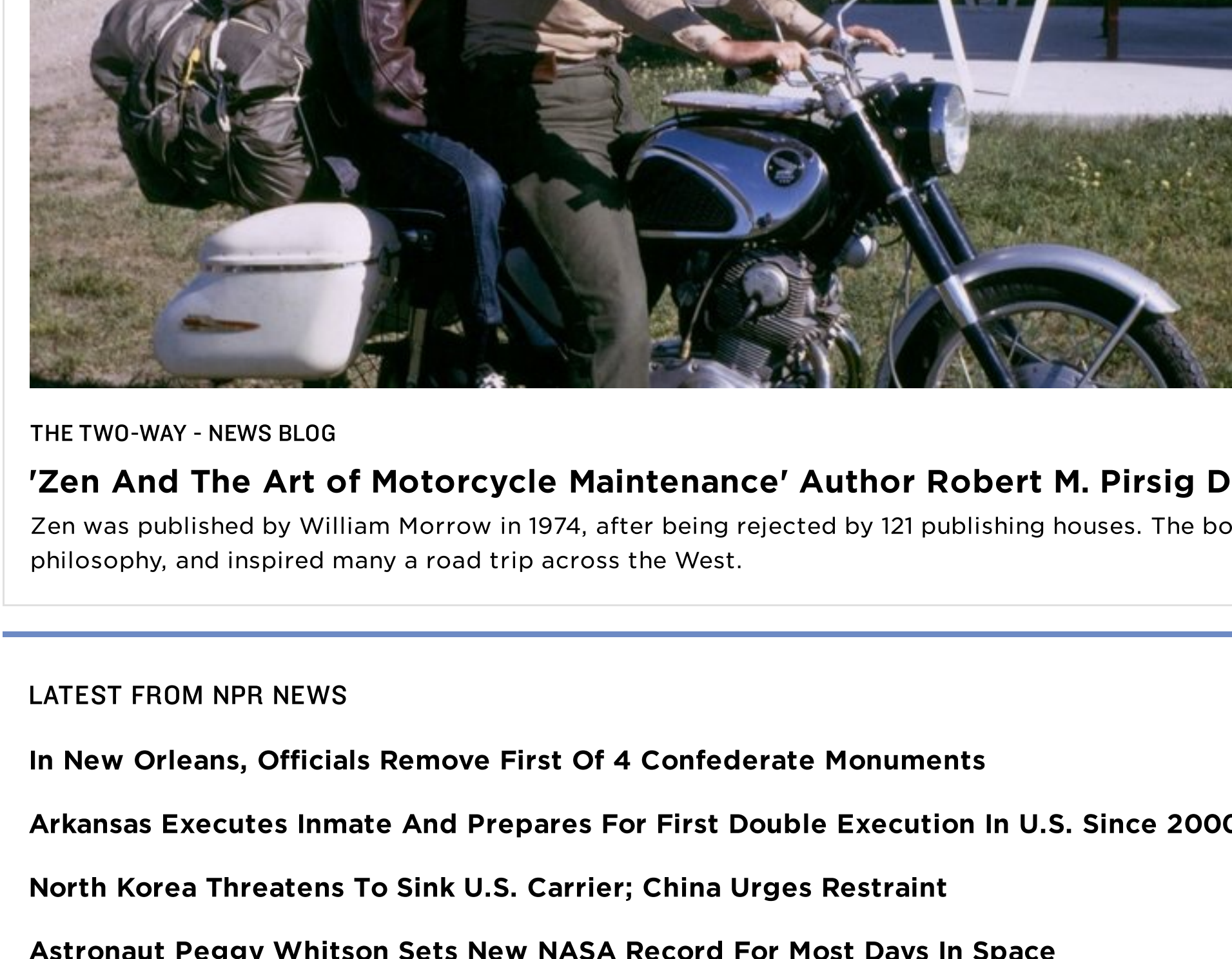
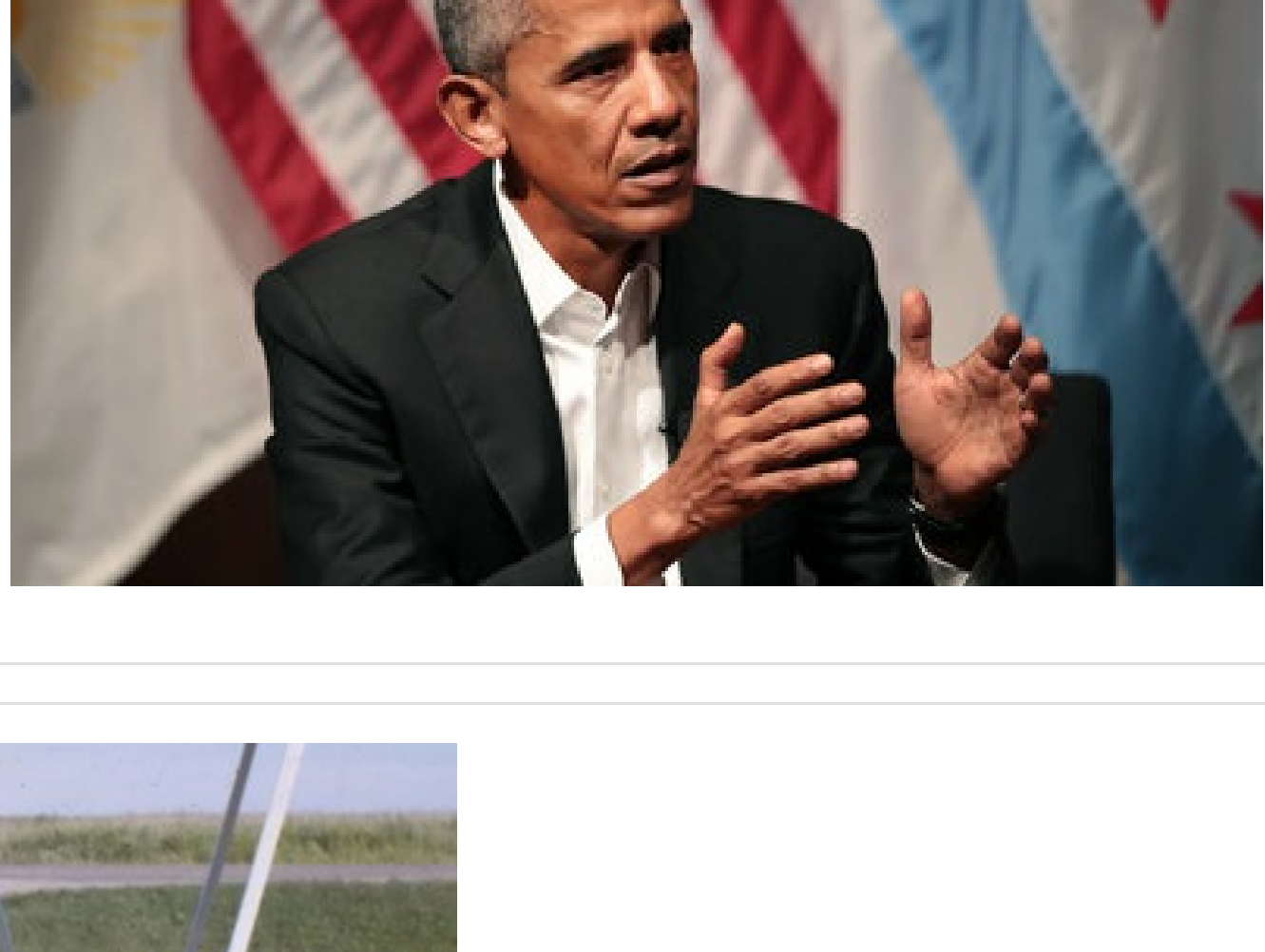


**Obama Returns To Public Stage, Encouraging Next Generation To 'Take Up The Baton'**

The former president didn't directly address the turmoil surrounding his successor, but he did bemoan the political divisions that continue to plague the country.



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**'Zen And The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance' Author Robert M. Pirsig Dies At 88**

Zen was published by William Morrow in 1974, after being rejected by 121 publishing houses. The book has endured as a work of popular philosophy, and inspired many a road trip across the West.

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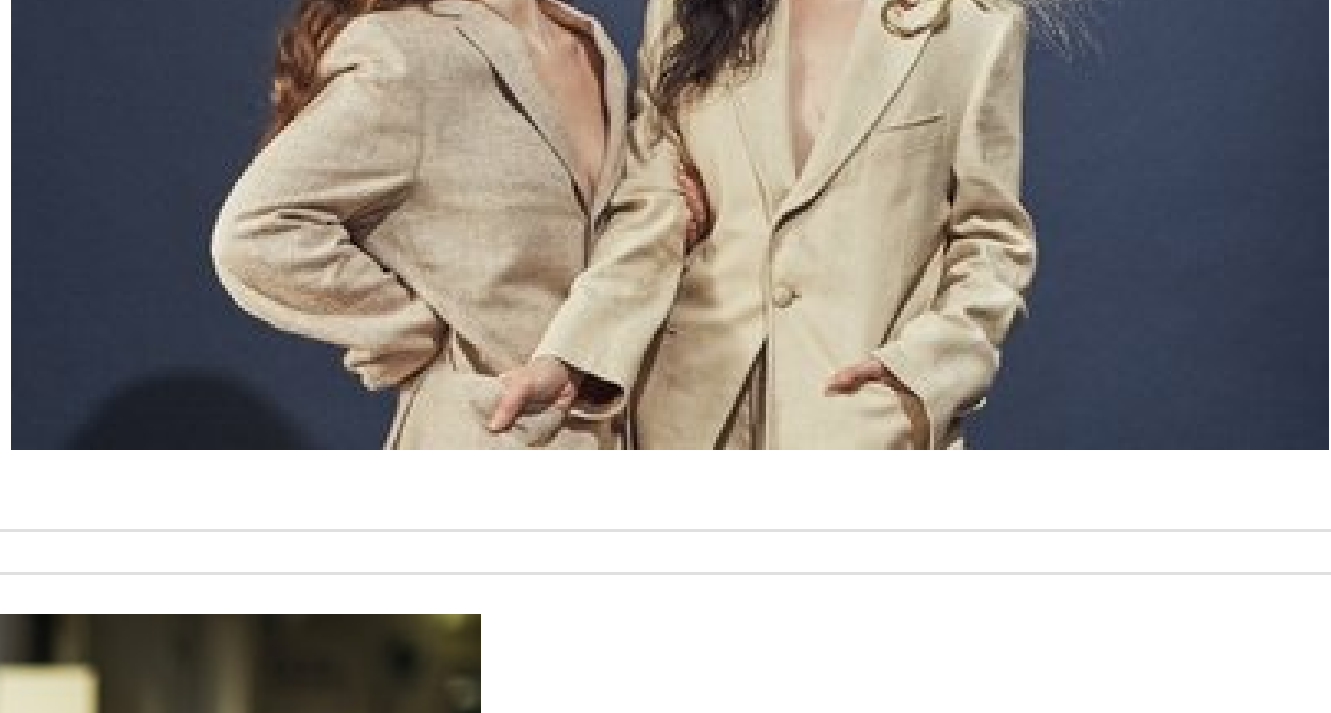
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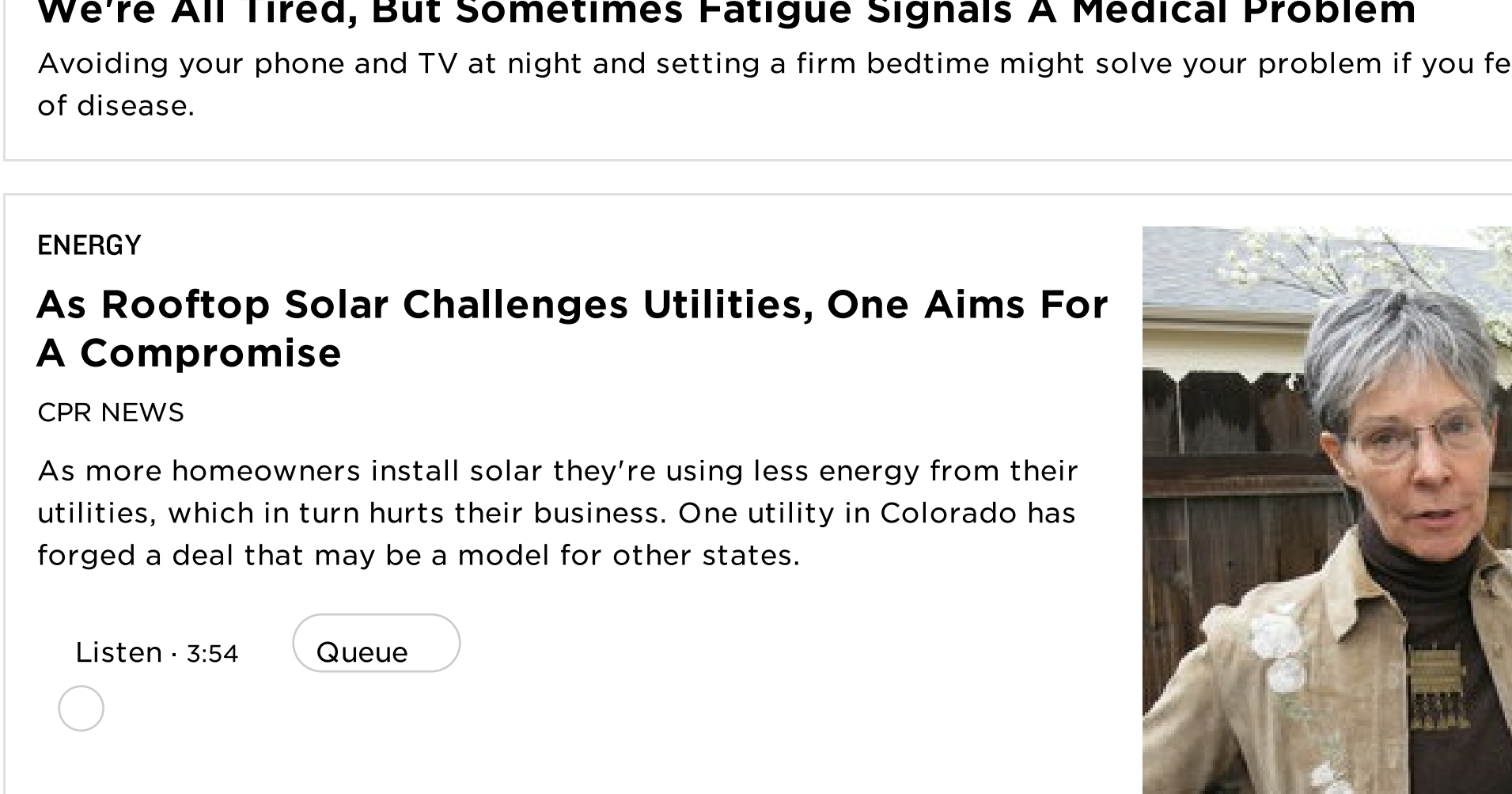
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MUSIC INTERVIEWS

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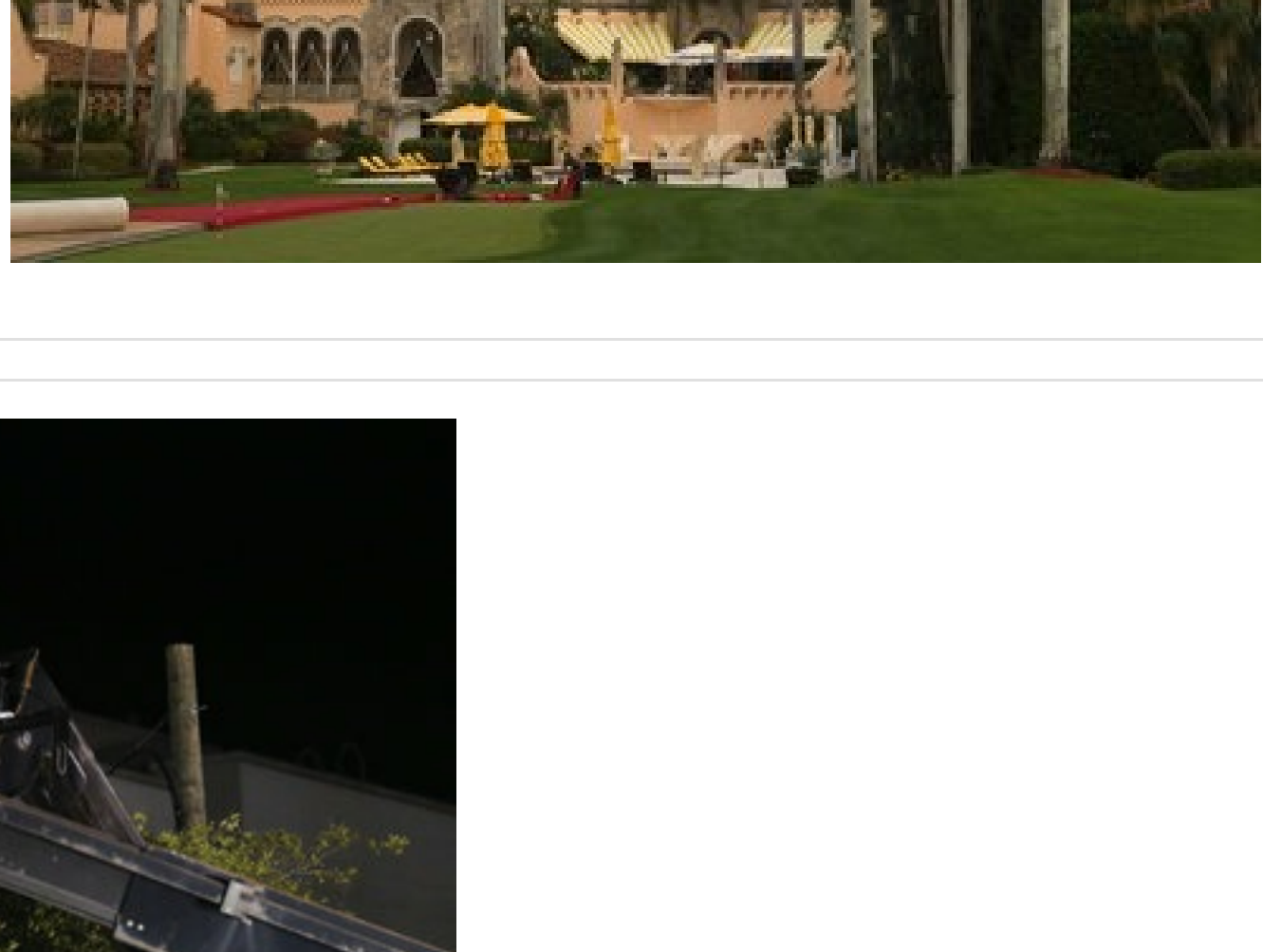
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**As Rooftop Solar Challenges Utilities, One Aims For A Compromise**

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As more homeowners install solar they're using less energy from their utilities, which in turn hurts their business. One utility in Colorado has forged a deal that may be a model for other states.

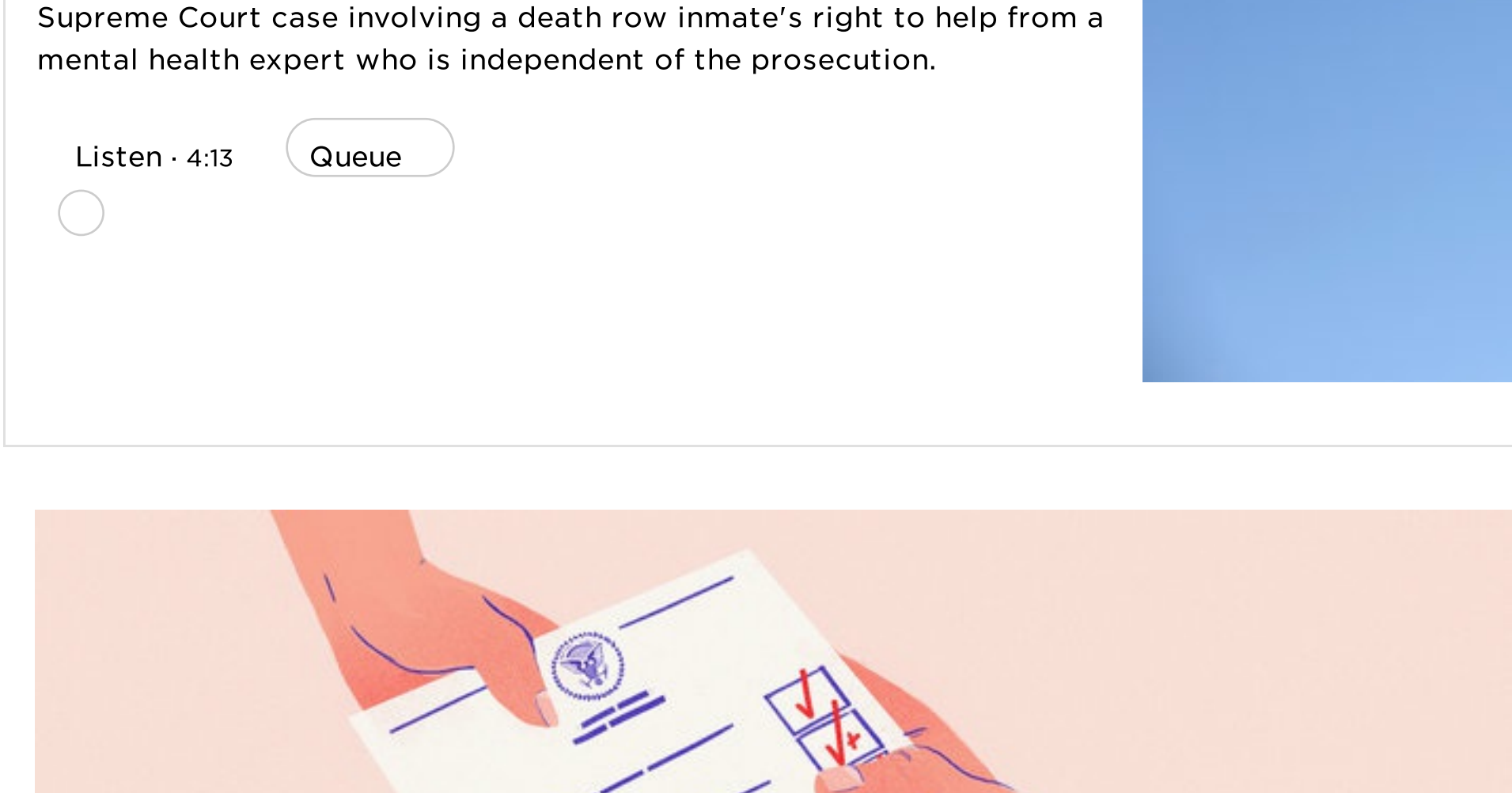
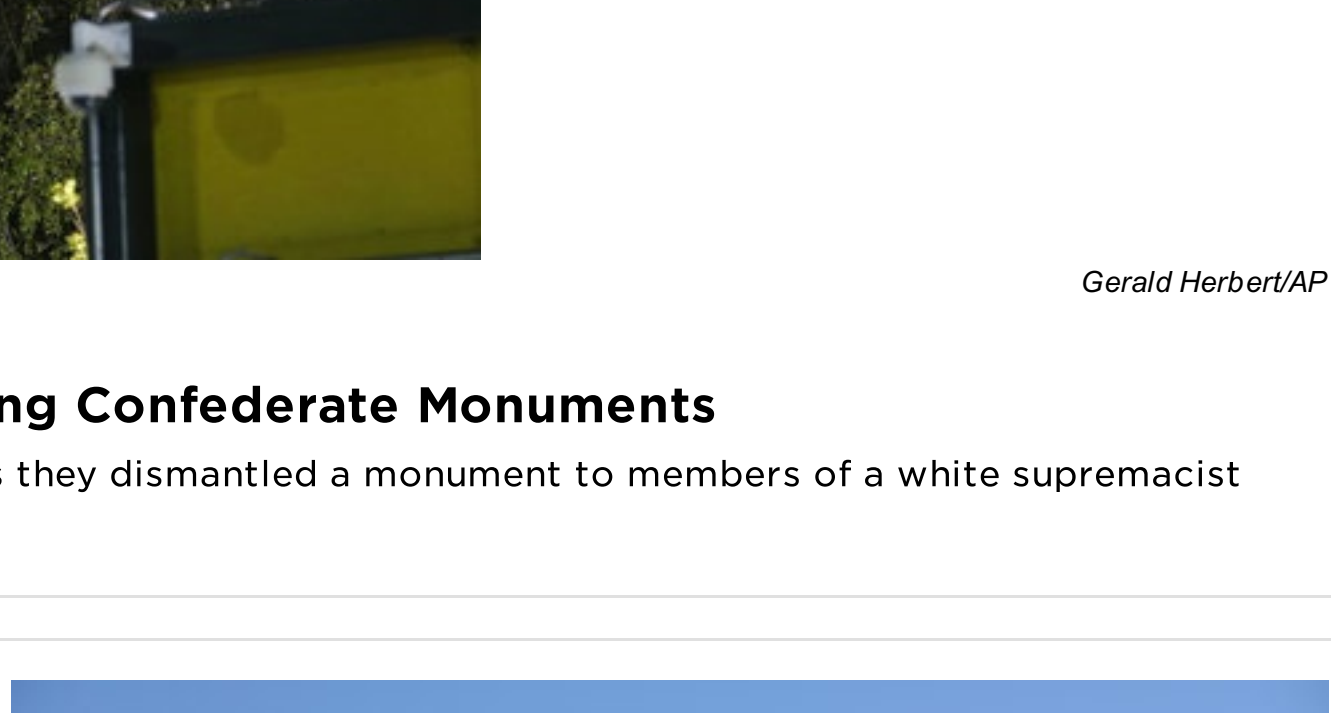
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**State Department Removes Web Page Featuring Trump's For-Profit Club, Mar-A-Lago**

After criticism from those who thought the page was an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds, a State Department official said that the intention was to inform and that "we regret any misperception."



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**Under Cover Of Night, New Orleans Begins Dismantling Confederate Monuments**

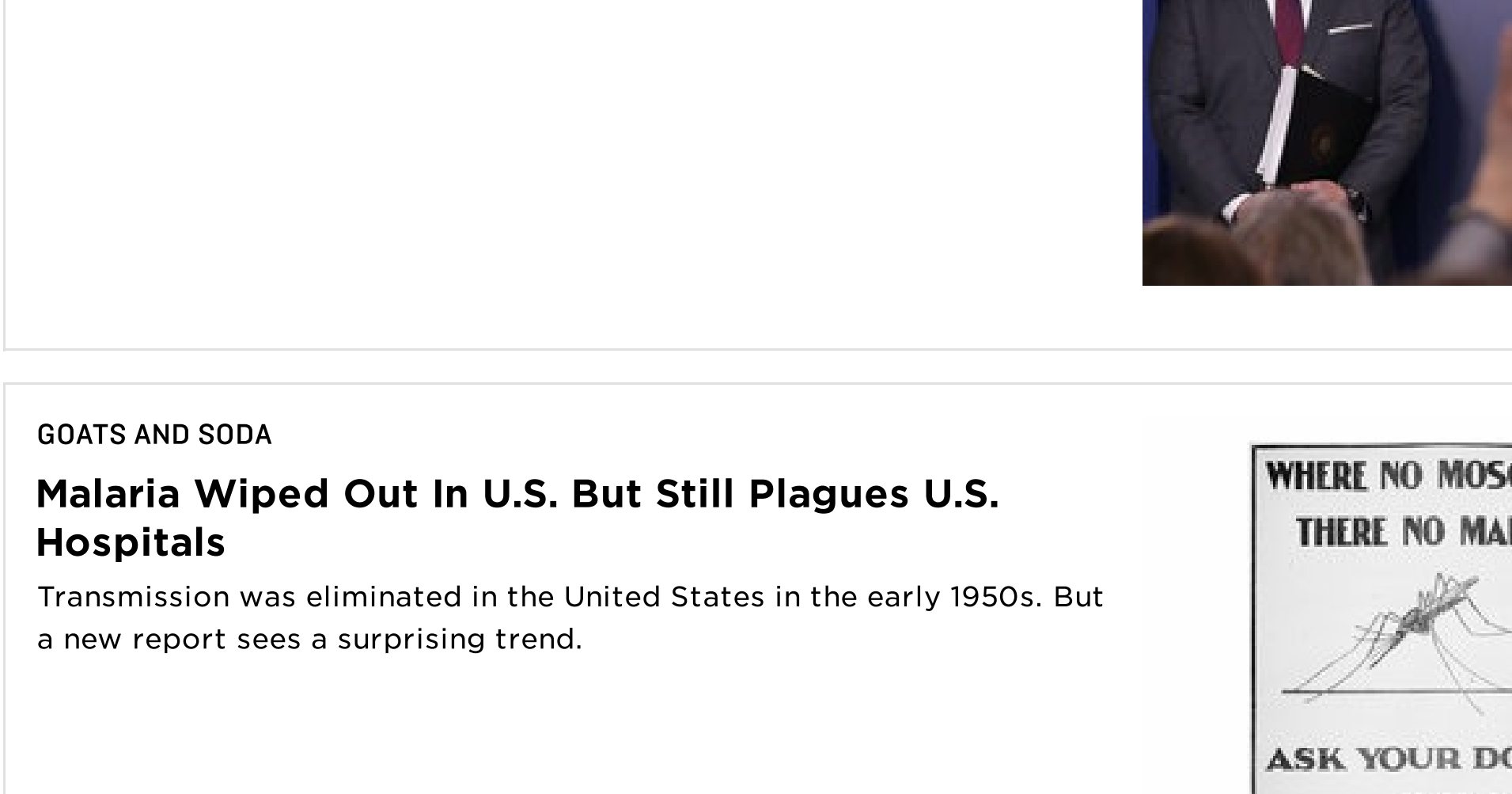
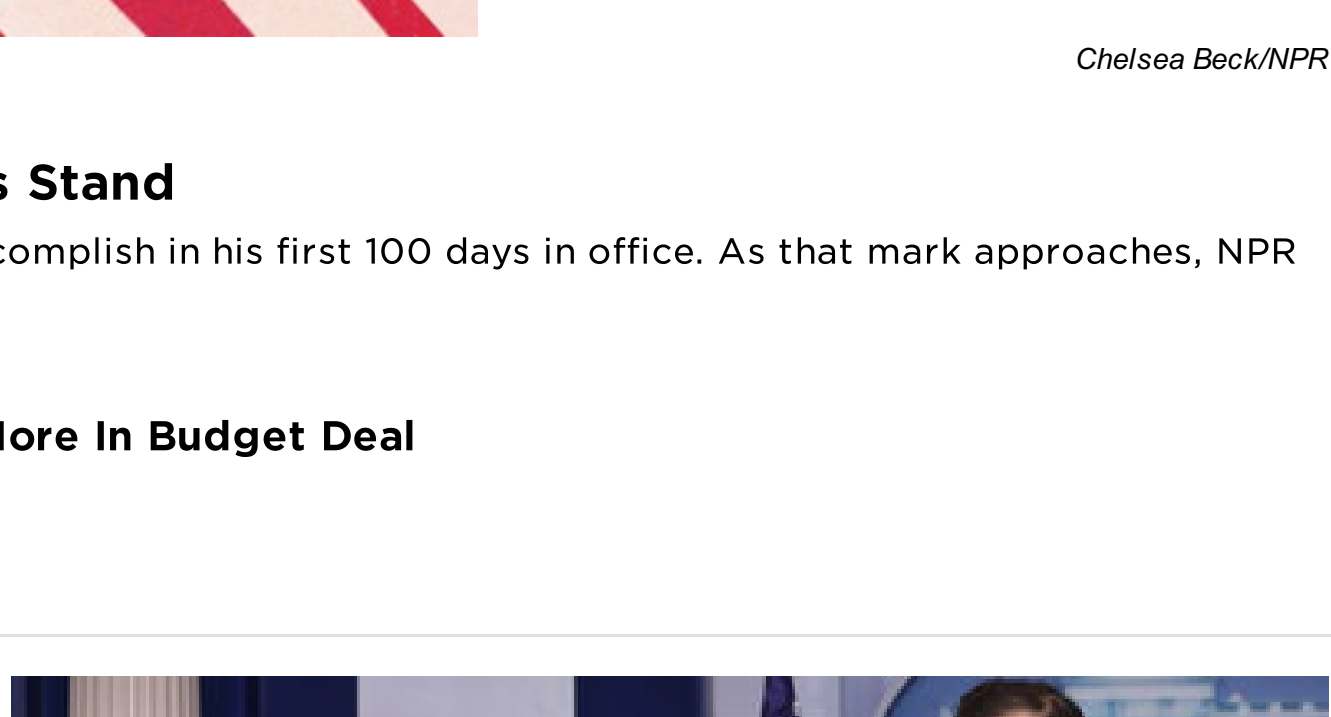
Following death threats, the contractors wore flak jackets and helmets as they dismantled a monument to members of a white supremacist group who attacked the city's racially integrated police force.

LAW

**Justices Split Over Defendants' Right To Mental Health Expert Witnesses**

Justice Anthony Kennedy appears likely to cast the deciding vote in a Supreme Court case involving a death row inmate's right to help from a mental health expert who is independent of the prosecution.

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**Revisiting Trump's 100-Day Plan: Where His Promises Stand**

As a candidate, Donald Trump laid out an agenda of what he hoped to accomplish in his first 100 days in office. As that mark approaches, NPR reporters assess where the president's promises stand.

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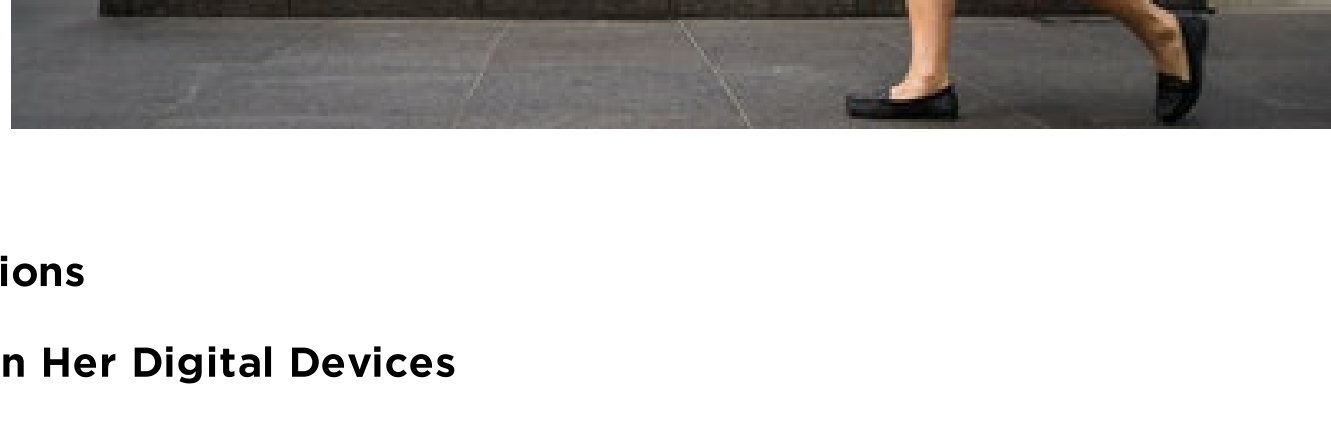
The blacklisted people work on weapons development for Syria, the administration says. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says the sanctions "target the scientific support center" for the attack.



GOATS AND SODA

**Malaria Wiped Out In U.S. But Still Plagues U.S. Hospitals**

Transmission was eliminated in the United States in the early 1950s. But a new report sees a surprising trend.



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**Anti-Semitic Incidents Up 86 Percent Compared With Same Time Last Year**

The Anti-Defamation League counts 541 attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions so far in 2017. The advocacy organization says attacks also rose in 2016 by 34 percent.



BUSINESS

**Could Cost The Murdochs A \$14B Deal**

For the Murdochs, who control Fox News as part of a larger media empire, getting rid of Bill O'Reilly is a move to regain full control of the European broadcasting giant Sky in a \$14.6 billion deal.



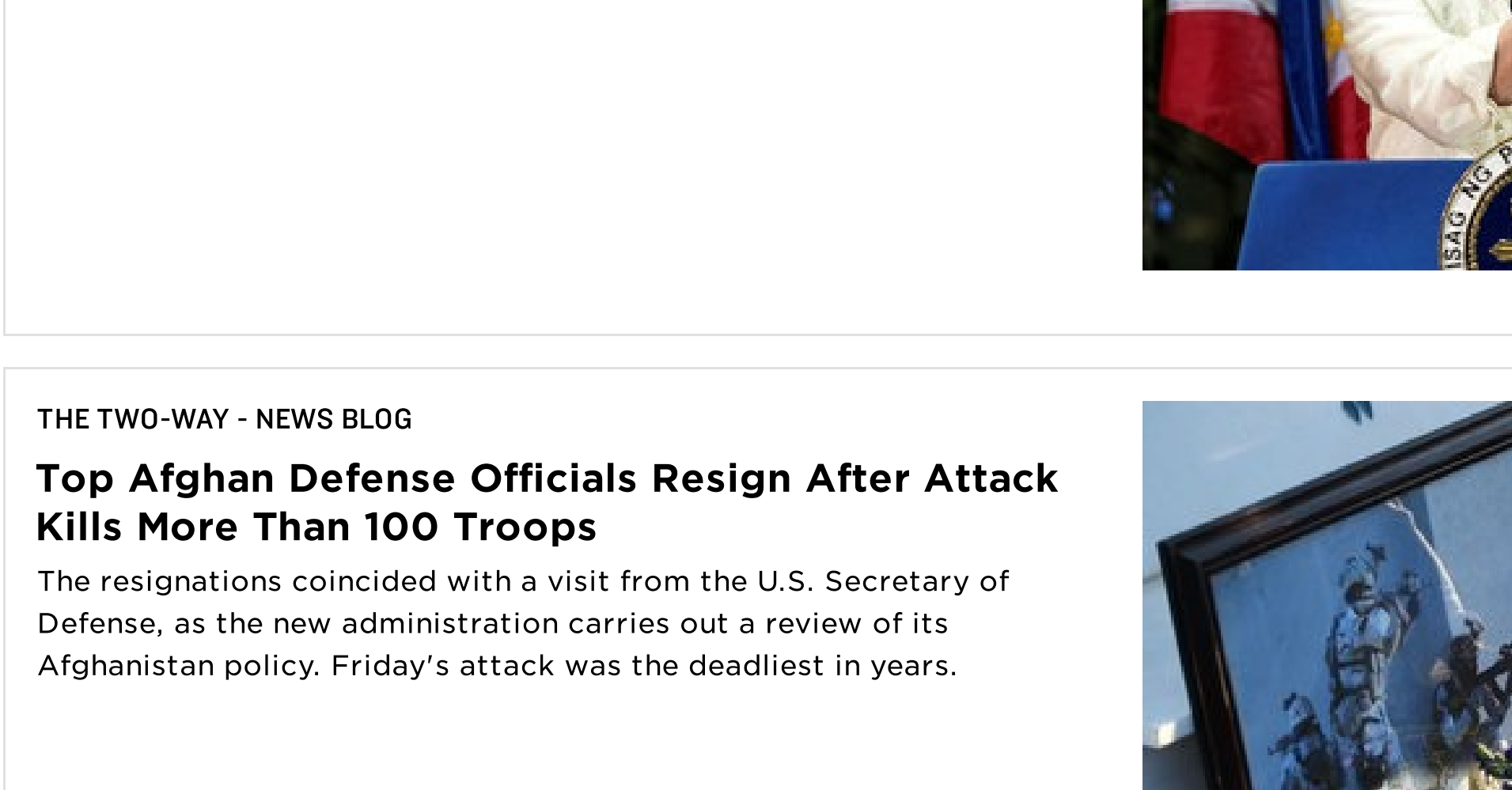
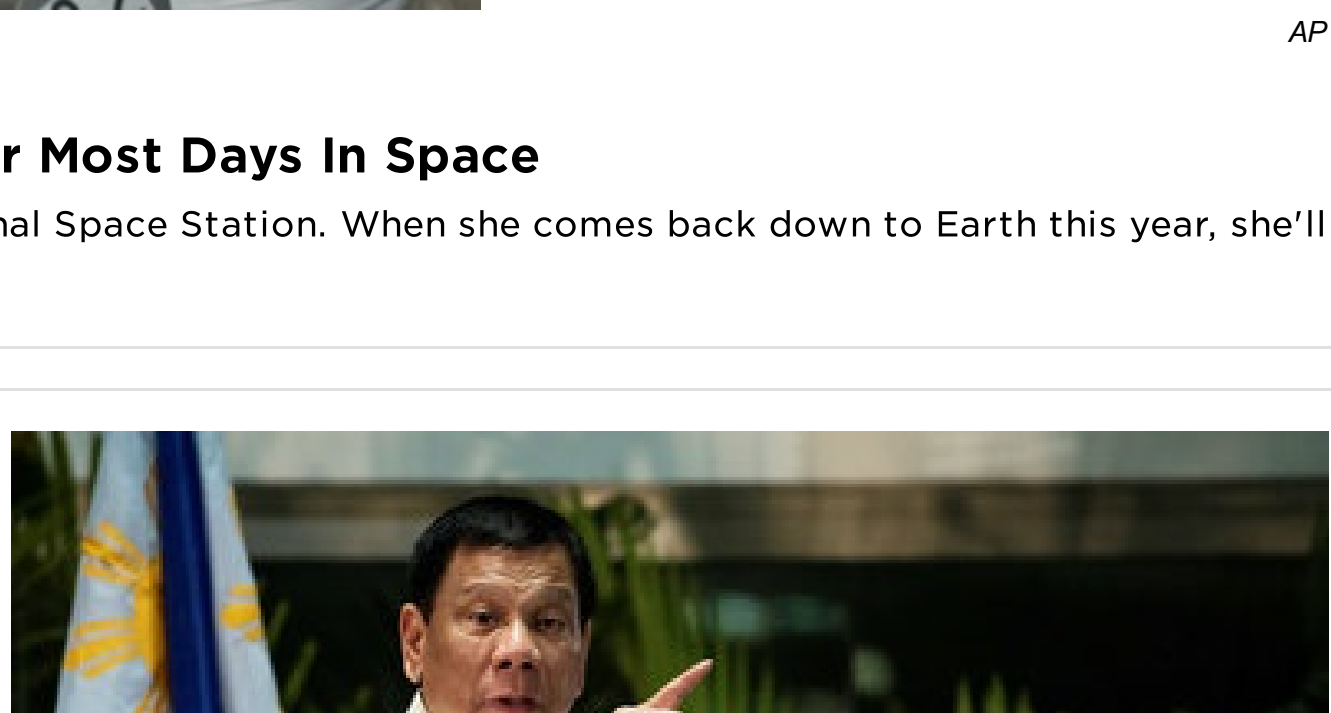
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**North Korea Threatens To Sink U.S. Carrier; China Urges Restraint**

North Korea is threatening to sink a U.S. Navy strike group that's led by the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier. The regime has also reportedly detained a U.S. citizen.

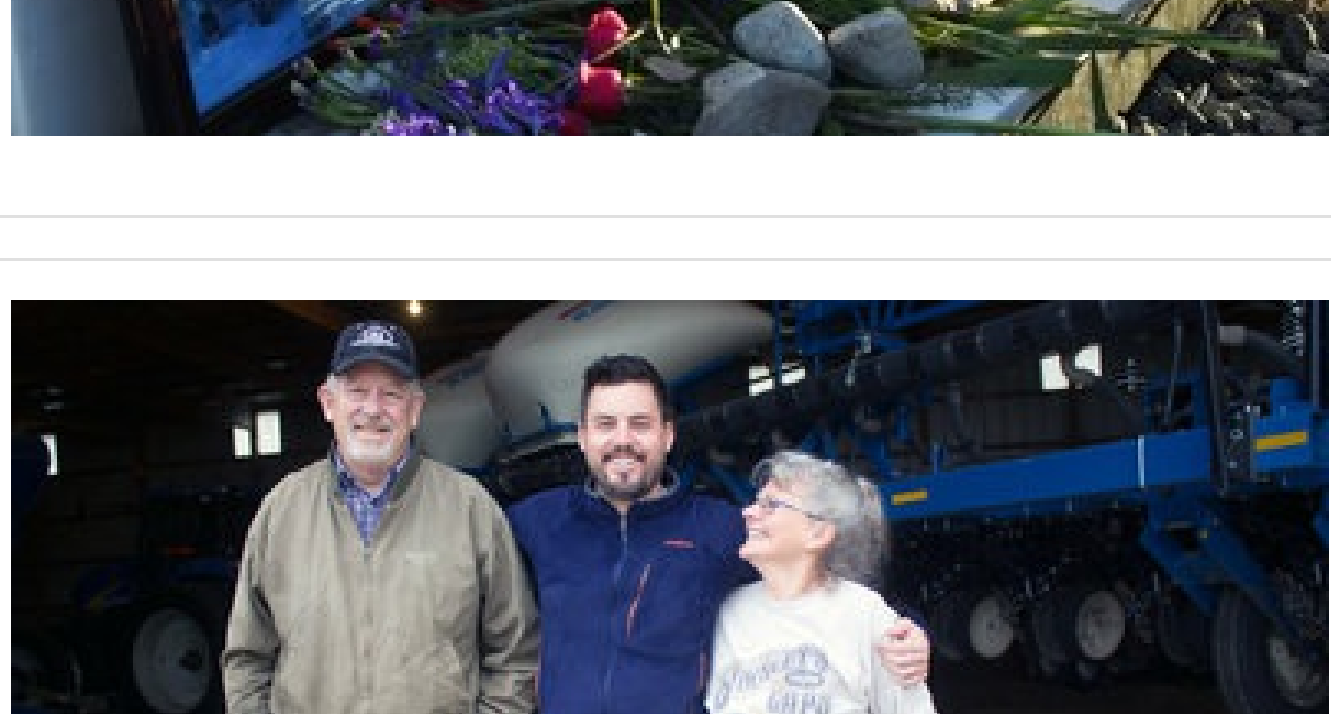


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**Lawyer In Philippines Accuses President Duterte Of Crimes Against Humanity**

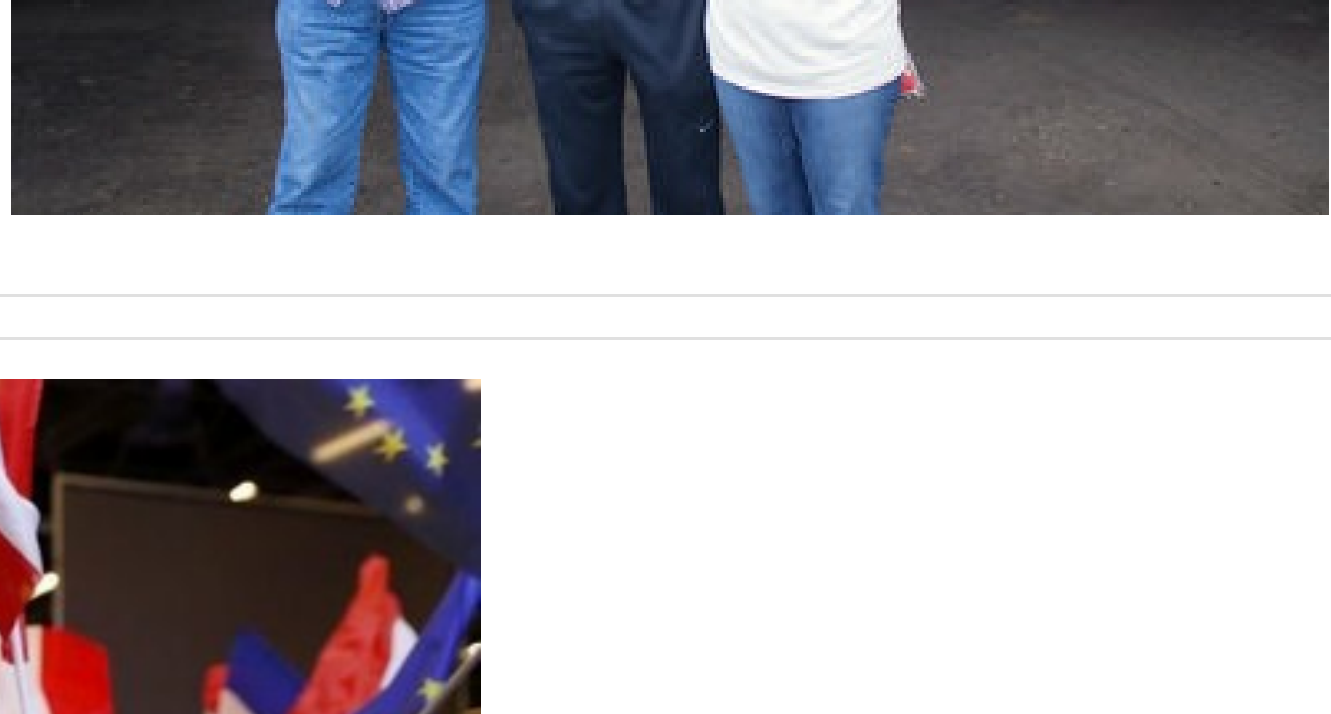
Jude Sabido, who represents an admitted assassin who has testified against President Rodrigo Duterte, has filed a complaint against Duterte with the International Criminal Court at the Hague.



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**Top Afghan Defense Officials Resign After Attack Kills More Than 100 Troops**

The resignations coincided with a visit from the U.S. Secretary of Defense, as the new administration carries out a review of its Afghanistan policy. Friday's attack was the deadliest in years.



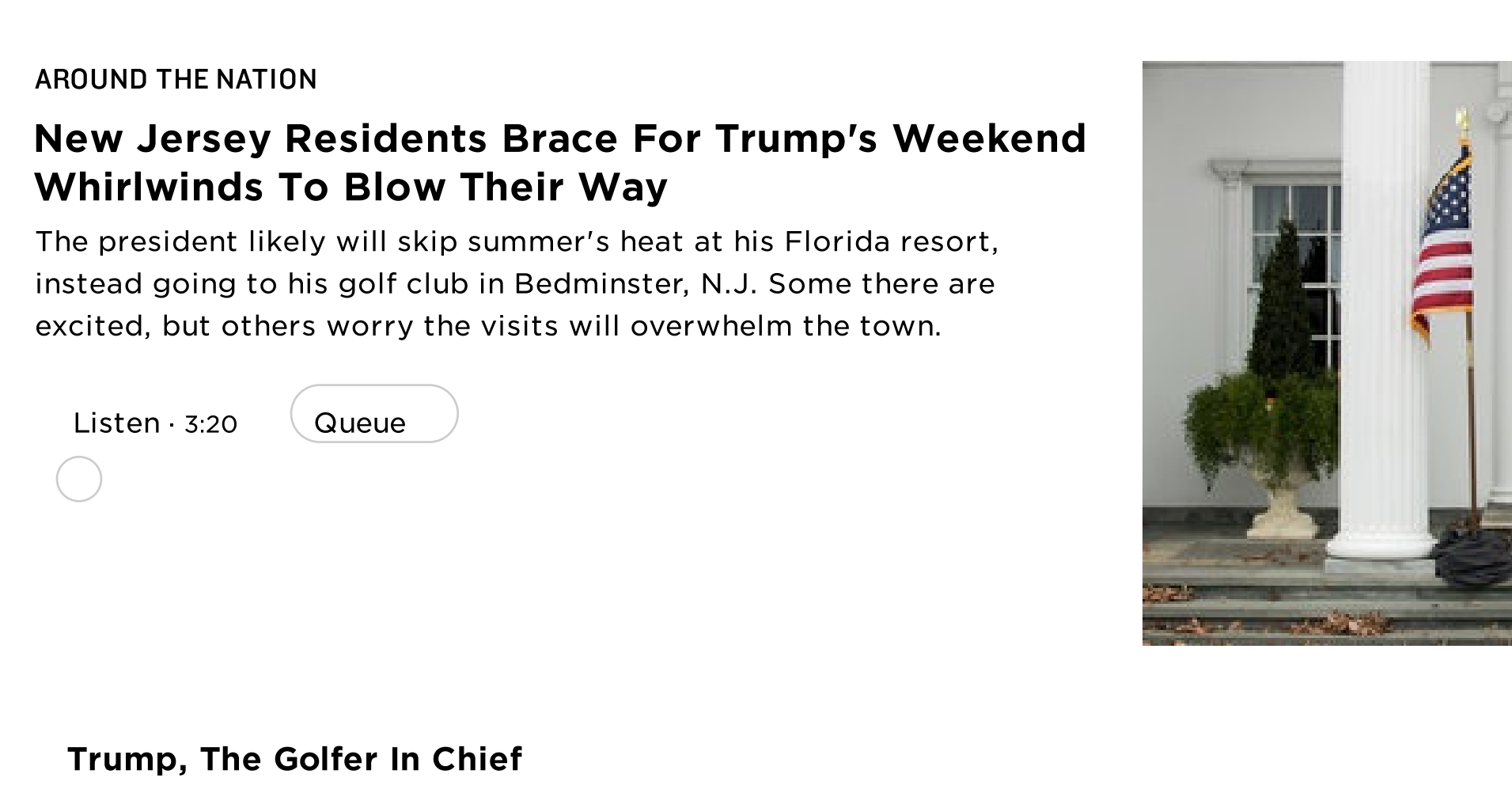
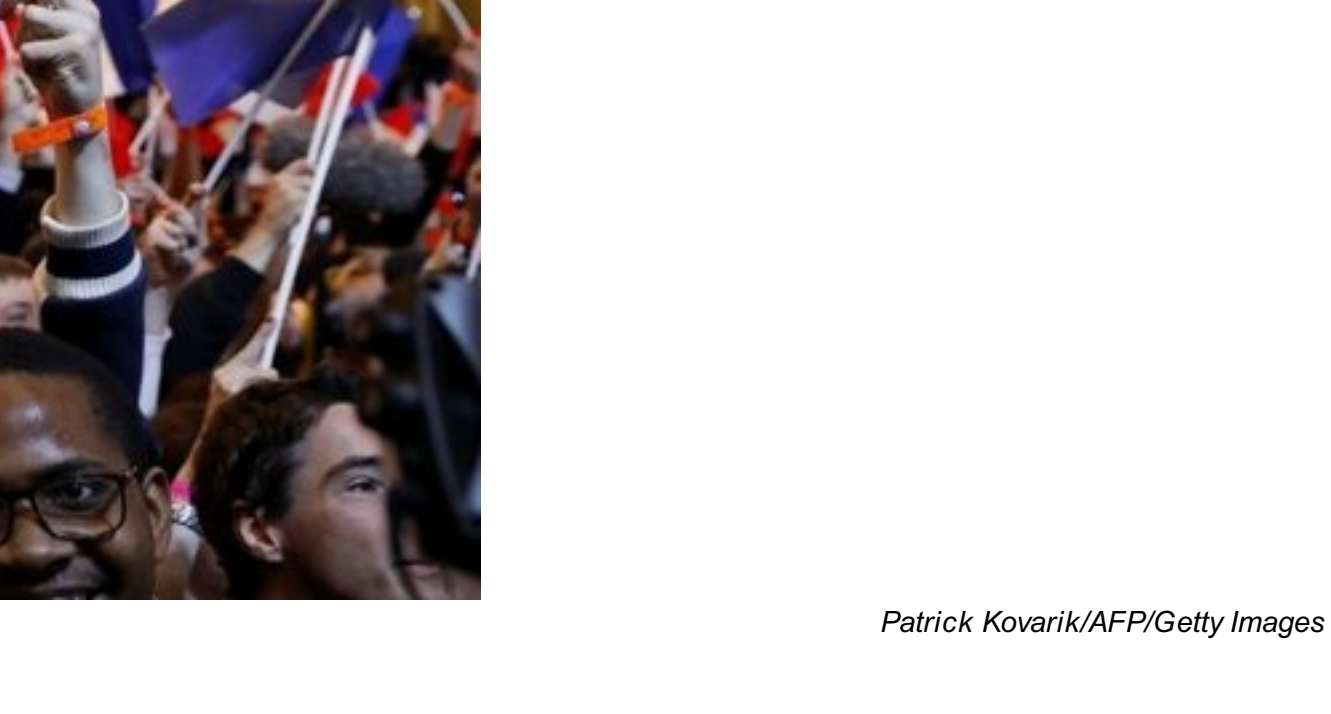
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**Winds Of Change Could Come Slowly For Agriculture Nominee Perdue**

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If confirmed, agriculture secretary nominee Sonny Perdue confronts an industry in search of stability. In the Corn Belt, farmers wonder about the government programs they rely on.

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**French Voters Shun Political Parties, Sending Macron, Le Pen To Presidential Runoff**

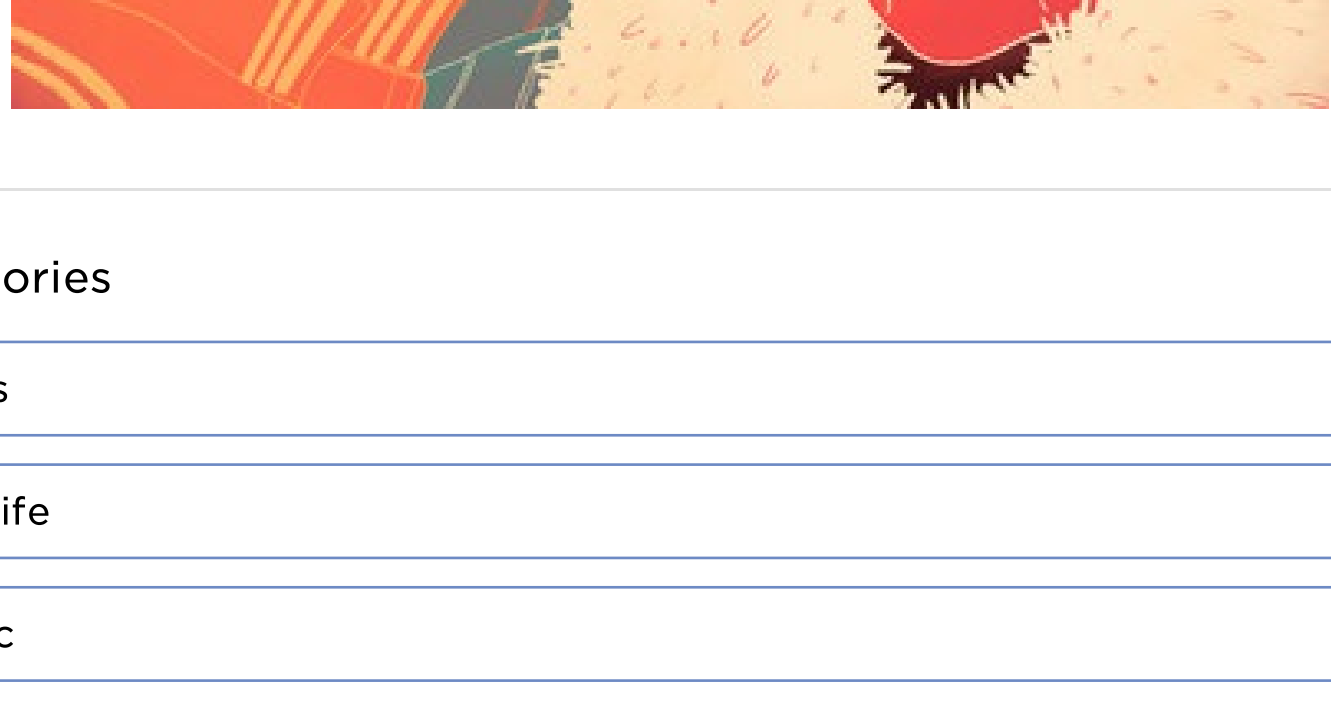
Political outsider Emmanuel Macron has come in top place in the first round of the election with around 24 percent of the vote. Far-right Marine Le Pen trailed with 22 percent.

AROUND THE NATION

**New Jersey Residents Brace For Trump's Weekend Whirlwinds To Blow Their Way**

The president likely will skip summer's heat at his Florida resort, instead going to his golf club in Bedminster, N.J. Some there are excited, but others worry the visits will overwhelm the town.

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**Trump, The Golfer In Chief**

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**Is It Time For Hearing Aids To Be Sold Over The Counter?**

About 35 million Americans suffer some hearing loss, but most don't do anything about it. There's a growing effort to make hearing aids easier and cheaper to buy.

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