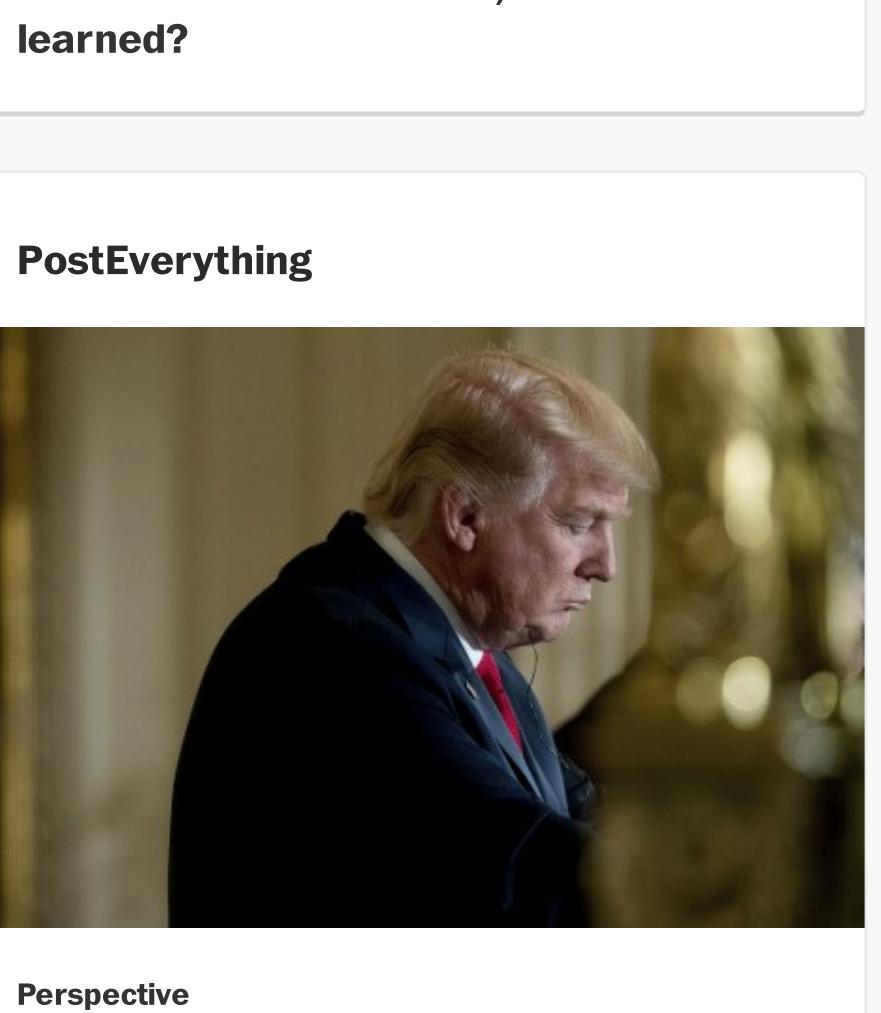
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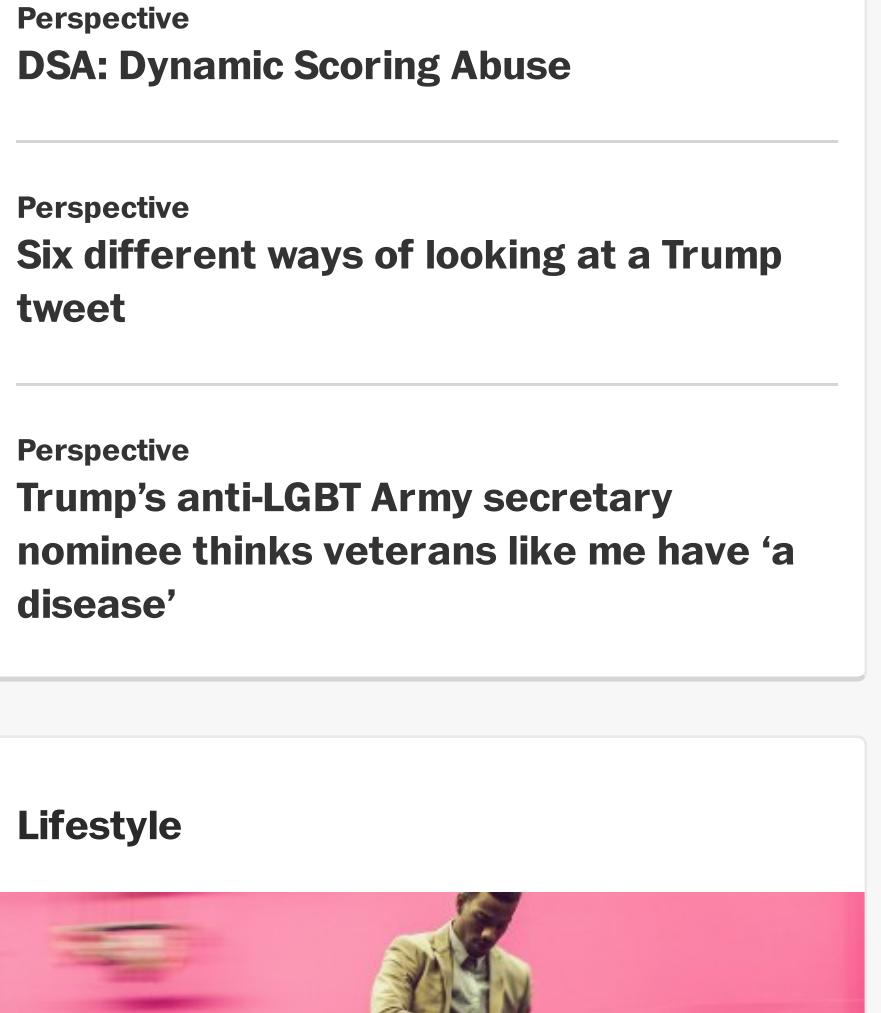
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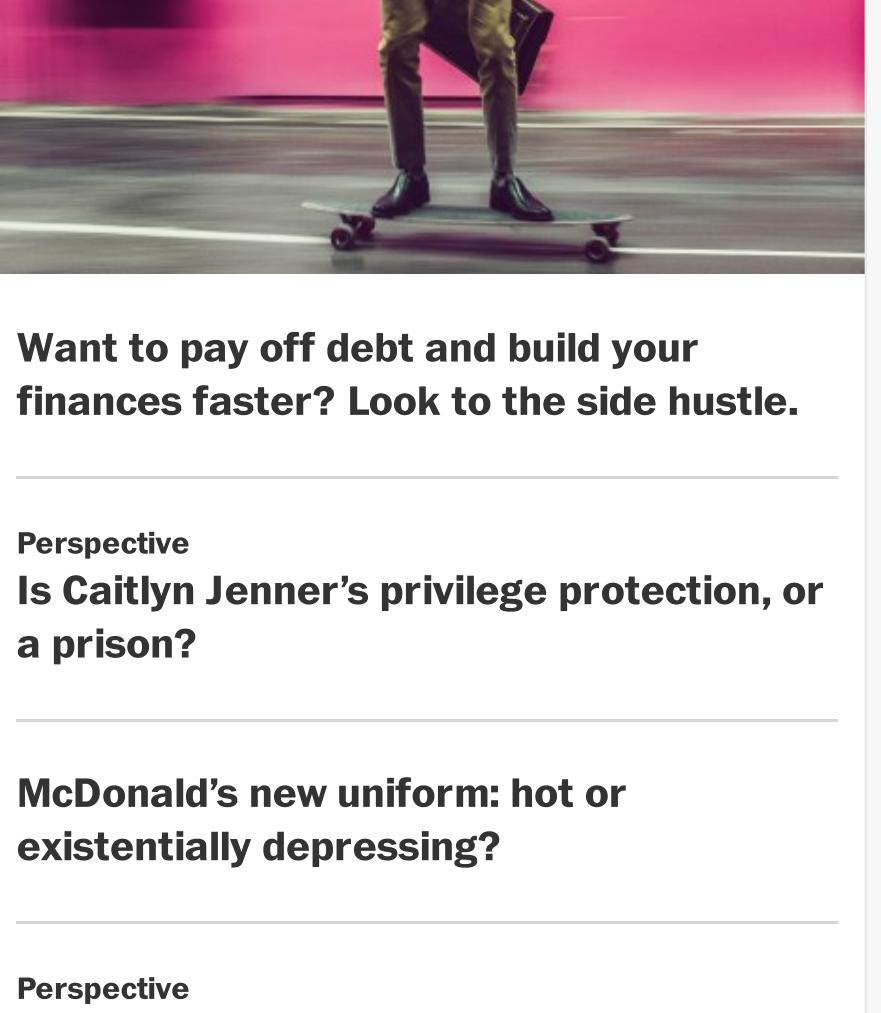
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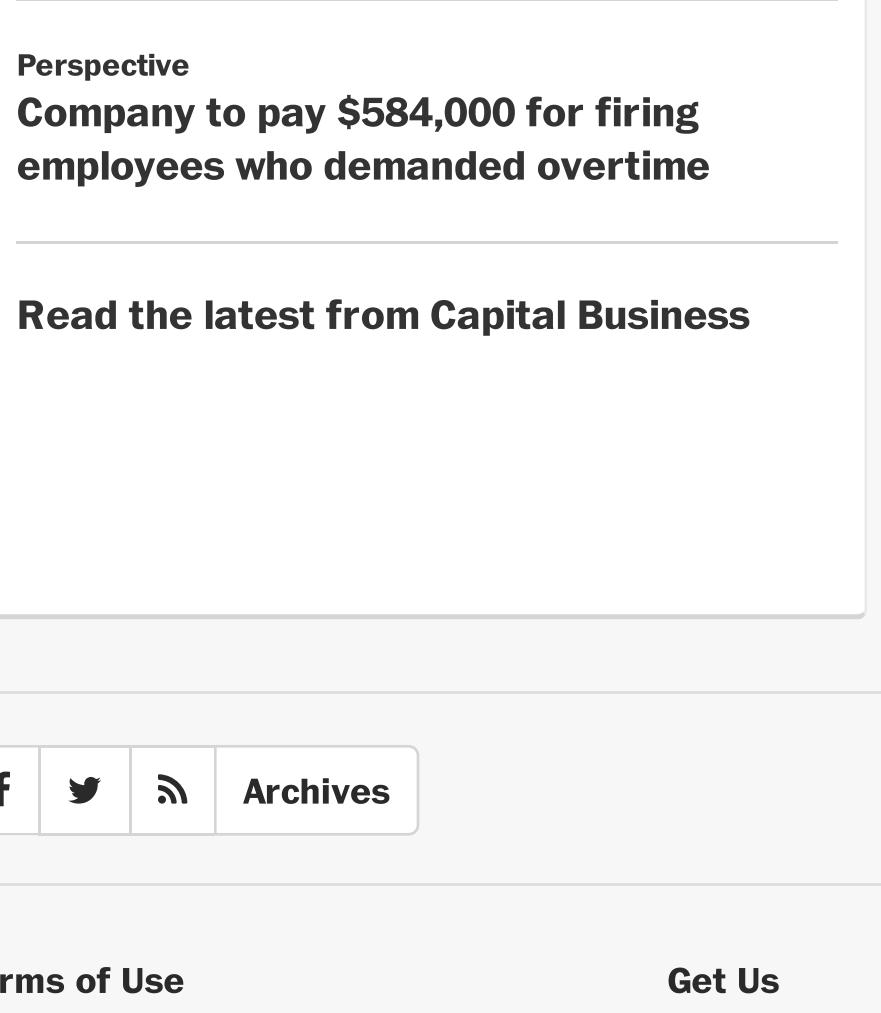
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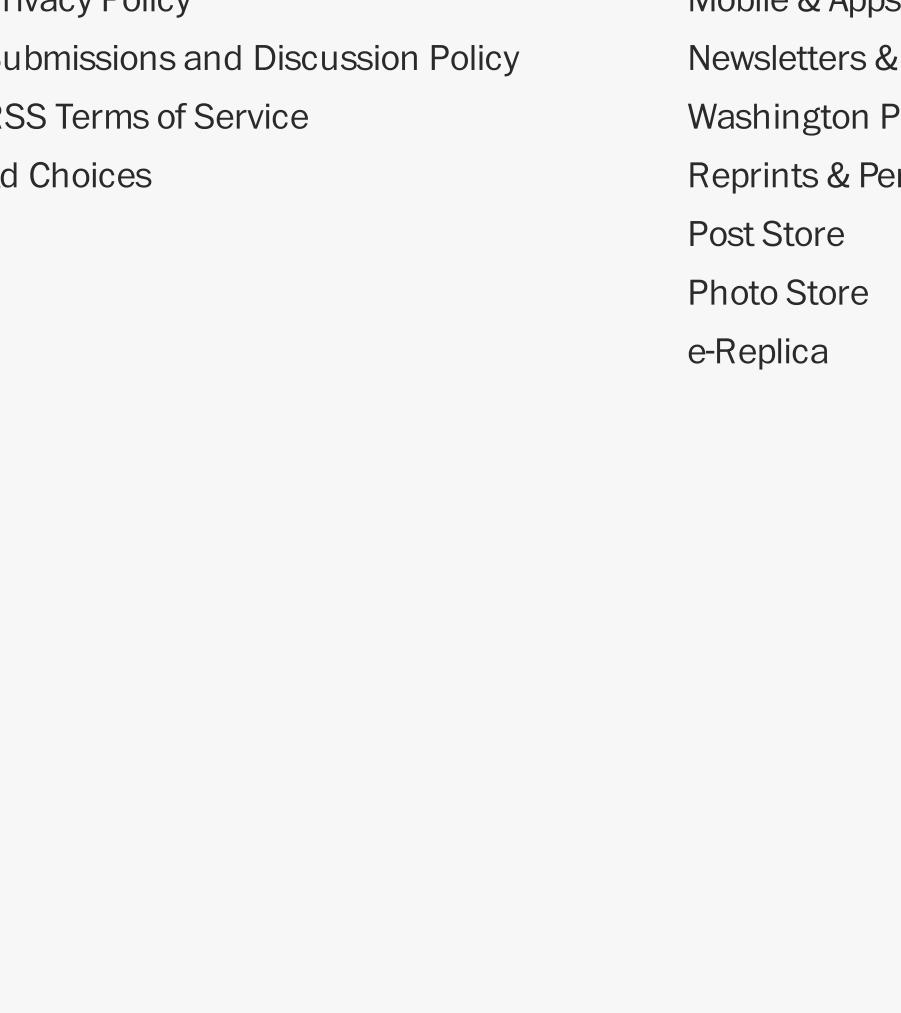
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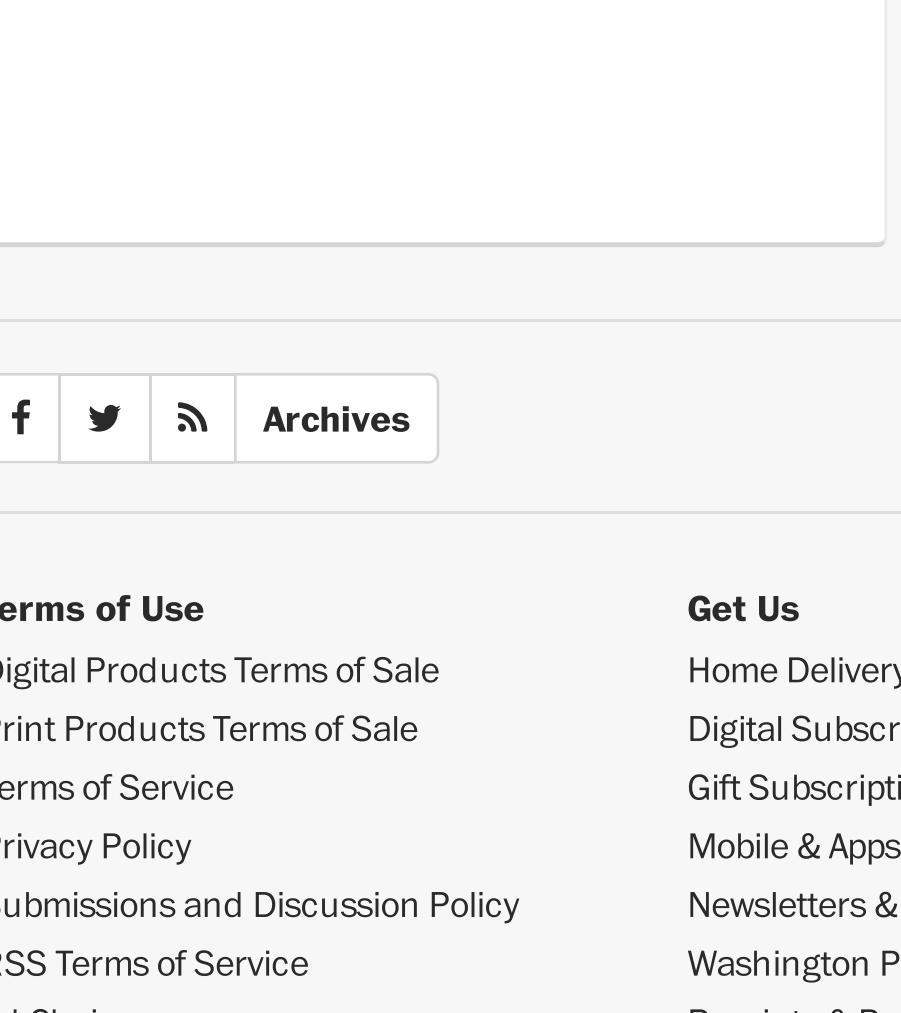
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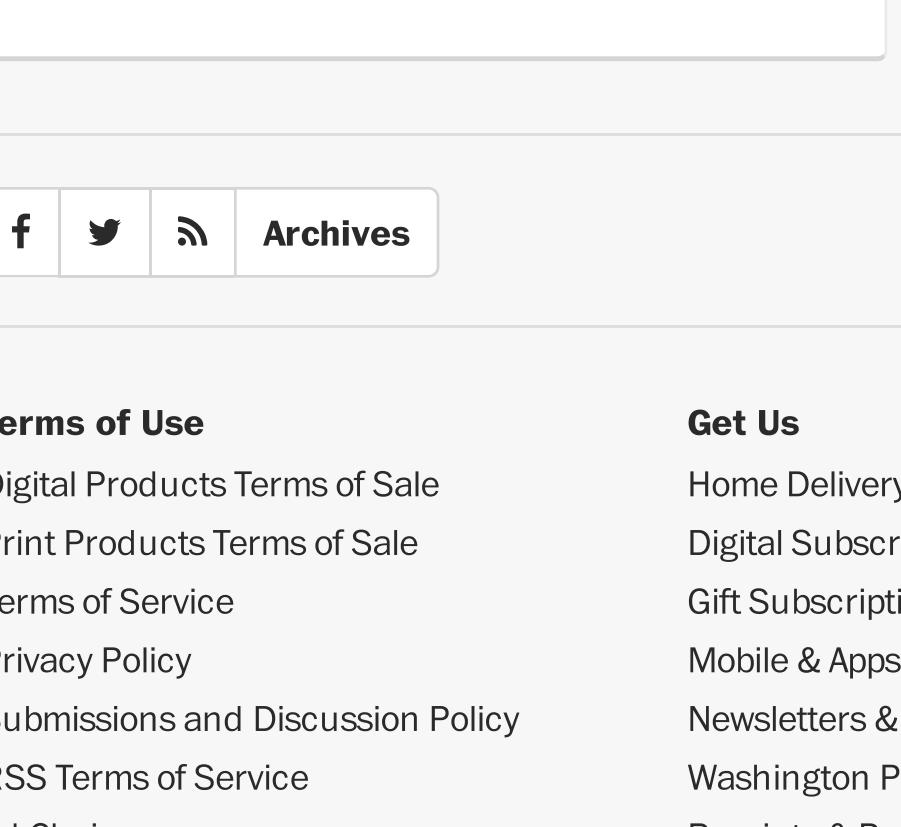
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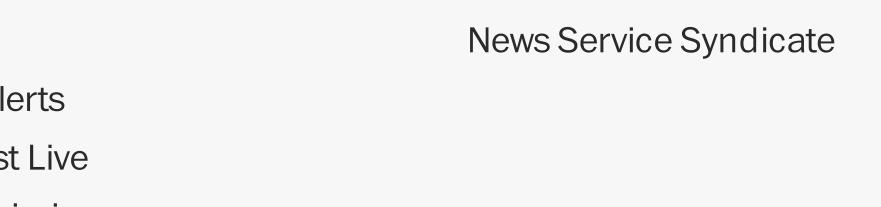
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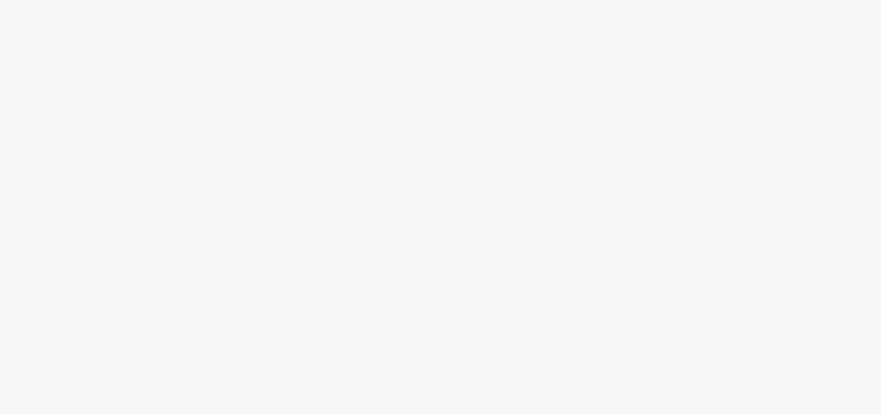
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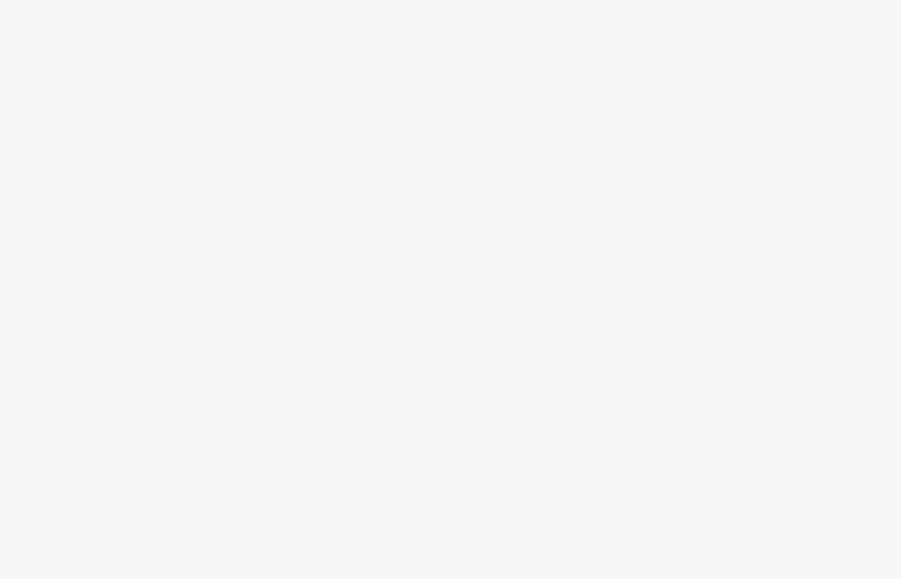
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