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'We Believed Gen. Flynn Was Compromised,' Sally Yates Testifies

The former acting attorney general told a Senate subcommittee that she repeatedly informed the White House that former national security adviser Michael Flynn was engaging in "problematic" conduct. James Clapper, former director of national intelligence, also testified at the hearing.

What We Don't Know (And Wish We Did) About The Russia Investigation

Obama Warned Trump About Michael Flynn During Oval Office Meeting

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GOP Health Bill Leaves Many 'Pre-Existing Condition' Protections Up To States

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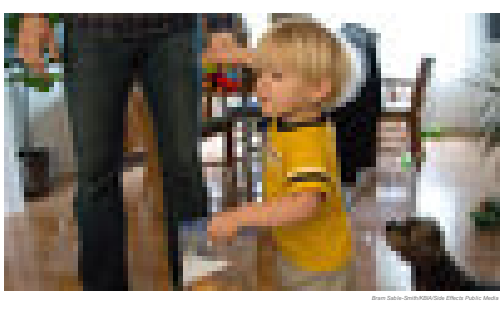

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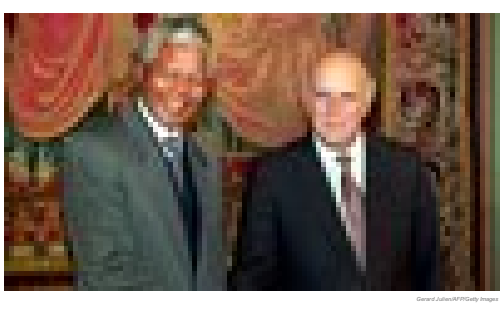

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Sinclair Broadcast Group Has Deal To Buy Tribune Media's TV Stations

Sinclair's holdings are vast and the deal, which needs approval of federal regulators, would give it stations in seven of the biggest 10 markets. It would further propel consolidation in the industry.

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Public Restrooms Become Ground Zero In The Opioid Epidemic

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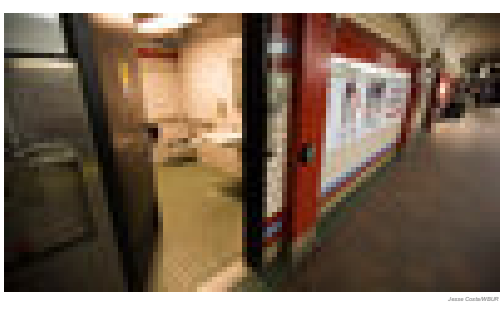
People often turn to public restrooms as a place to get high on opioids. It has led some establishments to close their facilities, while others are training employees to help people who overdose.



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Penn State Student's Hazing Death Was No Accident, Grand Jury Says

Eight Beta Theta Pi fraternity members face charges of involuntary manslaughter over the death of a new pledge in February. For nearly 12 hours after Timothy Piazza fell, no one called an ambulance.

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SCIENCE

Trump's Budget Would Eliminate A Key Funder Of Research On Coastal Pollution

The Sea Grant program, which funds research on coastal environments, is slated by the White House for elimination in 2018. If it goes, a project that finds leaking septic tanks goes down the drain, too.

Courtesy of University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

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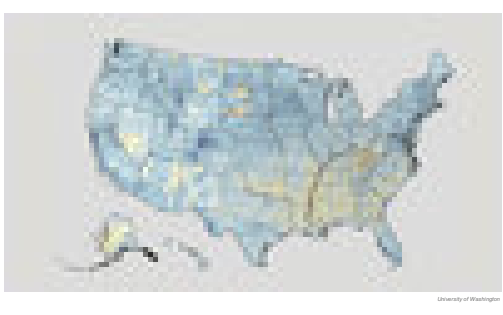
Life Expectancy Can Vary By 20 Years Depending On Where You Live

Geographic inequality in lifespan is growing in the United States, with people in some counties living more than 20 years longer than those in others.



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The Forces Driving Middle-Aged White People's 'Deaths Of Despair'

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Is A Stradivarius Violin Easier To Hear? Science Says Nope

Old Italian violins like those made by Stradivari are famous for their ability to project their sound. But a study found people in a blind test thought new violins projected better than old ones.

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A Stolen, Then Recovered, Stradivarius Returns To The Stage

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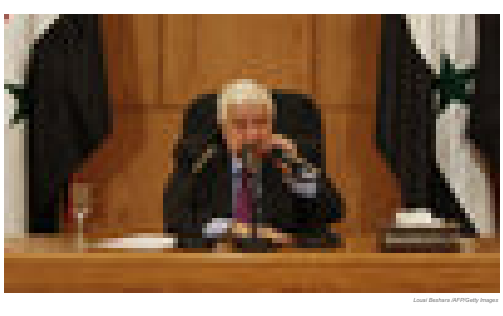

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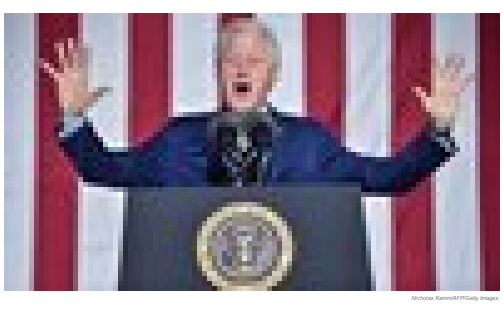
The former president and the fiction titan foisted a surprise on readers Monday, announcing they'll be releasing a novel named *The President Is Missing* in June 2018.



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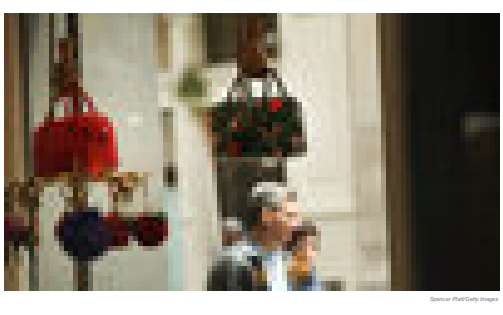
Coach Announces It Is Buying Kate Spade In $2.4 Billion Deal

The news confirms months of rumors that the two New York-based brands were in talks to join forces as Coach tries to attract millennial customers. Both boards unanimously approved the deal.



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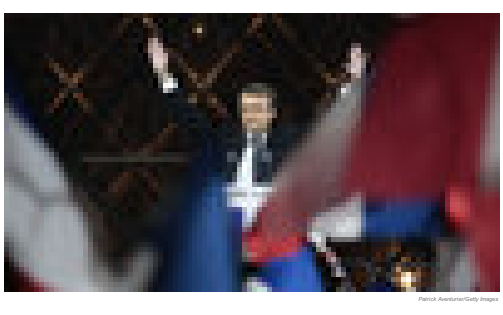
Emmanuel Macron Promises 'Hope And Renewed Confidence' To France

The centrist is set to become the youngest president in modern French history. Sunday's results mark a big defeat for right-wing Marine Le Pen, who hoped to ride the populist wave to victory.



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Condoleezza Rice: Institutions Aren't Perfect, But They're The Bedrock Of Democracy

Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice tells NPR that America is still a "bright, shining city on the hill, not because we're perfect but because we struggle in our imperfections every day."

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Obama Calls On Congress To Have 'Courage' On Health Care

Receiving the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for his own work on health care, the former president said, "It actually doesn't take a lot of courage to aid those who are already powerful."

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Don't Count On The Senate To Save Obamacare, Or To Save The House

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Fresh Food By Prescription: This Health Care Firm Is Trimming Costs — And Waistlines

The rising prevalence and cost of Type 2 diabetes has doctors at Geisinger Health System turning to food as a form of medicine. They're prescribing free, fresh food to low-income patients.

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Actress Gabourey Sidibe On Anxiety, Phone Sex And Life After 'Precious'

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As a young woman, Sidibe struggled to find work before landing the film role that would change her life. "This is my path, and I'm really grateful that I'm on it," Sidibe says of her acting career.

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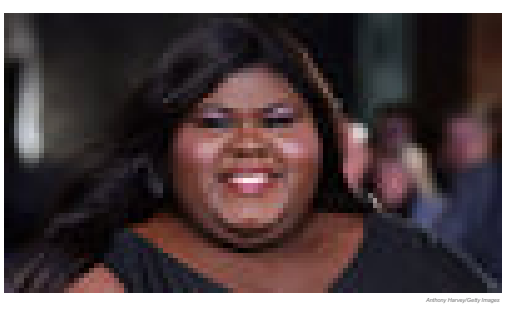

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Gabourey Sidibe's Message To The World: 'Mind Your Own Body'

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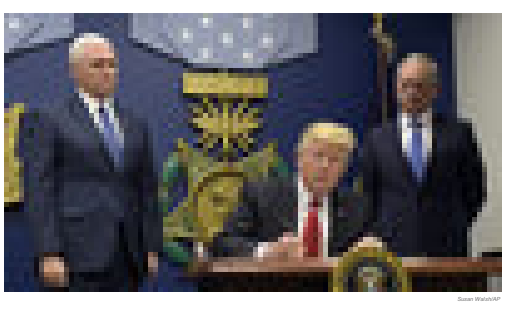
Trump Travel Ban Returns To Court, With His Own Words At The Center

A federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., is preparing to hear arguments about the legality of President Trump's revised travel ban. Immigrant advocates argue it discriminates against Muslims.



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Full Text: Trump's New Executive Order On Travel, Annotated

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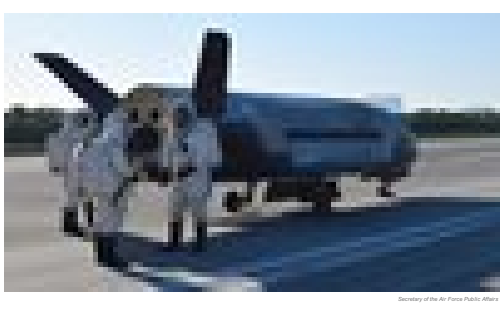
Secret U.S. Space Plane Lands With A Boom In Florida

For a secret aircraft, the X-37B wasn't very stealthy about its return to Earth. The space plane was launched in 2015.



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A Love Affair With Dates, The Fruit At The Cultural Heart Of Oman

In this country at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula, the nutrition-packed palm-tree treat is essential to tradition, sustenance and the economy — and has been for hundreds of years.

Amy E. Robertson for NPR

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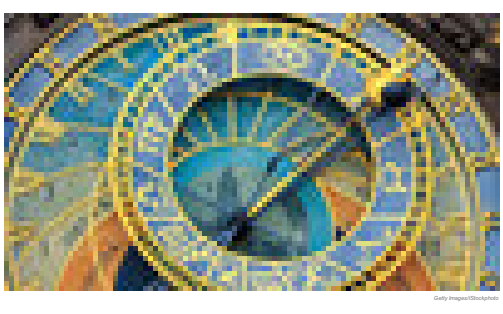
What Is Pseudoscience?

Though it's hard to pin down what makes science science, certain criteria can help us spot pseudoscience when it presents itself as science, says psychologist Tania Lombrozo.



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TINY DESK

Aimee Mann: Tiny Desk Concert

"This song is called 'You Never Loved Me' — it's another cheery, optimistic number," says Aimee Mann, introducing the second of four songs in this Tiny Desk Concert.

Marian Carrasquero /NPR

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