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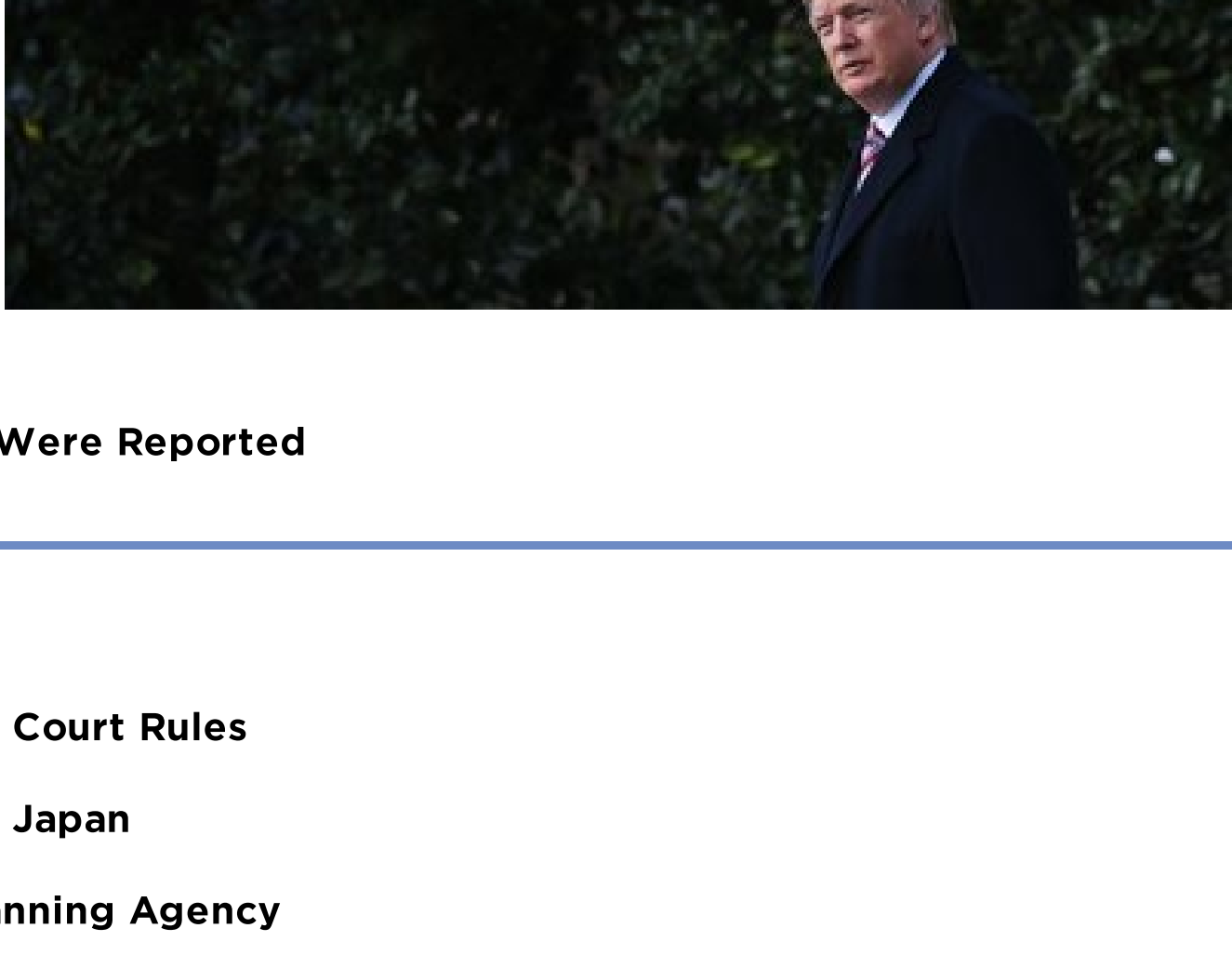
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**Fact Check: Trump's Claim That The 2009 Stimulus Built Nothing**  
Trump claimed on Tuesday before a group of CEOs that the Obama administration's stimulus package was a failed "infrastructure bill." That's not true.



POLITICS

**On The Record: President Trump Vs. Private Citizen Trump On Syria**  
In a statement on Tuesday, President Trump condemned the chemical attack in Syria and blamed his predecessor. In past tweets, Trump offered then-President Obama advice about the Syrian situation.



58 Die In Attack In Syria Where Toxic Chemicals And Shelling Were Reported

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**As Thousands Flee South Sudan, Ugandan Refugee Camp Becomes World's Largest**  
People fleeing South Sudan's brutal civil war have streamed across the border to Uganda, where the Bidi Bidi camp now hosts more than 270,000 people. It's become the biggest refugee camp in the world.



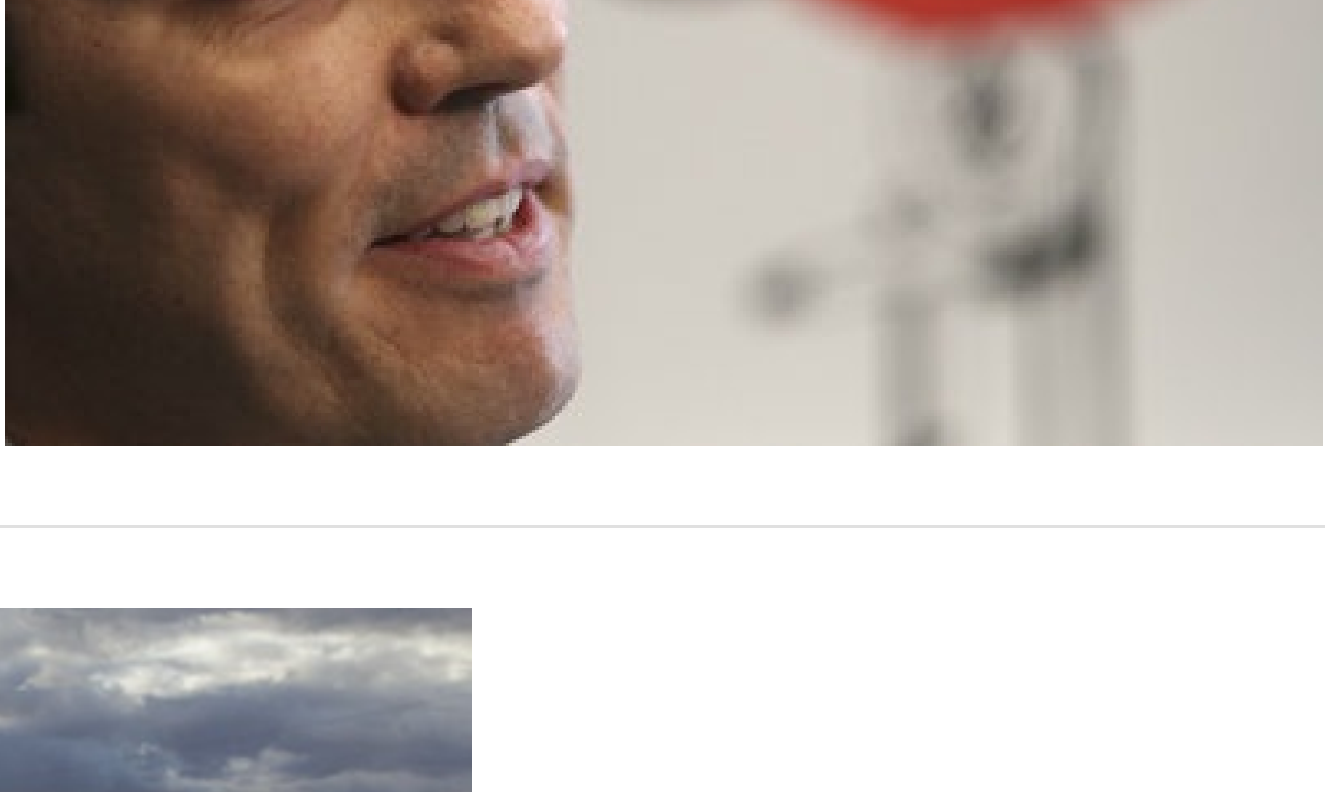
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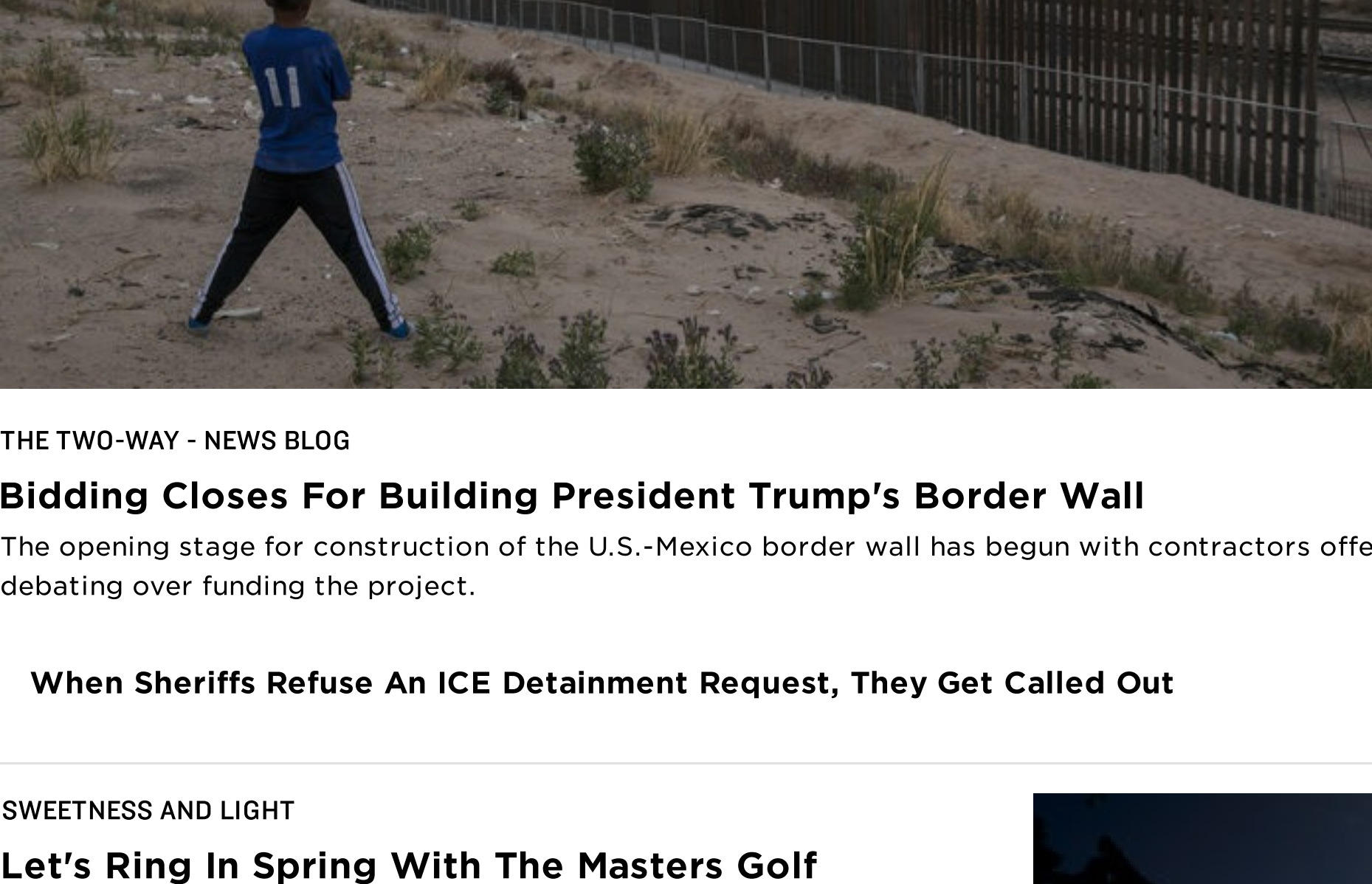
**Pulse Check: Can The GOP Health Care Bill Be Saved?**  
The same House conservatives who helped defeat the bill are now trying to revive it, just ahead of their two-week recess to go home and face constituents.



BUSINESS

**Yahoo And AOL Move In Together Under 'Oath,' Verizon's New Digital Arm**  
The digital-content mashup of Internet oldsters will be led by Tim Armstrong, AOL's CEO. Though the Yahoo deal was widely panned, it gives Verizon a vast subscriber base appealing to advertisers.





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**Bidding Closes For Building President Trump's Border Wall**  
The opening stage for construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall has begun with contractors offering their prototype designs and lawmakers debating over funding the project.

When Sheriffs Refuse An ICE Detainment Request, They Get Called Out

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SWEETNESS AND LIGHT

**Let's Ring In Spring With The Masters Golf Tournament**  
We've passed the vernal equinox and baseball's Opening Day was Monday, but Frank Deford argues that there's really only one true first day of spring: the arrival of the Masters golf tournament.



POLITICS

**Going 'Nuclear': How We Got Here**  
From Robert Bork to Merrick Garland and the use and overuse of the filibuster in between, the list of grievances between both parties is long. It's all led to the point of forever changing the Senate.



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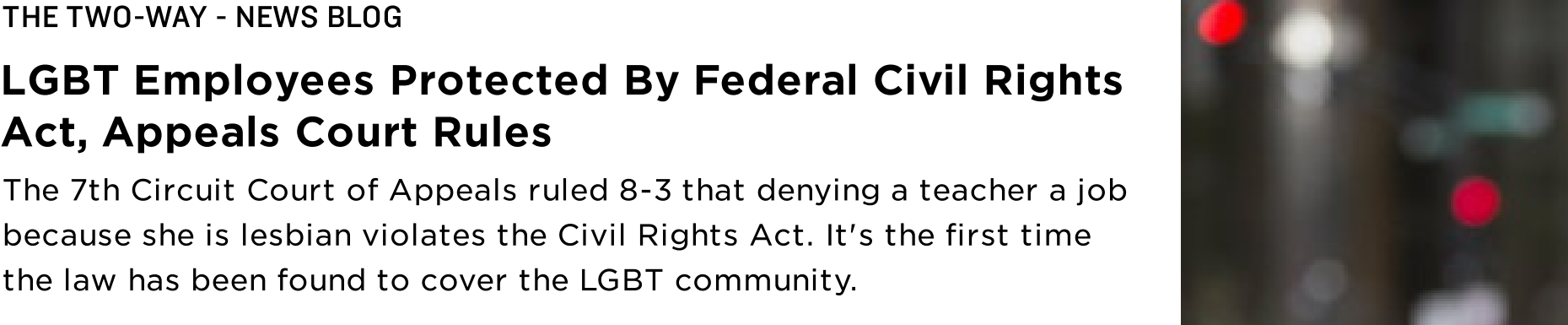
**Should Viewers Of Facebook Live Gang Rape Face Charges?**  
Authorities say that about 40 people may have watched the rapes of a 15-year-old girl that were streamed on the social media platform — and that none of them reported the crimes.

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THE SALT


**Broth-Loving Hipsters Are Pushing Up The Price Of Bones**  
With bone broth mania sweeping parts of the U.S. (we see you, LA), cheap bones are harder to come by. Some broth makers are moving away from the standard beef and chicken to new bones — like alpaca.



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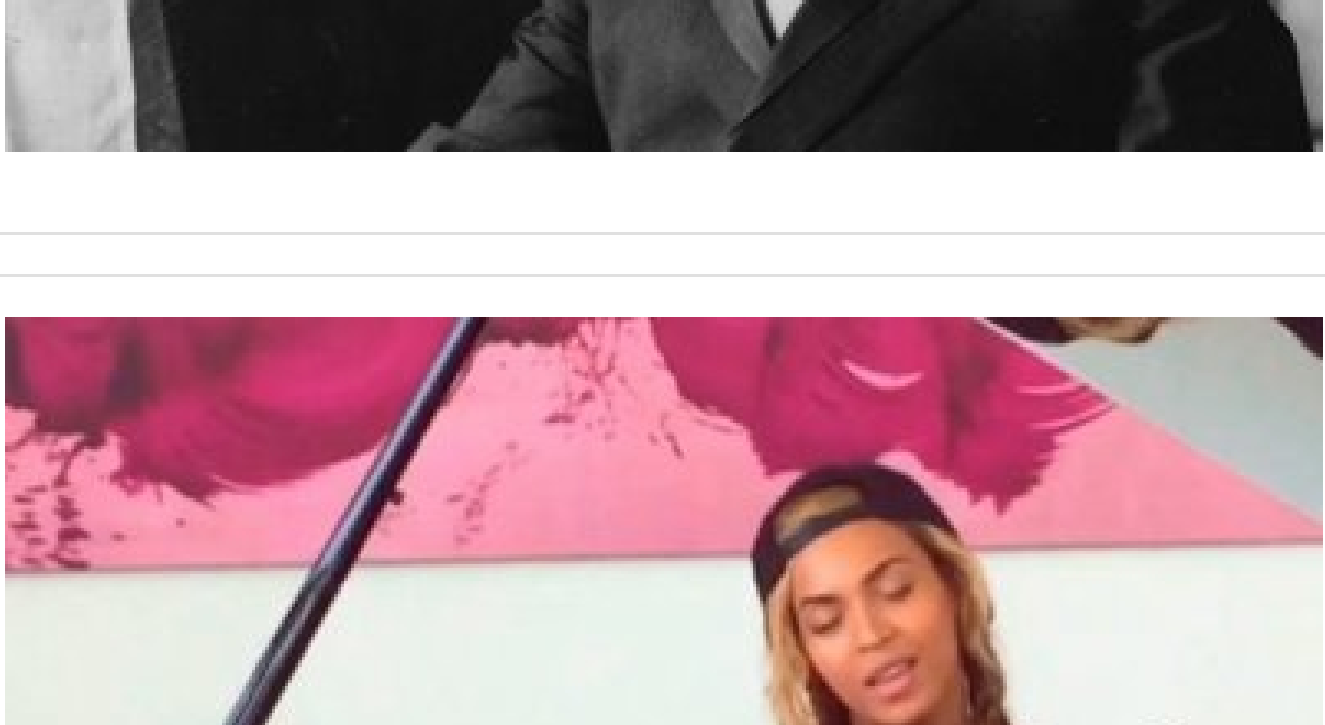
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**LGBT Employees Protected By Federal Civil Rights Act, Appeals Court Rules**  
The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 8-3 that denying a teacher a job because she is lesbian violates the Civil Rights Act. It's the first time the law has been found to cover the LGBT community.



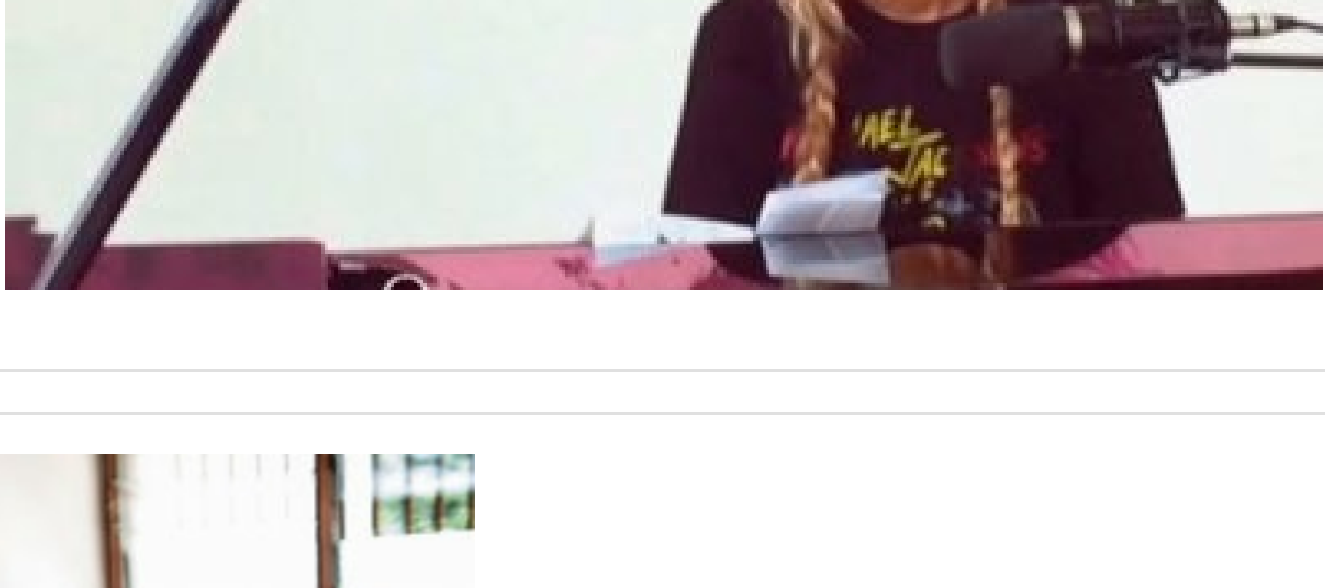
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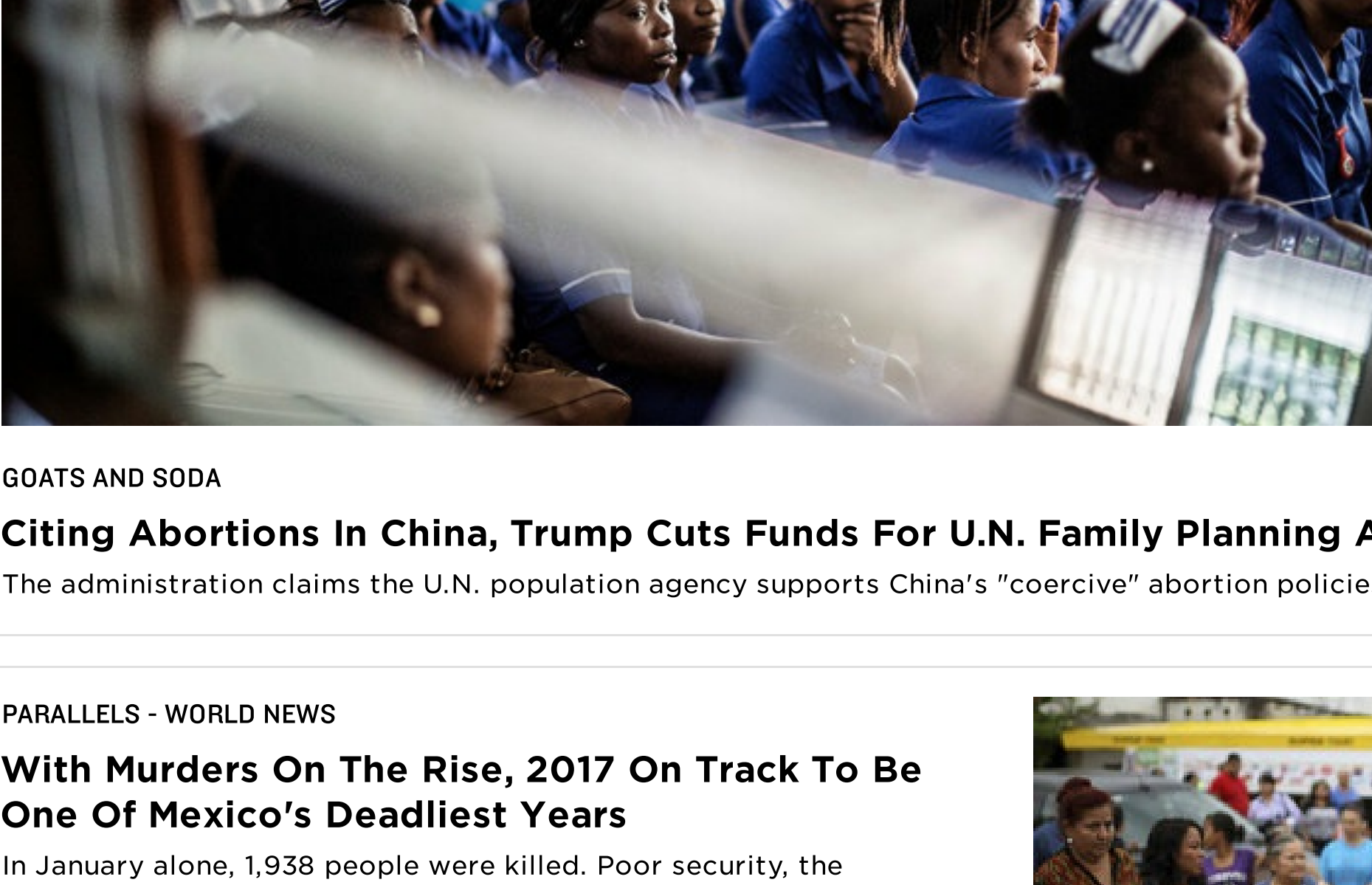
**'Hemingway Didn't Say That' (And Neither Did Twain Or Kafka)**  
There are tons of quotes from famous people out there — and a lot of them are just plain wrong. Author Garson O'Toole has dedicated himself to setting the record straight.



ALL SONGS CONSIDERED

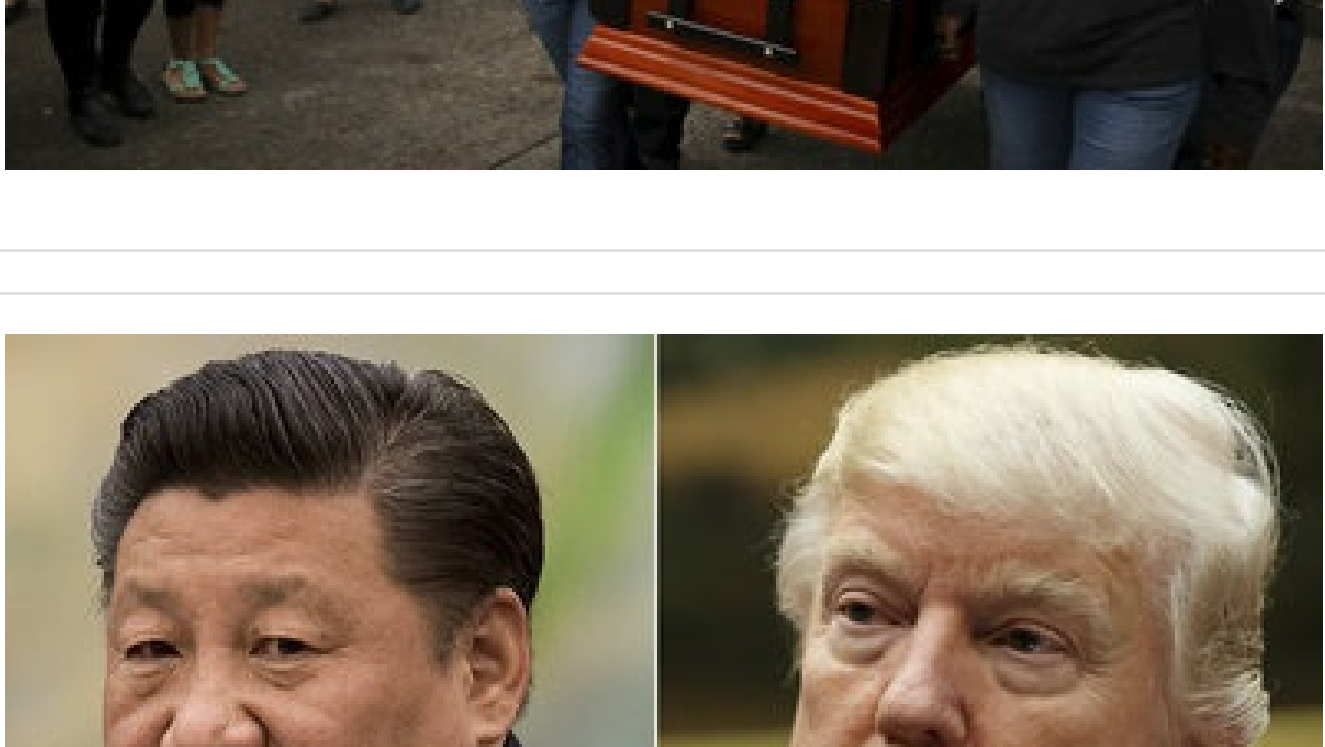
**Hold Up: Beyoncé Just Released A New Thing For Us All To Obsess Over**  
"Die With You" has been around since 2015, but it's newly packaged with a video depicting the endlessly dissected love affair between Beyoncé and Jay Z.





GOATS AND SODA


**Citing Abortions In China, Trump Cuts Funds For U.N. Family Planning Agency**  
The administration claims the U.N. population agency supports China's "coercive" abortion policies. UNFPA calls the claim "erroneous."



PARALLELS - WORLD NEWS


**With Murders On The Rise, 2017 On Track To Be One Of Mexico's Deadliest Years**  
In January alone, 1,938 people were killed. Poor security, the proliferation of drug gangs, corruption and lack of opportunities are among the factors causing the violence.

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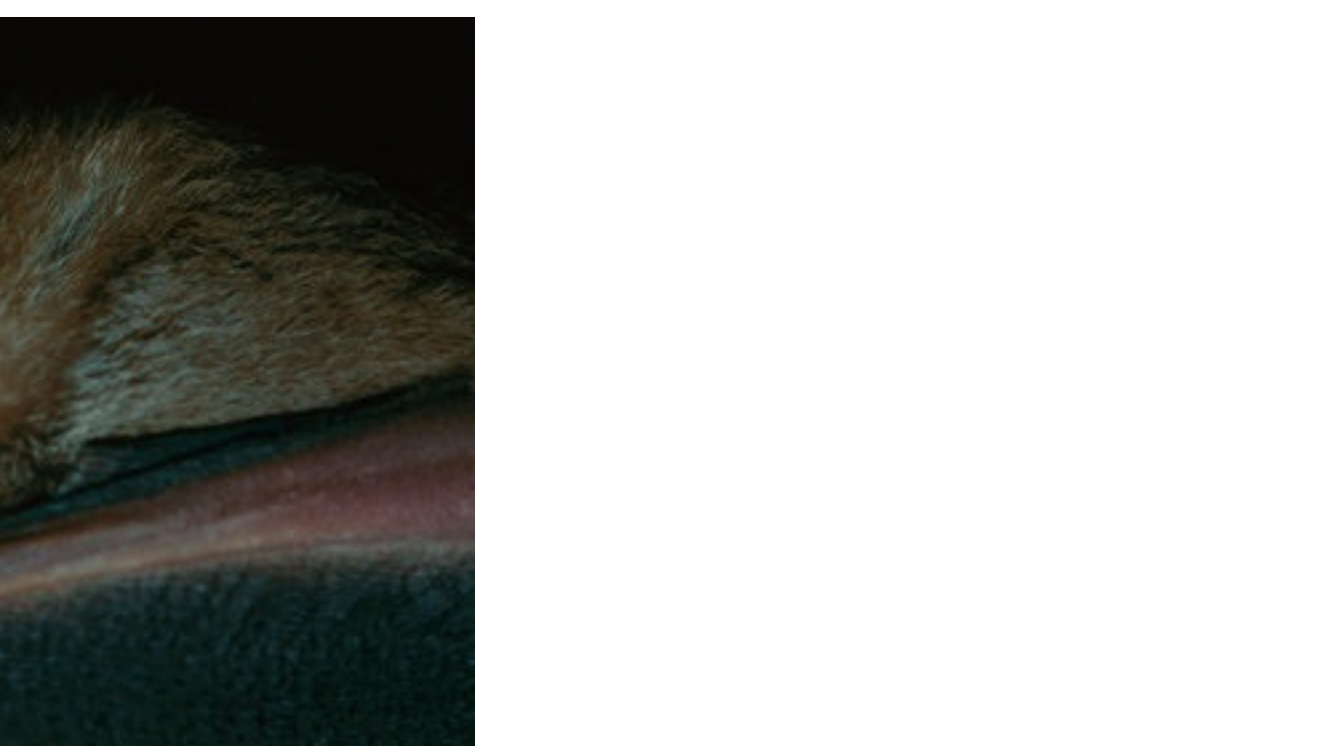
**Trump Administration Quietly Starts Review Of China's Trade Status**  
The move is surprising to U.S.-China watchers and comes just days before President Trump is set to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping in person for the first time.

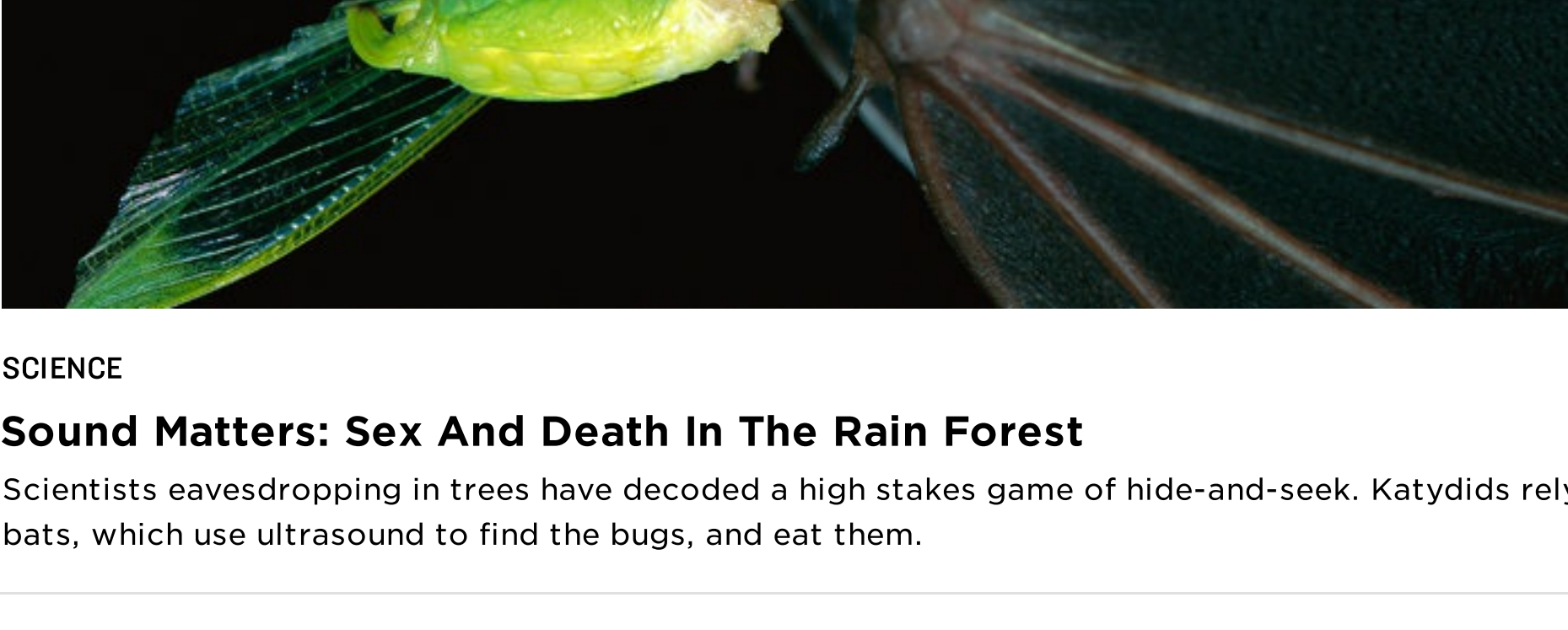


MUSIC INTERVIEWS

**'I Think It's Hard To Be A Person': Aimee Mann On Compassionate Songwriting**  
The singer-songwriter's music has long been characterized as melancholy. For her album Mental Illness, she leaned into that stereotype, writing songs that empathize with other people's struggles.

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SCIENCE

**Sound Matters: Sex And Death In The Rain Forest**  
Scientists eavesdropping in trees have decoded a high stakes game of hide-and-seek. Katydidys rely on ultrasound to find mates and listen for bats, which use ultrasound to find the bugs, and eat them.

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