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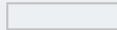
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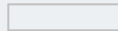
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Reforms put in place in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005 turned out to have many positive impacts, according to a new report published by the Education Research Alliance. The move to state-controlled charters boosted student achievement, high school graduation rates, college entry numbers, the college persistence rate and the college graduation rate.

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Combining Data from Multiple Digital Learning Tools Produces Better Predictions

A study undertaken jointly by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and education technology companies Blackboard and VitalSource found that early activity with digital tools is a "strong predictor" of passing a class — even more so than the grade point average a student enters the class with.

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Personalized Learning Top Priority for Tech Usage in K–12

The top learning priority in education for technology use is personalized learning. More than nine in 10 respondents to a survey on the topic reported that in the pursuit of encouraging personalized learning their districts 1) provide software or digital curriculum to classrooms (designated by 96 percent of participants); 2) provide computing devices to classrooms (94 percent); and 3) provide professional development in personalized learning practices (92 percent). Two-thirds of districts (65 percent) also assess teachers on their implementation of personalized learning practices.

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Educators Largely Uncomfortable with Newer Tech-Based Teaching Practices

A majority of teachers expressed discomfort with newer teaching practices that rely on technology and said they need more collaborative planning time with their peers, in addition to traditional PD.

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Access to Power a Limiting Factor for Classroom Device Use

A report being released this week finds that a sizable chunk of educators do not have access to enough outlets or charging stations to support the devices used in their classrooms.

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Minecraft EDU to Make iPad Debut

Minecraft: Education Edition is coming to the iPad platform in September.

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Google Polishes Education Offerings

In time for back-to-school season, Google has polished its education offerings. Changes include updates to Classroom, Google Docs, its virtual reality offerings and teacher training.

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Feds to Pump \$1.2 Billion into CTE Next Year

After six years of kicking around the official language for an updated Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education bill, Congress and the president have voted and signed the act into law. The Perkins Act, H.R. 2353 (115), which has been considered for reauthorization since 2012, commits between \$1.2 billion and \$1.3 billion for the program over the next six years.

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Cloud Service Consolidates School Payments

A new cloud-based payment platform is intended to help schools and community groups accept and process payments from multiple systems and have them accessed through one

interface. Families can pay directly through the school's website, and payments are tracked through a single dashboard on the school side of the transaction.

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Abre.io Releases IEP Builder, Forms and PD Tracker Apps

Ed tech company Abre.io has released three new apps as part of its education management platform, including one designed to help build IEP and 504 plans.

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Acer STEAM Lab Makeover Contest Entries Due This Month

The application period for Acer's STEAM Lab Makeover contest is coming to a close in a few weeks. The contest will award a mixed-reality technology package to one school.

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AWS Dual Enrollment Program Ramps up in California

A group of community colleges in Southern California is working with Amazon Web Services and its education program to develop college credit courses for a cloud computing career pathway that starts in high school, continues through college and leads to industry certifications. The goal of the "CA Cloud Workforce Consortia" is to expand this common curriculum and develop a regional career pathway program and certificate.

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GitHub Expands Learning Lab Courses

GitHub has released four new courses on its Learning Lab, an online learning hub intended for people "of all skill levels."

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Kaltura Intros Simple Personal Video Capture Program

Kaltura Personal Capture lets users record both screen and camera in one click.

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Microsoft Ships \$399 Surface Go Device for Schools

Microsoft has rolled out its new Surface Go, a \$399 version of the popular Surface 2-in-1 device. Schools deploying Surface Go will have the option of running either Windows 10 Home in S mode or Windows 10 Pro.

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RealNetworks Promotes Free Use of Facial Recognition in Schools

According to the company, its software can recognize faces at varying degrees and distances from the camera, in myriad poses, that are partially obscured, that have different expressions, that are heavily made up or that are captured in extreme lighting conditions.

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Upcoming K–12 Grants

Acer STEAM Lab Makeover

Sponsor: Acer

Award: Mixed Reality technology package valued at \$13,000

Number of Awards: 1

Application Deadline: Aug. 31

Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grants

Sponsor: Project Learning Tree

Award: \$1,000 per organization

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Sept. 30

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants

Sponsor: National Education Association Foundation

Award: \$2,000 or \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 15 of each year

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American Honda Foundation STEM Grants

Sponsor: American Honda Foundation

Award: \$20,000 to \$75,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 for new organizations; May 1 for returning organizations

SparkFun Community Partner Program

Sponsor: SparkFun

Award: STEM/STEAM-related prize packages, event and team sponsorships and other types of support

Number of Awards: Varies

Application Deadline: Ongoing: third Thursday of each month; awards announced on the last business day of each month

Adopt a Classroom

Deadline: Ongoing

Brinker International Grants

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Brown Rudnick Community Grants

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Corning Foundation Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

DonorsChoose.org

Deadline: Ongoing

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Award: No more than 10 percent of an organization's annual operating expenses or 25 percent of the total budget for the project being funded; awards have ranged from the hundreds to the millions of dollars.

Number of Awards: Varies

Qualification: Project should "directly serve or impact children living in urban poverty, particularly in the areas of education, family economic stability (including microfinance) and childhood health."

Naiku Innovative Teacher Grant

Deadline: Ongoing (approx. 10 awards per month)

Sony Grants for Education

Deadline: Ongoing (grants awarded on a rolling basis)

TAF Project-Based Learning Grants for Grades 6–12

Sponsor: Toshiba America Foundation

Award: Two categories: Up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Up to \$5,000 awarded on a rolling basis; Feb. 1 deadline for applications for more than \$5,000

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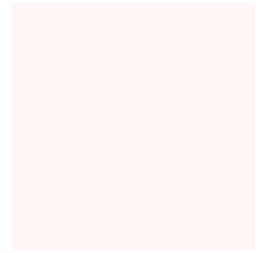
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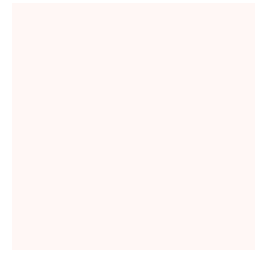
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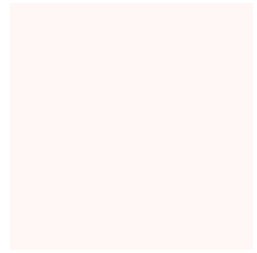
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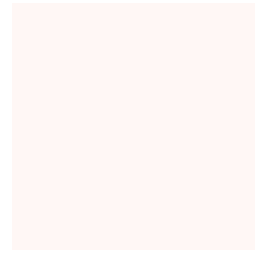
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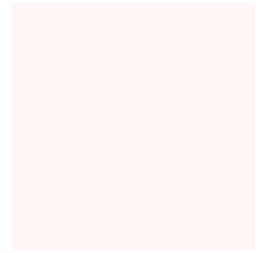
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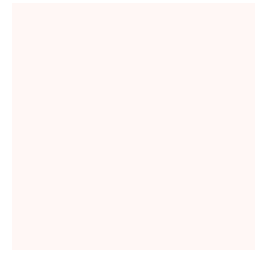
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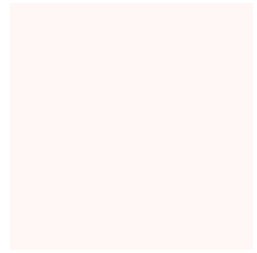
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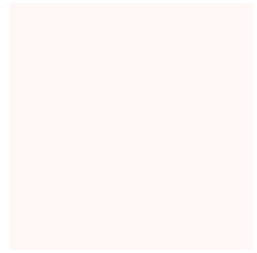
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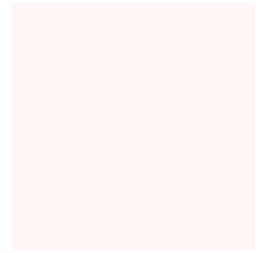
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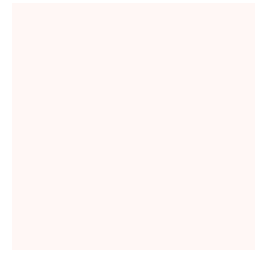
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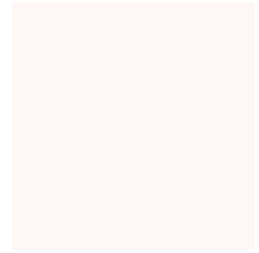
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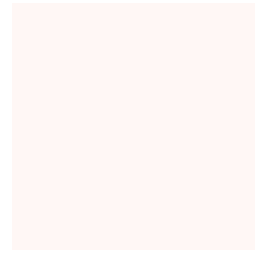
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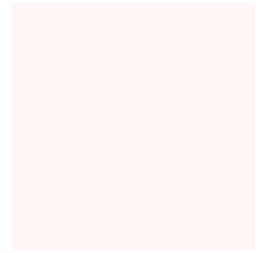
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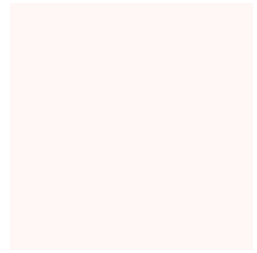
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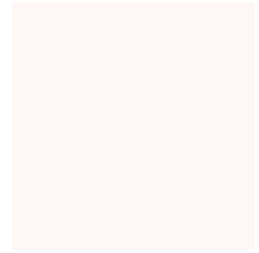
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Reforms put in place in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005 turned out to have many positive impacts, according to a new report published by the Education Research Alliance. The move to state-controlled charters boosted student achievement, high school graduation rates, college entry numbers, the college persistence rate and the college graduation rate.

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Combining Data from Multiple Digital Learning Tools Produces Better Predictions

A study undertaken jointly by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and education technology companies Blackboard and VitalSource found that early activity with digital tools is a "strong predictor" of passing a class — even more so than the grade point average a student enters the class with.

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Personalized Learning Top Priority for Tech Usage in K–12

The top learning priority in education for technology use is personalized learning. More than nine in 10 respondents to a survey on the topic reported that in the pursuit of encouraging personalized learning their districts 1) provide software or digital curriculum to classrooms (designated by 96 percent of participants); 2) provide computing devices to classrooms (94 percent); and 3) provide professional development in personalized learning practices (92 percent). Two-thirds of districts (65 percent) also assess teachers on their implementation of personalized learning practices.

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Educators Largely Uncomfortable with Newer Tech-Based Teaching Practices

A majority of teachers expressed discomfort with newer teaching practices that rely on technology and said they need more collaborative planning time with their peers, in addition to traditional PD.

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Access to Power a Limiting Factor for Classroom Device Use

A report being released this week finds that a sizable chunk of educators do not have access to enough outlets or charging stations to support the devices used in their classrooms.

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K-12 Technology News

Minecraft EDU to Make iPad Debut

Minecraft: Education Edition is coming to the iPad platform in September.

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Google Polishes Education Offerings

In time for back-to-school season, Google has polished its education offerings. Changes include updates to Classroom, Google Docs, its virtual reality offerings and teacher training.

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Feds to Pump \$1.2 Billion into CTE Next Year

After six years of kicking around the official language for an updated Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education bill, Congress and the president have voted and signed the act into law. The Perkins Act, H.R. 2353 (115), which has been considered for reauthorization since 2012, commits between \$1.2 billion and \$1.3 billion for the program over the next six years.

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Cloud Service Consolidates School Payments

A new cloud-based payment platform is intended to help schools and community groups accept and process payments from multiple systems and have them accessed through one

interface. Families can pay directly through the school's website, and payments are tracked through a single dashboard on the school side of the transaction.

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Abre.io Releases IEP Builder, Forms and PD Tracker Apps

Ed tech company Abre.io has released three new apps as part of its education management platform, including one designed to help build IEP and 504 plans.

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Acer STEAM Lab Makeover Contest Entries Due This Month

The application period for Acer's STEAM Lab Makeover contest is coming to a close in a few weeks. The contest will award a mixed-reality technology package to one school.

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AWS Dual Enrollment Program Ramps up in California

A group of community colleges in Southern California is working with Amazon Web Services and its education program to develop college credit courses for a cloud computing career pathway that starts in high school, continues through college and leads to industry certifications. The goal of the "CA Cloud Workforce Consortia" is to expand this common curriculum and develop a regional career pathway program and certificate.

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GitHub Expands Learning Lab Courses

GitHub has released four new courses on its Learning Lab, an online learning hub intended for people "of all skill levels."

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Kaltura Intros Simple Personal Video Capture Program

Kaltura Personal Capture lets users record both screen and camera in one click.

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Microsoft Ships \$399 Surface Go Device for Schools

Microsoft has rolled out its new Surface Go, a \$399 version of the popular Surface 2-in-1 device. Schools deploying Surface Go will have the option of running either Windows 10 Home in S mode or Windows 10 Pro.

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RealNetworks Promotes Free Use of Facial Recognition in Schools

According to the company, its software can recognize faces at varying degrees and distances from the camera, in myriad poses, that are partially obscured, that have different expressions, that are heavily made up or that are captured in extreme lighting conditions.

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Upcoming K–12 Grants

Acer STEAM Lab Makeover

Sponsor: Acer

Award: Mixed Reality technology package valued at \$13,000

Number of Awards: 1

Application Deadline: Aug. 31

Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grants

Sponsor: Project Learning Tree

Award: \$1,000 per organization

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Sept. 30

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants

Sponsor: National Education Association Foundation

Award: \$2,000 or \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 15 of each year

NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants

Sponsor: National Education Association Foundation

Award: \$2,000 or \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 15 of each year

American Honda Foundation STEM Grants

Sponsor: American Honda Foundation

Award: \$20,000 to \$75,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 for new organizations; May 1 for returning organizations

SparkFun Community Partner Program

Sponsor: SparkFun

Award: STEM/STEAM-related prize packages, event and team sponsorships and other types of support

Number of Awards: Varies

Application Deadline: Ongoing: third Thursday of each month; awards announced on the last business day of each month

Adopt a Classroom

Deadline: Ongoing

Brinker International Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Brown Rudnick Community Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Corning Foundation Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

DonorsChoose.org

Deadline: Ongoing

Michael & Susan Dell Foundation Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Award: No more than 10 percent of an organization's annual operating expenses or 25 percent of the total budget for the project being funded; awards have ranged from the hundreds to the millions of dollars.

Number of Awards: Varies

Qualification: Project should "directly serve or impact children living in urban poverty, particularly in the areas of education, family economic stability (including microfinance) and childhood health."

Naiku Innovative Teacher Grant

Deadline: Ongoing (approx. 10 awards per month)

Sony Grants for Education

Deadline: Ongoing (grants awarded on a rolling basis)

TAF Project-Based Learning Grants for Grades 6–12

Sponsor: Toshiba America Foundation

Award: Two categories: Up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Up to \$5,000 awarded on a rolling basis; Feb. 1 deadline for applications for more than \$5,000

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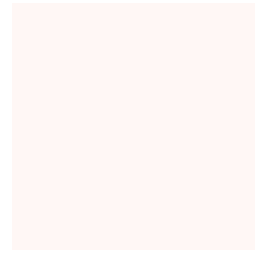
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Looking for more resources as you prepare for the school year? STEM teacher and author Shelley Terrell offers her usual plethora of great ideas in her latest [post](#). "Encourage students to set academic and personal learning goals so they envision their success and come up with strategies to achieve goals," she writes. "Keep them focused on their goals and get them to check on the progress of their goals regularly with digital portfolios." She encourages teachers to build a classroom community through fun icebreakers and activities. She offers a [teacher survival kit](#) to help teachers be more flexible and prepared when the unexpected occurs. Shelley also for [integrating technology](#) and [resources](#) to engage parents. Read her full post [here](#).

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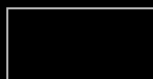
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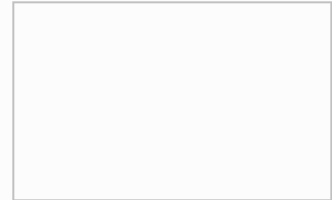
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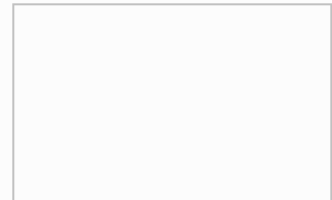
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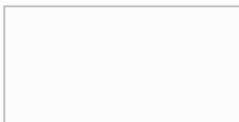
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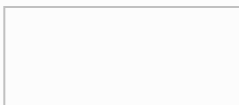
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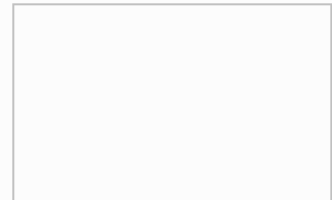
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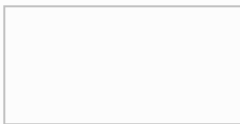
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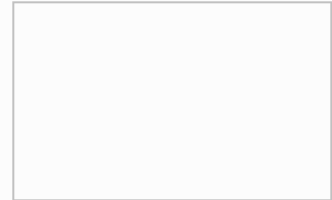
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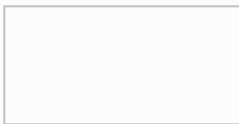
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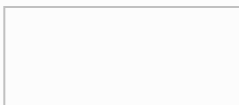
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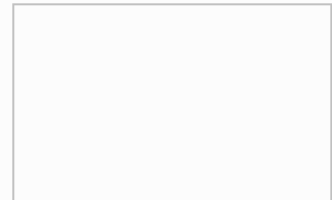
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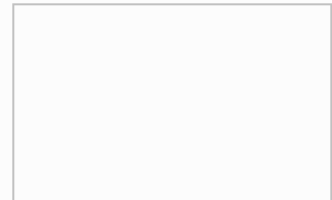
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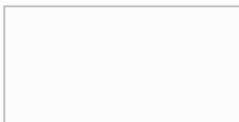
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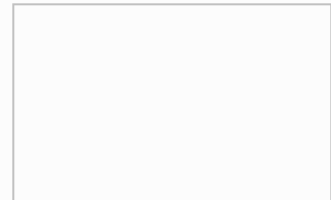
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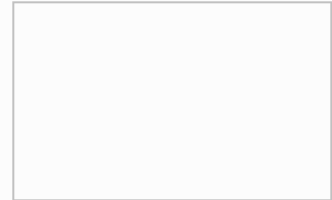
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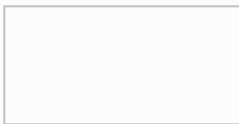
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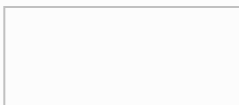
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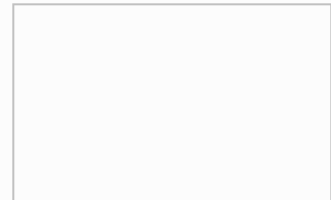
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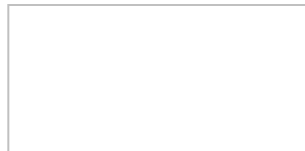
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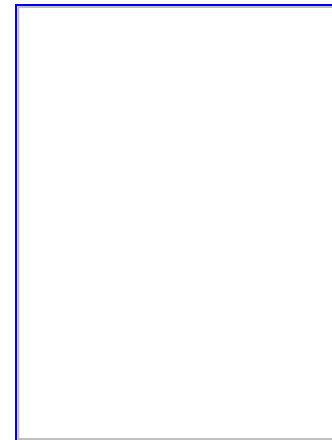
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The Mendocino Complex fire--a combination of two northern California blazes and just one of 15 wildfires currently burning in the state--has scorched 331,399 acres, produced smoke that is causing an "air pollution nightmare," set the record for largest blaze in California's history, and caused the state to spend half its annual fire budget in 40 days. "It's not a wake-up call anymore," said a scientist who works on climate change, "it's now absolutely happening to millions of people around the world." The death toll from Hurricanes Maria and Irma is now officially estimated by the Puerto Rican government as 1,427, 22 times higher than their previous count of 64; 10 containers of donated non-perishable supplies were found rotting in the parking lot of the Puerto Rican elections commission; and a San Juan morgue still has approximately 300 cadavers waiting for autopsy. A new species of tick arrived in the United States, and testimony from the trial of

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Paul Manafort, the former campaign manager for President Donald Trump who laundered money by buying expensive menswear, revealed that Manafort did not pay taxes on millions of dollars he earned lobbying on behalf of former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich, who is wanted in his country for high treason. Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer, is under investigation for tax fraud; Chris Collins, a New York Republican congressman and the first member of the House to publicly endorse Trump, was indicted for insider trading; and Omarosa Manigault-Newman, who appeared on *The Apprentice*, *The Celebrity Apprentice*, and *All-Star Celebrity Apprentice* and was the director of communications for the White House Office of Public Liaison, made public a phone conversation from the day after she was fired by chief of staff John Kelly, in which Trump stated, "You know they run a big operation, but I didn't know it. . . . I don't love you leaving at all." "Everyone has to go down and kiss the ring," said an administration official of Department of Veterans Affairs employees who visit Mar-a-Lago, Trump's golf club in Florida, on taxpayer dollars to meet with a triumvirate of private citizens--led by Marvel Entertainment chairman Ike Perlmutter--who exert influence over the VA. *Forbes* reported that Wilbur Ross, secretary of commerce, had "grifted" \$120 million.

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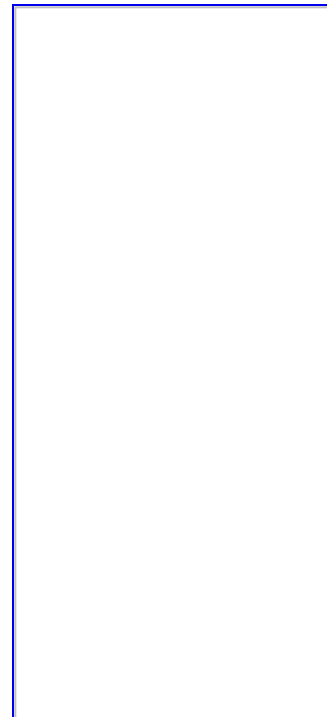
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"Pizza is my life," said Steve Ritchie, the CEO of Papa John's, who is feuding with his former mentor John Schnatter and could not name any friends outside the pizza company. Vaccines were administered for an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Allegany, New York, state wildlife officials seized from one home three king cobras, six venomous Gila monsters,

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seven species of turtle, and more than 300 other reptiles. A 29-year-old employee at the Seattle airport stole a plane, flew it for an hour as fighter jets followed him and the sun set, then crashed into a small island in Puget Sound, killing only himself. "I've got a lot of people that care about me, and it's going to disappoint them to hear that I did this. I would like to apologize to each and every one of them. Just a broken guy, got a few screws loose, I guess. Never really knew it until now," he told the air traffic controller.--
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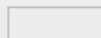
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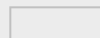
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PGA servers are hacked as part of ransom scheme

Head to any golf course and you are likely to find a few hackers, you know, people who struggle to do anything right. Turns out there is another kind of hacker impacting the sport, and that is the cyber kind. The PGA of America learned on Tuesday that their servers had been infiltrated by hackers who encrypted files and are holding them for ransom. The PGA has no interest in paying, but this is not exactly a good situation.

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By Sydney Shepard

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By Sydney Shepard

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The facial recognition technology will be customized to monitor every accredited person, including athletes, officials, staff and media, at more than 40 venues, games villages and media centers, Olympic and company officials said this week.

[San Francisco BART Seeks \\$28 Million to Improve Security](#)

By Sydney Shepard

In the wake of several recent homicides and other violent crimes on San Francisco's BART system, BART general manager Grace Crunican announced that she's asking the district's board to approve a \$28 million comprehensive safety and security plan.

Crunican said the series of proposals that the board will consider at its meeting later this week are aimed at boosting the visible presence of police and other transit agency employees in the system, enhancing BART's network of surveillance cameras and increasing public safety outreach.

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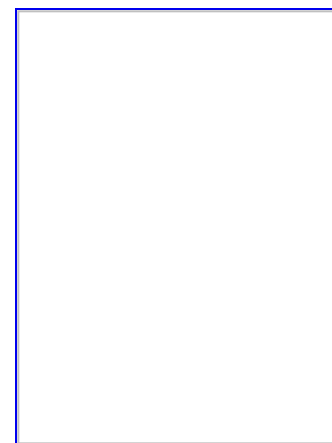
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A year after Saudi king Salman Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud opened the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology by placing his hand, alongside those of Egyptian president Abdel Fattah l-Sisi and US president Donald Trump, on a glowing orb, the Associated Press reported that the US-backed, Saudi-led alliance in Yemen had brokered secret deals with Al-Qaeda, recruited hundreds of the terrorist organization's members to fight Iran-backed Houthi rebels, and bribed the group with weapons and cash to abandon certain cities. After Canada's foreign ministry tweeted that the Saudi government should release recently imprisoned women's rights activists such as Samar Badawi, whose brother had been sentenced to 1,000 blows with a cane for running a critical blog in 2013, Riyadh announced that it had suspended all new trade and investment transactions with Canada, scholarships to Canadian schools, and direct flights on the state-run airline to

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Toronto; gave the Canadian ambassador 24 hours to leave the country; and threatened to "interfere with Canadian affairs." A "voluntary nonprofit project" run by "Saudi youth" tweeted a photoshopped picture of a passenger plane flying toward Toronto's CN Tower with the quote "He who interferes with what doesn't concern him finds what doesn't please him," and then, following widespread criticism because of the perceived allusions to the 9/11 terror attacks, explained that the plane was meant to represent the expelled ambassador's return flight. On Friday, Mohammad al-Muadi, the official spokesman of the Human Rights Commission in Saudi Arabia, announced that the kingdom had fulfilled all its human rights obligations.

Pope Francis changed the Catholic Church's official position on the death penalty, calling it "an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person," and the US government, which has induced regime change in Guatemala, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, El Salvador, and Panama and has sought to assassinate leaders in four of those countries and repeatedly attempted to assassinate Fidel Castro of Cuba, including by hiding poison pills in his lover's cold cream and infecting his scuba suit with fungus, denied that it had anything to do with an alleged drone attack on Nicolás Maduro, the president of Venezuela. A federal judge in Roraima, Brazil temporarily closed Brazil's border to Venezuelan refugees until relocation processes were improved, but another federal judge reopened it before any changes to facilities were made, and the number of people caught illegally crossing the Canadian border with the US has increased 142 percent since last year. Yosemite Valley and its surrounding areas have been indefinitely closed to the public because of smoke from

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ongoing wildfires, and an Oregon man was arrested in Glacier National Park for taunting a bison in Yosemite National Park, marking his fourth run-in with law enforcement that week. In New Jersey, a school superintendent accused of defecating on the Holmdel High School track and football field resigned.

A \$11,500 reward is being offered to determine who shot and killed a pregnant dolphin that washed ashore in Mississippi; a pregnant woman in Lethbridge, Alberta was served a cup of milk-residue-cleaning solution instead of a McDonald's latte; Jacinda Ardern, the prime minister of New Zealand, returned to work after six weeks of maternity leave; and Australia's population hit 25 million. Facial recognition technology will be used for Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics venue security and to allow West Virginia servicemembers overseas to vote in the midterms in November via smartphone app. Brian France, the CEO of NASCAR, is taking "an indefinite leave of absence" after being arrested for driving his 2017 Lexus while intoxicated in Sag Harbor, Long Island; and Samoan prime minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi called car racing a "stupid hobby." Police in North Carolina hope to track a teenager who stole \$17 from a nine-year-old selling lemonade with DNA evidence, which can be tested for between \$250 and \$500. The Fields Medal, mathematics' highest honor for young mathematicians, was stolen from Caucher Birkar, along with his cell phone and wallet, moments after it was awarded to him in Rio de Janeiro, and in Sweden, two thieves stole two royal crowns and an orb dating to the 17th century from Strängnäs Cathedral at midday, escaping by motorboat.--

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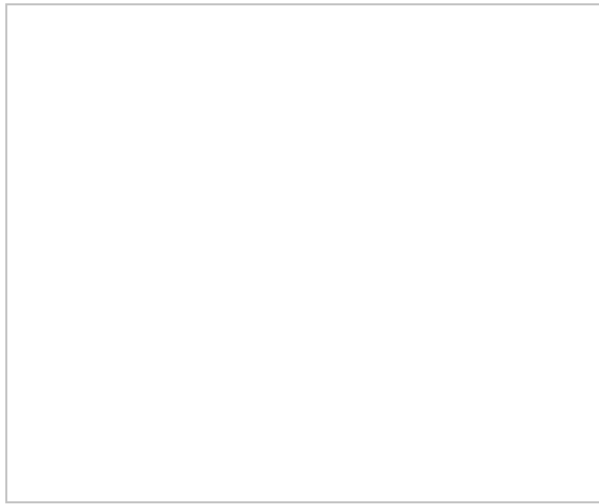
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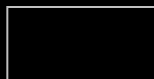
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RealNetworks Promotes Free Use of Facial Recognition in Schools

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Number of Awards: 9–18 total in three categories

Application Deadline: Aug. 8

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Award: Mobile hotspot kits (Kajeet SmartSpot devices and up to 10 months of free service with 500 MB daily or one Kajeet SmartBus device with 10 months of service at 5 GB per month)

Number of Awards: 15

Application Deadline: Aug. 8

Project Learning Tree GreenWorks! Grants

Sponsor: Project Learning Tree

Award: \$1,000 per organization

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Sept. 30

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants

Sponsor: National Education Association Foundation

Award: \$2,000 or \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 15 of each year

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Award: \$2,000 or \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

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American Honda Foundation STEM Grants

Sponsor: American Honda Foundation

Award: \$20,000 to \$75,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

Application Deadline: Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 for new organizations; May 1 for returning organizations

SparkFun Community Partner Program

Sponsor: SparkFun

Award: STEM/STEAM-related prize packages, event and team sponsorships and other types of support

Number of Awards: Varies

Application Deadline: Ongoing: third Thursday of each month; awards announced on the last business day of each month

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Deadline: Ongoing

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Qualification: Project should "directly serve or impact children living in urban poverty, particularly in the areas of education, family economic stability (including microfinance) and childhood health."

Naiku Innovative Teacher Grant

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Deadline: Ongoing (grants awarded on a rolling basis)

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Award: Two categories: Up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000

Number of Awards: Not specified

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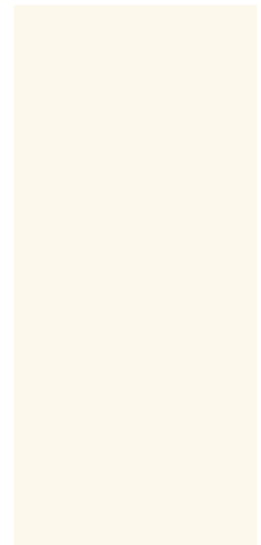
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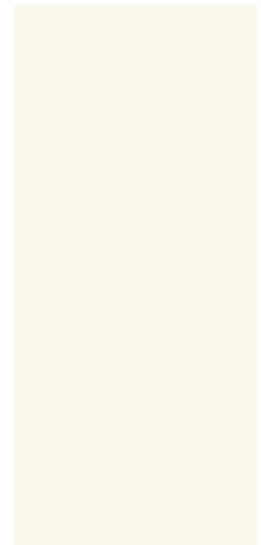
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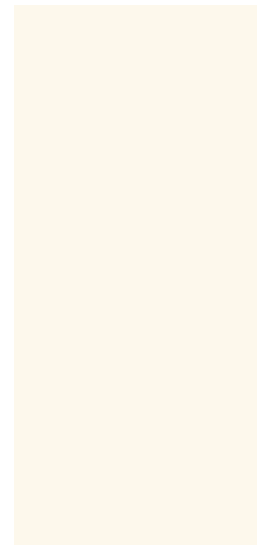
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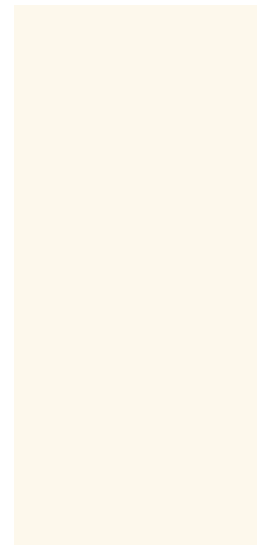
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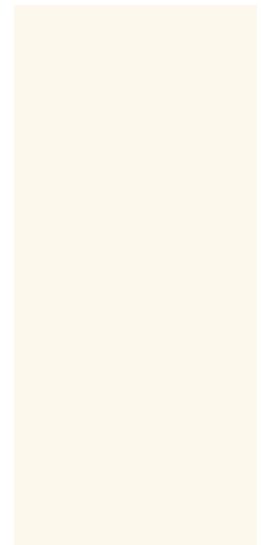
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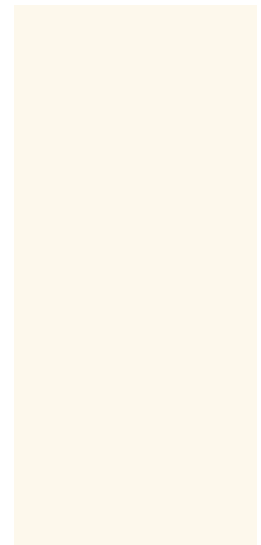
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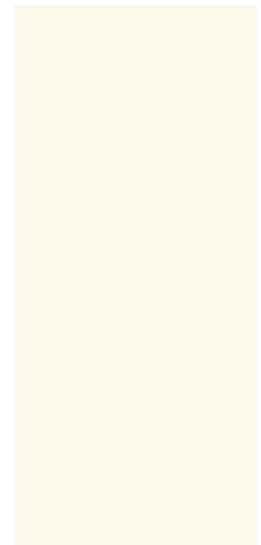
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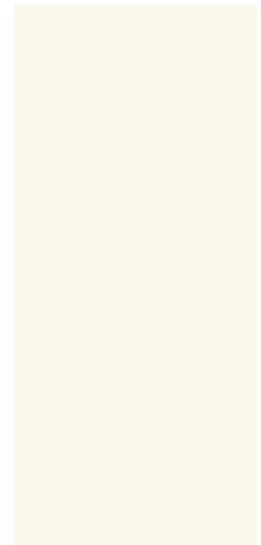
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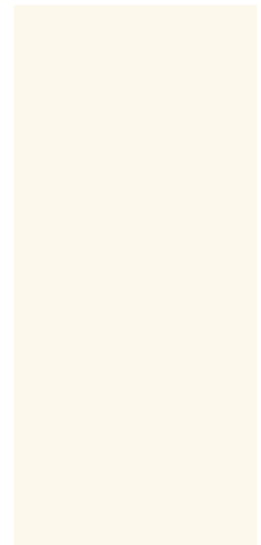
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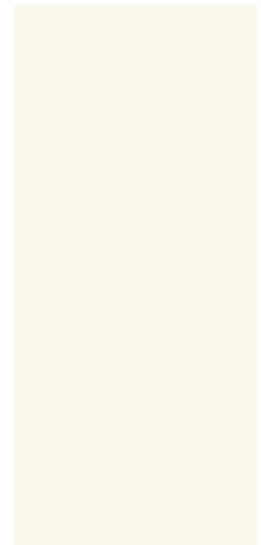
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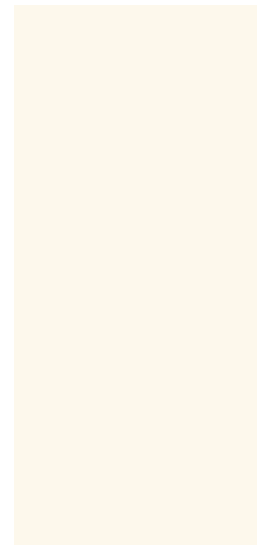
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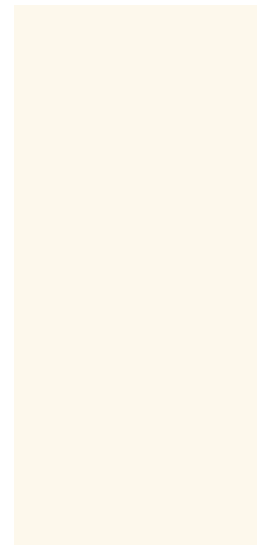
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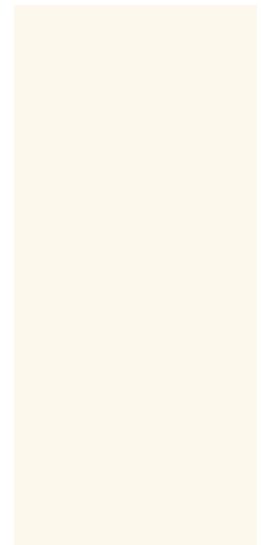
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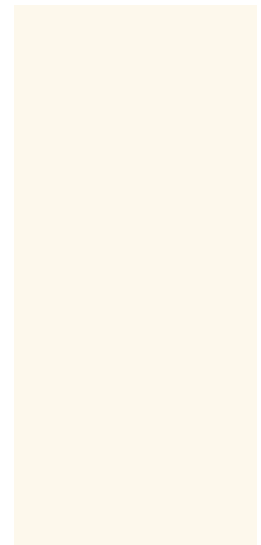
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If the old journalism dictum that three news stories on a subject makes a trend, then the controversial topic of using facial recognition in schools certainly passes the test. Yesterday's top story in the [News-Pressnow](#) interviews Dr. Robert Sigrist, director of student services for the St. Joseph School District (MO): "I think it's such a new technology that probably there would have to be some pretty serious thought go into something like that. You would want to have some pretty well-established guidelines in place." The Seattle Times last month reported on [Microsoft's call](#) for government regulation on the technology. And the Houston Chronicle [details plans](#) for Fort Bend ISD to present a proposal to use the tech next year. Right now, I'm withholding opinion until I see the stuff actually work. —Kevin Hogan, Content Director

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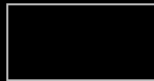
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Dear Glenn,

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Upcoming in Congress **NextWeek**

The House is out of session for the month ahead, and Members are not scheduled to return to Washington until after Labor Day. The Senate will be out of session for the week ahead, however they will return to session on Wednesday, August 15th for an abbreviated week of work. When the Senate does return on August 15th, the Senate will conduct a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of A. Marvin

Quattlebaum, Jr. to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. If cloture is invoked, the Senate would have 30 hours remaining on the nomination post-cloture before a final vote. Afterward, the Senate would be expected to have a cloture vote on the judicial nomination of Julius Richardson, also for the Fourth Circuit. In addition, the Senate could begin debate on a combined Defense Appropriations and Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill once the nominations are completed.

Because Congress will be out of session for the week ahead, the Weekly Washington Report will not be available on August 13th, but will return on August 20th. As always, committee updates will be provided as events warrant.

Hearings and Markups of Interest

Because the House of Representatives is out of session for the next five weeks, there are no hearings currently scheduled to occur in Washington, D.C. However, the House does have two field hearings set for the week, as the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Interior, Energy and Environment and will hold a subcommittee briefing on wildfire management and response efforts at the Ravalli County Administrative Center in Hamilton, Montana on August 7th. In addition, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials will hold a field hearing on August 9th in Sacramento, California regarding the state's plans for high-speed rail.

There are no Senate hearings scheduled for the week ahead, however there are several that have already been placed on the calendar for the following week. On Tuesday, August 14th, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is set to discuss federal efforts to fight Medicaid fraud and over-payments; on Wednesday, August 15th, the Senate Rules and Administration Committee will hold a markup of the Secure Elections Act; the National Parks Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on some two dozen national parks and public lands bills; and on Thursday, August 16th, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold an oversight hearing of the Federal Communications Commission.

Budget/Appropriations

Senate Passes Mini-Bus Appropriations Package - On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate passed a four-bill [omnibus appropriations package](#) - dubbed the "mini-bus" - which incorporated the combined Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Financial Services and General Government; Transportation and Housing and Urban Development; and Agriculture and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2019 (H.R. 6147). The package of funding bills will provide a total of nearly \$154.2 billion in base discretionary funding for programs and policies of the Departments and agencies included within all four Subcommittee's jurisdictions. The bill passed by a vote of [92 to 6](#) with every member of the New England Senate delegation voting in favor of the legislation. Many senators attributed the rather smooth debate and ultimate adoption of this package to the exclusion of so-called "riders;" policy amendments placed into appropriations measures that many deride as "poison pills." During floor debate, the Senate rejected an amendment on Wednesday offered by Senator Pat Leahy (D-VT) that would call for an additional \$250 million to be spent on state election security grants. According to Senator Leahy, [these extra funds](#) "would help states improve election cybersecurity, replace outdated election equipment, and undertake other anti-cyber efforts." The vote required a 60-vote threshold in order to be adopted, and the amendment was defeated along party lines, [50 to 47](#), with every Republican voting against the amendment save for retiring Senator Bob Corker (R-TN). Just prior to passage, Senators turned-back one amendment by a vote of [14 to 84](#) related to FDA food labeling requirements and what constitutes a milk product; adopted another

amendment by an [83 to 15](#) vote that provides \$7 million for dairy product promotion; and tabled another amendment by a vote of [54 to 44](#) that would prevent the use of federal funds from being used by the District of Columbia on an individual mandate for healthcare insurance. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), who chairs the Transportation and HUD Subcommittee praised the passage of the legislation in [a statement](#), and noted that the bill contained several items of importance to New England that she and Ranking Member [Jack Reed](#) (D-RI) ensured would be in the bill, including: \$50 million for the Downeaster train service; \$40.2 million for State Maritime Academies; \$300 million for "a special purpose vessel to be used as a training school ship;" and \$1 billion for BUILD Grants (formerly TIGER grants). The Senate and House must now reconcile differences that exist in each chamber's versions of the funding legislation.

Senate Budget Committee Releases Report on Appropriations with Expired Authorizations

- On Thursday, the Senate Budget Committee issued its most recent [Budget Bulletin](#) in which data from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) was used to show that "of the \$1.4 trillion in discretionary spending provided for 2018, \$318 billion was spent on 1,035 agencies, programs, and functions with expired authorizations of appropriations from 261 different laws." The staff for the Majority - which compiled the Bulletin - noted that the CBO found "2018 funding with expired authorizations within the jurisdiction of each appropriations subcommittee and each authorizing committee" except for the Armed Services committees which are authorized annually. The staff also reported that the issue of spending in expired authorizations hasn't diminished, stating that in 2016, the level of expired authorization spending was \$310 billion compared to \$318 billion in 2018. The report also shows that "many of the programs funded have not been reauthorized in decades" with 40 percent of such programs last authorized prior to 2000.

Energy/Environment **EnergyEnviro**

Department of Energy Secretary Says U.S. On Track to be Net Exporter of Energy Within Two Years

- In an [interview](#) on Tuesday, Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Rick Perry announced that he forecasts the United States becoming a net exporter of energy within the next twelve to eighteen months. In the Energy Information Administration (EIA)'s [Annual Energy Outlook](#), released earlier this year, they predicted that the US would become a net energy exporter by 2022, 2 years later than Secretary Perry's projections. The report did [acknowledge](#) that if technology, oil and natural gas resources prove to be better than expected, a forecast of 2020 for net exporting is feasible.

Developers of Massachusetts Wind Farm Expect big electricity savings

- On Tuesday, Massachusetts electric utilities [filed](#) long term [contracts](#) with state regulators to purchase 800 MW of offshore wind energy at \$65/MWh, about half the price of the most recent offshore wind contracts signed in the U.S. The group of utilities would pay the U.S.-record price for the energy and renewable energy credits generated by the wind plant off Martha's Vineyard, while the project's owners will retain any capacity market payments. The most recent wind contract signed by a U.S. utility was in Maryland with a contract price of \$132/MWh. The 800-megawatt project south of Martha's Vineyard, which is expected to produce electricity for approximately 18% cheaper than other alternative energy sources and will reduce Massachusetts's carbon emissions by more than 1.6 million tons per year for a reduction in monthly energy bills by .1 percent to 5 percent, could result in Massachusetts electricity users savings of \$1.4 billion over the next 20 years.

Massachusetts Passes Clean Energy Bill - On Tuesday, Massachusetts legislators [passed](#) a [bill](#) to increase its reliance on clean energy throughout the Commonwealth. The bill includes a 1,000 MWh energy storage target by 2026 and commits to a Clean Peak Standard program that would incentivize renewable energy generation during peak times. It also includes a moderate increase of the renewable

portfolio standard, requiring utilities to increase how much renewable power they have to buy by 1 percent each year through 2020 and 2 percent each year until 2030. Notably, the bill failed to raise the state's net metering cap as part of a wider energy bill.

Senate Passes "Minibus" Appropriations Package - On Wednesday, the Senate approved a \$154.2 billion [spending package](#) by a vote of 92-6. This measure, which [includes](#) funding for the Department of the Interior (DOI) as well as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), allocated for an increase of \$601 million above the 2018 fiscal budget for DOI and EPA and, at \$35.9 billion, is \$7.6 billion more than the Trump administration had requested. The bill now heads to conference and a final version needs to be passed before September 30 to avoid a government shutdown.

Environmental Protection Agency To Continue Obama-era Smog Regulations - On Wednesday, Justice Department attorneys representing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [wrote](#) that the EPA would not be repealing or revising the smog regulations originating under the Obama administration. The 2015 rule, controversial when introduced during the Obama Administration, required that allowable ozone level in ambient air be no more than 70 parts per billion, a significant decrease from the previous rule of 75 parts per billion. In an EPA [report](#) on air trends released Tuesday, the EPA found that key air pollutants continued to drop and cited the 2015 ozone rule as playing a significant role in reducing emissions.

Trump Administration Releases New Rules on Fuel Efficiency Standards

- On Thursday, the Trump Administration unveiled its new [plan](#) for fuel efficiency standards for cars built from 2021 to 2026. In the plan, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DoT) via the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) determined that the standards set by the Obama Administration were unreasonable, citing both economic and safety concerns. The [new proposal](#) set forth by the Trump Administration proposes [freezing](#) the emission standards to their planned 2020 level of an average of 37 miles per gallon as opposed to the Obama Administration's standard which would have required a 54.5 miles per gallon average by 2026. When Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler [testified](#) in front of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee on Wednesday, he openly supported the measure saying that the rollback would save consumers \$500 billion and avoid 12,000 deaths due to the ability to afford safer cars. The proposal also targets California's Clean Air Act (CAA) Waiver, which allowed for California to impose stricter fuel economy standards on cars sold within the state. The Trump Administration argued that the CAA waiver should be pulled and that there is "no justification for California to have its own standard." Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey released [a statement](#) on Thursday indicating that she and the Attorneys General from 19 states and the District of Columbia would be filing a lawsuit opposing the Trump Administration's proposal.

Reaction to the proposal on Capitol Hill was somewhat predictable, with Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune (R-SD) issuing a [statement](#) in support of the Administration's actions, pointing out that automakers need to "continue efforts to make vehicles more fuel efficient and reduce our dependence on foreign oil," however federal regulators "shouldn't compromise safety or force consumers to drive vehicles they don't want to or can't afford to buy." Similarly, EPW Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) [stated](#) that "Washington must consider what is best for the whole country" when it sets mileage standards, adding that "Americans shouldn't be denied the ability to purchase a car or truck that meets their needs...at a price they can afford." Senator Barrasso's counterpart on the EPW Committee, Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) released a [statement](#) expressing his bewilderment that the Administration could not "craft a win-win proposal that stakeholders have explicitly asked for - one that keeps the American auto industry competitive, creates more good paying jobs

here at home, while protecting our environment." Senator Carper added that while the "decision is deeply disappointing and misguided, the fight is far from over." Democratic senators including [Senator Ed Markey \(D-MA\)](#) also have threatened to use the Congressional Review Act in a bid to [overturn](#) the Administration's proposal. Both [the EPA](#) and [NHTSA](#) have indicated that parties interested in commenting on the proposal will have 60 days to do so once the rule is published in the Federal Register.

DC Circuit Court Dismisses Challenge to ISO-NE- On Tuesday, The D.C. District Court of Appeals [ruled](#) to uphold ISO-New England market rules regarding capacity market price floors. The ruling is in [response](#) to a lawsuit filed by natural gas generators arguing that allowing renewable resources to bid below the price floor was not legal. The court ruled however, that bidding below the minimum level is legal and that it does not improperly suppress the market, as natural gas generators were arguing in the lawsuit.

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Financial Services/Fiscal Policy **FinSvcs**

Treasury Department Releases FinTech Report. Last Tuesday, the U.S. Department of the Treasury [released](#) their fourth report on the Administration's Core Principles for Financial Regulation. The [report](#) called, "A Financial System That Creates Economic Opportunities Nonbank Financials, Fintech, and Innovation" recommends changes on how nonbanks, including financial technology firms and data aggregators, should be regulated. This is the Treasury's fourth report in response to Executive Order 13772, which called on Treasury to identify laws and regulations that are inconsistent with the Core Principles for financial regulation it set forth.

The report provides over 80 recommendations to Congress and federal regulators that largely encourages financial innovation. Among the recommendations include endorsing the OCC plans to create a new federal bank charter for fintech firms; calls on Congress to create and authorize a single data security standard; the creation of a sandbox that will provide regulatory guidance for firms looking to develop new products; encourages the CFPB to rescind its payday lending rule; additionally the report refrained from taking a position on blockchain technologies and digital assets.

Finance Committee Clears Treasury Nominations. Last Wednesday, the Senate Committee on Finance advanced Mr. Justin Muzinich's nomination to be deputy Treasury secretary by a party-line vote of 14-13. Since last year Mr. Muzinich has served as counselor to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Additionally, the Committee advanced the nomination of Mr. Michael Desmond to be both the Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury. A vote of 25-2 approved Mr. Desmond. Desmond is a California tax lawyer who has previously worked in the Justice Department's Tax Division and at Treasury. No full Senate votes on these confirmations has been scheduled.

Senate Banking Committee Postpones CFPB Director Nomination Vote. Last week, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs postponed their scheduled vote on Ms. Kathy Kraninger's nomination to be the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). No vote has been re-scheduled, but the Senate will return from their break on August 13, 2018 and it is expected to be re-scheduled. Senator Warren (D-MA) called on Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID) to postpone the panel's vote on Kraninger's nomination until the administration provided documents on the nominee's involvement with the policy that led to thousands of children being separated from

their parents at the southern border.

July Employment Sector Report Released. On Friday, the Bureau of Labor Statistic (BLS) [released](#) its employment data for July 2018. The unemployment rate for the month decreased by 0.1 percent and stands at 3.9 percent. For July, the number of unemployed persons declined by 284,000 to 6.3 million and employment continued to trend up in professional and business services, in manufacturing, and in health care and social assistance. The labor force participation rate, at 62.9 percent in July, was unchanged over the month and over the year.

For more information on the Council's work on [financial services](#) issues, please contact [Griffin Doherty](#).

Healthcare Healthcare

Study Finds Sanders' Health Care Plan Would Cost 32.6 Trillion - On Monday, a [study](#) released by the Mercatus Center [estimated](#) that Senator Bernie Sanders' (I-VT) Medicare for All bill, [S. 1804](#), would cost \$32.6 trillion over 10 years to implement. Under the bill, all Americans would be covered by an expanded Medicare program, and patients would not pay for cost sharing such as co-pays or deductibles. Additionally, Health care providers including hospitals and physicians, would be reimbursed for care at Medicare payment rates, and the program would expand to cover areas like vision, dental and hearing coverage. With the federal government covering nearly all health care spending in the United States administrative health costs are projected to decline, but increased demand and use of health care services would drive up expenses, the study shows, which would likely lead to significant tax increases. The Mercatus Center is notably a libertarian organization founded by conservative donors Charles and David Koch, however, the study findings are similar to other analyses of such broad plans, including a 2016 [study](#) by the left-leaning Urban Institute that found a proposal that Sanders discussed as a 2016 presidential candidate would cost \$32 trillion over a decade.

CMS Approves Maine's Reinsurance Program Request -On Monday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved](#) a request from Maine to [establish](#) a reinsurance program to help prop up Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurers in the state and reduce overall premiums. Maine's program will [reimburse](#) insurers for 90 percent of claims paid between \$47,000 and \$77,000 and 100 percent of claims over that for high-risk enrollees diagnosed with certain health conditions. CMS said in a letter that the program is intended to help insurers cover their most expensive customers in an effort to reduce premiums for everyone else. Earlier in the week, CMS approved a similar request from Wisconsin. Wisconsin and Maine join Minnesota, Alaska, Oregon and Hawaii as states to receive reinsurance approval. Maryland and New Jersey have also submitted waivers which could be approved as early as September.

Kaiser Family Foundation Report Finds Significant ACA Enrollment Declined - On Tuesday, the Kaiser Family Foundation released a [report](#) which [found](#) that enrollment in the individual health insurance market declined 12 percent in the first quarter of 2018, compared to the same period last year. The analysis found that enrollment in the individual market grew substantially after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and remained steady in 2016, before dropping by 12 percent in 2017. There were 17.4 million people enrolled in the individual market in 2015, compared to 15.2 million in 2017, and 14.4 million in the first quarter of 2018. The study indicated there was a link between the drop in enrollment and the increase in premiums due to the Trump administration's cancellation of key ACA subsidies for insurers and the anticipation of the law's repeal.

CMS Finalizes Rule on Short-Term Health Plans -On Wednesday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services finalized new [rules](#) expanding the

availability of short-term plans. The rules seek to [encourage](#) more Americans to buy inexpensive, skimpy health plans originally designed for short-term use. The policies will be available for 12 months at a time, up from a current limit of three, and customers will be able to renew them for additional years. The short-term plans do not have to cover preexisting conditions and certain kinds of health care that the Affordable Care Act requires. The move marks the latest effort by the Trump administration to make it easier to undermine the ACA. In June, the Labor Department issued rules that will make it easier for small businesses and independent contractors to band together to purchase coverage. Both types of insurance can sidestep the ACA's requirement that health plans sold to individuals and small businesses must include 10 categories of benefits, including maternity care and mental-health services. Both can have bigger price differences between older customers and younger ones. But only the short-term plans also can charge higher prices to customers with medical conditions that require care, refuse to sell them a policy, or exclude coverage of health problems that a customer had before buying the insurance, all of which are banned under the ACA. Critics worry that consumers will unwittingly purchase coverage that doesn't cover pre-existing conditions or provide significant financial protection, and that they'll only discover that when they're hit with big medical bills.

Study Finds ACA Premiums Would Fall 4.3 Percent in Stable

Environment - On Wednesday, the USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy released a [report](#) which [projects](#) that Affordable Care Act (ACA) premiums would fall 4.3 percent in a "stable policy environment" where the individual mandate penalty had not been repealed, short-term health plans had not been expanded, and other ACA policies had not been rolled back by the Trump administration. Meanwhile, the cities of Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Baltimore filed a lawsuit on Wednesday [claiming](#) that the president is violating the Constitution by enforcing "a relentless effort to use executive action alone" to try to eliminate the ACA. The lawsuit argues that Trump's actions have increased insurance costs and decreased enrollment.

For more information on the Council's work on [healthcare](#) issues, please contact [Sean Malone](#).

Higher Education Higher Education

Perkins CTE Reauthorization Signed into Law - On Tuesday, President Trump's signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (H.R. 2353), a reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. It's the first time the law has been reauthorized since 2006. The law has and will continue to provide \$1 billion annually in support to states for secondary and post-secondary skill training. The House [passed](#) the reauthorization ([H.R. 2353](#)) in late July, just days after the Senate [passed](#) their legislation ([S. 250](#)) unanimously. It is the first significant piece of education legislation to be signed into law during this presidency. The full text of the bill can be found [here](#). Among many changes and updates, the bill eliminates a negotiation process between states crafting goals for their career and technical education programs and the Education Secretary. Instead, states would set their goals and the secretary would approve them. The President celebrated the signing during an event at Tampa Bay Tech high school with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Ivanka Trump, who had pushed Congress to pass the bill.

Department of Education Official Details Deregulation Agenda - Diane Auer Jones, the Education Department's principal deputy under secretary, delegated to perform the duties of under secretary and assistant secretary for postsecondary education, said in an [interview with Inside Higher Ed](#) that the department plans to increase innovation through deregulation and accreditation reform. In the interview, Deputy Under Secretary Jones gave details about the administration's plans to deregulate and to change the accreditation process.

Bill to Address teacher Shortages Introduced in Senate - Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) [introduced](#) the [Preparing and Retaining Education Professionals \(PREP\) Act](#), which would amend the Higher Education Act to address teacher and principal shortages in rural communities, special education, English language education and STEM. The bill would expand the Teacher Quality Partnership grant by increasing the number of eligible districts and would boost support for teacher prep programs at minority-serving higher education institutions. The bill would also require colleges and universities with teacher prep programs to compile yearly reports on the number of licensed teachers they're producing. States would use that data to come up with quantifiable goals to address teacher shortages. The bill would also require that the Education Department place that data in an annual report on the state of teacher preparation. View a section-by-section of the bill, [here](#). Edweek has [more](#).

School Safety Commission Holds Discussion, Plans Listening Session - The administration's Federal Commission on School Safety held a discussion in Percy, Arkansas on "Proactively Protecting Our Schools." Attorney General Jeff Sessions was the only Commission member in attendance. Secretary Mick Zais represented Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who chairs the commission. The event focused on the relationships between schools and law enforcement. The commission announced that it will hold its third "listening session" in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Federal officials will hear from representatives of state and local governments during the daylong event, in addition to members of the public. Previous listening sessions have been held in Washington, D.C., and Lexington, Kentucky. The Education Department announced last week that it is [accepting applications for competitive grants](#) to states that want to better help school districts develop plans in the event of an emergency.

New Vermont Secretary of Education Appointed - On Thursday, Vermont Governor Phil Scott appointed Dan French as the state's next secretary of education. French is a school superintendent and former high school social studies teacher, and previously was president of the Vermont Superintendents Association. French will replace Rebecca Holcombe, who resigned suddenly earlier this year, reportedly over disagreements with Governor Scott's education policies. The Burlington Free Press [reports](#).

Jim Brett Pens Talent Pipeline Op-Ed - New England Council President Jim Brett joined New England Board of Higher Education President Michael Thomas to author an [op-ed](#) on developing a regional talent pipeline.

For more information on the Council's work on [higher education](#) issues, please contact [Taylor Pichette](#).

Technology Technology

Senate Committee Holds Hearing on International Internet Governance - On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communication, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet held a [hearing](#) to review the international internet policies that are impacting the competitiveness, investment, and innovation opportunities of U.S. businesses on a domestic and international level. Lawmakers took testimony from technology industry experts, which included a [statement](#) from Facebook representatives that revealed it recently found and removed 32 additional fake accounts and pages aimed at disrupting the 2018 midterm elections. During the meeting, lawmakers focused on the challenges of international internet governance and highlighted the importance of U.S. leadership and coordination in securing today's global digital economy.

Senate Committee Holds Hearing to Discuss Foreign Influence Operations on Social Media Platforms - On Wednesday, the Senate

Intelligence Committee held a [hearing](#) to discuss foreign influence operations and their use of social media platforms. It was the Committee's third official hearing focusing on social media and foreign intelligence, and came a day after Facebook [revealed](#) that it had discovered and removed 32 pages and accounts intended to spread misinformation and propaganda. Facebook did not specifically attribute the fake accounts to Russia, however, lawmakers [said](#) the tactics and tools mirror those deployed by the Kremlin. During the hearing, lawmakers sought input on technical and regulatory solutions focused on removing social media's threat to democracy.

Members of the Senate Intelligence Committee will meet with senior executives from Facebook, Twitter, and Google on September 5th. The hearing will serve as a follow-up to a [hearing](#) held last November, in which lawmakers interrogated social media executives in regard to Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Prior to the announcement, Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) laid out [a policy paper](#) identifying twenty different options available to U.S. policymakers in addressing the threat of foreign influence operations. Read more in [The Hill](#) and [NBC Website](#).

Google to Launch Censored Version of Search Engine in China - On Wednesday, Google announced that it plans to launch a version of its search engine in China that complies with the country's strict censorship laws. According to the [Intercept](#), the modified Chinese search engine would blacklist websites as well as search terms about human rights, democracy, religion and peaceful protest. Google's announcement was met with disapproval by members of Congress. Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) [said](#), "Google said it wouldn't bow to Beijing's censorship, it should stick to its word, especially now that it's canceled its partnership with our military." Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) [added](#), "Google would be making a hideous mistake if it moved to launch a censored search engine in China." The finalized version of the search engine is expected to launch in the next six to nine months, pending approval from Chinese officials. Read more in [The Hill](#) and [Politico](#).

OCC to Offer National Approvals to Financial Technology Firms - On Tuesday, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) announced that it would now consider bank charter applications from financial technology (Fin Tech) companies seeking approval to operate nationwide. The announcement came shortly after the Department of the Treasury [recommended](#) that financial technology firms should be able to apply for special-purposes charters. The announcement makes it possible for financial technology firms and other online lenders to directly compete with traditional banks, and operate throughout the country without seeking permission from each individual state. However, financial technology companies are still subject to federal banking regulations and inspections from the OCC. Comptroller of the Currency Joseph Otting said, "the OCC's decision is intended to provide more choices to consumers and businesses, and create greater opportunity for companies that want to provide banking services in America." Read More in [The Hill](#) and [The New York Times](#).

Democrats Call for Federal Review of Facial Recognition - On Tuesday, a coalition of Democrat lawmakers sent a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), demanding that the federal government look at how companies and law enforcement agencies use facial recognition technologies. The letter asked the GAO to examine, "whether commercial entities selling facial recognition adequately audit use of their technology to ensure that use is not unlawful, inconsistent with terms of service, or otherwise raise privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties concerns." The letter comes just days after Democrats [criticized](#) Amazon's accuracy of the technology for misidentifying people of color and dozens of members of Congress in an American Civil Liberties Union report. Read more in [The Hill](#).

For more information on the Council's work on [technology](#) issues, please contact [Emily Heisig](#) or [Taylor Pichette](#).

Senators Seek to Move Trade National Security Designation from Commerce to DoD - On Wednesday evening, Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) joined with Senators Doug Jones (D-AL), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and Joni Ernst (R-IA) to [introduce legislation](#) that will remove the ability of the Commerce Department to declare whether tariffs are justified in the name of national security, and put that responsibility within the Department of Defense (DoD). The bipartisan bill, the Trade Security Act ([S.3359](#)), seeks to address concerns that a number of Senators have expressed with Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962: that the wrong federal entity is determining what constitutes a threat to national security when it comes to imposing tariffs as per Section 232. According to Senator Portman, "this bill makes common-sense reforms that require the Department of Defense to justify the national security basis for new tariffs under Section 232 and increases congressional oversight of this process." The bill has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

USTR to Consider Raising Tariffs on China to 25 Percent; China Fires Back - On Wednesday, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer issued [a statement](#) indicating that - at the direction of the President - his office would be looking at the possibility of raising tariffs on certain Chinese goods imported into the United States to a level of 25 percent. In June, the Trump Administration announced that it would begin the process of levying tariffs of 10 percent on certain Chinese goods totaling approximately \$200 billion in response to what the White House called retaliatory duties on U.S. products. Ambassador Lighthizer noted that China has to "stop its unfair practices, open its market, and engage in true market competition," arguing that the United States has "been very clear about the specific changes China should undertake," but to no avail. Mr. Lighthizer stated further that the President's action would "provide the Administration with additional options to encourage China to change its harmful policies and behavior and adopt policies that will lead to fairer markets and prosperity for all of our citizens. Those wishing to comment on the tariff extension have until September 5, 2018 to do so. In response to this potential (and previous) actions on the part of the U.S., the Chinese government on Friday announced that they were preparing to levy tariffs totaling \$60 billion on U.S. imports, further escalating trade tensions between the two economic giants.

Commerce Department Releases June Trade Data - On Friday, the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the U.S. Census Bureau [released monthly trade data](#) showing that America's goods and services trade deficit came in at \$46.3 billion for the month of June, representing an increase of \$3.2 billion from May's revised figure of \$43.2 billion. For June, the level of exports of goods and services totaled \$213.8 billion while imports totaled \$260.2 billion. The level of exports was down \$1.5 billion compared to May's figures, and the level of imports was up \$1.6 billion in the month-to-month comparison. The three-month average (April through June) showed a decrease of \$300 million in the goods and services average trade deficit to \$45.2 billion for the three-month period. The U.S. showed a goods deficit in June of \$6.7 billion with Mexico. For the month of June, the goods deficit with China was \$32.5 billion - an increase of some \$500 million from the prior month - and the deficit with the European Union was up \$900 million to \$12.8 billion. With Japan the goods deficit was down \$600 million to \$5.6 billion in June. The goods deficit with Canada was \$2.6 billion and with South Korea it was \$1.3 billion. In the plus column, the U.S. showed a goods surplus with South and Central America of \$3.3 billion for the month. With Hong Kong, our surplus was \$2.5 billion, nearly \$100 million with Singapore, \$400 million with the United Kingdom, and \$800 million with Brazil.

Commerce Department Lowers Tariffs on Canadian Newsprint - On Thursday, the Department of Commerce [announced](#) that it was lowering the top-end tariff that the government had imposed on imports of newsprint from Canada by a little more than five percent, establishing a new tariff range of zero percent to 16.88 percent. According to the Commerce Department website, "the U.S. International

Trade Commission (ITC) is currently scheduled to make its final injury determinations on September 17, 2018, which is independent from the Department of Commerce's determinations of dumping and subsidization." Both determinations need to be affirmative for an order to be issued. If the ITC determination is negative, then there will be no further investigation. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) [issued a release](#) saying he was pleased with the action, stating that "lowering these unwise and unjust tariffs is a positive step in the right direction to support our already at-risk community newspapers, the American paper industry and the many jobs it supports." Senator Schumer went on to say that he would "use my influence as the Senate Minority Leader to push the United States International Trade Commission to use their authority to end these unjustified tariffs." The Department of Commerce estimates that in 2017, newsprint imports from Canada had a value of approximately \$1.21 billion.

Senate Passes Resolution Declaring September 25th as "National Lobster Day" - On Tuesday, Maine Senators Angus King and Susan Collins announced that a resolution they introduced designating September 25th as "National Lobster Day" passed the Senate unanimously. The resolution ([S. Res. 559](#)) was co-sponsored by the majority of New England's coastal senators. In announcing the passage of the resolution, the Maine senators [pointed out](#) that "lobster is one of the most valuable catches in the U.S., with approximately 150 million pounds landed at a value of more \$500 million each year."

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Transportation and Infrastructure **Trans**

Senate Approves Amendment Restricting Funds for "Foreign" Transit-Rail Cars - On Tuesday, the Senate adopted a managers' amendment to the Departments of Transportation and HUD portion of the "Mini-Bus" appropriations bill ([H.R. 6147](#)) that contains an [amendment](#) offered by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) that will "prohibit funds made available to the Federal Transit Administration from being used for the procurement of rolling stock from manufacturers supported by certain foreign governments." Though not stipulated in the language of the Cornyn amendment, the de facto primary target of the one-year funding ban in this amendment is China's CRRC Corporation Limited. The amendment was adopted unanimously as part of the en bloc managers package, and which was added to the final Senate bill. There is a similar provision in the House version of this appropriations measure.

GAO Conducts Study on Ride-Sharing - On Monday, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued [a report](#) to Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-OH) on the rise of on-demand ride-sharing, bike-sharing, and other mobility services and their growing relationship with various transit agencies. The GAO had been asked to look at these relationships, interviewing "local transit agencies and 13 private mobility companies involved in transit partnerships." This report addresses "the types of partnership projects that selected transit agencies have pursued with private mobility companies and the potential effects of these partnerships; how DOT's efforts and funding, and various federal requirements impact such emerging partnerships; and other considerations that may affect the future prevalence of such partnerships." Among the recommendations that the GAO came up with were calls for the Federal Transit Administration to "gather and publicly share information on transit partnerships" as well as "determine which on-demand services qualify as 'public transportation' based on the statutory definition and disseminate information to clarify whether and how to report data from such services into the National Transit Database (NTD)."

FAA's Elwell Espouses Safety Necessity at Pilots' Conference - On

Thursday, Dan Elwell, the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), gave [a speech](#) before the annual air safety forum of the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) to remind attendees that those involved in aviation don't compete when it comes to safety, stating that "safety isn't just good for business - it's our only business." Administrator Elwell pointed out that there are three pillars on which the aviation safety culture is built - voluntary reporting, risk management, and effective mitigation - and that "this system only works if each one of those three prongs is functioning properly." He further stated that with the addition of new entrants into the national airspace like drones and commercial space vehicles, it is important to "welcome them into the fold and to share the lessons that have been learned" on safety. Mr. Elwell also noted that air traffic is expected to "nearly double by 2036" to about 7.8 billion passengers worldwide which will require a lot of new pilots, and those pilots when they come on board are exceptionally trained "and are held to the highest standards." The Administrator talked up an Aviation Workforce Symposium on September 13th in Washington to discuss ways to bring young persons to the aviation industry, improve training, and "build better partnerships to support our next generation of pilots and aviation technicians."

TSA Seeks to Address Reports of Elimination of Passenger Screening and Other Cost Saving Measures - News reports indicated on Wednesday that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was giving consideration to a proposal that would close passenger screening operations at some 150 small to medium sized airports in order to save taxpayer dollars. Documents in the possession of these news outlets apparently showed that there is a potential savings of \$115 million. In addition, it was reported that there could be cuts to other TSA programs that would bring the total to \$300 million, including cutting air marshal services, curtailing janitorial services, staff cutbacks at TSA headquarters, and reducing reimbursement payments related to canine training. In response to the more provocative claim that screening could be eliminated at 150 airports, the TSA released [a statement](#) on Wednesday stating that "there has been no decision to eliminate passenger screening at any federalized U.S. airport," while pointing out that discussions on how to potentially save money are conducted every year covering all aspects of the TSA's purview. The TSA statement indicated that "any potential operational changes to better allocate limited taxpayer resources...would not take place without a risk assessment to ensure the security of the aviation system." Nevertheless, Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) [sent a letter](#) to TSA head David Pekoske to ask a litany of questions related to the possible elimination of airport screening, including a specific request that he "identify each airport that could lose screening services" and what cities and states would be subject to such cuts.

Congressional Reaction to "Quiet Skies" Program - A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) airline passenger surveillance program known as "Quiet Skies" that was reported in the pages of the Boston Globe beginning last weekend generated a host of concerns from at least two lawmakers, both from New England. Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA) sent [a letter](#) on Monday to Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) urging that the Committee conduct a hearing to review the program. Representative Lynch, the Ranking Member of the Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, stated that the administration of a covert surveillance program that targets nearly 20,000 air travelers, including U.S. citizens, per year without probable cause must be subject to robust congressional oversight." Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) sent [a letter](#) on Monday to TSA Administrator David Pekoske to express his concern "about this previously undisclosed domestic surveillance operation and the implication Quiet Skies has for American privacy, civil rights, and security in our skies." Senator Markey asked detailed questions as to the scope, origins, use of data, and cost of the program to name a few. The Globe further reported by the end of the week that Congressional leaders were told that not one of the thousands of individuals surveilled under the program merited further scrutiny.

Senator Whitehouse and Colleagues Introduce Innovative

Infrastructure Bill - On Thursday, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and several of his colleagues [announced](#) that they had introduced bipartisan legislation, the Innovative Materials for America's Growth and Infrastructure Newly Expanded (IMAGINE) Act ([S. 3341](#)), which is designed to "encourage research and deployment of innovative construction materials in transportation and water infrastructure projects nationwide." The sponsors believe that investment in advanced materials and construction techniques will "help to extend the life of critical public works" and "spur federal investment in vital bridge and water infrastructure projects that utilize innovative materials, prioritizing coastal and rural projects." Among the materials the bill seeks to promote are "high performance asphalt mixtures and concrete formulations, geo-synthetic materials, advanced alloys and metals, reinforced polymer composites, aggregate materials, and advanced polymers."

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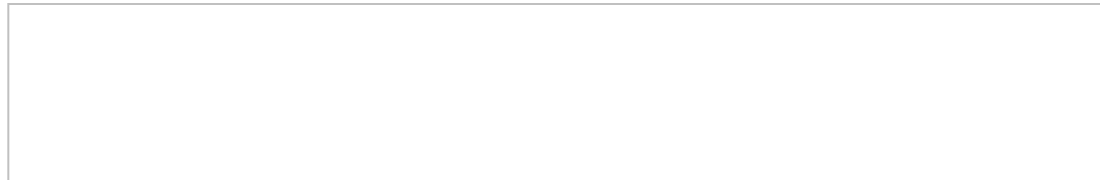
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The Russia connection

**U.S. national security leaders on Russia's attacks:
"Our democracy itself is in the crosshairs"**

In joint press briefing in the White House on Thursday, the leaders of U.S. intelligence and national security offered a detailed and disturbing picture of Russia's on-going meddling in U.S. politics, and the efforts by Russian government hackers and disinformation specialists to shape the outcome of the 2018 congressional midterms elections. Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said Russia is engaging in "pervasive messaging campaign to try to weaken and divide the United States." DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said: "Our democracy itself is in the crosshairs." President Donald Trump, speaking at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania a few hours after the briefing at the White House, dismissed the judgement of the U.S. intelligence and national security leaders. "In Helsinki, I had a great meeting with Putin. We discussed everything," Trump said to cheers from the crowd. "We got along really well... Now, we are being hindered by the Russian hoax. It's a hoax, okay?"

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Influence campaigns

Russia's influence campaign can "wreak havoc in

our society and in our elections”

On Wednesday, 1 August, the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee convened an open hearing on foreign influence operations and their use of social media platforms. “Twenty-one months after the 2016 election – and only three months before the 2018 elections – Russian-backed operatives continue to infiltrate and manipulate social media to hijack the national conversation and set Americans against each other. They were doing it in 2016. They are still doing it today,” Senator Mark Warner (D-Virginia), vice-chairman of the committee said. “These active measures have two things in common: They are effective. And they are cheap. For just pennies on the dollar, they can wreak havoc in our society and in our elections. I’m concerned that even after 18 months of study, we are still only scratching the surface when it comes to Russia’s information warfare.”

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Bioterrorism

German prosecutors widen bioterrorism plot probe

German prosecutors have widened their investigation into a thwarted biological terror attack. Two suspected accomplices were arrested in Tunisia, one of whom planned a "simultaneous" attack in Tunisia. In June, Sief Allah H. was arrested in a police raid on his apartment in the western city of Cologne. Investigators found "toxic substances" that were later determined to be deadly ricin poison. The 29-year-old was also found to have bomb-making materials in his possession.

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Printable guns

From gun kits to 3D printable guns, a short history of rogue gun makers

By Timothy D. Lytton

Gun rights activist Cody Wilson got a green light from the Trump administration in June to publish digital blueprints on the internet that will enable anyone with a 3D printer to make a plastic gun. Wilson’s harnessing of computer technology and his self-proclaimed radical ideology have added a new, unpredictable dimension to America’s struggle to reduce gun violence. But my research into the marketing, distribution and sales practices of the U.S. firearms industry reveals that there is nothing new in attempts by gun makers to exploit loopholes in government regulations. Since the 1980s, anyone can purchase the most lethal of firearms free from all legal restrictions. This has been made

possible by small companies, operating on the margins of the gun industry, that sell complete weapons in the form of parts kits. Gun parts – as opposed to whole guns – are not subject to any of the federal regulations that govern firearms sales. No federal license is necessary to sell gun parts. And no background check is needed to purchase them.

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Internet publication of 3D printing files about guns: Facts and what's at stake

By Kit Walsh

When it comes to guns, nearly everyone has strong views. When it comes to Internet publication of 3D printed guns, those strong views can push courts and regulators into making hasty, dangerous legal precedents that will hurt the public's ability to discuss legal, important, and even urgent topics ranging from mass surveillance to treatment of tear gas attacks. Careless responses to 3D-printed guns, even those that will do little to limit their availability, will have long-lasting effects on a host of activities entirely unrelated to guns.

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Hurricane Maria

Death toll from Hurricane Maria larger than previously thought

The number of people who died as a result of Hurricane Maria — which hit Puerto Rico on 20 September 2017 — may be as high as 1,139, surpassing the official death count of 64, according to researchers. The researchers used official government records to calculate the number, which took into account not just those who died from the immediate effects of the hurricane, but also from secondary effects in the following months.

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Climate threats

It's official: 2017 was one of three warmest years on record

It is official: 2017 was the third-warmest year on record for the globe. The planet also experienced record-high greenhouse gas concentrations as well as rises in sea level. The concentration of greenhouse gasses -- including carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane, and nitrous oxide – reached new record highs. The 2017 average global CO₂ concentration was 405 parts per million, the highest measured in the modern 38-year global climate record and records created from ice-core samples dating back as far as 800,000 years.

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Planetary security

If there are intelligent aliens, why have we not we seen them?

Thousands of planets have been discovered in the last few decades, although astronomers tell us there are probably billions. In such a large and diverse set of solar systems, it seems impossible that humans could be the only intelligent life. This contradiction – between the high probability that life exists elsewhere in the universe and the lack of evidence for it – is known as Fermi's Paradox. Coined by physicist Enrico Fermi in the 1960s, it's a mystery that continues to invite consideration more than half a century later.

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Our picks

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- Facial recognition increasing in schools
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- Former FBI agent: Russia helped Trump get elected
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- Russia's disinformation "toolkit" going global, experts say
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- The Trump team is running a disinformation campaign about

Russian interference

- Social media analysts: Public information campaign needed to combat Russian disinformation
- Experts: Russian influence efforts constitute "informational warfare," span beyond election
- What is QAnon? The origins of the bizarre conspiracy theory claiming Trump-Russia investigation is a hoax to catch pedophiles

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- New DHS center to address cyber gaps
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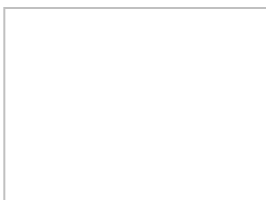
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TOP NEWS

Blended learning has benefits for juvenile offenders



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Blended learning has helped cut the number of incarcerated juveniles in Illinois from 901 in 2012 to 386 in 2017, says Sophia Jones-Redmond, superintendent of School District 428 that serves students in the state's juvenile justice system. The program, which lets students work at their own pace, has generated mixed results among the facilities using it.

[The Hechinger Report](#) (8/2)

ELEARNING

Can Google Glass help build social skills in students with autism?

Google Glass is helping some children with autism better understand facial expressions, according to findings published in npj Digital Medicine. Children used a smartphone app that works with the Google Glass headset and gives the wearer information on what emotions other people are expressing, and researchers say the social skills of study participants improved after about 10 weeks of treatment.

[Science News](#) (8/2)



Other News

- **How teachers can make the most of AR, VR**

eSchool News (8/3)

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Facial recognition tech for schools available

Schools in the US and Canada have access to new, facial-recognition software through RealNetworks. A private school in Seattle recently tested the software, and Paula Smith, head of school, said it aided school safety and security.

[T.H.E. Journal](#) (8/2)



MANAGING BUDGETS

Program aims to improve cybersecurity education

A federal grant program is aimed at improving cybersecurity education at community colleges. Applicants to the program are required to collaborate with one of the three Advanced Technological Education centers funded by the National Science Foundation.

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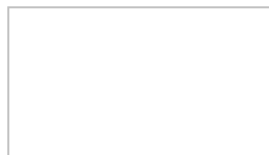
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SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Some educators tap social media to fund supplies



Data show that nearly all public-school teachers report using their own money to pay for classroom supplies. To help pay for the supplies, some educators use social media, including high-school teacher Shemena Shivers, who says that publicizing her needs on Facebook allows her to tap her own network for



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[Chalkbeat/Tennessee](#) (8/2)

LAST BYTE

Viral video spurs Fla. McDonald's to hire homeless man

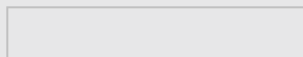
A McDonald's franchisee in Tallahassee, Fla., has hired a homeless man after seeing a viral video of the man, named Phil, having his face shaved by a police officer in preparation for applying for the position. Phil was set to start Tuesday as a janitor and crew person, franchisee Raphael Vazquez said

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We need to keep the momentum strong and force Amazon to take a moral stance to stop perpetrating human rights abuses.

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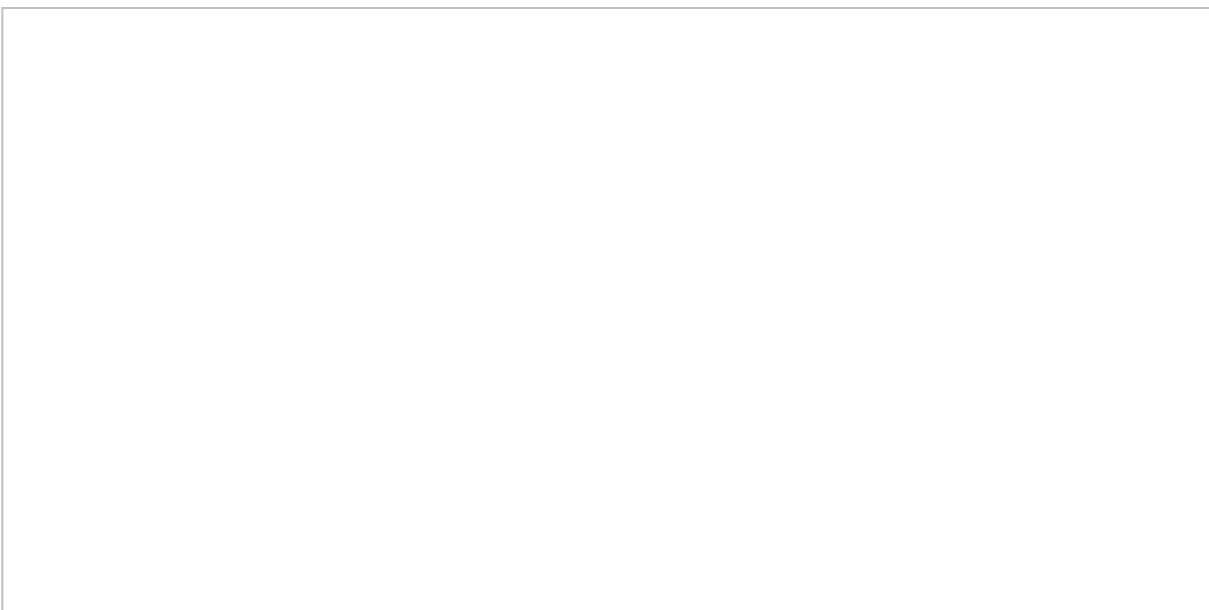
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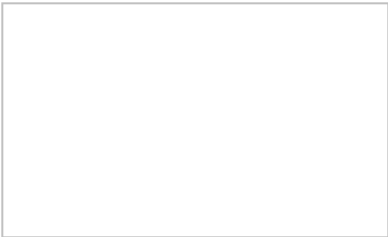
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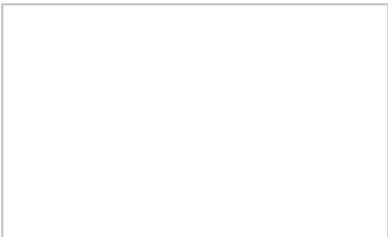
Court Delays Release of Parkland School Shooting Security Footage

The Broward School Board tried to block the release of the footage, claiming it would expose weak spots in the district's surveillance systems.



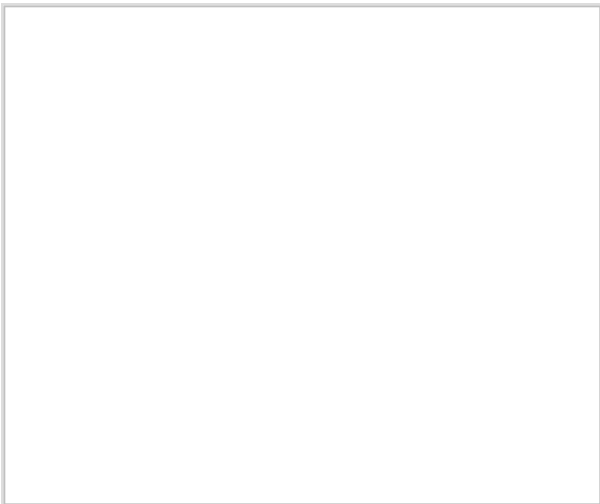
Broward County Schools Superintendent Reveals New Security Upgrades

As students prepare for back to school, Broward County Schools superintendent provided updates on security improvements, including single points of entry.

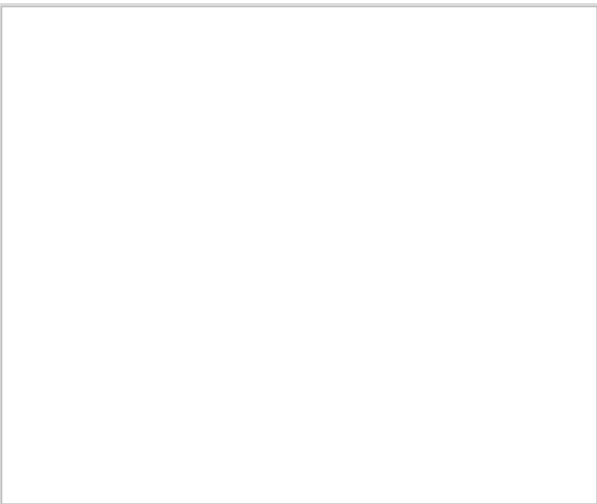


ACLU Files Lawsuit Against 12 N.J. School Districts Claiming Immigrant Bias

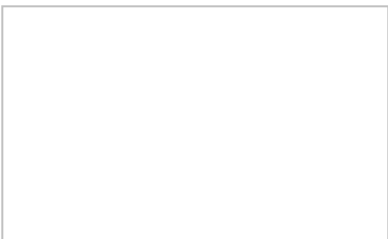
The lawsuit claims the districts violate state law by requiring parents provide forms of state-issued ID in order to enroll their children.



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School Districts Consider Facial Recognition to Improve Security

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CSHQ: Crisis in the Classroom

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Today is the last day to take advantage of early registration discounts! The full conference registration goes up to \$425 tomorrow, August 1. Take advantage of this great discount...[Register today!](#)

Prefer paper? Visit www.naptconference.org to download the Delegate packet and fax (518.218.08 email (Brianne.Peck@napt.org) it to headquarters.

Plan your travel early! Visit the [website](#) for hotel and travel options to and around Kansas City, MO making your reservations, keep in mind that our Trade Show will take place Tuesday, October 30, followed by our Ideas Exchange networking event. To ensure you're able to take full advantage of everything NAPT Conference & Trade Show has to offer, we recommend you plan to stay through Tuesday and out Wednesday, October 31.

Please note, our host hotel has rooms available beginning Saturday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 31. If you are planning to arrive prior to the 27th, please book your room at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino.

NAPT awards nomination deadline ***TOMORROW***

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Application Deadline Approaching

NAPT's [Annual Awards Program](#) is designed to honor a student transportation professional at every level for helping make school transportation the safest, most effective way for 26 million children to get to and from school each day. **The application deadline is tomorrow — Wednesday, August 1.** Please consider nominating someone you know for one of the following NAPT Awards today.

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- NAPT Distinguished Service Award

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August webinar to step through hiring process

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Join us Tuesday, August 28 at 1pm ET for NAPT's member webinar: **Staff Management: Pre-Screening, Interviewing & Selecting.** [Online registration is open!](#)

This webinar is designed for the new HR professional or the non-HR staff responsible for hiring and selecting candidates for their organization. Participants will learn how to filter candidates throughout the entire selection process and how to effectively manage all steps of the process.

Participants will learn:

- How to review resumes, identifying red flags and filter wrong candidates.
- How to conduct telephone interviews.
- About various interview types and how to ask the right questions.
- About legal requirements and proper documentation.

Date: Tuesday, August 28 @ 1pm ET

Title: Staff Management: Pre-Screening, Interviewing & Selecting

Presenter: Lori Miller, President, Developing Professionals

Fee: **FREE** for NAPT members!

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Lori is Back!

You may remember her from the June webinar and the 2017 Annual Conference in Columbus, OH! Miller is owner and president of Developing Professionals, a company that provides training, consulting and coaching services to organizations in Leadership and Professional Development. She has conducted hundreds of seminars and workshops both locally and nationally for corporations, non-profit groups and professional associations.

Her background includes 25 years of management experience in Human Resources and Communications working in Fortune 500 companies, media, and higher education. She has served as a part-time adjunct communications professor at Buffalo State College for more than 10 years.

She has a M.S. in Organizational Communication and Development from Canisius College, and a M.A. in Student Personnel Administration, and B.A. in Journalism from Buffalo State College.

Upcoming NAPT webinar!

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DEADLINE TOMORROW: Three scholarships available for NAPT conference & trade show

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Again this year [Annual Conference Registration Scholarships](#) are available to NAPT members planning to attend this year's conference in Kansas City, MO October 27-30. We encourage you to take advantage of this great member benefit.

- [Dr. Peter & Linda Lawrence Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Peter and Linda Lawrence and is intended to help provide financial assistance to those individuals who may not be able to attend safety training conferences through the financial support of their employers or on their own.

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The application deadline is **August 1, 2018**.

- [Zonar Scholarship](#)

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- [Brandon Billingsley Memorial Continuing Ed Scholarship](#)

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Registration open for America's Best Training & Skills Challenge

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For years the America's Best program has offered training and a skills challenge for the technicians inspectors in the school bus industry. By bringing this unique event together with NAPT's Conference participants have access to the premier school transportation conference in the nation. In addition to hands-on training through the America's Best program, you'll also have the opportunity to participate in dozens of different workshops *specifically designed for technicians and inspectors!* Plus, you'll have opportunity to connect with all of the vendors involved in NAPT's Trade Show on Tuesday, October 23.

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Visit www.napt.org/americasbest for details and to register. If you have any specific questions, please contact Committee Chair Lloyd Givens, Maintenance Director at Special School District (MO) at lgivens@ssdmo.org or NAPT's Education Specialist Janna Smeltzer at Janna.Smeltzer@napt.org.

2018 National School Bus Safety Week poster available

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Get ready to celebrate National School Bus Safety Week! We have a very limited quantity of printed posters available. We, therefore, encourage you to utilize an electronic copy of the poster for National School Bus Safety Week this year. Visit www.napt.org to request the electronic copy of this year's poster. Once submitted a member of NAPT staff will review your request and contact you directly. If approved, the 2018 NSBSW poster image will be distributed through a DropBox link with guidelines for its use and printing.

2018 National School Bus Safety Week is October 22-26, 2018 and the theme is "My Driver — My Hero!" The artwork featured on this year's poster was drawn by Aumkar Patel, a 5th Grader at Henry County Schools in McDonough, GA.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Cash-strapped school districts left behind by wealthier neighbors

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U.S. News & World Report

Poor school systems across the country are being left to wither as wealthier districts shut the door on cash-strapped neighbors, and states are doing little to stop it, a new report finds. Because schools are funded in large part by local property taxes, they are vulnerable to the same economic swings as the communities in which they are located. When things go south, many states do little to ensure the struggling districts that can no longer afford to operate schools are absorbed by their more well-heeled neighbors. [READ MORE](#)

Here's where Boston spends money busing students

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The Boston Globe

Frustrated by the ballooning cost of busing students across the city, then-Mayor Thomas M. Menino declared a decade ago that "I will not allow us to pour dollar after dollar into gas tanks when we could invest more of that money into our classrooms." Yet since Menino uttered those words in his State of the City address in the Strand Theatre in 2008, school transportation spending in Boston escalated from \$76 million to \$122.5 million last school year, even after officials overhauled the school assignment to allow more students to attend classes closer to home. [READ MORE](#)

Property tax break? Sweeping change in how New Jersey pays for schools is now law

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NorthJersey

The decades-old debate in New Jersey over how to fairly fund public education took another turn when Gov. Phil Murphy signed into law the first major revamp of the state's modern school funding formula: it was enacted in 2008. The law envisions a massive redistribution of state aid over seven years from districts with shrinking enrollment or growing tax bases to those with booming populations and large numbers of high-need students. Taxpayers could get relief or an added burden, depending on which district they live in. [READ MORE](#)

Interviewing 101: How to choose the right candidate to interview

Forbes

Interviewing is a crucial step in the hiring process. In this series, you'll learn how to stage a great interview. First up, advice on choosing the right candidate to interview. Hiring an employee may seem like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. With the right preparations, an imposing stack of resumes can be whittled down in a snap. Once you figure out how to hire the right person, future hires will likely go more smoothly.

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9 things schools can do today to improve attendance

eSchool News

Excused absences, unexcused absences, suspensions — all contribute to chronic absenteeism, which is defined as missing 10 percent or more school days per year. While the causes vary, chronic absenteeism is now viewed as a warning sign that something within a school or student's life needs to be addressed. Keep learning on track. [READ MORE](#)

School to roll out district-wide student safety technology

WJHG-TV

A district-wide safety initiative received the green light from Bay District Schools. Come fall, all Bay District school buses will be equipped with Z Pass readers. The "Z" is short for "Zonar," which is the GPS student tracking company used by the district. The student identification system has already been introduced at some local schools but will become district-wide this school year. [READ MORE](#)

Trump's School Safety Commission probes 'trauma-informed' mental health supports

Education Week

Trauma-informed care, which focuses on sensitivity to students' experiences, and state support for mental health have paid off big in Wisconsin, state and local officials told U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

and other members of the Federal School Safety Commission at its second field hearing, which took place in Adams, Wisconsin. The Badger State's system of supports for mental health took center stage at the hearing, which included a class tour and roundtable discussion at Adams-Friendship Middle School. [MORE](#)

New Jersey lawmakers look to re-test older school bus drivers

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Following the fatal Paramus school bus crash that killed a middle school student and a teacher on February 80 in May, efforts are being fast-tracked to ramp up school bus safety in the Garden State. The state Senate Transportation Committee gave the green light to a legislative package that aims to make school buses safer, including by having monitors travel on all buses to watch students, increasing the flow of information about a bus driver's safety record and requiring drivers to be certified more frequently. [MORE](#)

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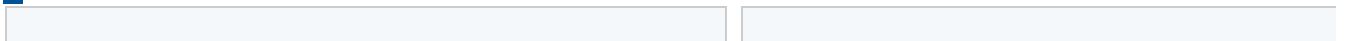
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Eleanor Beaton, a contributor for Inc., writes: "At a recent tech industry event, I was horrified to hear three senior women leaders who told me they systematically avoided attending pre-conference women's symposia. 'Those women's events make me stand out in all the wrong ways,' one confided. Now at big industry conferences, the 'women's symposium' provides an opportunity for women to network, attend panel discussions where senior women leaders share career strategies, and discuss the unique issues affecting women in the industry in question." [READ MORE](#)

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Education Department must do more to understand — And close — The homework gap



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School's out for the summer. But that doesn't mean that Washington can take a break from the work

to ensure that every student has the internet access they need for digital-age education. According to Senate Joint Economic Committee, there are 12 million kids nationwide who are unable to get online. These students fall into a "homework gap" — and it's an especially cruel part of the digital divide. It means that when their teachers assign homework that requires internet access, they struggle to complete their assignments and keep up in class. [READ MORE](#)

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Are brighter futures through edtech within reach?

By: Sheilamary Koch (commentary)

Possibilities for using technology in schools are endless — but the conditions that nurture successful educational technology programs boil down to a handful. Institutions that boast excellent outcomes along with their high-tech capabilities had three common traits; detailed technology visions and plans, teacher and student involvement in technology planning, and formal evaluation of technology effectiveness. These findings were based on a global survey evaluating 22 evidence-based edtech capabilities. [READ MORE](#)

Mobile classrooms bring STEM where students need it

EdTech Magazine

Educators are utilizing education technology to repurpose old trailers and buses to create mobile education spaces, classrooms on wheels where students are able to experience what STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) has to offer. With the help of new tools designed for mobility, such as Cradlepoint access points for internet-connected school busses or smaller portable 3D printers, mobile classrooms are becoming a feasible way for passionate educators to expand their reach. [READ MORE](#)

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5 best practices for teaching challenging subjects

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One of the most effective ways to cultivate skills such as empathy, problem solving, and emotional intelligence is to help students productively struggle through an examination of the real and complex subjects that they will face and continue to face the world. Conversations on topics like racism, genocide, school shootings and other forms of violence are not easy; however, honest dialogue can lead to increased understanding and compassion for the human experience. [READ MORE](#)

What does civics education look like in America?

The Brookings Institution

How well are schools preparing students to be effective citizens, voters and members of their communities? This question seems more relevant than ever in the current era of contentious and polarized politics. The March for Our Lives, a student-led demonstration against gun violence with marches occurring worldwide, has recently earned national attention by organizing the March for Our Lives, a student-led demonstration against gun violence with marches occurring worldwide. This surge of political activism by young people demonstrates a high capacity for political engagement among students. Yet at the same time, real concerns persist about the extent to which schools are equipping all students with the skills they need to be effective citizens. Whether some students will leave school more prepared than others. [READ MORE](#)

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Flipped classroom, flipped learning — you've probably heard these phrases in recent years, and you're wondering how this strategy works. Flipped lessons replace teacher lectures with instructional material often a video — that students watch and interact with at home. They apply what they learned in class the next day through a variety of activities or assignments that could once have been homework, with the teacher working as a coach or guide. [READ MORE](#)

Get to know your classmates activities

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Looking for a way to calm those first-day-of-school jitters — for your students and yourself? Why not "icebreaker"? Icebreakers, fun activities to help students get to know one another and their teachers, ease those first-day nerves and get the school year off to a great start. Some teachers prefer to jump right into classroom rules and instruction. Icebreakers, they say, are a waste of good instructional time. Most teachers recognize the potential of icebreakers, though. Icebreakers can help teachers get to know their students, can reveal who the class leaders might be, what skills and special abilities students possess, and how students might work together. [READ MORE](#)

Getting started with person-1st language

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As educators strive to be inclusive of all children, one way to begin is to actively use person-first language, a form of linguistic etiquette in which we describe a trait or diagnosis as something a person has rather than who they are — e.g., "a person with diabetes," not "a diabetic." This is a way to honor and welcome students with different abilities. Indeed, how we discuss and describe our students profoundly impacts their social inclusion in the classroom. [READ MORE](#)

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Improving school productivity for 'non-average' students

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You have undoubtedly noticed that only some of your students enthusiastically dig in to their schoolwork and seem motivated to get their work done. Learning standards are actually not written for specific grade levels! They are aimed at the perceived learning abilities of the students in the middle of achievement expectations for typical learners of a certain age in a targeted grade. So, the truth is that the students not being productive are "located" at both ends of the learning continuum. Those kids who are "not doing" or "not handing in their work" are the target groups for this article. [READ MORE](#)

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An enormous study of the genes related to staying in school

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The overrepresentation of women in the teaching workforce is likely not negatively affecting boys' achievement, argues a new brief from the Brookings Institution's Brown Center on Education Policy. is part of a series examining teacher diversity in the United States, with a specific focus on underrepresentation of teachers of color. Research has long demonstrated that the lack of racial dive the teaching force hurts students of color. [READ MORE](#)

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Several song titles popped into my head as I reflected on NAESP's Pre-K-8 Principals Conference in Florida. I heard Tina Turner singing "What's Love Got to Do With It?" I started singing The Righteous song "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling." And then I couldn't help but hum along to The Beatles' song "Need Is Love." I attended several amazing sessions in Orlando, and many of them shared a commor love. You might be wondering to yourself what Tina Turner and the concept of love has to do with a n conference for educational leaders. The short answer: everything. [READ MORE](#)

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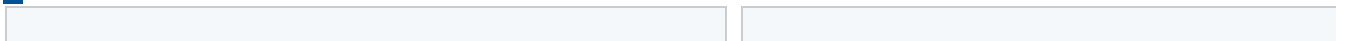
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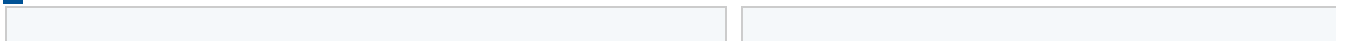
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Looking for a way to calm those first-day-of-school jitters — for your students and yourself? Why not "icebreaker"? Icebreakers, fun activities to help students get to know one another and their teachers, ease those first-day nerves and get the school year off to a great start. Some teachers prefer to jump right into classroom rules and instruction. Icebreakers, they say, are a waste of good instructional time. Most teachers recognize the potential of icebreakers, though. Icebreakers can help teachers get to know their students, can reveal who the class leaders might be, what skills and special abilities students possess, and how students might work together. [READ MORE](#)

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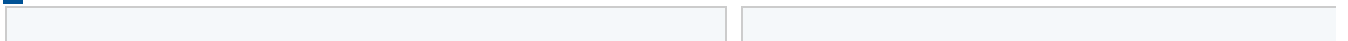
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How well are schools preparing students to be effective citizens, voters and members of their communities? This question seems more relevant than ever in the current era of contentious and polarized politics. The National Student Reluctance to Engage in Politics survey recently earned national attention by organizing the March for Our Lives, a student-led demonstration against gun violence with marches occurring worldwide. This surge of political activism by young people demonstrates a high capacity for political engagement among students. Yet at the same time, real concerns persist about the extent to which schools are equipping all students with the skills they need to be effective citizens. Whether some students will leave school more prepared than others. [READ MORE](#)

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The fundamental teaching practices that improve student performance.

4 tools for a flipped classroom

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Flipped classroom, flipped learning — you've probably heard these phrases in recent years, and you're wondering how this strategy works. Flipped lessons replace teacher lectures with instructional material often a video — that students watch and interact with at home. They apply what they learned in class the next day through a variety of activities or assignments that could once have been homework, with the teacher working as a coach or guide. [READ MORE](#)

Get to know your classmates activities

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Education World

Looking for a way to calm those first-day-of-school jitters — for your students and yourself? Why not "icebreaker"? Icebreakers, fun activities to help students get to know one another and their teachers, ease those first-day nerves and get the school year off to a great start. Some teachers prefer to jump right into classroom rules and instruction. Icebreakers, they say, are a waste of good instructional time. Most teachers recognize the potential of icebreakers, though. Icebreakers can help teachers get to know their students, can reveal who the class leaders might be, what skills and special abilities students possess, and how students might work together. [READ MORE](#)

Getting started with person-1st language

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As educators strive to be inclusive of all children, one way to begin is to actively use person-first language, a form of linguistic etiquette in which we describe a trait or diagnosis as something a person has rather than who they are — e.g., "a person with diabetes," not "a diabetic." This is a way to honor and welcome students with different abilities. Indeed, how we discuss and describe our students profoundly impacts their social inclusion in the classroom. [READ MORE](#)

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Improving school productivity for 'non-average' students

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By: Susan Winebrenner (commentary)

You have undoubtedly noticed that only some of your students enthusiastically dig in to their schoolwork and seem motivated to get their work done. Learning standards are actually not written for specific grade levels! They are aimed at the perceived learning abilities of the students in the middle of achievement expectations for typical learners of a certain age in a targeted grade. So, the truth is that the students not being productive are "located" at both ends of the learning continuum. Those kids who are "not doing" or "not handing in their work" are the target groups for this article. [READ MORE](#)

Weaving the 4 Cs into after-school programs

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Education DIVE

Digital media has pushed a transformation across school libraries, with students walking through their doors less often for books than for media training and computer time. Educators are eager to bring students into the digital space, hence the proliferation of makerspaces, as well as after-school activities that help children build digital skills. [READ MORE](#)

EDUCATION RESEARCH

Study: Children busy with active sports schedules still find time to play

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Medical Xpress

Are children's busy schedules depriving them of their childhood and the ability to play freely? Not really, according to a U of T study. Researchers at U of T's Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education worked with colleagues at McMaster University on a study, published in the *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise* journal, that found children with higher participation in organized sport and physical activity were engaging in greater free play, over time. [READ MORE](#)

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An enormous study of the genes related to staying in school

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The Atlantic

When scientists publish their research, it's rare for them to write an accompanying FAQ that explains what they found and what it means. It's especially rare for that FAQ to be three times longer than the research paper itself. But Daniel Benjamin and his colleagues felt the need to do so, because they work on a topic that is frequently and easily misunderstood: the genetics of education. [READ MORE](#)

The teaching force is mostly female. Is that bad for boys?

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Education Week

The overrepresentation of women in the teaching workforce is likely not negatively affecting boys' achievement, argues a new brief from the Brookings Institution's Brown Center on Education Policy. is part of a series examining teacher diversity in the United States, with a specific focus on underrepresentation of teachers of color. Research has long demonstrated that the lack of racial dive the teaching force hurts students of color. [READ MORE](#)

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What schools need: Love?

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Several song titles popped into my head as I reflected on NAESP's Pre-K-8 Principals Conference in Florida. I heard Tina Turner singing "What's Love Got to Do With It?" I started singing The Righteous song "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling." And then I couldn't help but hum along to The Beatles' song "Need Is Love." I attended several amazing sessions in Orlando, and many of them shared a commor love. You might be wondering to yourself what Tina Turner and the concept of love has to do with a n conference for educational leaders. The short answer: everything. [READ MORE](#)

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Because there has been a dramatic shift I the past five years regarding student and family communic was extremely excited to attend "Beyond the Newsletter: National Panel on Innovative Communicatic Student Voice" at NAESP's 2018 annual conference in Orlando. The session description promised to "empower the principal to lead beyond the newsletter." [READ MORE](#)

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U.S. military warned some software may be compromised

Cyber warfare is evolving constantly as we speak and state-level attacks are using various techniques to infiltrate our critical systems for espionage and widespread disruption. In fact, U.S. defense officials are now telling everyone to be vigilant against suspicious software that may have been compromised by state-sponsored hackers.

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Here are some cousins of those Virginia ponies. [Some wild horses in Iceland were caught on camera - see them here.](#)

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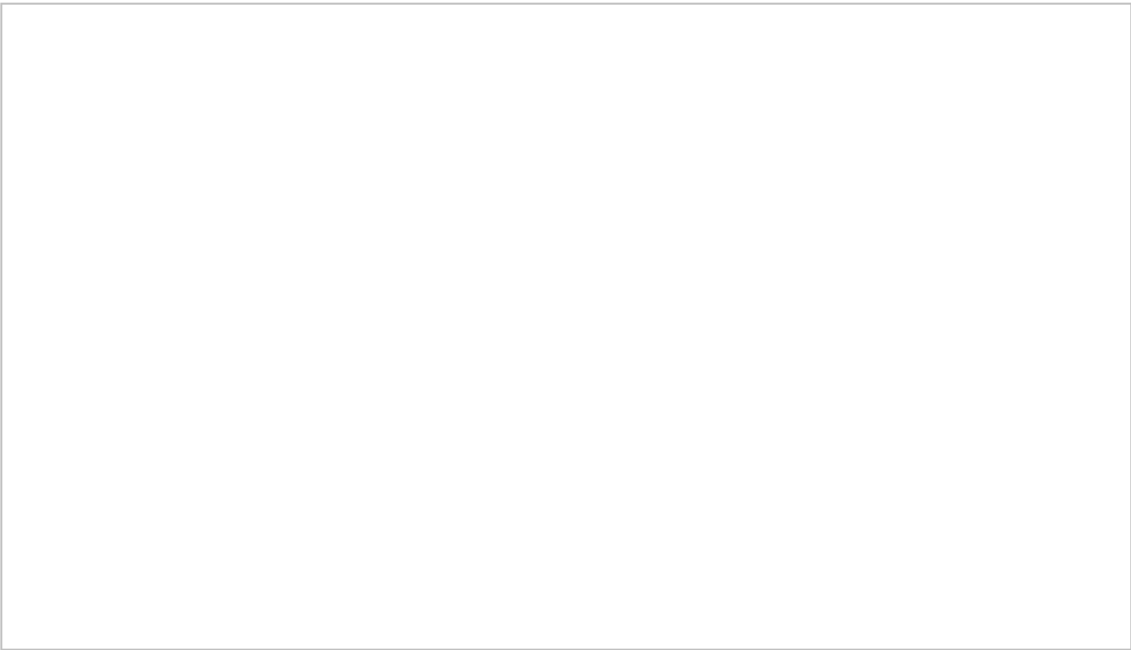
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The fun, innovative or newsy stuff happening right around you.

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Read: Harvard denies discriminating against Asian-Americans

Smooth criminal: When **ACLU** tested **Amazon** facial-recognition software, **Rekognition**, it found Massachusetts Sen. **Ed Markey**’s face falsely linked to a mugshot. The group said it ran the headshots of all the members of Congress through a program designed to check faces against a database of people arrested for crimes, and the system inaccurately linked 28 of the politicians with photos of the suspected criminals, including Markey. It’s using these results to argue that flaws in the software might cause police

who use it in surveillance to mistakenly identify innocent people as suspects. Easy on the poker face! *Read: Amazon Facial Recognition Mistakenly Linked Ed Markey to a Mugshot*

Mission abort: The Massachusetts 173-year-old law against abortion has been wiped out. Gov. **Charlie Baker**, a pro-choice Republican, signed off Friday on the **NASTY Women Act**, a move designed to both delete outdated laws and to protect abortion rights. Btw, NASTY stands for **Negating Archaic Statutes Targeting Young Women**. I'm onboard. *Read: Baker OKs Wiping out an Anti-Abortion Law and Other Outdated Garbage Still on the Books*

Urban art, a crime? In the past two weeks, **Boston** police have arrested three high-profile graffiti taggers, all men, and are charging them with felonies. According to the state law, graffiti is punishable by up to three years in state prison for a felony charge and up to two years in a house of correction for a misdemeanor. "This is a habitual thing for these offenders," as one police spokeswoman noted. "These particular suspects create a quality of life issue in Boston." *Read: Police crack down on high profile graffiti taggers with felony charges*

What to Do

The events in Boston to hit up today, tomorrow.

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What's coming to Netflix in August

Are you caught up on your Netflix? Have you seen every movie you missed, watched every TV show you wanted to find? Lucky for you August is on the way, and with it some additions to the Netflix lineup. There are some notable movies like "Batman Begins" and "Million Dollar Baby," as well as some interesting and fun Netflix Originals to enjoy. We are also bidding adieu to some other films and shows.

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The ultimate pest controller

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If you have this security camera, anyone can watch and listen to you

Web-connected cameras can be great security and monitoring tools that can keep your home safe. But as we approach this age of Internet of Things hacks, what if these webcams, that are supposed to make you feel safe and secure, are full of security holes themselves? This is exactly what was found in this line of web-connected cameras yet again.

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Journey through the Dark Web - Part 2

The Dark Web is considered the largest lair of criminality online today. In this second part of the CyberLaw Now series, we talk to cyber security expert Jake Simpson who is a Dark Web investigative expert about what he does for his clients to ensure their data is not being used in the Dark Web. Simpson explains how he is assisting law enforcement agencies in their investigation and learning about the shadow brokers, a group who uncovered classified data and released it to the public.

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Smile! Surveillance cameras are always watching you

We don't notice surveillance cameras watching us anymore. They're everywhere! But what if your spouse was suddenly able to watch you cross the street without your knowledge. Would you consider that creepy? What if one day artificial intelligence with facial recognition was used to learn everything about you before you even enter a store? It's only going to get more pervasive.

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AI saves eyesight -- Facebook censors paintings -- April the Giraffe -- and more

Artificial Intelligence machines can now perform an eye exam on diabetic patients and predict blindness. If you remember April the Giraffe, you're in for a treat - she's pregnant again and you can watch the live stream. Facebook is choosing to censor the wrong thing, this time it's a painting.

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Apps spying on millions -- Facebook stocks crash -- iPhones slowing down?

Certain browser extensions and apps were recently caught spying on over 11 million people. Apple is making a change to its new iPhones that could really slow you down. Facebook stock took a nose dive and it cost the company billions of dollars.

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Your children are busy killing each other this summer

If you're wondering what kids are doing this summer, they're off on a remote island killing each other. This popular video game is free but you'll be shocked by how they're making billions.

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Kim's Watch Worthy Video

The best streaming services you can get for \$25 or less per month

Saving money is a good idea. A smart way to do that is to find ways to lower your monthly bills. One bill in particular comes to mind when thinking about spending less. Of course I'm talking about the cable bill. Cable and satellite companies have been raising prices for years. It's gotten to the point where it can cost up to a couple hundred dollars per month just to watch television. Don't fret! There are still quality streaming services out there that you can get at a bargain price.

[Tap or click here for 3 of the most affordable streaming services that won't break the bank!](#)

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5. Terrifying email now tells victims passwords are stolen, webcams are hacked. Don't be fooled! Tap or click here to see what new tricks these scammers have up their sleeves.

Keep bulky adapters from blocking outlets with this power plug extension

Use the quirky power plug to extend hard-to-reach outlets in tight spaces. This 8-inch cord is something you have always needed but didn't know it yet. It allows you to plug those big, boxy power cords into it without taking up several spaces on a surge protector. Or use it in tight spaces to be able to reach the outlet. It plugs into itself for convenient and safe storage.

Never fight for outlet space again with this handy plug extension! Get this handy tool for under \$50 in my shop!

FINALLY FOR TODAY'S KOMANDO KICKER - Lucky pennies and other coins drop onto interstate

If you were driving in Tennessee recently, it must have felt like you hit the jackpot! An armored truck on Interstate 40 crashed and spilled its load of coins into the road's median. Photos of the scene tweeted by THP Nashville show a lot of silver in different denominations piled on the grass. Troopers said all of the coins were recovered, and nobody was seriously injured.

Speaking of coins, did you hear how some officers used a coin-flip app to decide whether to arrest a woman? [Tap or click here for this outrageous story.](#)

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Maria, from Guatemala, is reunited with her 4-year-old son, Franco, at El Paso International Airport after the U.S. government separated them for a month. Source: Getty

Hundreds of Migrant Children Still Not Reunited With Parents

The court-ordered deadline to reunite migrant families **separated at the border** came and went yesterday, and an estimated 757 children, including 46 under the age of 5, have not been returned to their parents. U.S. authorities said they'd fulfilled their obligations by

reuniting all “eligible” families, claiming the other parents failed background checks or waived their right to reunification. But lawyers for some of the 120 parents who allegedly relinquished their rights say they did no such thing. Meanwhile, an estimated 431 parents were deported without their children.

SOURCES: [TEXAS TRIBUNE](#), [NYT](#), [BBC](#)

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North Korea Delivers War Remains of US Soldiers

On the 65th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, Pyongyang returned remains it says belong to 55 Americans killed during the conflict — fulfilling part of the agreement from the summit between President Donald Trump and [North Korean](#) leader Kim Jong Un. The remains will receive a formal military ceremony at the U.S. Osan Air Base in South Korea before being flown to Hawaii for DNA testing: In the past North Korea has been accused of handing over non-American bones. The Pentagon estimates that nearly 7,700 Korean War troops remain missing.

SOURCES: [WASHINGTON POST](#), [CNN](#)

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Michael Cohen: Trump Approved Russia Campaign Meeting

According to his former personal lawyer, President Trump knew in advance about the infamous June 2016 Trump Tower meeting between his campaign and Russian operators. Cohen says Trump gave his blessing for Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner and campaign chair Paul Manafort to meet with a small group of Russians about material damaging to Hillary Clinton. That meeting has become a focal point in the special [investigation](#) led by Robert Mueller. Trump’s current lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, denied the claim and said Cohen has “been lying for years.”

SOURCES: [THE HILL](#), [CNN](#), [BBC](#)

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Facebook Takes Record Plunge, Amazon Reports Record Profit

While Facebook’s revenue grew 40 percent year-on-year last quarter, investors turned tail after the company’s forecast of slower growth in the face of increased regulation and content monitoring over the Cambridge Analytica data scandal. Shares in the [social media giant](#) were down 19 percent as trading closed yesterday, wiping away more than \$120 billion in market value — the U.S. stock market’s biggest ever one-day plunge — and \$15 billion from founder Mark Zuckerberg’s personal fortune. Meanwhile, Amazon’s quarterly profit topped \$2 billion for the first time.

SOURCES: [WSJ \(SUB\)](#), [REUTERS](#), [BBC](#)

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Know This: A government official in Greece says there are [indications of arson](#) in at least one of the massive wildfires that have devastated the country. Far-right Australian politician Pauline Hanson will be replaced by a [cardboard cutout](#) of herself while she is on vacation, as her One Nation party contests a by-election over the weekend. Mary Ellis, one of the last surviving [female WWII pilots](#), has died at the age of 101. And today OZY's [Around the World](#) campaign takes you to Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia, where tourists often come seeking [the former Yugoslavia](#).

Try This: Feeling presidential after a week of briefings? Prove it with the [PDB Quiz](#).

Watch This: Tune in tonight to PBS for *Breaking Big*, OZY's latest TV show exploring the secret sauce behind successful people. Host Carlos Watson sits down with [Michael Strahan](#) to find out how he broke through, and broke *big*.

INTRIGUING

Teen Burglar Asks Homeowners for Wi-Fi Password

Police haven't identified the 17-year-old who reportedly broke into a house in Palo Alto, California, and woke the residents to ask for their Wi-Fi password because he was out of data. The couple chased away the masked teen, who was arrested for [prowling and burglary](#) after two kitchen knives were discovered missing from the house. Police say hours earlier the same person was found lurking outside another nearby home, where he also demanded the Wi-Fi password and stole a bike, which has since been recovered.

SOURCES: [SACRAMENTO BEE](#), [ARS TECHNICA](#)

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Amazon Facial Recognition Misidentifies Politicians as Arrestees

Time to face the facts. While Amazon's been marketing its Rekognition software as an extremely accurate identification tool, a test run by the American Civil Liberties Union saw it mistakenly match 28 members of Congress to its database of mug shots. People from both parties and of both genders were misidentified, though the ACLU noted that Rekognition had more trouble identifying people of color. Amazon criticized the exercise, saying the ACLU should have used more stringent settings than the software's default. Multiple [police departments](#) are already using Rekognition to identify suspects.

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Education Secretary's Yacht Set Adrift in Ohio

An unidentified person untied and set adrift one of the 10 yachts belonging to the family of Betsy DeVos, according to police in Huron, Ohio, where the boat was docked. The yacht, worth an estimated [\\$40 million](#), sustained as much as \$10,000 in damage and authorities are seeking security footage to help them identify the perpetrators. Meanwhile, DeVos' department proposed an overhaul of student loan forgiveness rules that would cut about \$13 billion in Obama administration funding that was used to help students who'd been defrauded by for-profit colleges.

SOURCES: [TOLEDO BLADE](#), [INSIDE HIGHER ED](#), [BUZZFEED](#), [ABC](#)

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Papa John's Founder Sues Company for Records

John Schnatter recently stepped down as the [pizza](#) company's chairman after he admitted to using a racial slur during a media training exercise — but he's now calling his resignation a mistake and denies using the N-word "as a racial epithet." Schnatter stepped down as CEO in December after blaming slow sales on NFL national anthem protests. He's now suing for access to company records, calling his treatment "unexplained and heavy-handed," and his lawyer's called on Papa John's to create a special committee to review incidents surrounding Schnatter's resignation.

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Conor McGregor Cops a Plea to Avoid Prison

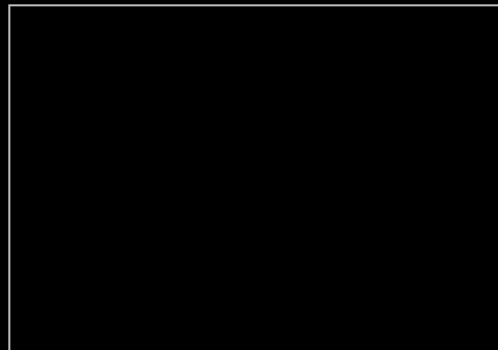
The Irish [MMA](#) star agreed to plead guilty to one misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct,

thereby avoiding jail time and a criminal record for his April attack on a bus carrying UFC staff and fighters in New York City. The former lightweight and featherweight champion was caught on camera throwing a dolly through the bus window — injuring fighters Michael Chiesa and Ray Borg, but reportedly targeting current UFC lightweight champ Khabib Nurmagomedov. McGregor, 30, must complete five days of community service and attend anger management classes.

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THINGS HAPPENING OVERSEAS

Pakistan

The Story

Pakistan is getting a new prime minister. His name's [Imran Khan](#) and he's made a big career shift from being a cricket star. He can't wait to join the team, rid Pakistan of corruption, and create an Islamic welfare state. Fun fact: he's not a fan of US counterterrorism policy and wants to build ties with China. Don't forget to stop by his desk and introduce yourself.

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Some people are saying 'not so fast.' The incumbent party is calling the election a fraud and rejecting the results. People are saying the military meddled. And Khan will have to [cobble together a coalition](#) in order to rule. But this is only the second civilian transfer of power in Pakistan's history. And shows that the country's very large young population (over 60% is under 30) was ready to switch things up.

New Zealand

The Story

New Zealand [passed a law](#) giving domestic violence victims 10 days of paid leave so they can take their kids and leave their unsafe living situations. Victims don't need to provide proof that they're victims. And they're

entitled to other assists from their workplace, like getting some flexibility over where they work.

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New Zealand has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the world. The Philippines and parts of Canada already have laws like this on the books. New Zealand's law goes into effect next year.

Turkey

The Story

Yesterday, the Trump administration threatened to [hit Turkey with sanctions](#) if it doesn't release an American pastor. Turkey's foreign minister said 'don't hold your breath.' This is about a guy named Andrew Brunson - a pastor from North Carolina who was arrested in 2016, during the Turkish government's mass arrests after a failed coup. Earlier this week, Brunson - who's lived in Turkey for decades - was moved from prison to house arrest. But is still facing up to 35 years in prison for espionage and terror charges.

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President Trump is threatening to sanction Turkey if Brunson isn't released ASAP. The rise in US-Turkey tensions comes after the recent re-election of prez Recep Tayyip Erdogan - who's been [consolidating power](#) left and right. And basically acting like a dictator in a country that happens to be a NATO ally.

REPEAT AFTER ME...

What to say when you get called out for something you did...

That was rough. Facebook is saying 'same.' Yesterday the Book [lost more value](#) in a day than any company on the US stock market. Ever. The Book's dealing with numerous privacy issues (see: [this](#) or [this](#)) and they're having a pretty big effect on the company's wallet. Earlier this week, the co

announced disappointing Q2 earnings. And said it's not growing users as much as Wall Street would like. Cue investors saying 'run, Forrest, run' and dropping the stock like a secret Beyoncé album. The company lost \$119 billion (yes, billion) in value in one day. And dragged Twitter and Snap down with it. Meanwhile, Amazon is saying 'sucks to Zuck' - it had Prime earnings to report yesterday, and brought in profits of **more than \$2 billion** for the first time ever. But it's not all sunshine in the state of 'Zon. The company's facial recognition software **wrongly matched** 28 members of Congress with...mugshots. What are you trying to say Bezos?

What to say when you hand in a project right on time...

Cutting it close. Just like the Trump administration. Yesterday was the deadline for the admin to reunite migrant children who've been separated from their families at the US-Mexico border. The gov said it had reunited **more than 1,400 migrant children**. But said there are more than 700 children still left in custody - some whose parents may have been **deported already**. TBD what happens next.

What to say when you hear the **Russia investigation might be in tweet mode...**

There are so many. Yesterday, **President Trump's campaign team** said it will donate to almost 100 Republicans that are up for re-election. Midterms are coming up in November and some House Republicans are hitting the panic button to protect their seats from the Dems. Speaking of midterms, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) - the guy who's being accused of **turning a blind eye** to alleged sexual abuse at Ohio State University - is **putting his hat in the ring** to replace Paul Ryan (R-WI) as House speaker. Speaking of Ryan, he's got the deputy attorney general's back against those **articles of impeachment**.

What people are talking about...

North Korea. Yesterday, the North [handed over](#) the remains of some US soldiers from the 1950s Korean War. This didn't come out of nowhere - it fulfilled a promise its leader made to President Trump during last month's nuclear talks in Singapore, something that kept getting pushed off. No, this doesn't mean we can cross off the North as a threat just yet. But the Trump administration is taking this as a sign of goodwill.

What you wish wasn't true...

[This investigation](#) that found the US is the most dangerous place to give birth in the developed world. Maternal deaths in the US have been on the rise. Every year, more than 50,000 mothers are severely injured during or after childbirth. And about 700 die. The investigation found that this is because hospitals and medical workers don't always follow proper safety measures.

What to say when you hear about the new "Charlie's Angels" cast...

[Will Becky with the good hair be there?](#)

NO EXCUSES

ICYMI midterms matter. And they're coming up, fast. [73% of female millennials](#) say they're dissatisfied with the direction of the country. But only 46% are 'absolutely certain' they'll vote in the upcoming election. theSkimm wants to change that by getting 100,000 people to the polls this November. Because civic duty. [Get in on it here.](#)

SKIMM PICKS

For when you're craving an aperol spritz...

I'll take a book and a boat with that too, plz. "[The Summer Wives](#)" by [Beatriz Williams](#) will give you the full order. It takes place on an exclusive island off Long Island Sound. Think: cocktails, sailing, croquet. A woman who visits as a teen falls in love with a local...who is later accused of murdering her stepdad. Intrigue, served. [Get it here](#).

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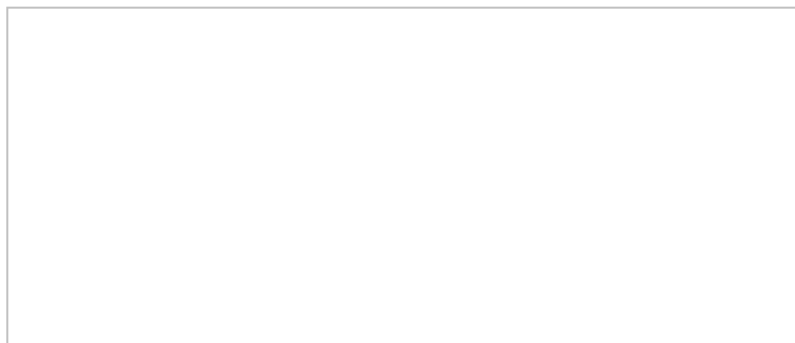
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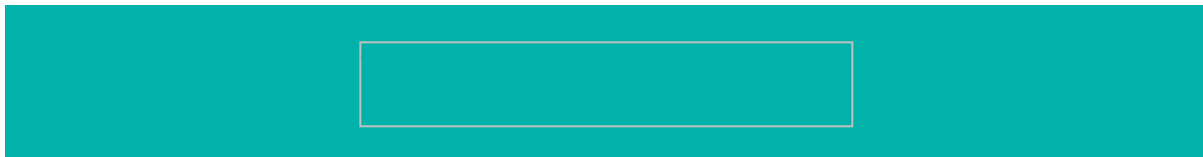
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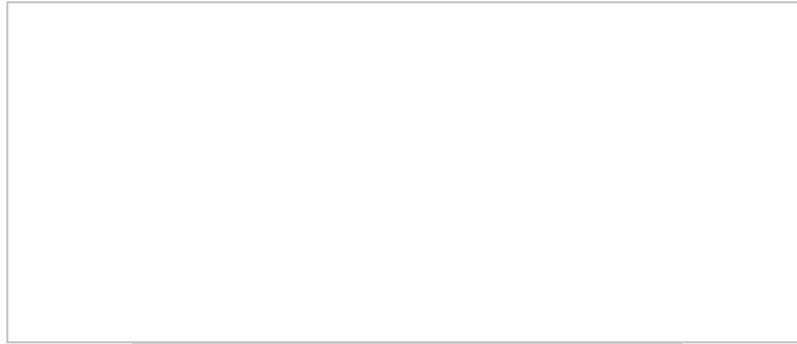
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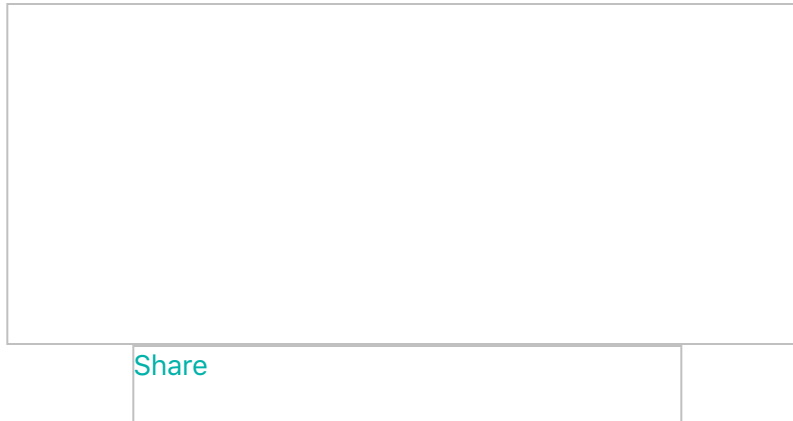
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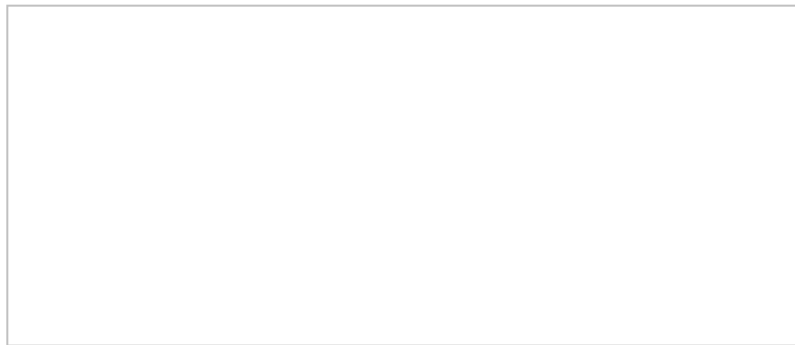
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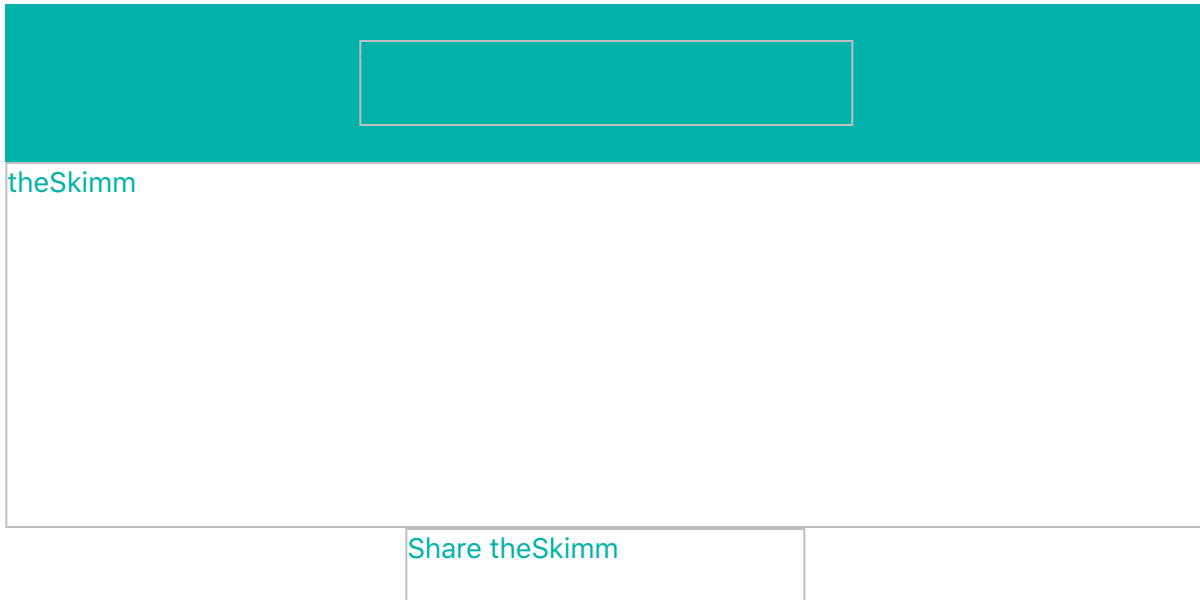
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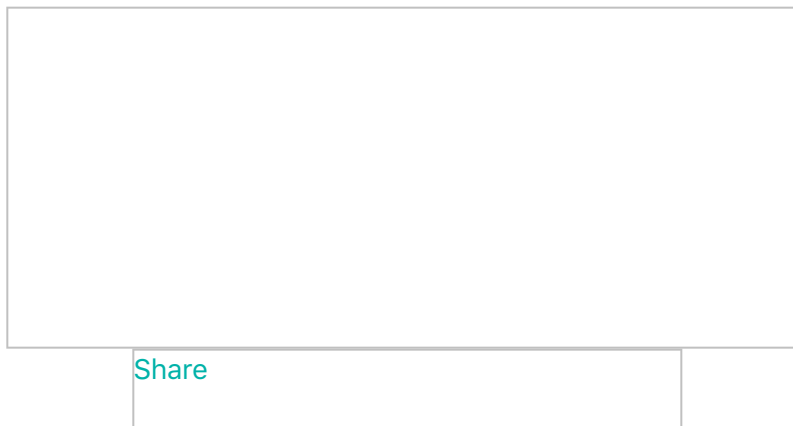
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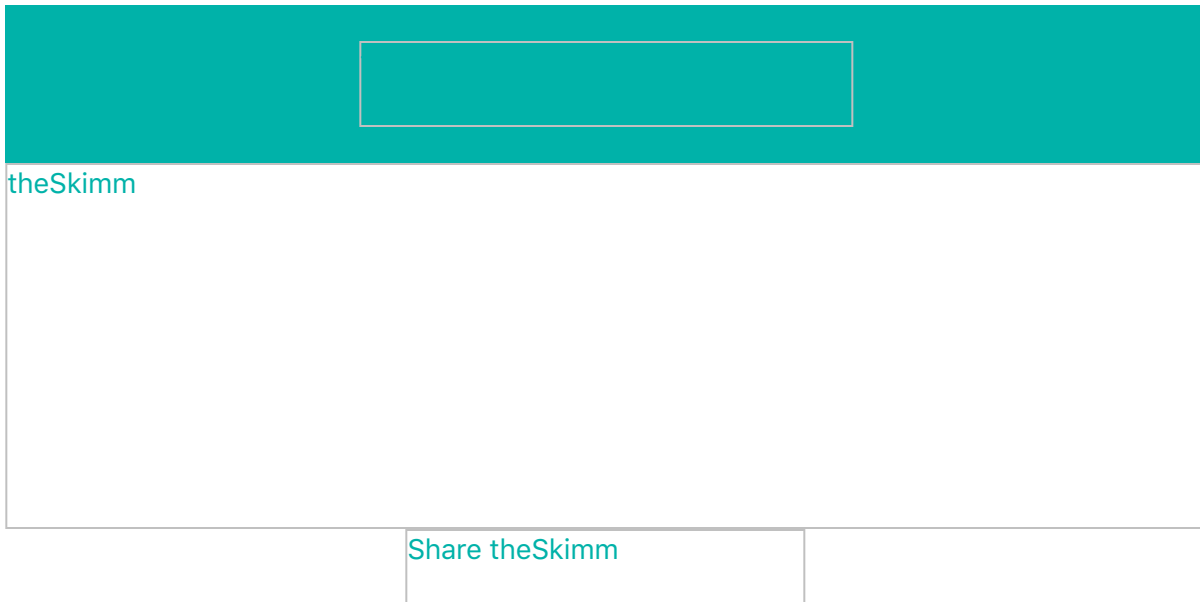
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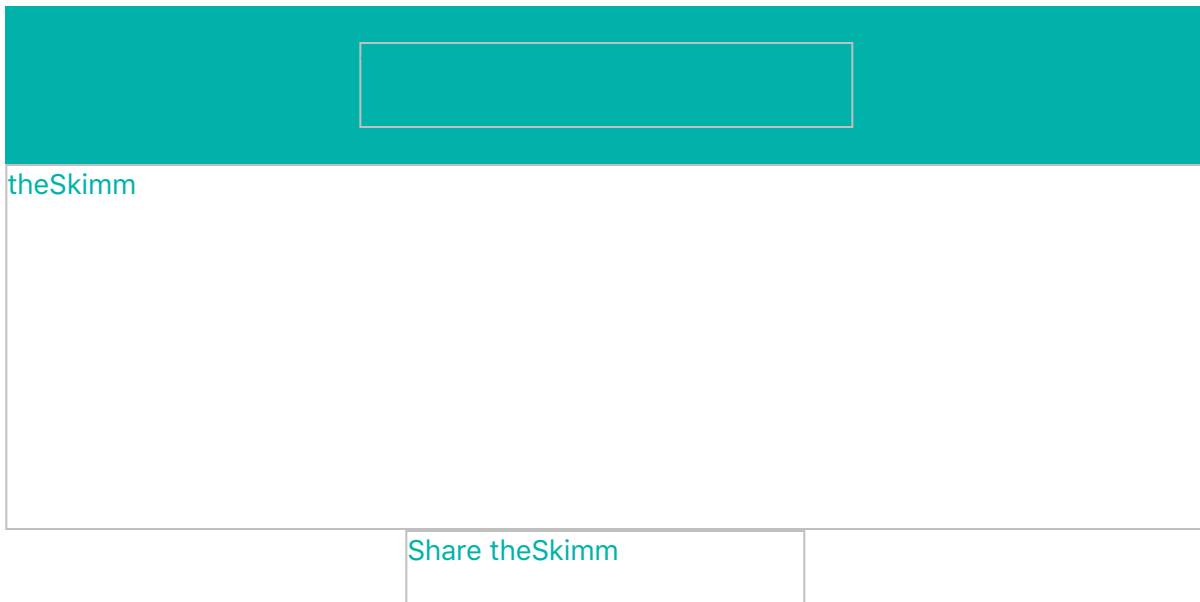
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That was rough. Facebook is saying 'same.' Yesterday the Book [lost more value](#) in a day than any company on the US stock market. Ever. The Book's dealing with numerous privacy issues (see: [this](#) or [this](#)) and they're having a pretty big effect on the company's wallet. Earlier this week, the co announced disappointing Q2 earnings. And said it's not growing users as much as Wall Street would like. Cue investors saying 'run, Forrest, run' and dropping the stock like a secret Beyoncé album. The company lost \$119 billion (yes, billion) in value in one day. And dragged Twitter and Snap down with it. Meanwhile, Amazon is saying 'sucks to Zuck' - it had Prime earnings to report yesterday, and brought in profits of [more than \\$2 billion](#) for the first time ever. But it's not all sunshine in the state of 'Zon. The company's facial recognition software [wrongly matched](#) 28 members of Congress with...mugshots. What are you trying to say Bezos?

What to say when you hand in a project right on time...

Cutting it close. Just like the Trump administration. Yesterday was the deadline for the admin to reunite migrant children who've been separated from their families at the US-Mexico border. The gov said it had reunited [more than 1,400 migrant children](#). But said there are more than 700 children still left in custody - some whose parents may have been [deported already](#). TBD what happens next.

What to say when you hear the [Russia investigation might be in tweet mode](#)...

There are so many. Yesterday, [President Trump's campaign team](#) said it will donate to almost 100 Republicans that are up for re-election. Midterms are coming up in November and some House Republicans are hitting the panic button to protect their seats from the Dems. Speaking of midterms, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) - the guy who's being accused of [turning a blind eye](#) to alleged sexual abuse at Ohio State University - is [putting his hat in the ring](#) to replace Paul Ryan (R-WI) as House speaker. Speaking of Ryan, he's got the deputy attorney general's back against those [articles of impeachment](#).

What people are talking about...

North Korea. Yesterday, the North [handed over](#) the remains of some US soldiers from the 1950s Korean War. This didn't come out of nowhere - it fulfilled a promise its leader made to President Trump during last month's nuclear talks in Singapore, something that kept getting pushed off. No, this doesn't mean we can cross off the North as a threat just yet. But the Trump administration is taking this as a sign of goodwill.

What you wish wasn't true...

[This investigation](#) that found the US is the most dangerous place to give birth in the developed world. Maternal deaths in the US have been on the rise. Every year, more than 50,000 mothers are severely injured during or after childbirth. And about 700 die. The investigation found that this is because hospitals and medical workers don't always follow proper safety measures.

What to say when you hear about the new "Charlie's Angels" cast...

[Will Becky with the good hair be there?](#)

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ICYMI midterms matter. And they're coming up, fast. [73% of female millennials](#) say they're dissatisfied with the direction of the country. But only 46% are 'absolutely certain' they'll vote in the upcoming election. theSkimm wants to change that by getting 100,000 people to the polls this November. Because civic duty. [Get in on it here.](#)

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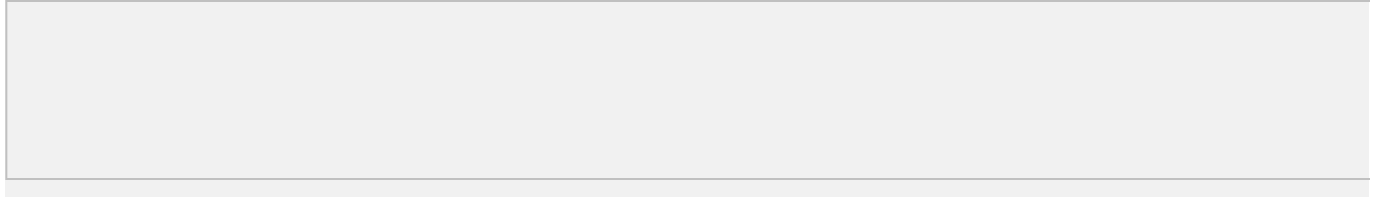
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In the News

GAO: Less Than Half of School Districts Test Water for Lead

Associated Press – Chron – July 18, 2018

Washington, D.C. – A survey of school districts around the country finds that less than half test their water for lead, and among those that do more than a third detected elevated levels of the toxin, according to a federal report released Tuesday. The report, released by the Government Accountability Office, states that of the 43 percent that did test for lead, about 37 percent reported elevated levels.

Schools Are Safer Than Ever, But Poll Reveals 1 in 3 Parents Now Fear for Their Children

Kate Stringer – The 74 Million – July 17, 2018

The number of Americans who fear for their child's safety in school has nearly tripled over the past five years, according to a new survey. In 2013, only 12 percent said they were afraid.

Construction Project News

Designs Unveiled for Ohio High School

Designs for the new Fremont Ross High School in Fremont, Ohio were unveiled recently for public viewing. The new facility, designed by TDA Architecture, and is slated to feature 29 classrooms, along with a student resource office station and a prominent entry corridor.

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Demolition and Construction Underway at Junction City High School

Demolition and subsequent construction are underway at Junction City High School in Junction City, Ore. A wing of the old school was demolished to make way for a modernized and safer section of the new facility.

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Ground Breaking Celebrated for Connecticut High School

A ground breaking was held recently for a modernized New London High School in New London, Conn. The North Campus project will feature special facilities for STEM, visual and performing arts and foreign languages.

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Renovating the Old and Building the New

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Schools Face Civil Liberties Battles in Effort to Adopt Facial Recognition

Dian Schaffhauser

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We at Komando.com do our best to keep you up to date on all the attacks making the rounds. Two weeks ago, we reported about this scary extortion email scam that's going around. It's pretty far-fetched but people are actually getting duped. Now, it looks like there are new variations to this "sextortion" scam that make them appear more convincing.

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Google Street View gives woman a heartwarming blast from the past

Google Street View is an awesome tool, there's no denying that. In so many ways, it's helped to make getting lost a thing of the past. But, the same cameras that record those helpful images can capture surprising and heartwarming photos too. Take this woman who got an emotional blast from the past, thanks to Google Street View.

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It looks like automakers are trying to cheat emissions again

The year 2020 is important because that's when new standards for automobile emissions are to be set. This will happen based on where vehicles are at the time, with modest cuts from there being the goal. Knowing this, it looks like some manufacturers are trying to game the system to make their lives much easier a couple of years down the road. How are they doing this?

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Russians hack U.S. power grid

Officials say Russian hackers have successfully taken control of U.S. electric utility networks. Also, Google is making it easier for Chrome fans to surf the web more securely. T-Mobile is expanding its already impressive lineup of perks for international travelers.

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[LastPass](#) recently published a report detailing why we are failing to secure our data both at home and in the workplace, and what we can do to bump-up our online security. The study reveals a concerning disconnect - despite the increasing number of cyber-attacks, many of us continue to practice poor password habits, leaving our accounts susceptible to hacks.

[Learn more about how you may be neglecting your passwords, and how a password manager like LastPass can help you improve your security.](#)

Kim's Watch Worthy Video

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FINALLY FOR TODAY'S KOMANDO KICKER - Arkansas city can finally get 'Footloose'

Officials in a western Arkansas city say residents can finally kick off their Sunday shoes. Fort Smith city directors recently repealed a 1953 ordinance that essentially outlawed public dancing on Sundays. Locals who knew about the law called it the "Footloose" ordinance, nicknamed for the 1984 movie starring Kevin Bacon about a town that banned dancing and rock music. The ordinance came amid a series of blue laws established in Arkansas that banned all sales and most labor on Sundays. Later laws also banned Sunday activities that included hunting and baseball. No one in Fort Smith has been arrested or ticketed in two decades for cutting loose on Sundays.

Speaking of dancing, what's with the pole-dancing robots? [See the robots that caught everyone's attention at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show.](#)

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8 ways to prevent chronic absenteeism

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While it may seem like common sense that students have to be in school to learn, chronic

absenteeism persists in K-12 schools, impacting as many as 7.5 million children a year. Students are chronically absent — meaning they miss 10 percent or more of the school year — are at risk of falling behind in school. While chronic absenteeism rates are highest in high school, the problem occurs at every grade level. In the early grades, poor attendance can delay social and emotional learning. [READ MORE](#)

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Parents fear for kids' safety in schools reaches 2-decade high

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U.S. News & World Report

Amid a national debate over how to best prevent campus shootings, 1 in 3 U.S. parents fears for the safety while at school — the highest level of concern in two decades, according to a new national poll. At the same time, public support is strong for mental health screening for students, although implementation and funding for such efforts pose significant challenges for local schools, educators say. [READ MORE](#)

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Research: Virtual reality could help students remember better

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eSchool News

Virtual reality is exciting and engaging for students, but for the most part, schools have struggled to find ways to incorporate it into the curriculum. Now, new research reveals one possible impetus for more classroom inclusion. University of Maryland researchers conducted an in-depth analysis on whether students learn better through virtual and immersive environments versus more traditional platforms such as a two-dimensional desktop computer or handheld tablet. [READ MORE](#)

A balanced approach to technology in the classroom

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By: Sheilamary Koch (commentary)

The powerful influence of technology on our lives is not to be taken lightly — and it's no surprise educators have strong opinions on its place in our schools. Evidence that educational technologies curricular activities that better develop students' ability to relate to each other, think critically and cor were key justifications for low-tech education [expressed in the previous article](#). While some take an stance against technology in schools, many seem to believe it has a place in the education of our cl
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8 ways to prevent chronic absenteeism



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While it may seem like common sense that students have to be in school to learn, chronic absenteeism persists in K-12 schools, impacting as many as 7.5 million children a year. Students who are chronically absent — meaning they miss 10 percent or more of the school year — are at a higher risk of falling behind in school. While chronic absenteeism rates are highest in high school, the problem occurs at every grade level. In the early grades, poor attendance can delay social and emotional learning. [READ MORE](#)

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Parents fear for kids' safety in schools reaches 2-decade high

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U.S. News & World Report

Amid a national debate over how to best prevent campus shootings, 1 in 3 U.S. parents fears for the safety while at school — the highest level of concern in two decades, according to a new national poll. At the same time, public support is strong for mental health screening for students, although implementation and funding for such efforts pose significant challenges for local schools, educators say. [READ MORE](#)

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When a high school student at New Britain Transitional Center deliberately destroyed his social studies textbook, staff members were angry and frustrated. Textbooks, after all, cost a lot of money, and this was not the first time this student had lost his temper. But rather than kicking him out of school, staff chose an alternative to suspension. [READ MORE](#)

Research: Virtual reality could help students remember better

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Virtual reality is exciting and engaging for students, but for the most part, schools have struggled to find ways to incorporate it into the curriculum. Now, new research reveals one possible impetus for more classroom inclusion. University of Maryland researchers conducted an in-depth analysis on whether students learn better through virtual and immersive environments versus more traditional platforms such as a 2D desktop computer or handheld tablet. [READ MORE](#)

A balanced approach to technology in the classroom

By: Sheilamary Koch (commentary)

The powerful influence of technology on our lives is not to be taken lightly — and it's no surprise educators have strong opinions on its place in our schools. Evidence that educational technologies curricular activities that better develop students' ability to relate to each other, think critically and communicate were key justifications for low-tech education [expressed in the previous article](#). While some take an stance against technology in schools, many seem to believe it has a place in the education of our children. [READ MORE](#)

S is for self-regulation: Lessons in ADHD emotional control from 'Sesame Street'

ADDitude Magazine

Emotional self-regulation is a complex neurological function. It helps us pay attention to shifting stimuli, evaluate them and respond in appropriate ways. When it is lacking — as it is for many children with ADHD — parents often struggle to explain and teach "self-control." This is where the long-running television show "Sesame Street" steps in to help. [READ MORE](#)

Can individual tests really measure collaboration?

EdSurge

At the end of next school year, thousands of high school students will sit down at individual workstations with laptops in hand, for an end-of-course exam. But in a rather novel twist this one's not just about what you know — but also what you can figure out. [READ MORE](#)

Edtech equalizers in special education

District Administration Magazine

Ware County School District in Georgia has downsized its inventory of assistive technology. Thanks to a slew of technological advances, many of the specialized tools that special education students had to use to communicate and learn are now redundant. [READ MORE](#)

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Higher standards don't necessarily mean higher test scores in K-12



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District Administration Magazine

When they were created, the Common Core standards were intended as consistent benchmarks for learning across the country. But public opinion turned against them, and many states either revised the standards or opted out entirely. This withdrawal led many to fear a "race to the bottom," says Dan H. Hamlin, a postdoctoral fellow in the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Hamlin, with Paul E. Petersen, senior editor of Education Next, examined the data to see what impact states lowering the academic proficiency had on student achievement. [READ MORE](#)

The '3D' model of effective instruction for English learners



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By: Erick Herrmann (commentary)

The teaching profession is an important one, designed to create healthy, happy individuals who can accomplish their goals in life and be productive and happy. Yet, as a profession, teachers are not always held in high esteem. As our job is of critical importance, it is important that we use our professional knowledge and training to meet the instructional needs of students. To do that, we should follow a similar approach to what doctors use: diagnose, decide and deliver. [READ MORE](#)

How writing can help you overcome math anxiety



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Texas senators agree on the need for school mental health services, but can they fund it?

The Texas Tribune

Members of a special Texas Senate committee devoted to preventing school violence acknowledge hearing Wednesday the importance of school counseling and mental health care, but questioned whether it's financially feasible to expand those services statewide. In the third of its four scheduled meetings, the Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security looked at possible contributors to violence ranging from social media to video games to shortages of school counselors in the state. [READ MORE](#)

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Digital media use linked to behavioral problems in kids

University of Southern California via Science Daily

Teens who spend lots of time using digital devices are prone to psychiatric problems, reports a team of scientists in a new study. Children who are heavy users of digital devices are twice as likely as infrequent users to show symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, the study finds. [READ MORE](#)

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Celebrating positives improves classroom behavior and mental health

University of Exeter via Science Daily

Training teachers to focus their attention on positive conduct and to avoid jumping to correct minor disruption improves child behavior, concentration and mental health. A study led by the University of Exeter Medical School, published in Psychological Medicine, analyzed the success of a training program called Incredible Years® Teacher Classroom Management Program. Its core principles include building strong social relationships between teachers and children, and ignoring low-level bad behavior that often disrupts the classroom.

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In the few weeks before school starts, experts offer tips on getting ready mentally and physically

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Tampa Bay Times

By the second week of August, public schools will be back in session across the Tampa Bay area. T seem far off, but sleep experts say now is when parents need to start easing the kids (and themselves) those early wakeup routines. The following are some of the best tips we've gotten from experts on the of getting physically and mentally prepared for school. [READ MORE](#)

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Improving engagement for students with disabilities

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By: Brian Stack (commentary)

Recently, I co-hosted a chat on Twitter on student engagement for Understood.org, an organization focuses on giving parents of children who struggle with learning and attention issues the tools and strategies they need to be successful. As we get ready to embark on a new school year, I thought it would be a opportunity to summarize the chat and the resources that were shared. [READ MORE](#)

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Childhood infections may have lasting effects on school

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Wolters Kluwer Health via Science Daily

Severe infections leading to hospitalizations during childhood are associated with lower school achievement in adolescence, reports a study in The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal. In the nationwide study of nearly 600,000 Danish children, higher numbers of hospitalizations for infections were associated with a reduced probability of completing ninth grade, as well as with lower test scores, according to the new research by Ole Köhler-Fosberg, MD, of Aarhus University Hospital and colleagues. An expert comment discusses the role of vaccination in the relationship between investment in health and protecting and improving "human capital." [READ MORE](#)

A guide to teaching computer skills in K-12

EdTech Magazine

Computers play a huge role in our everyday lives, and now more than ever, it's important that kids have a basic understanding of how computers work, what computers can do and how technology can be used. From learning how to type to creating programs from scratch by writing code, the possibilities are endless. Learning computer skills can be a lot of fun for kids, too. [READ MORE](#)

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You won't want to miss these iOS apps that are on sale for FREE

Have you ever wanted to snag an app from the iOS App Store but

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[Tap or click here and see how state-sponsored hackers have already infiltrated U.S. electrical companies.](#)

Facial recognition in schools enhances security

Select schools are beefing up security with facial recognition technology in order to protect students. Also, Instagram's new feature will allow you to see when your friends are online so you can connect with them easily (and they can see you too!). A flying car is expected to hit the market in 2019.

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The Wall Street Journal

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Nerve cells in the brain region planum temporale have more synapses in the left hemisphere than in the right hemisphere — which is vital for rapid processing of auditory speech, according to new research. There has already been ample evidence of left hemisphere language dominance; however, the underlying processes on the neuroanatomical level had not yet been fully understood. [READ MORE](#)

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Why there's a language learning gap in the United States



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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 60 million Americans speak a language other than English at home. But more than 231 million speak only English at home, and don't know another language well enough to communicate in it. Marty Abbott, executive director of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, says not only is there a language learning gap in the U.S., it's actually getting worse. [READ MORE](#)

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It's difficult to know the precise number of undocumented workers in the U.S., since so many work in cash economies and go unnoticed. The Pew Research Center estimates the number at about 8 million. They are day laborers, agricultural workers, landscapers, nannies, housekeepers, trash collectors, painters, construction workers, kitchen staff, and more. And just like the millions of immigrants who have come before them, undocumented workers are here in search of a better life — one of greater safety, opportunity and liberty than that they left behind. [READ MORE](#)

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By: Bambi Majumdar (commentary)

The White House has proposed to merge the federal Department of Education and the Department of Labor. The merger would form a new agency called the Department of Education and the Workforce. The proposal is one of the many that the administration has mentioned in a 132-page document for restructuring of the federal government. Their focus is to create a leaner, more efficient and more accountable government. If it goes through, the merger would have a lasting impact on American education, with everything being beneficial for schools. [READ MORE](#)

Schools face civil liberties battles in effort to adopt facial recognition

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THE Journal

As schools around the country attempt to deploy new facial recognition functionality as part of their surveillance systems, the ACLU is challenging those efforts in the name of protecting civil rights. An not alone in their concerns about the controversial student surveillance tactic. As EdTech Strategies reported, both Magnolia School District in Arkansas and Lockport City School District in New York re approved purchases of camera systems that include the ability to identify people captured on camera track them. [READ MORE](#)

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Nerve cells in the brain region planum temporale have more synapses in the left hemisphere than in the right hemisphere — which is vital for rapid processing of auditory speech, according to new research. There has already been ample evidence of left hemisphere language dominance; however, the underlying processes on the neuroanatomical level had not yet been fully understood.

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Report: Share of federal spending on children projected to shrink

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 60 million Americans speak a language other than English at home. But more than 231 million speak only English at home, and don't know another language well enough to communicate in it. Marty Abbott, executive director of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, says not only is there a language learning gap in the U.S., it's actually getting worse. [READ MORE](#)

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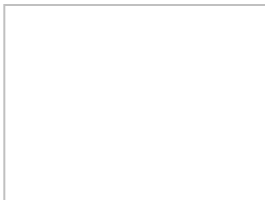
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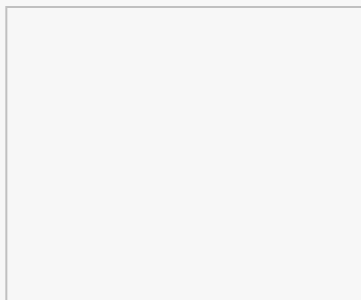
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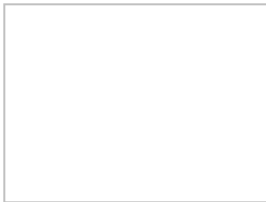
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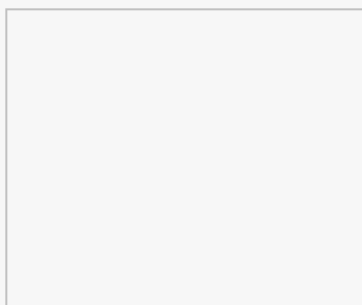
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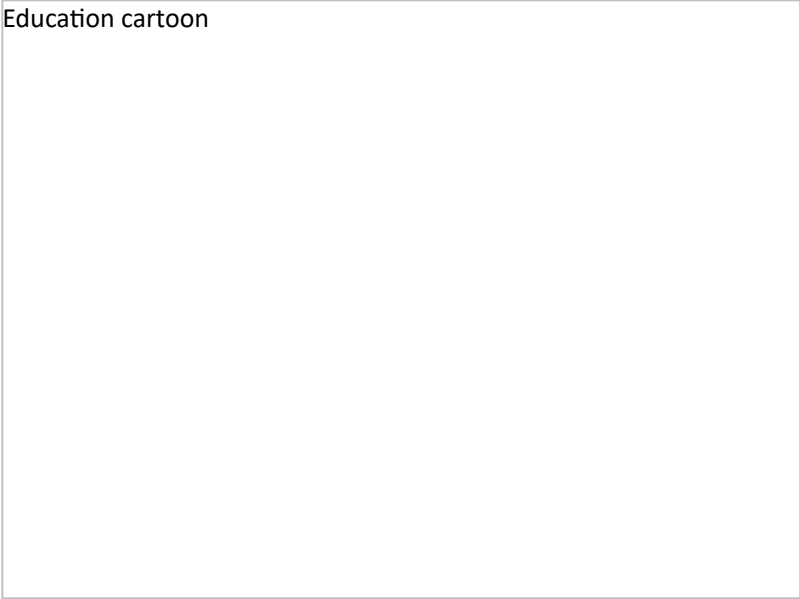
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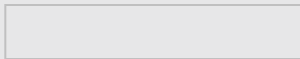
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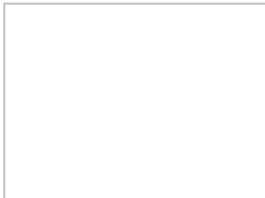
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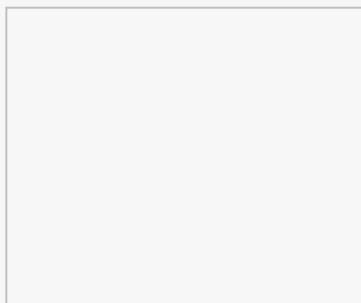
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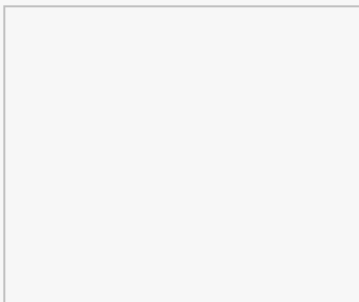
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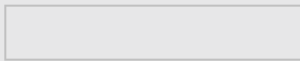
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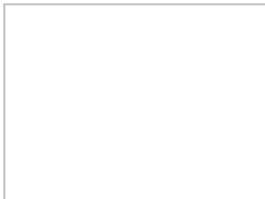
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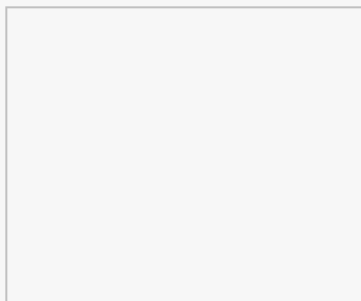
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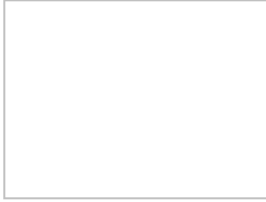


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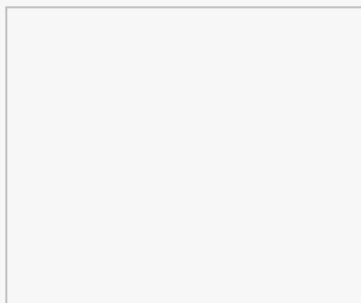
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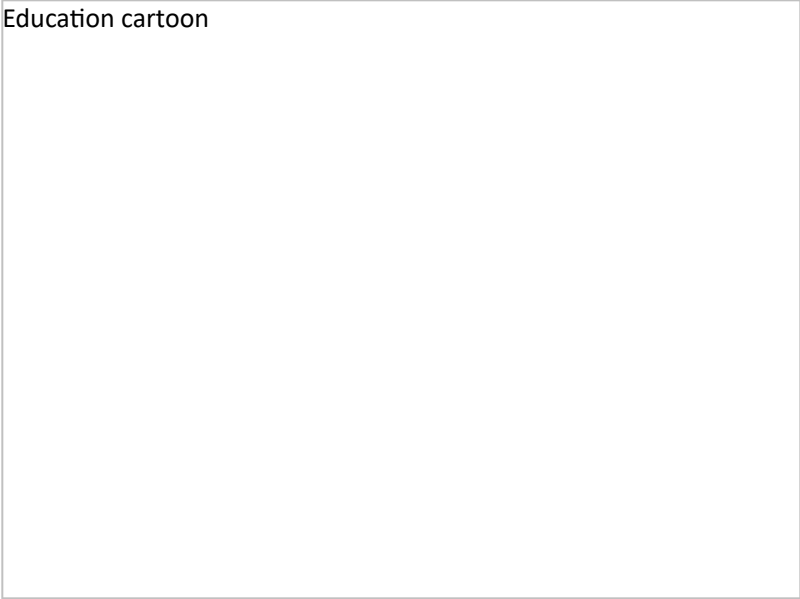
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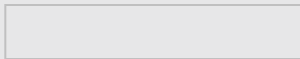
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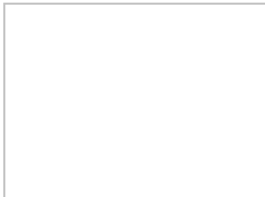
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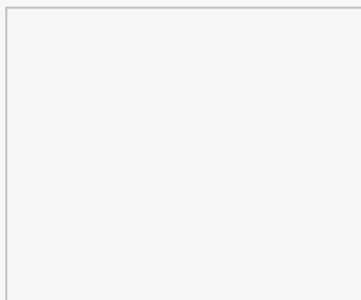
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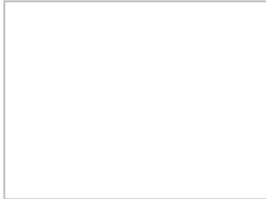


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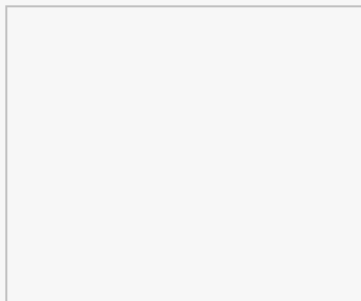
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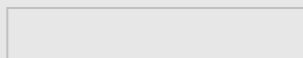
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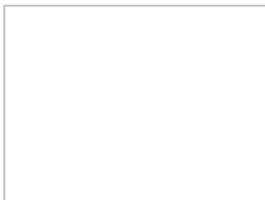
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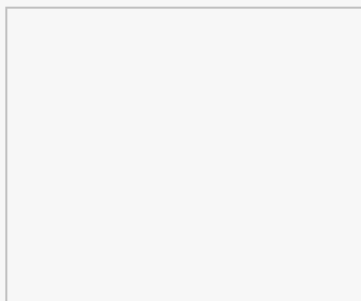
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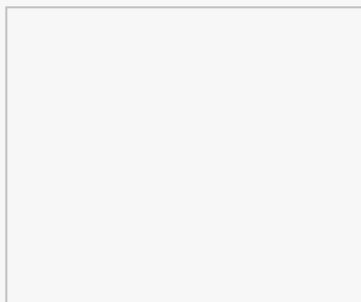
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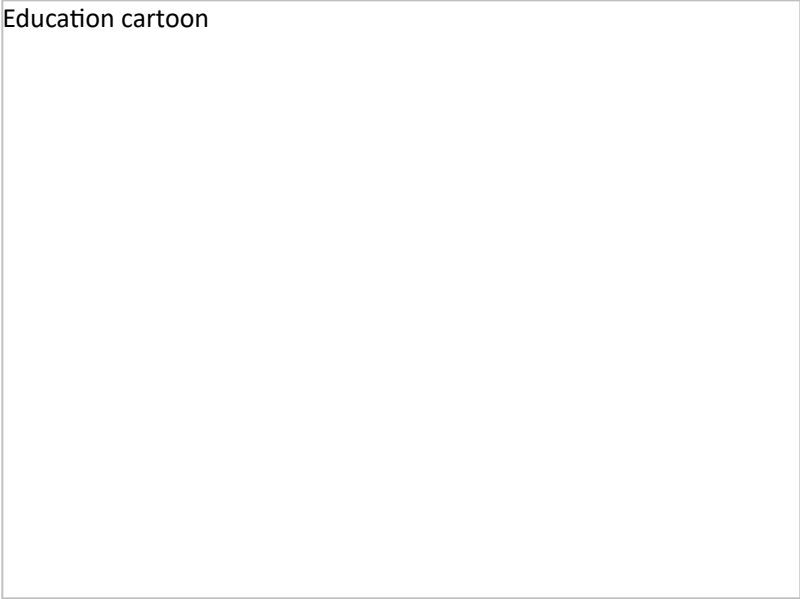
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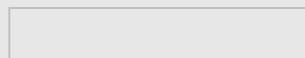
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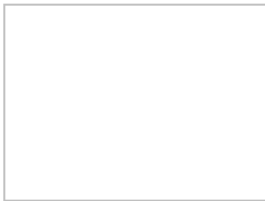
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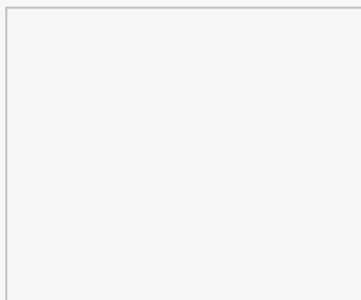
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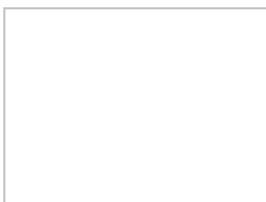
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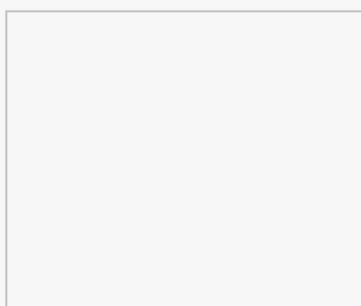
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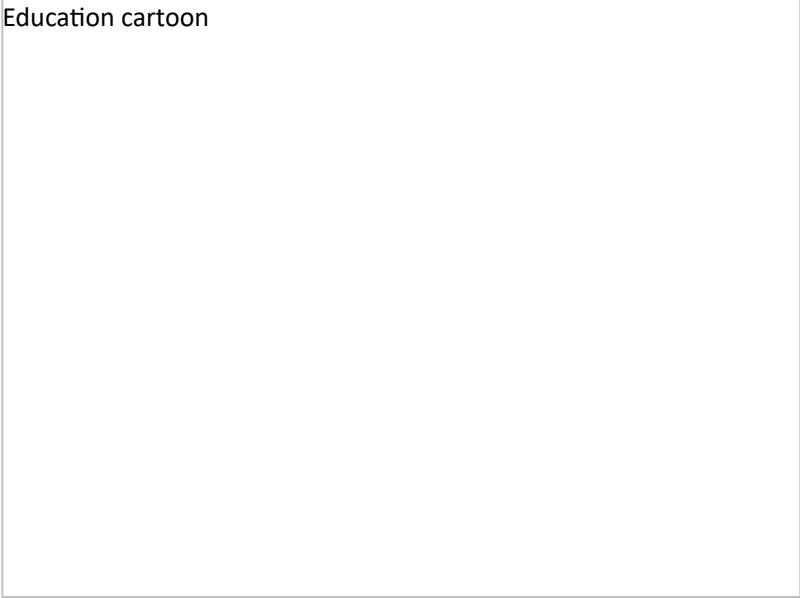
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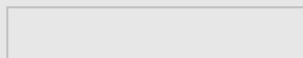
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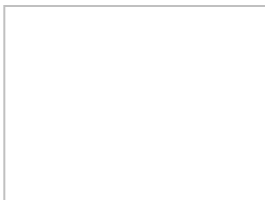
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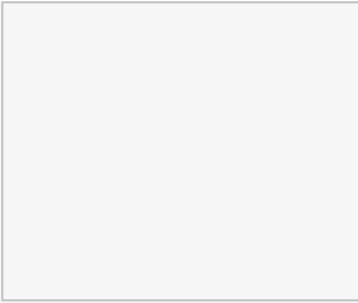
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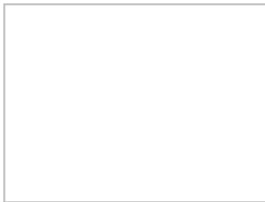
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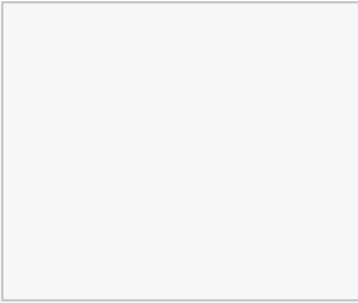


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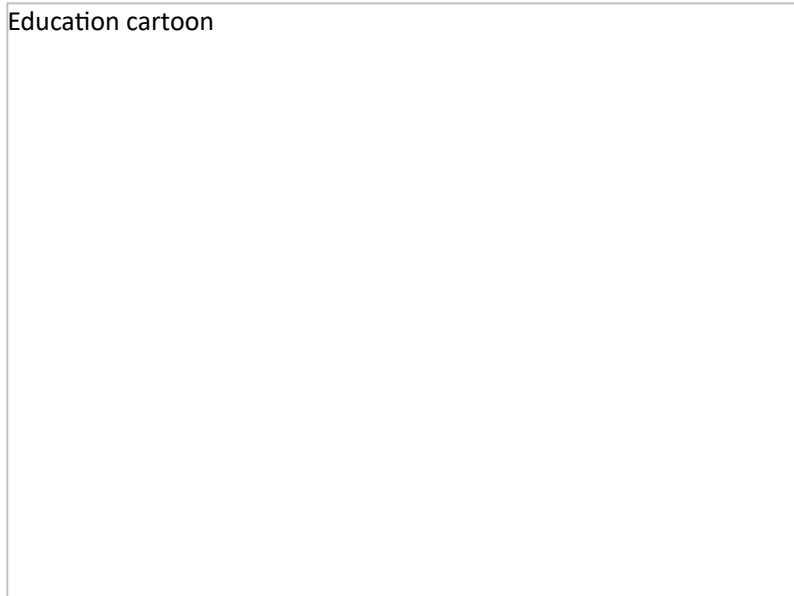
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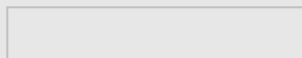
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chris, **big news: RAICES, an immigration non-profit in Texas, [rejected](#) a \$250,000 Salesforce donation last week because of the company's ties to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).** They are joining a growing movement across the U.S. rising in solidarity with all immigrants to call on tech giants to drop their multi-million dollar contracts with ICE and Border Patrol.

[We need your support now. Add your name to all tech giants: Stop helping ICE and Border Patrol separate families.](#)

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Three organizations have already said they would boycott Salesforce if they don't cut ties with CBP soon. Protest is growing as Microsoft and Salesforce employees demand their companies end their vile contracts. **Join us today to demand tech companies choose the livelihood of all immigrants over profit.**

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While Microsoft and Salesforce CEOs speak out against family separation in media stunts, they are quietly enabling ICE to do their jobs more rapidly and efficiently by providing them with tools like cloud storage and dangerous face recognition technology. If major tech companies cancel their contracts with ICE and Border Patrol, they would deprive the agencies of the tech needed to do their jobs. It would also set a powerful example for other corporations to take a moral stance to stop enabling deportations and migrant trauma.

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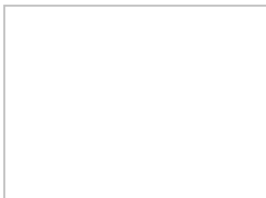
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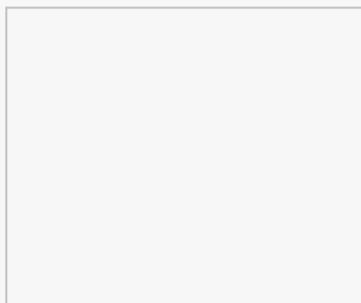
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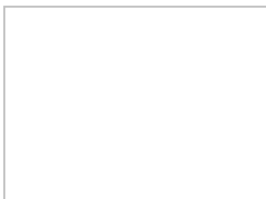
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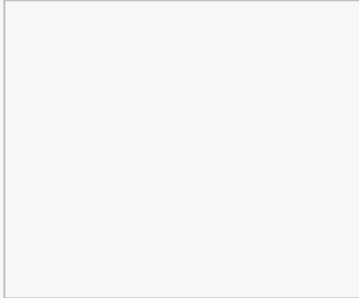


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To: LUcy giorgio-Pirkey

LUcy,

So far, **over 40,000 SumOfUs members have signed our petition demanding tech companies drop contracts with ICE** - but your name is still missing.

Microsoft and other tech companies lend facial recognition systems, database management, and other services to help ICE track down undocumented immigrants in their places of work, their schools, and their own homes. **But together, we can pressure the tech industry to remove a crucial cog from ICE's deportation machine.**

[Will you join thousands of other SumOfUs members and sign the petition demanding Microsoft end its contract with ICE?](#)

Thanks for all that you do,
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Immigrant children as young as 3 are being ordered into court for their own deportation proceedings--without their parents. Over 2,000 children, in addition to enduring trauma from separation from their families, face deportation court proceedings.

Trump's policy of family separation and detention at the border is a stark example of **the terror and violence inflicted by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) on immigrant families.**

Family separation isn't happening just at the border. It's happening at schools and homes across the country, where the constant presence of ICE agents means that families live under the perpetual threat of deportation. **And while ICE is at the center of this violence, they're being helped by corporations whose products we use every day.**

Several name-brand tech companies like Microsoft have multi-million dollar contracts with ICE dedicated to equipping the department with faster data processing and accelerated facial recognition services. **But if we come together to put enough public pressure on these companies, that could change.**

[Call on Microsoft and other tech companies to renounce their contracts with ICE and stop profiting from the Trump administration's heartless immigration policy.](#)

Even Microsoft employees are protesting the company's role in the deportation machine. **Over 100 employees recently published an open letter calling on Microsoft to "take an ethical stand, and put children and families above profits."**

But Microsoft is far from alone. Dell, Motorola, and Hewlett Packard Enterprises each have multi-million dollar deals with the immigration agency. **Which means it's time for us to**

Microsoft boasts that its services are making Immigration Customs Enforcement more efficient. **But helping detain and deport asylum seekers and immigrant families isn't something to be proud of.**

Tell Microsoft and other tech companies to renounce their contracts and stop helping ICE punish immigrants seeking a better life.

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demand a tech mutiny from the Trump Administration's anti-immigrant agenda.

Companies like Microsoft that market themselves as family-friendly brands have no place taking contracts with agencies like ICE designed to enact the cruel policies of family detention and deportation. **Together, we can strike a blow against Trump's deportation machine.**

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More information:

[It's not just Microsoft: lots of tech companies are quietly helping ICE](#), The Verge, June 20 2018.

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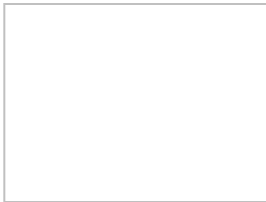
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The movement against standardized testing has slowed down, says Monty Neill, executive director of the National Center for Fair and Open Testing. Patricia Levesque, CEO of the Foundation for Excellence in Education, says the debate could be revived, describing such issues as "cyclical."

[Education Week \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (7/23)



TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Ohio district works to halve chronic absences

A school district in Ohio wants to cut chronic absenteeism by 50%. In this commentary, David Hardy, CEO for Lorain City Schools, shares nine strategies he and other school leaders have adopted to work toward that goal, including providing individual support and building a positive school culture.

[eSchool News](#) (7/24)



Calif. school blends computer science, SEL

A California elementary school is piloting a program that starts teaching computer science in kindergarten, along with social and emotional skills, writes Bryan Flaig, the school's math and science professional-development teacher. In this blog post, he shares how lessons in robotics help students learn to collaborate and solve problems.

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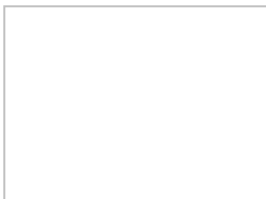
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Teacher: Tips, tools to help flip instruction



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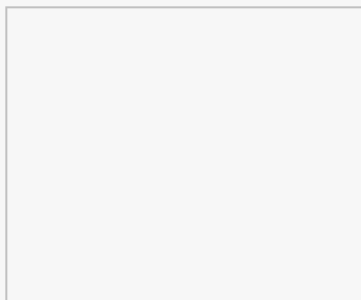
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POLICY WATCH

District mergers face barriers in most states

Only nine states in the US have a state-level institution that can order well-off school districts to merge with more disadvantaged districts, according to a report released today by the nonprofit EdBuild. The organization's CEO, Rebecca Sibilia, says more affluent districts often have little incentive to voluntarily merge with poorer districts.

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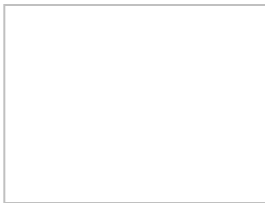
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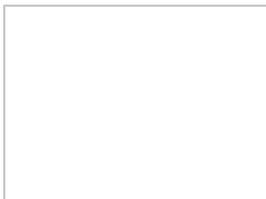
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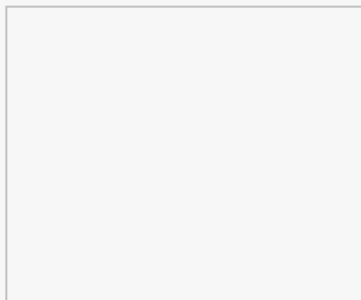
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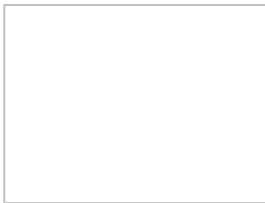
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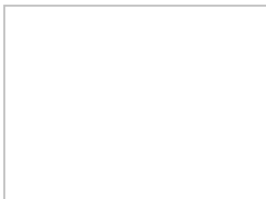
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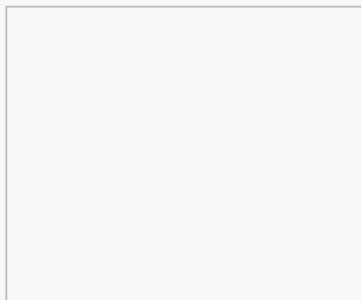
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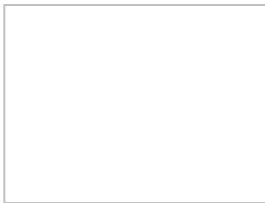
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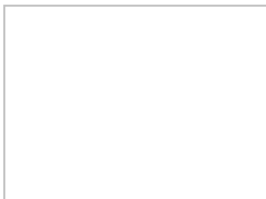
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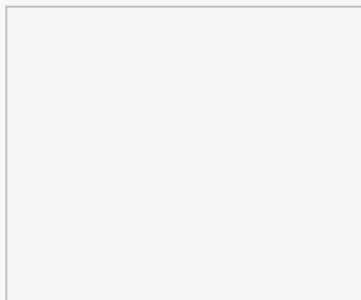
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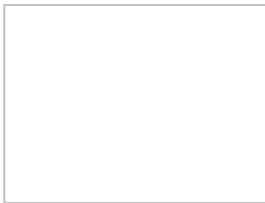
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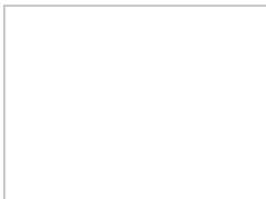
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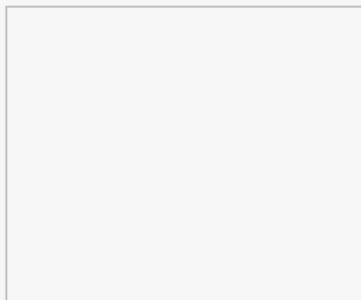
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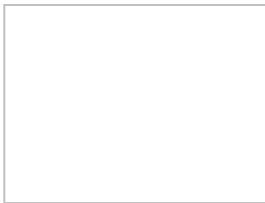
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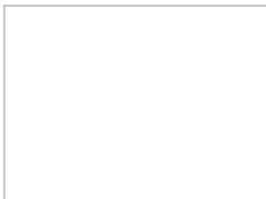
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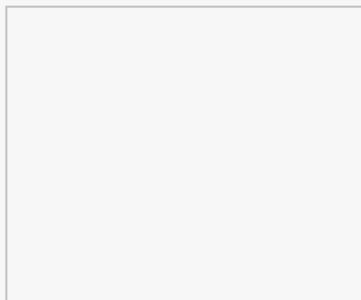
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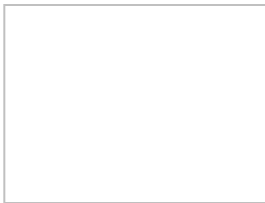
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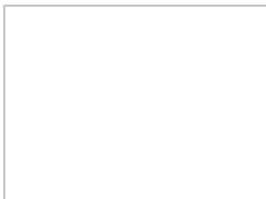
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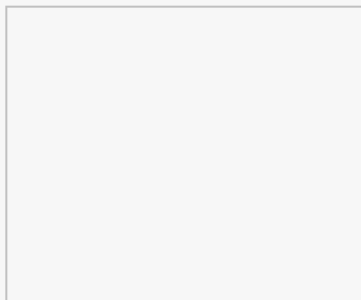
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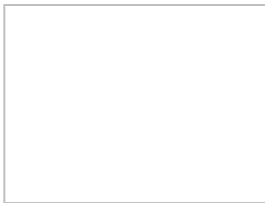
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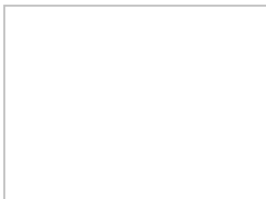
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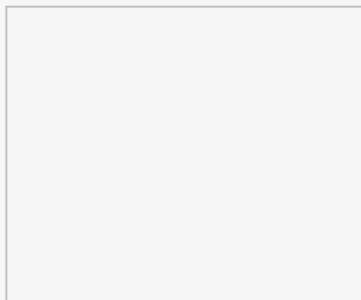
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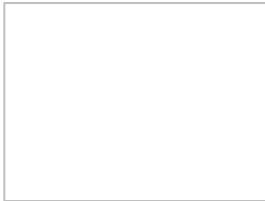
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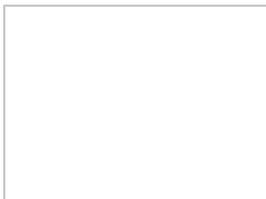
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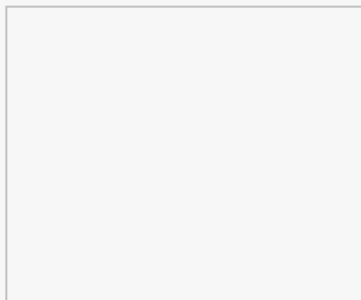
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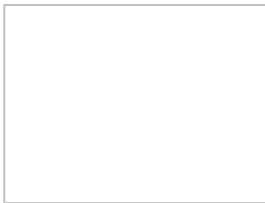
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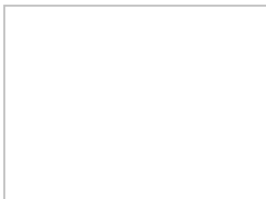
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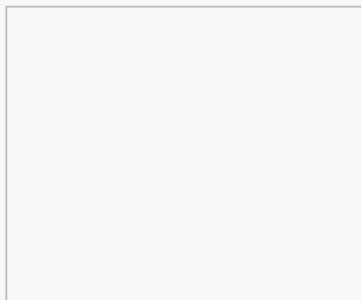
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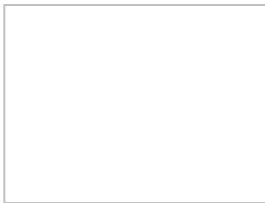
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TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Ohio district works to halve chronic absences

A school district in Ohio wants to cut chronic absenteeism by 50%. In this commentary, David Hardy, CEO for Lorain City Schools, shares nine strategies he and other school leaders have adopted to work toward that goal, including providing individual support and building a positive school culture.

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Calif. school blends computer science, SEL

A California elementary school is piloting a program that starts teaching computer science in kindergarten, along with social and emotional skills, writes Bryan Flaig, the school's math and science professional-development teacher. In this blog post, he shares how lessons in robotics help students learn to collaborate and solve problems.

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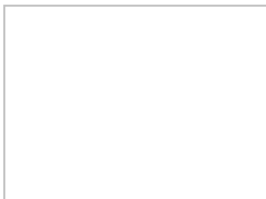
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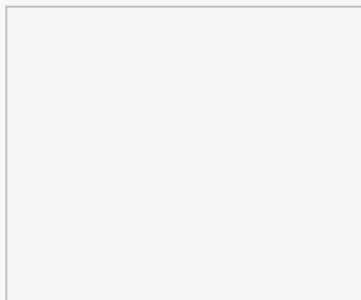
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District mergers face barriers in most states

Only nine states in the US have a state-level institution that can order well-off school districts to merge with more disadvantaged districts, according to a report released today by the nonprofit EdBuild. The organization's CEO, Rebecca Sibilia, says more affluent districts often have little incentive to voluntarily merge with poorer districts.

[U.S. News & World Report](#) (7/24), [The 74](#) (7/24)



Facial-recognition tech for school security raises questions

Companies are offering US schools free facial-recognition software that is increasingly in use on city streets and among government agencies and businesses. Digital-rights advocacy groups are expressing concerns about the software's effects on privacy, and the New York Civil Liberties Union has asked the state's education officials to prevent schools' implementation of the software.

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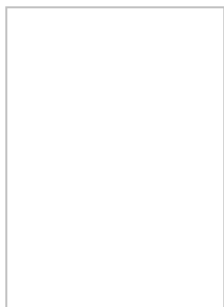
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4 ways leaders can protect their time and empower their teams

Harvard Business Review

We know that controlling what we pay attention to is the key to living an intentional life. According to an informal poll of my clients, one of the biggest impediments to attention management is "O.P.P." people's problems. This is a particular problem for my clients in leadership who find it difficult to disconnect from their team, even for short periods. The primary reasons they give for this consistency of availability are that they "don't want to be the bottleneck that holds up important work," and the need to be available to make decisions and mentor their staff through problems. [READ MORE](#)

Report examines shifting role of principal supervisors

Education DIVE

As districts continue to reimagine the role of principals to support effective instruction, the lessons from a diverse mix of districts will be helpful. The six participating districts were Broward County Public Schools, Duval County Public Schools, and others.

Florida, Baltimore City Schools, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in Ohio, the Des Moines Public Schools in Iowa, the Long Beach Unified School District in California and the Minneapolis Public Schools in Minnesota. [READ MORE](#)

It might be time to reconsider your school's retake policy

School Leaders Now

To allow a test retake or not to allow one? That is the question! When I was in school, there was never a question about being allowed to retake a test or rewrite a paper for a better grade. The score you received was the one that permanently stayed in the grade book. However, in recent years, many educators have made a strong case for allowing retakes because of how it benefits students. It has created a debate that divides teachers and administrators. [READ MORE](#)

8 ways to prevent chronic absenteeism

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While it may seem like common sense that students have to be in school to learn, chronic absenteeism persists in K-12 schools, impacting as many as 7.5 million children a year. Students who are chronically absent — meaning they miss 10 percent or more of the school year — are at serious risk of falling behind in school. While chronic absenteeism rates are highest in high school, the problem occurs at every grade level. In the early grades, poor attendance can delay social and emotional learning. [READ MORE](#)

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5 ways leadership can change the conversation around diversity and inclusion

Inc.

One danger of having a strong company culture is that it can be far too easy to perpetuate a culture of sameness where culture "fit" is an excuse to hire people who look, think, act and build products just like you. The truth is, diverse organizations and teams are not only proven to perform better, but building a

environment where everyone, from any background can bring their authentic self to work is simply the thing to do. [READ MORE](#)

What not to do when you're trying to motivate your team

Harvard Business Review (commentary)

Ron Carucci, a contributor for Harvard Business Review, writes: "When I speak to large groups about leadership, one question I often ask is, 'How many of you have ever received a compliment from you that actually offended you?' Without exception, more than two-thirds of the people in the room raise their hands. When I probe further on what people found offensive about their boss's praise, the most common responses I hear are 'It wasn't sincere' and 'They didn't know what they were talking about.'" [READ MORE](#)

2 succession planning rules for unique roles

By: Catherine Iste (commentary)

Single points of failure can instantly disrupt any business. Institutional knowledge is great unless it's locked inside one head. Having a team member that can rock multiple roles is awesome, unless they become a purple unicorn that can never be replaced. Just as rock star employees can elevate the team's productivity and acceleration they provide a business is tenuous if they cannot be replicated. Follow these rules to create a succession plan for even the most unique role. [READ MORE](#)

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16 signs you're a toxic leader

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The right way to use your professional intuition

By: Lisa Mulcahy (commentary)

You probably know the value of trusting your gut in your life — often, going with that instinct is the course of action to take. Yet, when it comes to using your intuition professionally, things can seem a lot trickier. You don't want to make a hasty move without backing up your hunch with concrete facts and at the same time, ignoring your intuitive feelings is unwise if your choice becomes too technical. Use following science-based strategies to utilize your instinct most effectively. [READ MORE](#)

3 mistakes every leader makes (and 3 ways to quickly recover)

Inc.

When you're the person in charge, there's often very little room for error. What you say or do directly affects the business. From your team to your reputation, there's a certain level of expectation that comes with the job. And if you don't meet them, the consequences can be fast and furious. [READ MORE](#)

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5 ways to be a conscious leader

Forbes

Conscious leaders speak with integrity, lead with authenticity and hold themselves accountable. They lead with the intent to understand and not just to respond, and they do it by being in tune with themselves and the world around them. As Jim Dethmer explains in his book, "The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership," unconscious leaders are reactive and their ego often runs the show. So what is it that makes a conscious leader?

leader anyway? Here are 5 things you can do today to add consciousness to your leadership tool box: [MORE](#)

This is the real secret to protecting your work friendships

Fast Company (commentary)

Dana Bilsky Asher, a contributor for Fast Company, writes: "Eva (not her real name) and I left sticky notes on each other's work stations. 'Meet me at the wine bar.' It was as if we'd intuited the well-established ground rule of finding that, basically, everything is better when you have a best friend at work. Only, our instinct was to cordon off our friendship from the daily machinations of the office. We sensed from the get-go that we would drive a wedge between us." [READ MORE](#)

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EDUCATION POLICY

Schools face civil liberties battles in effort to adopt facial recognition

THE Journal

As schools around the country attempt to deploy new facial recognition functionality as part of their video surveillance systems, the ACLU is challenging those efforts in the name of protecting civil rights. And not alone in their concerns about the controversial student surveillance tactic. As EdTech Strategies Inc. reported, both Magnolia School District in Arkansas and Lockport City School District in New York recently approved purchases of camera systems that include the ability to identify people captured on camera and track them. [READ MORE](#)

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

A balanced approach to technology in the classroom

By: Sheilamary Koch (commentary)

The powerful influence of technology on our lives is not to be taken lightly — and it's no surprise that educators have strong opinions on its place in our schools. Evidence that educational technologies drive curricular activities that better develop students' ability to relate to each other, think critically and communicate were key justifications for low-tech education [expressed in the previous article](#). While some take an

stance against technology in schools, many seem to believe it has a place in the education of our children. [READ MORE](#)

10 big findings about ed-tech privacy

eSchool News

Student information privacy is a hot-button topic, and a new Common Sense Education survey shows a widespread lack of transparency and inconsistent privacy and security practices among ed-tech applications and services. Over a three-year period, researchers evaluated 100 popular ed-tech products and services and found that just 10 percent of those applications or services met minimum criteria for transparency and security. [READ MORE](#)

Research: Virtual reality could help students remember better

eSchool News

Virtual reality is exciting and engaging for students, but for the most part, schools have struggled to find ways to incorporate it into the curriculum. Now, new research reveals one possible impetus for more classroom inclusion. University of Maryland researchers conducted an in-depth analysis on whether people learn more through virtual and immersive environments versus more traditional platforms such as a two-dimensional desktop computer or handheld tablet. [READ MORE](#)

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A guide to teaching computer skills in K-12

EdTech Magazine

Computers play a huge role in our everyday lives, and now more than ever, it's important that kids have a basic understanding of how computers work, what computers can do and how technology can be helpful. From learning how to type to creating programs from scratch by writing code, the possibilities are endless. Learning computer skills can be a lot of fun for kids, too. [READ MORE](#)

Digital media use linked to behavioral problems in kids



University of Southern California via Science Daily

Teens who spend lots of time using digital devices are prone to psychiatric problems, reports a team of scientists in a new study. Children who are heavy users of digital devices are twice as likely as infrequent users to show symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, the study finds. [READ MORE](#)

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Celebrating positives improves classroom behavior and mental health



University of Exeter via Science Daily

Training teachers to focus their attention on positive conduct and to avoid jumping to correct minor misbehavior improves child behavior, concentration and mental health. A study led by the University of Exeter Medical School, published in Psychological Medicine, analyzed the success of a training program called the 10 Years® Teacher Classroom Management Program. Its core principles include building strong social relationships between teachers and children, and ignoring low-level bad behavior that often disrupts classrooms. [READ MORE](#)

4 inquiry qualities at the heart of student-centered teaching



MindShift

Whether it be project-based learning, design thinking or genius hour, it's easy to get confused by the education buzzwords floating about. But at their heart these pedagogies are all student-centered and are commonalities across them that are the key to their success and far more critical than keeping things straight. [READ MORE](#)

5 steps to guarantee your PD for PBL is on point



eSchool News

What kind of professional development is needed in order for project-based learning to be done well, throughout a school and stick? Short answer: a lot. Long answer: participant-driven, interactive, ongoing, embedded, and ... a lot. [READ MORE](#)

Strategies to help your students feel heard



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Edutopia

One of the many wonders of being a teacher is that we affect children's lives both in ways we unders in ways we can't begin to comprehend. But many of the demands of being a teacher can eclipse the students are the center of our profession. We can easily become fixated on adhering to state standar district initiatives, and departmental guidelines while we busily attend meetings, pore over lesson plan grade piles of student papers. [READ MORE](#)

The value of active listening

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Edutopia (commentary)

Judy Willis, a contributor for Edutopia, writes: "Looming before me was a conference with parents wh concerned that their child was not being challenged enough in math. I was prepared and full of sugge and my preparedness turned out to be a problem. I was a distracted, unfocused listener as they voice concerns, jumping in before they could finish their questions and thinking ahead about what I'd say n [READ MORE](#)

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4 ways leaders can protect their time and empower their teams

Harvard Business Review

We know that controlling what we pay attention to is the key to living an intentional life. According to an informal poll of my clients, one of the biggest impediments to attention management is "O.P.P." people's problems. This is a particular problem for my clients in leadership who find it difficult to disconnect from their team, even for short periods. The primary reasons they give for this consistency of availability are that they "don't want to be the bottleneck that holds up important work," and the need to be available to make decisions and mentor their staff through problems. [READ MORE](#)

Report examines shifting role of principal supervisors

Education DIVE

As districts continue to reimagine the role of principals to support effective instruction, the lessons from a diverse mix of districts will be helpful. The six participating districts were Broward County Public Schools, Duval County Public Schools, and others.

Florida, Baltimore City Schools, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in Ohio, the Des Moines Public Schools in Iowa, the Long Beach Unified School District in California and the Minneapolis Public Schools in Minnesota. [READ MORE](#)

It might be time to reconsider your school's retake policy

School Leaders Now

To allow a test retake or not to allow one? That is the question! When I was in school, there was never a question about being allowed to retake a test or rewrite a paper for a better grade. The score you received was the one that permanently stayed in the grade book. However, in recent years, many educators have made a strong case for allowing retakes because of how it benefits students. It has created a debate that divides teachers and administrators. [READ MORE](#)

8 ways to prevent chronic absenteeism

Education DIVE

While it may seem like common sense that students have to be in school to learn, chronic absenteeism persists in K-12 schools, impacting as many as 7.5 million children a year. Students who are chronically absent — meaning they miss 10 percent or more of the school year — are at serious risk of falling behind in school. While chronic absenteeism rates are highest in high school, the problem occurs at every grade level. In the early grades, poor attendance can delay social and emotional learning. [READ MORE](#)

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5 ways leadership can change the conversation around diversity and inclusion

Inc.

One danger of having a strong company culture is that it can be far too easy to perpetuate a culture of sameness where culture "fit" is an excuse to hire people who look, think, act and build products just like you. The truth is, diverse organizations and teams are not only proven to perform better, but building a

environment where everyone, from any background can bring their authentic self to work is simply the thing to do. [READ MORE](#)

What not to do when you're trying to motivate your team

Harvard Business Review (commentary)

Ron Carucci, a contributor for Harvard Business Review, writes: "When I speak to large groups about leadership, one question I often ask is, 'How many of you have ever received a compliment from you that actually offended you?' Without exception, more than two-thirds of the people in the room raise their hands. When I probe further on what people found offensive about their boss's praise, the most common responses I hear are 'It wasn't sincere' and 'They didn't know what they were talking about.'" [READ MORE](#)

2 succession planning rules for unique roles

By: Catherine Iste (commentary)

Single points of failure can instantly disrupt any business. Institutional knowledge is great unless it's locked inside one head. Having a team member that can rock multiple roles is awesome, unless they become a purple unicorn that can never be replaced. Just as rock star employees can elevate the team's productivity and acceleration they provide a business is tenuous if they cannot be replicated. Follow these rules to create a succession plan for even the most unique role. [READ MORE](#)

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The right way to use your professional intuition

By: Lisa Mulcahy (commentary)

You probably know the value of trusting your gut in your life — often, going with that instinct is the course of action to take. Yet, when it comes to using your intuition professionally, things can seem a lot trickier. You don't want to make a hasty move without backing up your hunch with concrete facts and at the same time, ignoring your intuitive feelings is unwise if your choice becomes too technical. Use following science-based strategies to utilize your instinct most effectively. [READ MORE](#)

3 mistakes every leader makes (and 3 ways to quickly recover)

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As an administrator, great teachers are your most important asset. They have a firm rationale behind everything they do. They regularly go the extra mile making sure that their students feel seen, cared for, and encouraged. But we all know teachers are notoriously undercompensated and underappreciated. While their work is incredibly rewarding, it can also require more than a 40-hour workweek, and great teachers sometimes transfer those same skills and qualities in professions that pay more and demand less. [READ MORE](#)

5 ways to be a conscious leader

Forbes

Conscious leaders speak with integrity, lead with authenticity and hold themselves accountable. They listen with the intent to understand and not just to respond, and they do it by being in tune with themselves and the world around them. As Jim Dethmer explains in his book, "The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership," unconscious leaders are reactive and their ego often runs the show. So what is it that makes a conscious leader?

leader anyway? Here are 5 things you can do today to add consciousness to your leadership tool box: [MORE](#)

This is the real secret to protecting your work friendships

Fast Company (commentary)

Dana Bilsky Asher, a contributor for Fast Company, writes: "Eva (not her real name) and I left sticky notes on each other's work stations. 'Meet me at the wine bar.' It was as if we'd intuited the well-established Golden Rule: finding that, basically, everything is better when you have a best friend at work. Only, our instinct was to cordon off our friendship from the daily machinations of the office. We sensed from the get-go that we would drive a wedge between us." [READ MORE](#)

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Schools face civil liberties battles in effort to adopt facial recognition

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Sanders said Trump is also looking into the clearances for other former officials and Trump critics, including former FBI Director James Comey; former Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe; former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper; former National Security Adviser Susan Rice and former CIA Director Michael Hayden (who also worked under President George W. Bush). Sanders said the former officials "politicized and in some cases actually monetized their public service and their security clearances in making baseless accusations of improper contact with Russia." (Brennan is an analyst for NBC and MSNBC while Clapper has been working for CNN.)

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California, a ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, tweeted that "politicizing security clearances to retaliate against former national security officials who criticize the President would set a terrible new precedent." Clapper said on CNN that Trump's idea was "kind of a petty way of retribution, I suppose, for speaking out against the president, which I think, on the part

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HOLDER 2020 BREWING: Former attorney general Eric Holder is mulling a 2020 presidential run, [saying on Monday he'll make the decision "sometime early next year"](#) ... "I'm thinking about it," Holder, who ran the Justice Department from 2009 until 2015 under President Obama, told "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert. "What I've said is that I'd make a determination sometime early next year." The former Obama administration official has been hyping up his potential 2020 run since April after he announced his attendance at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics' annual "Politics & Eggs" event in June, an event that many former candidates once attended.

- [Biden, mulling 2020 run](#), calls Trump immigration policies 'one of the darkest moments in our history'

AS SEEN ON FOX NEWS

ATTORNEY GENERAL M.I.A.: "Jeff Sessions, where are you? Your nation needs you to do your job tonight." – Sean Hannity, in his "Opening Monologue" on "[Hannity](#)," saying that the fact the unverified Russia dossier produced by a former MI6 agent made up a large part of the FISA application to surveil former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page is the "biggest single scandal in American history." [WATCH](#)

MAINSTREAM MEDIA BEFUDDLED: "This confuses the media, as they keep saying that Trump is the worst thing to happen since 'The View.'" – Greg Gutfeld, on "[The Five](#)," observing that the media cannot believe President Trump's approval rating rose a small amount over the short term, in spite of the much-criticized summit with Vladimir Putin. [WATCH](#)

TRENDING

New York tabloid known for outlandish anti-Trump covers [axes half its newsroom staff](#).

[Nude man caught working out at Planet Fitness](#) thought it was 'judgment-

free zone,' police say.

[Anti-Trump ESPN star Jemele Hill plans to eventually ditch sports network](#) for race, gender content.

Waiter [made up story about 'racist' tipper](#): restaurant.

THE SWAMP

[Broadway's 'Hamilton' and its relevance to Pompeo's upcoming meeting with Senate.](#)

[Stormy Daniels and husband Glendon Crain file for divorce](#), lawyer Michael Avenatti says.

[Senate confirms Robert Wilkie as VA secretary](#), capping contentious selection process.

ACROSS THE NATION

BART police [nab suspect in deadly stabbing attack](#).

Las Vegas shooting victims [speak out against MGM lawsuit against them](#).

Missouri lawmaker pledges to [beef up safety standards on duck boats](#).

Police search for [motive in shooting at Nevada Mormon church](#).

INTERNATIONAL

Toronto shooting suspect identified as Faisal Hussain, [family says he had 'severe mental health challenges.'](#)

[At least 49 dead in Greek seaside wildfires](#), including 20 huddled near Athens beach.

Several dead, hundreds missing [after collapse of hydroelectric dam in Laos](#).

MINDING YOUR BUSINESS

Charles Gasparino: [Trump says US economic growth nears 5 percent](#); time to celebrate?

[Fiat Chrysler, GM, Ford to report earnings](#) amid tariff concerns.

Tax cuts 2.0: [What the GOP can learn from Ohio](#).

Why are [home sales sliding](#)?

Goldman predicts [U.S.-China trade war will slash S&P 500 earnings](#)

Global [airfares, hotel rates to rise in 2019](#): industry forecast.

FOX NEWS OPINION

Cal Thomas: San Francisco [makes it clear what immigration debate is all about](#) -- votes for Democrats.

Donald J. Boudreaux: [Trump's trade war is economic suicide](#).

Tom Kelly: [Is your smart speaker spying on you?](#)

HOLLYWOOD SQUARED

[David Bowie's first ever studio recording surfaces](#), will be auctioned for \$13,000.

['Shark in the cage!' Shaq pulled from water](#) after predator wiggles through bars of enclosure.

'Dukes of Hazzard' star [Tom Wopat pleads guilty in touching case](#).

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS?

[Thousands of sardines recorded jumping out of water](#), onto fisherman's boat to escape larger fish.

Amazing Amazon sighting: ['World's loneliest man' spotted](#) in remarkable video footage.

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Cavuto: Coast to Coast, Noon ET: Doug Kass, Seabreeze Partners Management, Inc.; Sean Spicer, former White House press secretary and author of "The Briefing."

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#OnThisDay

2005: Lance Armstrong wins a record-setting seventh consecutive Tour de France and retires from the sport.

1998: Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan is released in theaters across the United States.

1847: Brigham Young leads 148 Mormon pioneers into Utah's Valley of the Great Salt Lake and they settle in the region.

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[NoTechforICE](#)

Lucy, **big news: RAICES, an immigration non-profit in Texas, [rejected](#) a \$250,000 Salesforce donation last week because of the company's ties to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).** They are joining a growing movement across the U.S. rising in solidarity with all immigrants to call on tech giants to drop their multi-million dollar contracts with ICE and Border Patrol.

[We need your support now. Add your name to all tech giants: Stop helping ICE and Border Patrol separate families.](#)

ADD YOUR NAME

Three organizations have already said they would boycott Salesforce if they don't cut ties with CBP soon. Protest is growing as Microsoft and Salesforce employees demand their companies end their vile contracts. **Join us today to demand tech companies choose the livelihood of all immigrants over profit.**

[Click to AUTOMATICALLY sign to demand all major tech companies cancel ICE and Border Patrol contracts.](#)

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Our message to major tech companies:

By upholding your multi-million dollar contracts with ICE and/or Border Patrol, you are aiding the mass deportations and family separations. Whether they directly use your services to carry out those actions or not, your company is guilty of remaining complicit in our country's immigration humanitarian crisis. Cancel all of your contracts with ICE and Border Patrol now.

Keep fighting,
Huiying B. Chan, Daily Kos

P.S. You can read even more details below in the previous email I sent.

[Lucy, add your name to major tech companies: Cancel your contracts with ICE and Border Patrol now!](#)

ADD YOUR NAME

Workers at the largest tech companies, including Microsoft and Salesforce, are rising up against their own employers. Why? Because they [discovered](#) their companies have multi-million dollar contracts with ICE and Border Patrol.

The technology that we've come to rely on every day in our workplaces and homes is helping ICE and Border Patrol deport and separate families.

While Microsoft and Salesforce CEOs speak out against family separation in media stunts, they are quietly enabling ICE to do their jobs more rapidly and efficiently by providing them with tools like cloud storage and dangerous face recognition technology. If major tech companies cancel their contracts with ICE and Border Patrol, they would deprive the agencies of the tech needed to do their jobs. It would also set a powerful example for other corporations to take a moral stance to stop enabling deportations and migrant trauma.

[Sign the petition to all tech companies now: Stop helping ICE and Border Patrol separate families.](#)

SIGN THE PETITION

Here is how much tech giants make from the deportation machine:

- Microsoft: \$19.4 million contract, for invasive facial recognition software
- Hewlett Packard Enterprises': \$76 million, for operations management
- Motorola: \$15 million, for [surveillance](#)
- Dell: \$22 million, for surveillance
- Salesforce: [Aiding Border Patrol](#) to "be more efficient"

The crisis at the border rages. Thousands of children remain severed from their families, and these companies make huge profits from their trauma. It's time for the tech giants to take a stance and cancel all contracts now.

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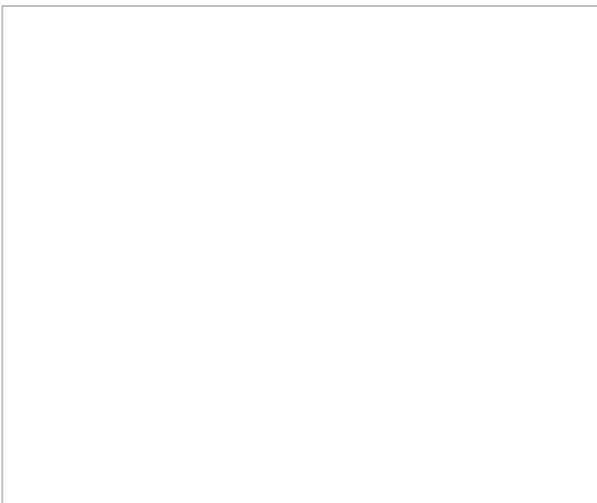
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The disconnect between the creators of education technology and those who use it has forever been a problem. Call it the scourge of “shelfware”—software and hardware purchased by a district, introduced to teachers one morning in an August PD workshop, then promptly ignored once school starts. Two recent pieces of news point to fixes. J-PAL North America, a research center at [MIT](#), has announced that it will partner with two leading education technology nonprofits to test promising models to improve learning, as part of the inaugural round of the [Education, Technology, and Opportunity Innovation Competition](#). ISTE also announced the [Edtech Advisor](#) last month, which is an online space where educators can rate and review edtech tools and apps based on their experience using these tools in their classrooms. Certainly these aren’t a cure all for shelfware, but it’s a start.

—Kevin Hogan, Managing Director of Content

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Tasia Ellis @TasiaEllis

"Teachers don't have to be rocket scientists, but they do have to be a launch pad. Be a launch pad" incredible [@tonyvincent](#) [#NCSSbetheBEST](#) [#ncsst4t](#) [pic.twitter.com/IZdGLJdAQE](#)

Blog Quote Of The Day

The problem is predictably familiar: schools invest readily and heavily in the technology but then fail proportionally in the teaching. I'm not quite sure why schools so often appear to put technology before but they're getting it the wrong way around.

—[Jose Picardo](#)

Additional Resources

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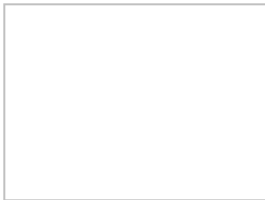
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Students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who engaged often with digital tools, such as Blackboard, were 200% more likely to pass their courses than students who infrequently used such resources, according to a study. The study showed the earlier students used the resources, the better their chances of passing a course.

[eCampus News](#) (7/23)

ELEARNING

Why one teacher cut off her home internet service

Debra Rook, an English and social studies teacher in North Carolina, cut off her home internet access to limit her ability to work from home. In this blog post, Rook describes how the decision has helped her to avoid burning out and preserved her career.

[Teaching Channel](#) (7/19)



Other News

- **Calif. grant to fund after-school coding program**

The Sacramento Bee (Calif.) (tiered subscription model) (7/20)

- **What are the hallmarks of a 5-star edtech tool?**

EdSurge (7/21)

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

Facial-recognition tech for school security raises questions

Companies are offering US schools free facial-recognition software that is increasingly in use on city streets and among government agencies and businesses. Digital-rights advocacy groups are expressing concerns about the software's effects on privacy, and the New York Civil Liberties Union has asked the state's education officials to prevent schools' implementation of the software.

[The Associated Press](#) (7/23)



MANAGING BUDGETS

Report: Half of states are underfunding education

Twenty-five states spent less on education in 2016 than in 2008, according to a report from the American Federation of Teachers. The study shows that about \$19 billion in state tax cuts have led states to underfund their education systems.

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SCHOOLS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Summer learning includes Skype conversation with scientist

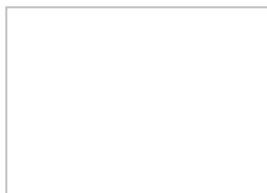
A Pennsylvania school district is holding a five-week summer program in a community park. The Teachers in the Park program recently facilitated a Skype conversation between elementary-school students and a scientist in Iceland.

[Reading Eagle \(Pa.\) \(free content\)](#) (7/22)



LAST BYTE

Survey: Companies begin to adopt blockchain



Businesses are beginning to take more interest in blockchain, with 60% of companies reporting they were "either actively considering, or are in the process of, deploying blockchain technology," according to a Juniper Research survey. Companies that don't prioritize trust and transparency or that don't understand blockchain's many uses likely will not benefit from the

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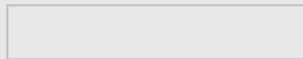
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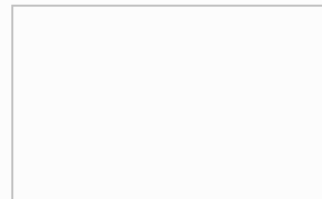


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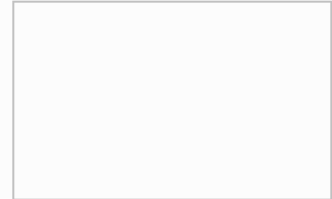


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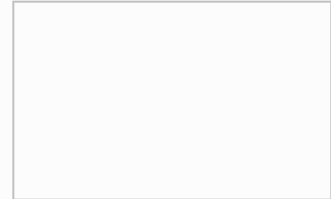


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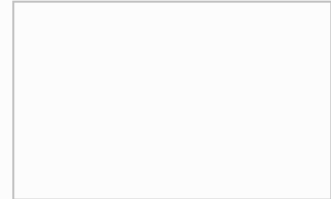


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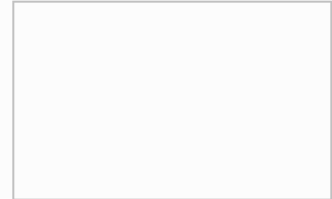


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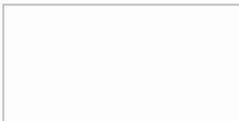
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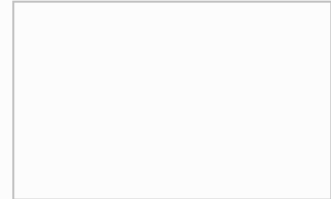


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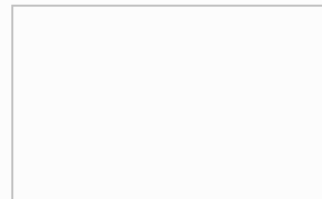


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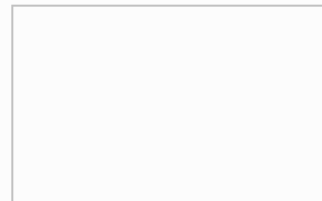


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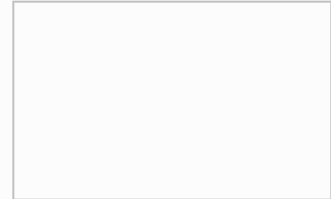


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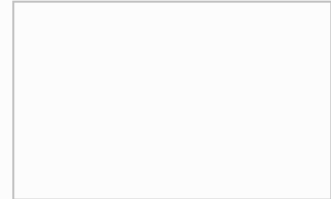


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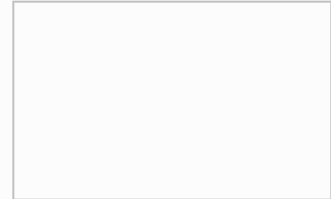


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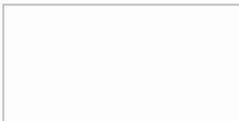
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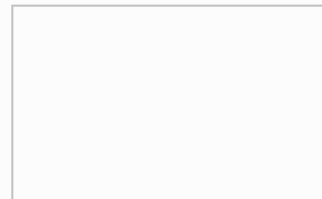


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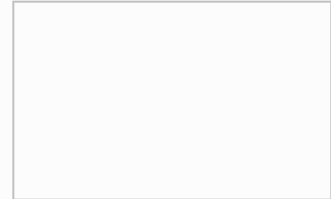


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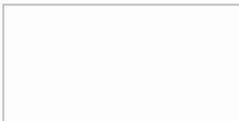
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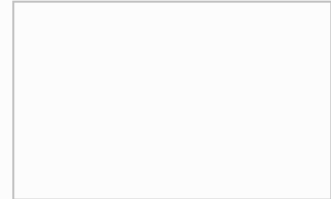


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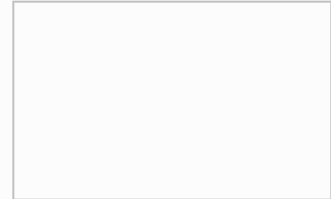


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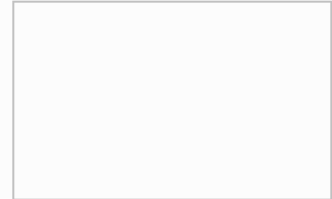


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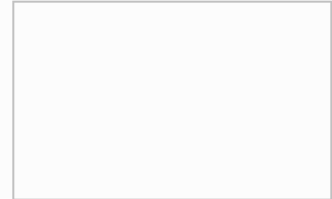


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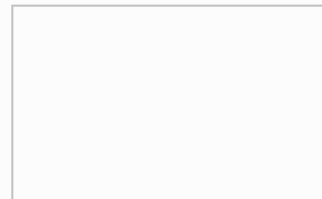


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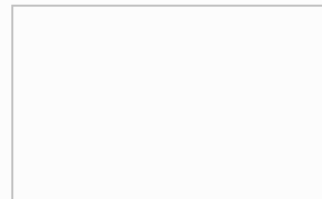


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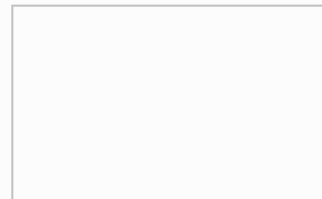


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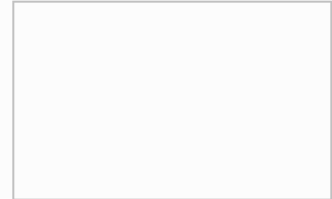


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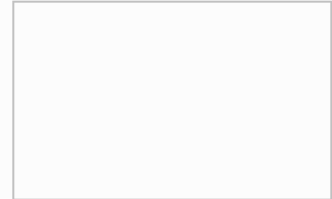


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Four Inquiry Qualities At The Heart of Student-Centered Teaching

Student-centered pedagogies have inquiry at their heart -- a commonality key to their success and far more critical than keeping the jargon straight. English teacher Trevor MacKenzie and Rebecca Bathurst-Hunt created the "Tree of Inquiry" as a visual guide for educators who are interested in shifting their practice but are unsure where to begin.

The Tree of Inquiry illustration

Naturally, educators want to understand each of these frameworks in order to make an informed decision as to how to best meet the needs of their students. [Inquiry-based learning](#) is the foundation for all of these student-centered strategies -- students are asking their own questions, discovering answers and using their teachers as resources and guides. Schools and classrooms where deep inquiry is clearly at work invariably possess four specific characteristics no matter the specific type of inquiry utilized: the learner is actively involved in the construction of understanding; the teacher as guide and mentor; the whole child is celebrated and nurtured; structures and frameworks exist but learning isn't overly prescribed or standardized.

MacKenzie is the author of [Dive into Inquiry: Amplify Learning and Empower Student Voice](#) , and co-author of [Inquiry Mindsets: Nurturing the Dreams, Wonders, and Curiosities of Our Youngest Learners](#), along with [Rebecca Bathurst-Hunt](#). You can also see some of the dialogue generated by this image on [Twitter](#).

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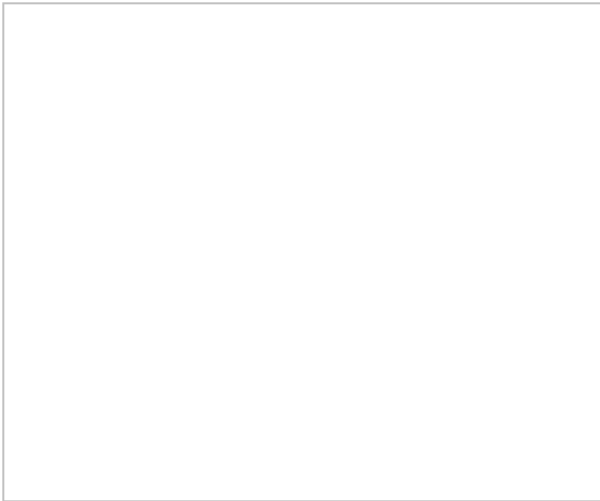
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Nearly a year after the rally, the city’s first black female mayor has vowed to address centuries of racial and economic disparities.



OPINION

Republicans, Don't Just Tweet About It. Do Something.

By CHARLES J. SYKES

The G.O.P. better stand for something — and stand up to someone — soon.



QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"If I was able to get a life jacket, I could have saved my babies. Because they could have at least floated up to the top and somebody could have grabbed them. And I wasn't able to do that."

TIA COLEMAN, who survived a tourist boat sinking in Branson, Mo., on Thursday while nine of her family members perished, including her husband and three children.

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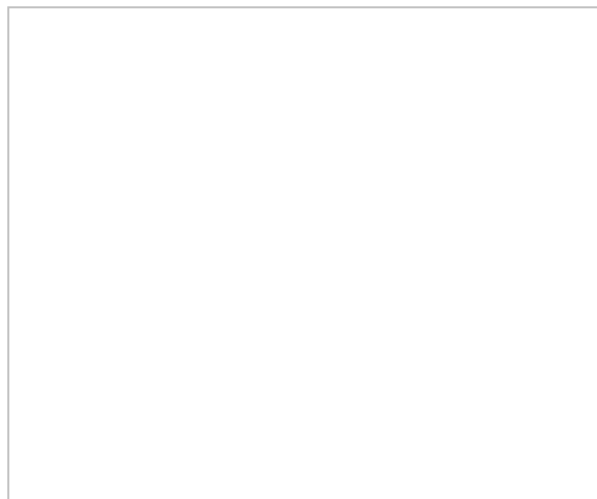
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By AISHA HARRIS, AINARA TIEFENTHÄLER, NATALIE RENEAU and MAEA LENEI BUHRE

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In Duterte's Philippines, Having a Beer Can Now Land You in Jail

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More than 50,000 Filipinos have been locked up for offenses as trivial as drinking in public or being outdoors without a shirt.



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Rafting Across a Mexico River to Make a Living, and Remake a Life

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Russia Seeks Release of Woman Accused of Being Covert Agent

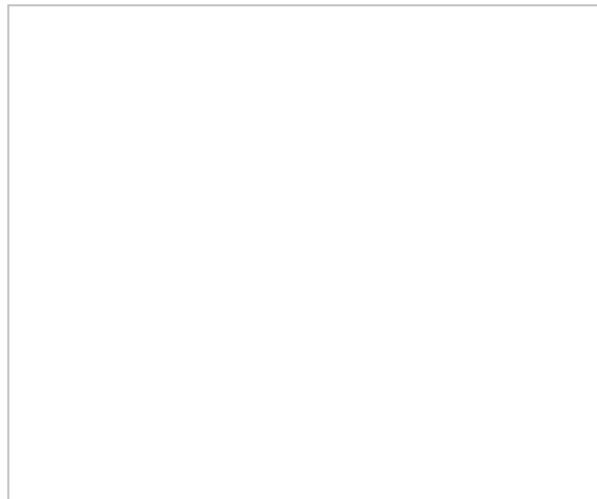
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The request, by Russia's foreign minister, followed a week when Moscow had appeared to control the narrative on a range of international issues.



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Trump Signals Consequences for Michael Cohen Over Secret Recording

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With a tweet, President Trump signaled open warfare on his longtime fixer, who has publicly discussed the idea of cooperating with the Justice Department.



From New York to the Heartland: Ocasio-Cortez Debuts on National Campaign Stage

By SYDNEY EMBER

Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, who has quickly become the face of a left-wing populist wave, visited Kansas with Senator Bernie Sanders to campaign for progressive candidates.



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By CHARLIE SAVAGE

The release offered a rare glimpse of national security wiretap files and raised echoes of a fight in February over the Russia inquiry between Republicans and Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee.



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Memo From the Boss: You're a Vegetarian Now

By DAVID GELLES

By banning meat and forbidding employees from expensing a hamburger, WeWork is trying to save the planet and raise the consciousness of its work force.



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How Consumers Can Resist Companies' Market Power

By AUSTAN GOOLSBEE

Companies try to lock people into buying their products without comparison shopping. But consumers can fight back, an economist says.



Technology

Wild About Tech, China Even Loves Robot Waiters That Can't Serve

By PAUL MOZUR

Some in China are building a future that isn't quite ready. Still, the exuberance may be a good thing, as useful products find their place and bad ones disappear.



Trying to Flip the House, ZIP Code by ZIP Code

By SRIDHAR PAPPU

Swing Left, a Democratic political action committee founded after the 2016 election by three relative novices, resembles a Silicon Valley start-up more than a traditional political organization.



LENS

What Do Facial Recognition Technologies Mean for Our Privacy?

By JORDAN G. TEICHER

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Nine of Her Family Members on a Missouri Duck Boat Died. Somehow, She Survived.

By JOHN ELIGON

Among the dead were Tia Coleman's three children. "If they don't make it, Lord," she recalled praying on the boat, "take me too."



Meet the Teenagers Leading a Climate Change Movement

By ALEXANDRA YOON-HENDRICKS

Zero Hour, the nationwide coalition behind Saturday's youth marches in Washington and other cities, is hoping to inspire young people to step up and demand change.



Dozens of Hostages Freed From Trader Joe's in Los Angeles; 1 Woman Is Dead

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and SARAH MERVOSH

A suspect fleeing the police ran into the store and barricaded himself inside, the authorities said. Earlier in the day he shot his grandmother and another woman.



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Parents Behaving Badly: A Youth Sports Crisis Caught on Video

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British Open: Jordan Spieth Moves Into Position for a Repeat

By CHRISTOPHER CLAREY

Spieth has not won a tournament since last year's British Open, but his bogey-free 65 on Saturday gave him a share of the lead heading to the final round at Carnoustie.



A Rugby World Cup Raises Hopes for a Rugby Boom

By KEN BELSON

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Fictional Police Brutality, Real Emotional Toll

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‘Castle Rock’ Is a Stephen King Story That Isn’t Really a Stephen King Story

By JEREMY EGNER

The 10-episode series on Hulu represents a confluence of many of the author’s stories and characters and also of several TV trends.



Executive Realness: 3 ‘Pose’ Stars on Dancing and Being Seen

By SIOBHAN BURKE

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By MATT KATZ

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By HILLARY CHURA

New York used to have as many as 20 factories that specialized in mod-looking plexiglass furniture. Now only one remains.



BIG CITY

Fighting Back Against the War on Homeless Shelters

By GINIA BELLAFANTE

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By MICHAEL STEINBERGER

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By PARUL SEHGAL

The first female Asian-American playwright on Broadway takes aim at identity and watches the audience squirm.



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There Are No Real Roads in Guadalupe Park. You Earn the Incredible Views.

By JORDAN BREAL

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On the Normandy Cheese Trail

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An exploration of the French region — a place of sleepy villages, dairy farms and rolling fields — in search of some of the creamiest, most delectable cheeses in the world.



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What to Know Before Buying a Home With Your Parents

By CLAIRE ZULKEY

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Why Do All Home Repairs Cost \$1,000?

By RONDA KAYSEN

Instead of a monthly maintenance bill, house owners face a never-ending trickle of repair costs.



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The creators of the fan account Every Outfit on “Sex and the City” are stumping for Cynthia Nixon and helping all of us come to terms with her most influential role (to date).



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Barry Mills, Brutal Leader of Racist Prison Gang, Dies at 70

By SAM ROBERTS

The head of the Aryan Brotherhood, he was linked to murders, drug dealing, prostitution, racial warfare and more in a life spent mostly behind bars.



Jonathan Gold, Food Critic Who Celebrated L.A.'s Cornucopia, Dies at 57

By PETE WELLS

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Trump and His Very Special Guest

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Trump can't wait for his Putin play date.



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By ROSS DOUTHAT

Did our populist president crush the libertarian moment, or co-opt it?



The Heartbreak of Raising a Black Daughter in a Red State

By SHANITA HUBBARD

She has been rejected by classmates because of her race and called "the maid." Given the messages from the White House, I'm not surprised.



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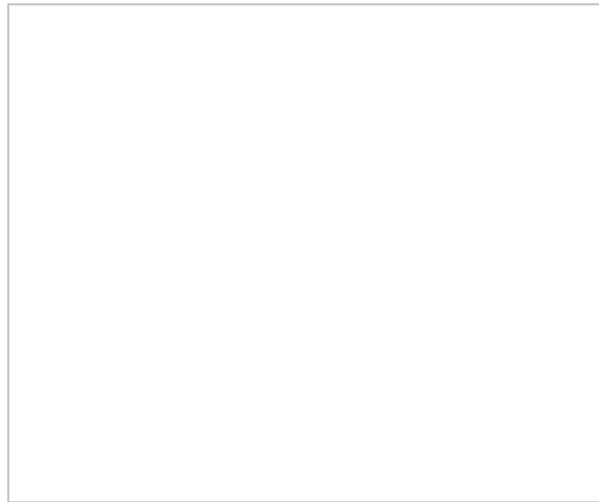
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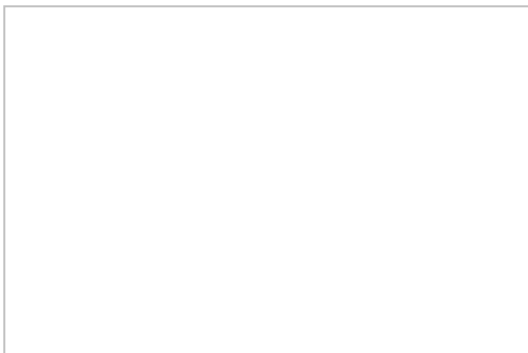
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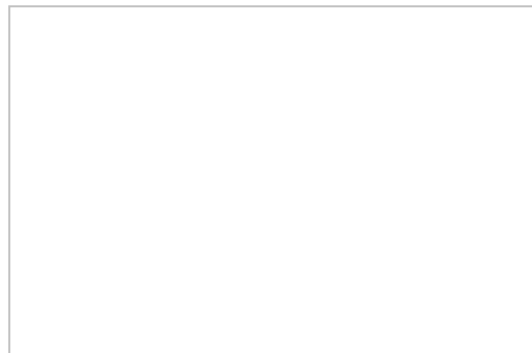
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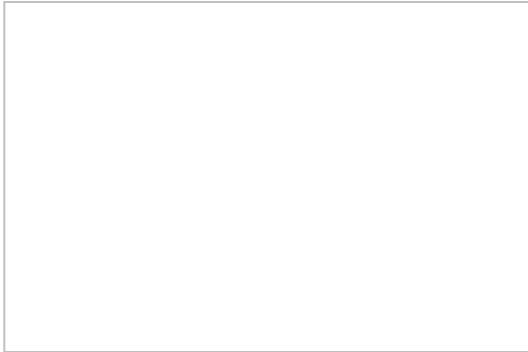


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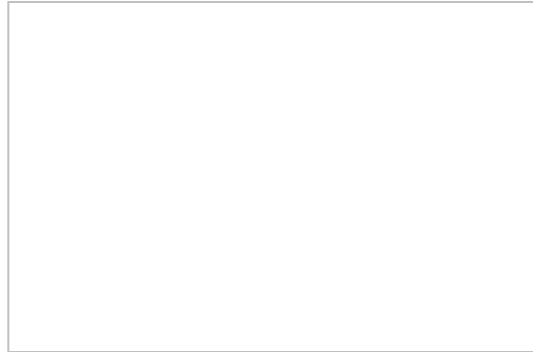


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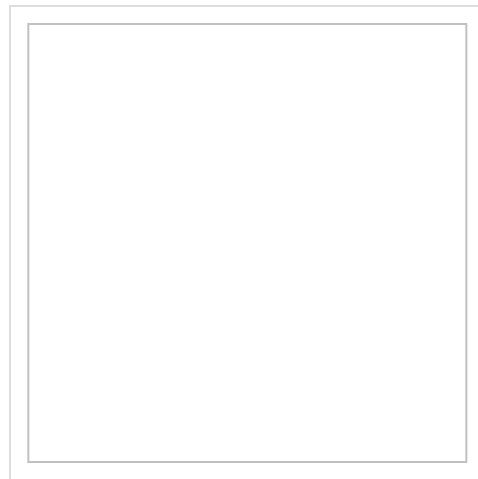
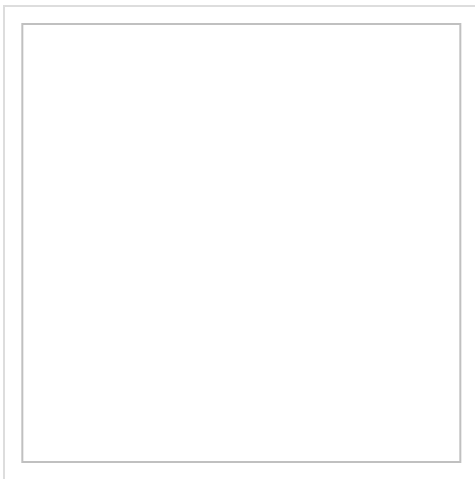


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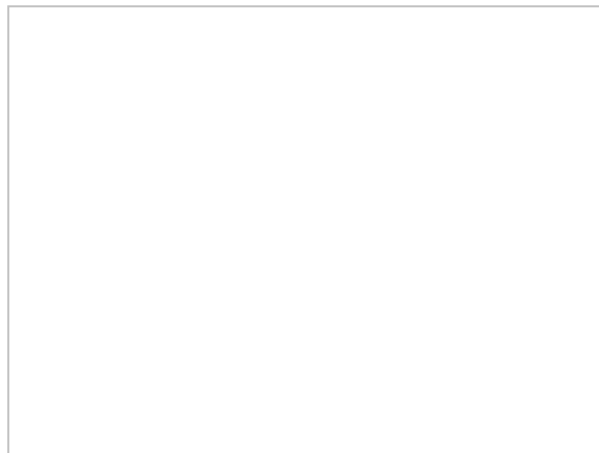
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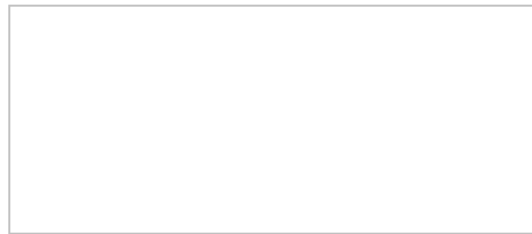
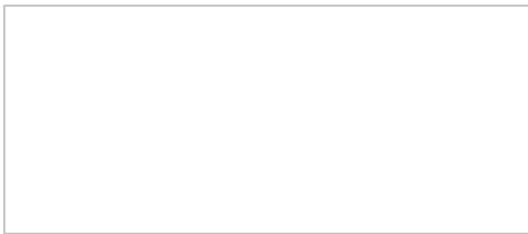
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