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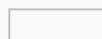
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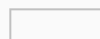
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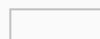
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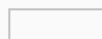
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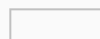
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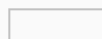
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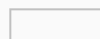
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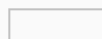
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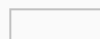
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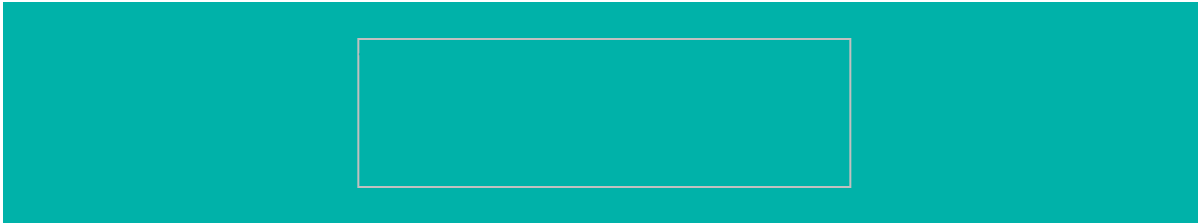
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Make No Excuses

*Skimm'd over homemade brownies*

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☐ **QUOTE OF THE DAY** ☐

"The purpose of the competition was to promote technical education"  
- [A Czech power plant](#), after staging a bikini contest to pick a new  
intern. Technical failure.

## THINGS GETTING GRADED

### HEALTHCARE

#### The Story

Yesterday, the Congressional Budget Office released [its scorecard](#) for the Senate's health care plan.

### **Wait. Back up.**

Earlier this year, the [House passed a bill](#) to repeal and replace Obamacare. Then last week, the Senate [dropped their version](#). The highlights: it caps federal funding for Medicaid and temporarily freezes federal funding for Planned Parenthood. But it keeps the rule that insurance companies can't hike up prices for people with pre-existing conditions.

### **So what's the scorecard?**

Yesterday, the CBO - a nonpartisan group of number crunchers - said the Senate plan would leave [22 million more people](#) without insurance over the next decade. Which is less than the House plan. 15 million of those would be because of changes to Medicaid.

### **What are people saying?**

Critics say this bill still leaves too many Americans without coverage. But supporters say it will save the gov a lot of cash money and that the [CBO can't be trusted anyway](#).

### **Anything else?**

Yesterday, Senate GOP leaders [tweaked their bill](#) to add their take on the 'individual mandate' - the rule under Obamacare that makes almost everyone sign up for health insurance. Their version says people who go without health insurance for a bit can opt in again, but have to wait six months for it to kick in. The idea being that this would stop people from only buying insurance when they get sick.

### **theSkimm**

The Senate was aiming to vote on the bill later this week. And this CBO score might not help push senators from the ['no' to the 'yes' camp](#).

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## **TRAVEL BAN**

### **The Story**

Yesterday, the Supreme Court said parts of President Trump's travel ban [can pass go](#).

### **Wait. Back up.**

Earlier this year, Trump [signed an executive order](#) that aimed to temporarily keep refugees and travelers from several Muslim-majority countries from entering the US. Team Trump says it's necessary for national security. But two lower courts said 'no can do,' for reasons like religious discrimination. So the ban has been on hold until the Trump administration paged the Supremes to step in.

### **So what'd they say?**

That they'll hear arguments in this case in the fall term. But until then, parts of the ban can go into effect. Meaning in the next few days, immigration officials can [start turning people away](#). Except those with a "bona fide relationship" with a person or place in the US (think: family or job).

### **What are people saying?**

Trump says this is a "clear victory" for national security. But critics say this is going to cause a lot of confusion about what "bona fide" means.

### **theSkimm**

After a lot of legal losses, this ruling is a major W for the Trump administration. But prepare for a legal nail-biter when the Supremes take this back up in the fall.

## **REPEAT AFTER ME...**

### **What people are talking about...**

Philando Castile. Yesterday, Castile's family reached a nearly [\\$3 million settlement](#) over his fatal shooting. Last summer, a Minnesota police officer pulled Castile over during a traffic stop. Castile told the officer he had a gun on him but that he wasn't pulling it out. The officer fired at Castile, later saying that he thought Castile was reaching for his gun. Parts of the shooting were caught on [dashcam video](#), and Castile's girlfriend live streamed the aftermath on Facebook. It led to protests across the country. Earlier this month, the officer was fired by the police dept, but a jury [acquitted him](#) of second-degree manslaughter charges. Now, instead of bringing a federal civil rights lawsuit, the Castile family is settling with the city. This is the latest settlement in recent years from families of black men

who were killed by police (see: [Tamir Rice](#), [Michael Brown](#), [Walter Scott](#)). And the latest in a string of shooting cases where officers involved either weren't charged or convicted of criminal charges.

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### **What to say to your friend who studied abroad in China...**

Hear about Liu Xiaobo? Yesterday, the Nobel Peace Prize winner was [released from a Chinese prison](#) in order to get cancer treatment. In 2010, while Liu was still in prison, he got the Nobel Peace Prize for his pro-democracy efforts. For decades, Liu was one of China's most outspoken critics. Communist China is known for [cracking down](#) on political opponents and not exactly having a stellar human rights record. Back in 2008, Liu wrote a manifesto pushing for more democratic freedoms. So China added him to its burn book. He was arrested and sentenced to more than a decade in prison. Now it turns out he was recently diagnosed with late-stage liver cancer, so China's letting him out to get treatment. In other Chinese news, the country has been using [facial recognition tech](#) for everything from cracking down on jaywalking to stopping people from stealing toilet paper. Welcome to "Minority Report."

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### **What to say when you tick off your to-do list in one day...**

On a roll. Just like the Supreme Court. Yesterday, the court made some VIP announcements on its way out the door for summer vacay. The Supremes said it's [unconstitutional](#) for states to exclude churches from certain gov funding. And that they'll be taking on a [discrimination case](#) in the next term. Ever since the court made same-sex marriage legal across the country in 2015, there have been a bunch of legal issues to iron out. This particular case started back in 2012 when a Colorado bakery refused to make a gay couple's wedding cake. The owner of the bakery said same-sex marriage goes against his religious beliefs. The couple said 'sounds more like discrimination.' A lower court agreed. So later this year, SCOTUS will clarify whether businesses can pull the religious card and refuse to work with

clients based on their sexual orientation. Oh, and no, Justice Kennedy - who swings to the left and to the right on issues - [isn't hanging up his robes](#) just yet.

**PS:** *Want to know what else the Supremes have been up to? [We skimm'd it for you.](#)*

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**What to say when you hear what North West might name her [new puppy](#)...**

Baby Jesus walks. [Baby Dali might too.](#)

## NO EXCUSES: HEALTHCARE

We don't want to hear no excuses. You should know about the US healthcare debate. That means knowing [the who's who](#). Here's one...

**George W Bush:** Dubya wanted to do something about the crazy costs of prescription drugs. So he pushed forward a federal program to help people on Medicare (meaning the 65+ crowd) pay for them. But lobbyists pushed to include a clause preventing the US gov from negotiating discounts. Meaning costs are still going up, and the government sucks it up and pays for it.

We want you to know all the names and faces. [Get some face time here.](#)

Psst...this is your last week to get in on our Care Calendar in theSkimm app. It lets you set up custom reminders and book doctor's appointments so you never let them go too long. And if you download the app this week you'll get a limited-time 3 month free trial. [Get in on it here.](#)

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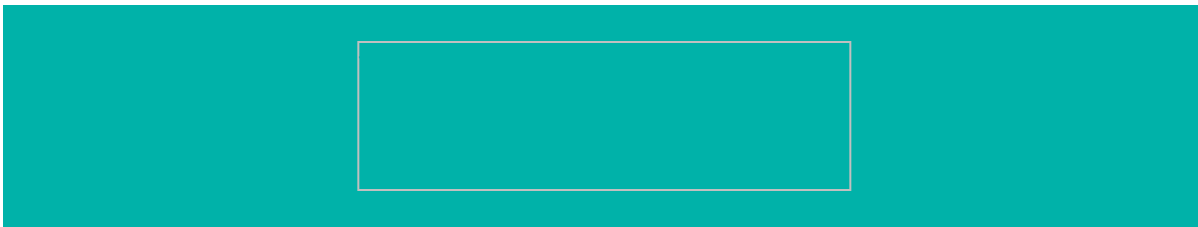
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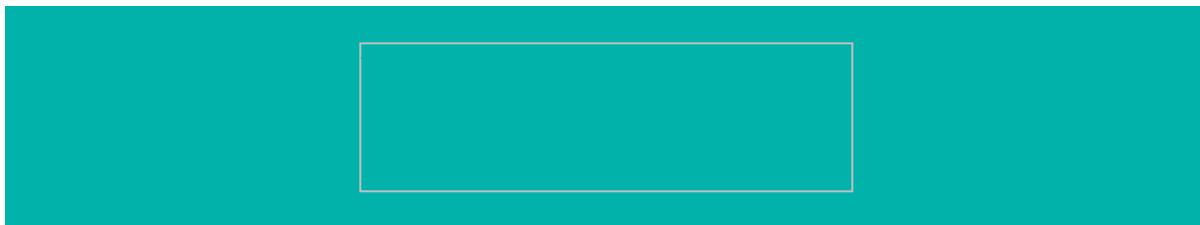
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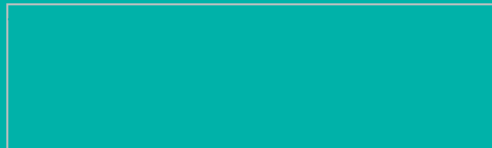
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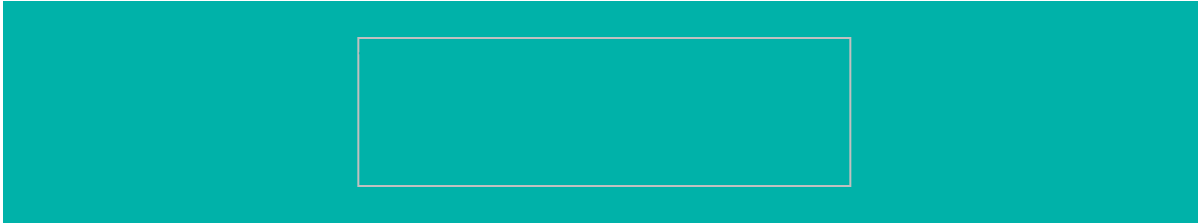
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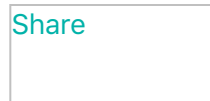
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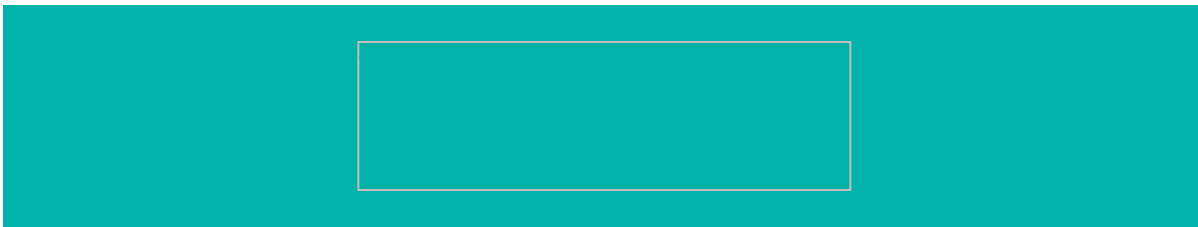
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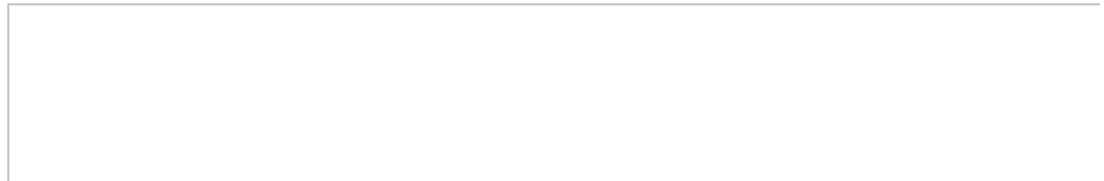
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**Radiation risks**

## **New cracks found in aging Belgian nuclear power plant**

More micro-cracks have been discovered at the Belgian Tihange 2 nuclear reactor near the German border. safe. The worries in Germany about radiation leaks from the old reactor are strong. Last year, the government of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, which is on the other side of the Belgian-German border, purchased iodine tablets for distribution to the public in the event of radiation leak. Belgium relies on its two 40-year old nuclear reactors for 39 percent of its energy needs, and has extended the operational life of both, even though they were supposed to be decommissioned a decade ago.

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**Facial recognition**

## **Germany testing face-recognition software to help police spot terrorists**

Germany will be testing facial recognition software at a Berlin train station this summer to see whether it can assist police identify terror suspects more quickly. Volunteers will help police test the software at Berlin's Suedkreuz station. If the test is successful, the use of the biometric

software would be expanded to other locations, and also used to help police identify criminals, not only people suspected of terrorist activities.

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#### **Terrorists & social media**

## **Can the world ever really keep terrorists off the internet?**

By Shontavia Johnson

After London's most recent terror attacks, British Prime Minister Theresa May called on countries to collaborate on internet regulation to prevent terrorism planning online. May criticized online spaces that allow such ideas to breed, and the companies that host them. Internet companies and other commentators, however, have pushed back against the suggestion that more government regulation is needed, saying weakening everyone's encryption poses different public dangers. Many have also questioned whether some regulation, like banning encryption, is possible at all. As a law professor who studies the impact of the internet on society, I believe the goal of international collaboration is incredibly complicated, given global history.

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#### **Cybersecurity**

## **Network routers can covertly leak data**

Researchers have demonstrated for the first time that it is possible to covertly siphon sensitive files, passwords or other critical data from any common router. "Unlike network traffic that is heavily monitored and controlled by firewalls, this covert channel is currently not monitored," one researcher says. "As a result, it enables attackers to leak data while evading firewalls, air-gaps (computers not hooked up to the internet) and other data-leakage prevention methods."

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#### **Radiation detection**

## **Remote detection of hazardous radioactive substances**

Remote detection of radioactive materials is impossible when the measurement location is far from its source. A typical radiation detectors, like Geiger-Muller counters can detect 1 milli Curie (mCi) of Cobalt-60 (<sup>60</sup>Co) at a maximum distance of 3.5 meters, but are inefficient at measuring lower levels of radioactivity or at longer distances. Researchers have developed a method for the remote detection of hazardous radioactive substances. With the help of this newly developed detection device, the

detection of various types of radioactive materials can be done from a remote distance.

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#### **Dams**

### **Miniaturizing America's tallest dam to prevent future disasters**

Engineers at Utah State University's Utah Water Research Laboratory have constructed a 1:50 scale model of the Oroville Dam spillway. The model will provide useful information about hydraulic conditions in and around the damaged spillway.

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#### **Rare Earth minerals**

### **Quicker identification of chemicals used in rare-Earth processing methods**

Rare-earth metals are vital to many modern energy technologies, but high commercial demand and mining challenges have made optimizing the U.S. production and use of them of vital importance. Testing and developing more efficient and environmentally friendly ways of extracting rare-earth metals as speedily as possible is thus important – and DOE's Critical Materials Institute has developed a computer program, called ParFit, that can vastly reduce the amount of time spent identifying promising chemical compounds used in rare-Earth processing methods.

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#### **Energy security**

### **2016 was a record-breaking year for renewable energy**

Additions in installed renewable power capacity set new records in 2016, with 161 gigawatts (GW) installed, increasing total global capacity by almost 9 percent over 2015, to nearly 2,017 GW. Solar PV accounted for around 47 percent of the capacity added, followed by wind power at 34 percent and hydropower at 15.5 percent. Global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and industry remained stable for a third year in a row despite a 3 percent growth in the global economy and an increased demand for energy. This can be attributed primarily to the decline of coal, but also to the growth in renewable energy capacity and to improvements in energy efficiency.

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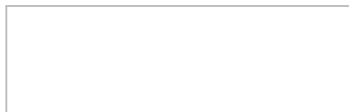
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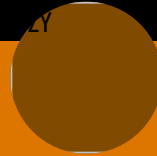
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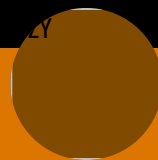
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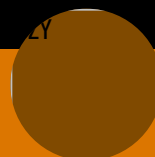
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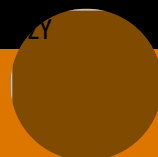
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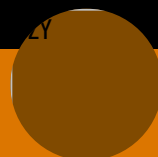
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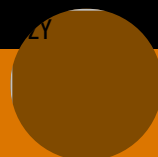
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**Date:** Friday, June 2, 2017 at 12:16:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Cara Bak  
**To:** Don Pinkerton

The fetus & I will be there

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 12:04 PM, Don Pinkerton <[dpinkerton@revere.mec.edu](mailto:dpinkerton@revere.mec.edu)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 8:51 AM  
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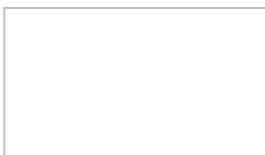
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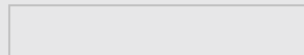
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**From:** Kim Komando's Breaking News

**To:** Ryan, Charlotte

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A bug in Google Chrome has just been found that lets websites secretly record you. Video from your webcam and audio from your microphone could be gathered right now, and you'd have no way of knowing. You'll be outraged when you hear how Google plans to "fix" the problem. Is there anything you can do to protect your privacy?

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One of America's favorite fast food chains has just fessed up to a massive data breach. If you've eaten there within the past three months, your credit card information has likely been stolen. I'll show you how to check which locations were hit, and when.

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### This app lets you "resurrect" a loved one after they die - You'll never believe how

Losing someone you love is one of the most difficult parts of life. This app is trying to make it a bit easier by helping you preserve precious memories. You have to see how a picture of your loved one is all you need to bring them back to life, at least digitally.

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JetBlue Airways has plans to test facial-recognition technology to eliminate the need for boarding passes on flights. Using biometric authorization, the program will match a traveler's face to passport and visa photos. Could this be the next step in airline travel or will it be just another security risk? All

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**IMPORTANT**

JUNE 1, 2017

Relatives carry the coffin of a loved one killed in yesterday's truck bomb attack in Kabul. Source: Getty



## White House to Announce Decision on Paris Accord

The world's not holding its breath. President Donald Trump has promised to announce whether the U.S. will pull out of the Paris **climate** agreement at 3 p.m. Eastern time today, though some administration sources say he's decided to withdraw, despite the advice of business leaders like Tim Cook and Elon Musk. Meanwhile, the EU and China have announced an alliance to fight carbon emissions, and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker noted that Trump may not understand the lengthy mechanics of withdrawal, which could take three or four years.

SOURCES: **NYT, FT (SUB), THE GUARDIAN**

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## Congress Issues Subpoenas, White House Nixes Russia Queries

They're keeping quiet. The administration is refusing to answer any more questions about investigations into Russian election interference, telling reporters to contact President Trump's outside counsel. The president took to Twitter, complaining that Congress doesn't want his former aide Carter Page to testify in the probe because "he blows away their case," though Congress has already requested information from Page, along with several other former aides. Meanwhile, James Comey is set to **testify** before the Senate Intelligence Committee, his first public statement since he was fired as FBI director.

SOURCES: **REUTERS, BBC, WSJ (SUB)**

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## Germany Halts Deportations to Afghanistan After Bombing

The violence never stopped. Though Afghanistan's crisis has faded from Western headlines, a recent spate of attacks targeting Kabul - including yesterday's bombing that killed 90 people and wounded at least 400 - threatens the government's hopes for stability and safety. With millions of people living in areas controlled by the Taliban, many believed Kabul to be a comparatively safe zone. Now Germany, which had recently been pushing to repatriate Afghan asylum-seekers, has canceled scheduled deportations as many question if any region of **Afghanistan** can be considered safe.

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## Brazilian Meat-Packing Giant Fined Record \$3.2 Billion

Something's rotten here. Brazil's central bank slashed its interest rate by 1 percent as a political crisis once again threatens the country's economy. J&F Investimentos, holding company of the world's largest meat-packer, has agreed to pay a record-breaking \$3.2 billion in exchange for leniency over its role in a massive corruption **scandal**. Its owners, Joesley and Wesley Batista, admitted to paying around \$150 million in bribes to nearly 1,900 politicians. Their testimony could topple embattled President Michel Temer, who's ignoring calls for his resignation and denying all wrongdoing.

SOURCES: **WSJ (SUB)**, **FT (SUB)**, **BBC**

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**Explain This:** "I think the president and a small group of people knew exactly what he meant." So said White House Press Secretary **Sean Spicer** when questioned about the president's use of the word "covfefe" on Twitter - assumed to be a typo until Spicer's cryptic statement indicated otherwise.

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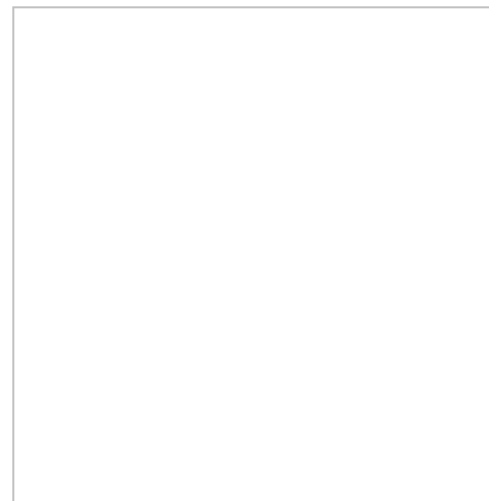
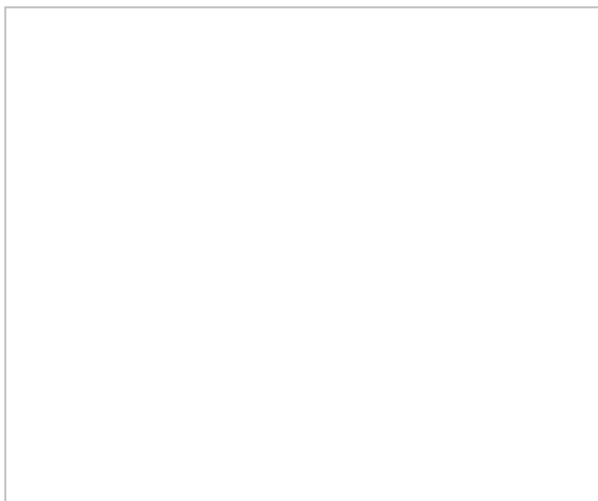
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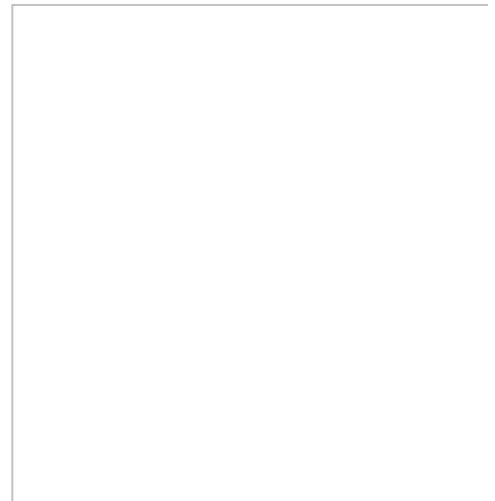
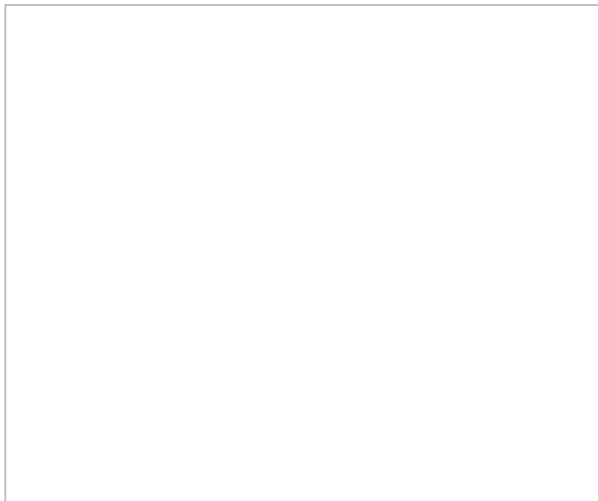
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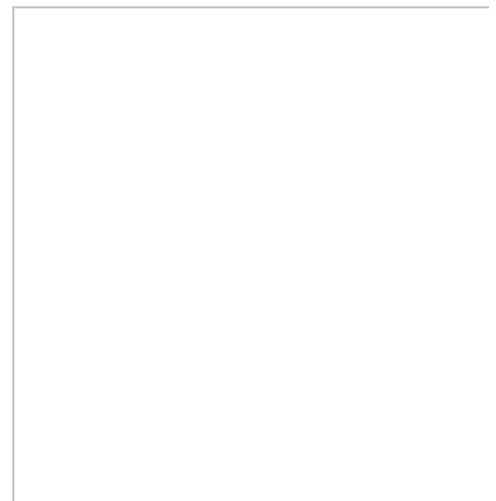
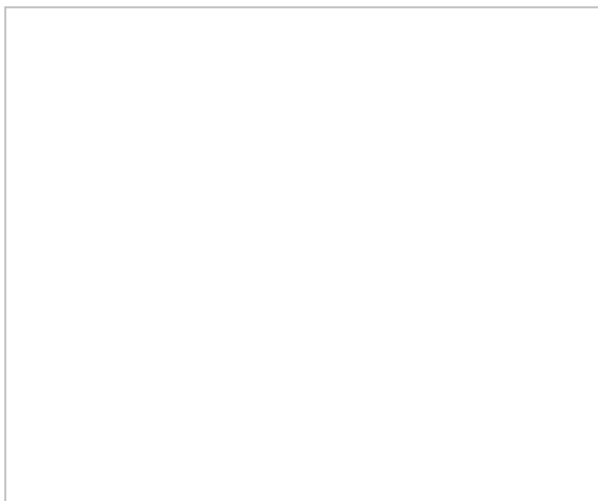
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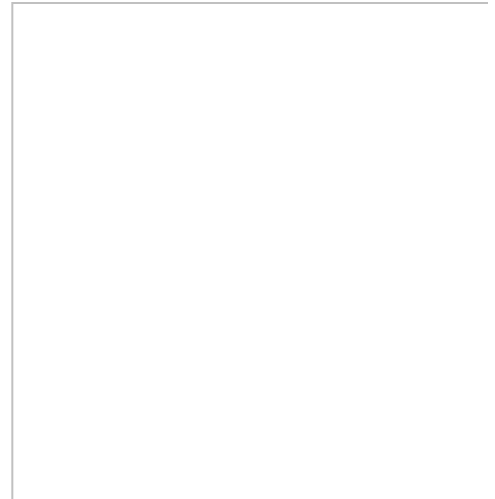
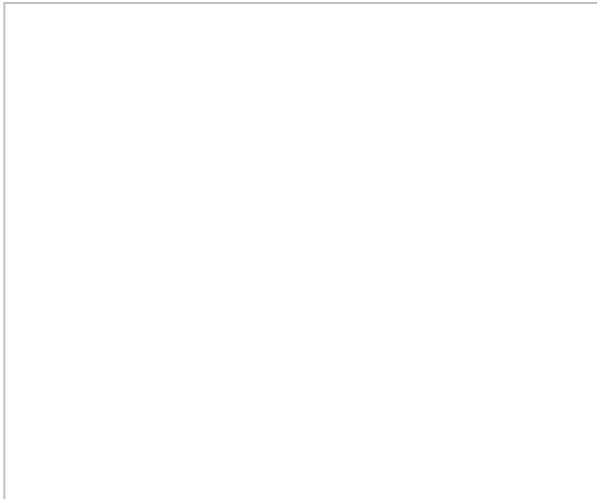
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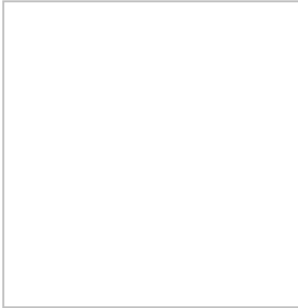
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**Deja vu all over again:** So it looks like Aetna is about to “pull a GE.”

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A decision is expected by “early summer,” and a big number of employees are expected to remain in Hartford. It’s unclear whether Aetna will follow GE to Massachusetts or pick another spot.

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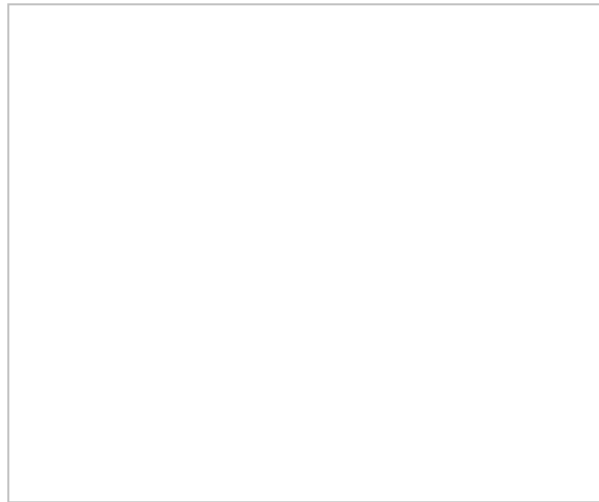
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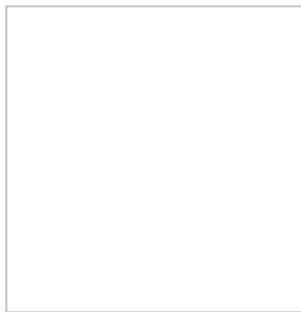
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## Chesto Means Business



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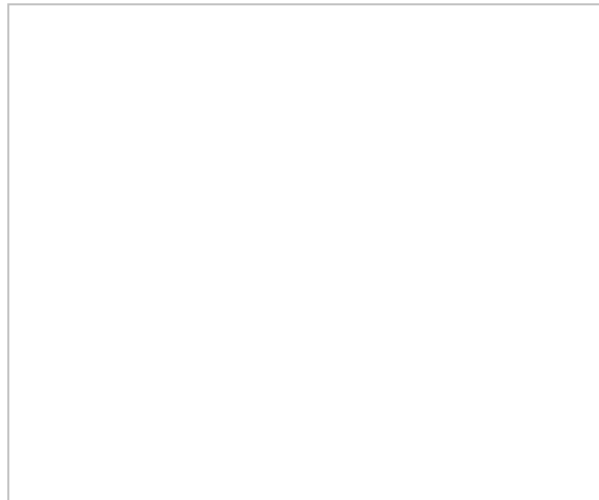
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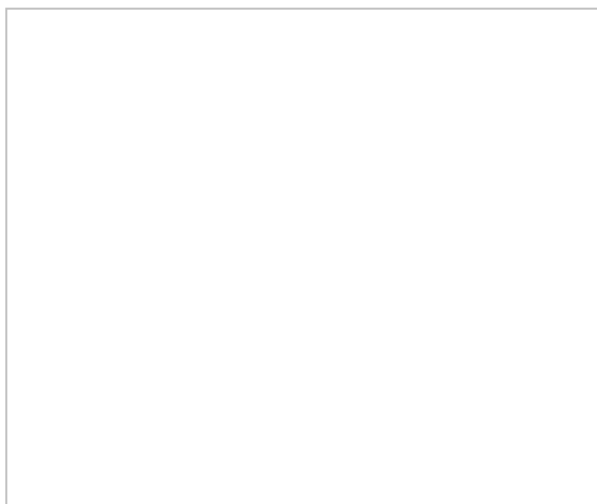
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**Although "Sell in May"** fell short this year with solid gains in the U.S., traders are already looking ahead to see what June will bring for stocks and the markets. They'll get a head start this week with an economic data deluge ranging from the monthly jobs report to figures on trade, construction spending, manufacturing and the Fed's Beige Book. "If anything you might want to buy in May and sell in November," said Chris Zaccarelli, CIO at Cornerstone Financial Partners.



## Economy

**"My view still is** that three rate hikes this year makes sense," San Francisco Fed President John Williams told the Symposium on Asian Banking and Finance. Regarding unwinding the Fed's \$4.5T balance sheet: It will be "widely telegraphed, gradual, and - frankly - boring... The more public understanding there is, the lesser the risk of market disruption and volatility."

**The euro is eyeing** a fourth straight day of declines as comments from Mario Draghi kept the currency under pressure. The ECB president signaled the central bank is not yet ready to unwind its fiscal stimulus, despite better economic growth across the eurozone, and is "firmly convinced" the bank should stick with its support measures, including €60B of monthly bond purchases.

**"No deal is better than a bad deal,"** said Theresa May during a TV appearance last night, while Jeremy Corbyn insisted "there's going to be a deal." Meanwhile, Brexit Secretary David Davis said EU demands to protect its citizens' rights in the U.K. are "ridiculously high" and will be the first subject of negotiations to exit the bloc after next month's election.

**Oil prices continue to slip...** Markets are concerned that OPEC output cuts may not be enough to reduce a global oversupply after producers last week agreed to extend cuts, but kept them at current levels. Goldman Sachs has also lowered its 2017 price forecast for WTI to \$52.39/bbl, pointing out that oil needs to stay around the \$50 mark to discourage a ramp up in shale production.

**"Just left the #G7Summit.** Had great meetings on everything, especially on trade where we push for the removal of all trade-distorting practices....to foster a truly level playing field," President Trump tweeted over the weekend. He also backed a pledge to fight protectionism, but refused to endorse a global climate change agreement. "I will make my final decision on the Paris Accord next week!"

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**A Greek government spokesperson** has denied reports that the country is ready to opt out of its next bailout payment, if creditors fail to agree on debt relief. Athens hopes to reach a solution during a meeting of eurozone ministers next month, while finance minister Euclid Tsakalotos even called on lenders to "not procrastinate at the expense of the Greek economy."

**South Africa's rand weakened** yesterday after President Jacob Zuma defeated another call from inside the ruling party for him to step down. Zuma is facing mounting pressure amid allegations of corruption and following his move to axe respected finance minister

Pravin Gordhan in March, which triggered several credit rating downgrades.

**"North Korea has shown** great disrespect for their neighbor, China, by shooting off yet another ballistic missile ... but China is trying hard!" President Trump wrote on Twitter. Kim Jong Un is said to have supervised the test of the new ballistic missile controlled by a precision guidance system and ordered a "bigger gift package to the Yankees" in retaliation for American military provocation.

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## Stocks

**A potential boon** for lending and economic activity? The average credit score nationwide hit 700 in April - the highest level since 2005 - according to Fair Isaac, the creator of FICO credit scores. Meanwhile, the share of consumers deemed to be riskiest, with a score below 600, hit a new low of roughly 40M, or 20% of U.S. adults who have FICO scores.

**Nearly \$4B has been wiped off** of the value of bitcoin in the last several days following a correction that has seen its price **fall almost 19%** from record highs. On May 24, bitcoin hit an all-time high of \$2,791, but the digital currency is currently trading at \$2,269, according to data from CoinDesk. Related tickers: [COIN](#), [OTCPK:BTCS](#)

**Following a strategic review process**, Citi (NYSE:[C](#)) has announced the sale of its fixed income analytics and index businesses to the London Stock Exchange ([OTCPK:LDNXXF](#)). The deal, which has a total cash consideration of \$685M, comes after LSE said it would explore investments to drive growth following the collapse of its proposed merger with Deutsche Boerse ([OTCPK:DBOEY](#)).

**A group representing** Royal Bank of Scotland (NYSE:[RBS](#)) investors has accepted a £200M out-of-court deal to settle a lawsuit regarding a £12B cash call in 2008. More than 87% of investors already settled suits, but the holdouts included Wells Fargo (NYSE:[WFC](#)), Boeing (NYSE:[BA](#)), Bank of America (NYSE:[BAC](#)) and local British council pension funds.

**The world's oldest bank** is in exclusive talks with a domestic fund and a group of investors over the sale of its bad loan portfolio, which it needs to offload before it can be taken over by the state. Monte dei Paschi ([OTCPK:BMDPY](#)), which at the end of last year had €26B in gross defaulting debts, has set a June 28 deadline for the discussions.

**The president of Venezuela's** opposition-run Congress has accused Goldman Sachs (NYSE:[GS](#)) of "aiding and abetting the country's dictatorial regime" following a report that it had bought \$2.8B in bonds from the cash-strapped country. The letter adds that Congress will open an investigation into the transaction and he will recommend "to any future democratic government of Venezuela not to recognize or pay these bonds."

**Russia's first large airliner** since the fall of the Soviet Union made its maiden flight on Sunday. The Irkut MC-21 successfully completed a 30-minute flight at a height of 1,000 meters, while traveling at 300 km an hour. It comes three weeks after China staged the



maiden flight of its new C919 passenger jet, which is also designed to compete with the Boeing 737 ([BA](#)) and Airbus A320 ([OTCPK:EADSY](#)).

**Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly** may ban laptops from cabins on all international flights in and out of the U.S. to prevent terrorist attacks in the air. "That's the thing that they are obsessed with, the terrorists, the idea of knocking down an airplane in flight, particularly if it's a U.S. carrier, particularly if it's full of U.S. people," he told *Fox News*. Related tickers: [AAL](#), [DAL](#), [UAL](#)

**British Airways will take steps** to ensure there is no repeat of a computer system failure that stranded 75,000 passengers over a holiday weekend and turned into a public relations disaster. The carrier still doesn't fully know why a power surge knocked its IT networks offline, but systems at 170 airports were affected. Shares in BA owner IAG ([OTCPK:ICAGY](#)) are **down 4%** in London.

**BMW is set to extend** production halts in Germany to China and South Africa as the luxury-car maker grapples with a shortage of steering parts caused by delivery problems from supplier Bosch ([OTC:BSWQY](#)). "The financial fallout is difficult to predict as the disruption is ongoing and it's unclear when normal output can be restored," said BMW ([OTCPK:BMWYY](#)) spokesman Michael Rebstock.

**A Dutch court has ruled** in Akzo Nobel's ([OTCQX:AKZOY](#)) favor, declaring the paint giant was within its rights to not enter takeover talks with [PPG](#). The U.S. company must now decide by June 1 whether to officially submit bidding papers or stand down for six months. Elliott Advisors - which led the takeover push - said it was "surprised and disappointed" by the court's decision.

**Backing away from an earlier demand** for a majority stake, Western Digital (NYSE:[WDC](#)) may join a consortium of Japanese government money and [KKR](#) to bid for Toshiba's ([OTCPK:TOSYY](#)) chip division, Reuters reports. The concession could be a turning point in the hotly contested auction for the unit, which Toshiba has valued at at least ¥2T (\$18B).

**Democratic Republic of Congo's** health ministry has approved the use of a new Ebola vaccine to counter an outbreak of the hemorrhagic fever in its northeast that has killed four people. The vaccine, known as rVSV-ZEBOV and developed by Merck (NYSE:[MRK](#)), is not yet licensed but was shown to be highly protective against Ebola in clinical trials published last December.

**Exxon Mobil CEO Darren Woods** is expected to attend the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum this week, where Vladimir Putin will deliver the keynote speech. A meeting between the two is possible, according to Reuters. Woods's predecessor, Rex Tillerson, appeared at last year's forum having stayed away for two years over Russia's intervention in Ukraine. [XOM](#) **+0.7%** premarket.

**Nintendo has ordered** a production increase of the Switch just weeks after it declared the console to be its fastest-selling gaming device. The success of the Switch, which was

designed to bridge the gap between TV-based and portable gaming, has boosted investor confidence. Nintendo ([OTCPK:NTDOY](#)) shares hit their highest level since 2008 on Friday, giving it a market cap of nearly ¥5T (\$45B).

**Apple is developing** a dedicated artificial intelligence chip, called the Apple Neural Engine, to offload mobile tasks like speech recognition and facial recognition. The move follows similar announcements from Qualcomm ([NASDAQ:QCOM](#)) and Google ([GOOG](#), [GOOGL](#)). Apple may choose to discuss some of its latest advancements in AI at its annual developer's conference in June.

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**In Asia**, Japan flat. Hong Kong closed. China closed. India **+0.2%**.

**In Europe**, at midday, London **-0.4%**. Paris **-0.6%**. Frankfurt **-0.1%**.

**Futures at 6:20**, Dow **-0.1%**. S&P **-0.1%**. Nasdaq flat. Crude **-0.4%** to \$49.58. Gold **-0.1%** to \$1266.60.

**Ten-year Treasury Yield** flat at 2.24%

### Today's Economic Calendar

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Importantly, the report does not cover all foreign visitors to the United States—such as those who enter the United States through a vehicular or land POE. Nor does the report provide the total estimated in-country overstay population currently in the United States. Rather, it provides data on overstays in a snapshot of time—those foreign visitors who were expected to depart in FY16, and those who did not do so.

The report specifies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) processed 50,437,278 in-scope nonimmigrant admissions at U.S. air and sea POEs who were expected to depart in FY16—of which 739,478 overstayed their admission, resulting in a total overstay rate of 1.47 percent. Of the more than 739,000 overstays, DHS determined 628,799 were suspected “in-country” overstays, resulting in a suspected in-country overstay rate of 1.25 percent. An individual who is a suspected in-country overstay has no recorded departure, while an out-of-country overstay has a recorded departure that occurred after their lawful admission period expired.

To protect the American people from those who seek to do us harm, and to ensure the integrity of the immigration system, ICE has recently increased overstay enforcement operations. Each year, ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations special agents systematically review approximately one million records of individuals who violate the terms of their visas or the visa waiver program, prioritizing leads that pose national security or public safety threats.

Out of the total population, of the more than 21.6 million Visa Waiver Program (VWP) visitors expected to depart the United States in FY16, 147,282 overstayed the terms of their admission, with 128,806 suspected in-country overstays (a .60 percent suspected in-country overstay rate for VWP travelers). Of the more than 13.8 million non-VWP visitors—excluding Canada and Mexico—expected to depart the United States in FY16, 287,107 overstayed the terms of their admission, with 263,470 suspected in-country overstays. This resulted in a 1.90 percent suspected in-country overstay rate.

For Mexico, the FY16 suspected in-country overstay rate is 1.52 percent of 3,079,524 expected departures. Consistent with the methodology for other countries, this represents only travel through air and sea POEs and does not include data on land border crossings. For Canada, the FY16 suspected in-country overstay rate is 1.33 percent of 9,008,496 expected departures.

This year’s report also includes visitors who entered on a student or exchange visitor visa (F, M, or J visa). Of the 1,457,556 students and exchange visitors scheduled to complete their program in the United States in FY16, 79,818 stayed beyond their authorized window for departure, resulting in a 5.48 percent overstay rate. Of the 79,818, 40,949 are suspected in-country overstays (2.81 percent).

DHS conducts the overstay identification process by examining arrival, departure and immigration status information, which is consolidated to generate a complete picture of an individual’s travel to the United States. Due to continuing departures and adjustments in status, by January 10, 2017, the number of suspected in-country overstays for FY16 decreased to 544,676, resulting in a suspected in-country overstay rate of 1.07 percent.

DHS anticipates that these numbers will shift over time as additional information is reported. Specifically, the overall suspected in-country overstay rate will continue to decline as the number of individuals who have departed or transitioned to another immigration status after their initial period of authorized admission ended grows.

DHS continues to improve its data collection, both biographic and biometric, on travelers departing the United States. CBP has identified a feasible biometric exit solution based upon the successful pilot deployed in June 2016, at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. As part of the pilot, CBP partnered with an airline to biometrically confirm the identity of departing travelers using facial recognition. To continue biometric exit implementation, CBP will expand the deployment of this technology to seven additional airports in the coming months. DHS is committed to the development and deployment of a comprehensive biometric exit system—as directed by President Trump in Executive Order 13780, *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry in the United States*, and as required by law.

Read the full FY16 Entry/Exit Overstay Report [here](#).

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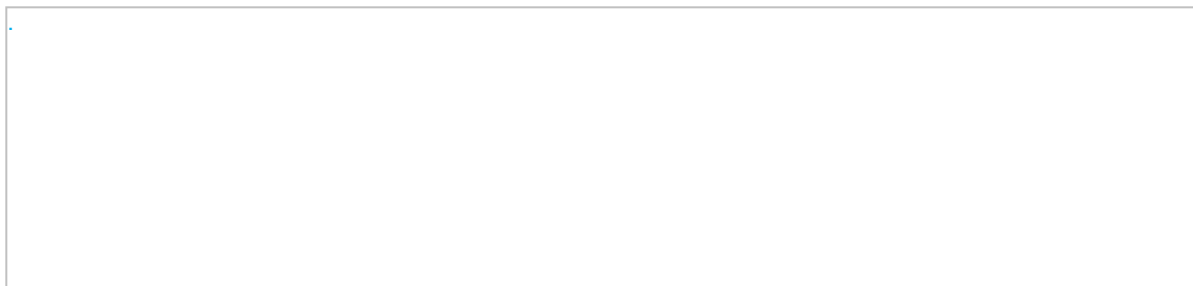
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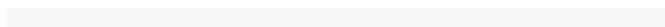
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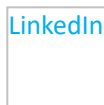
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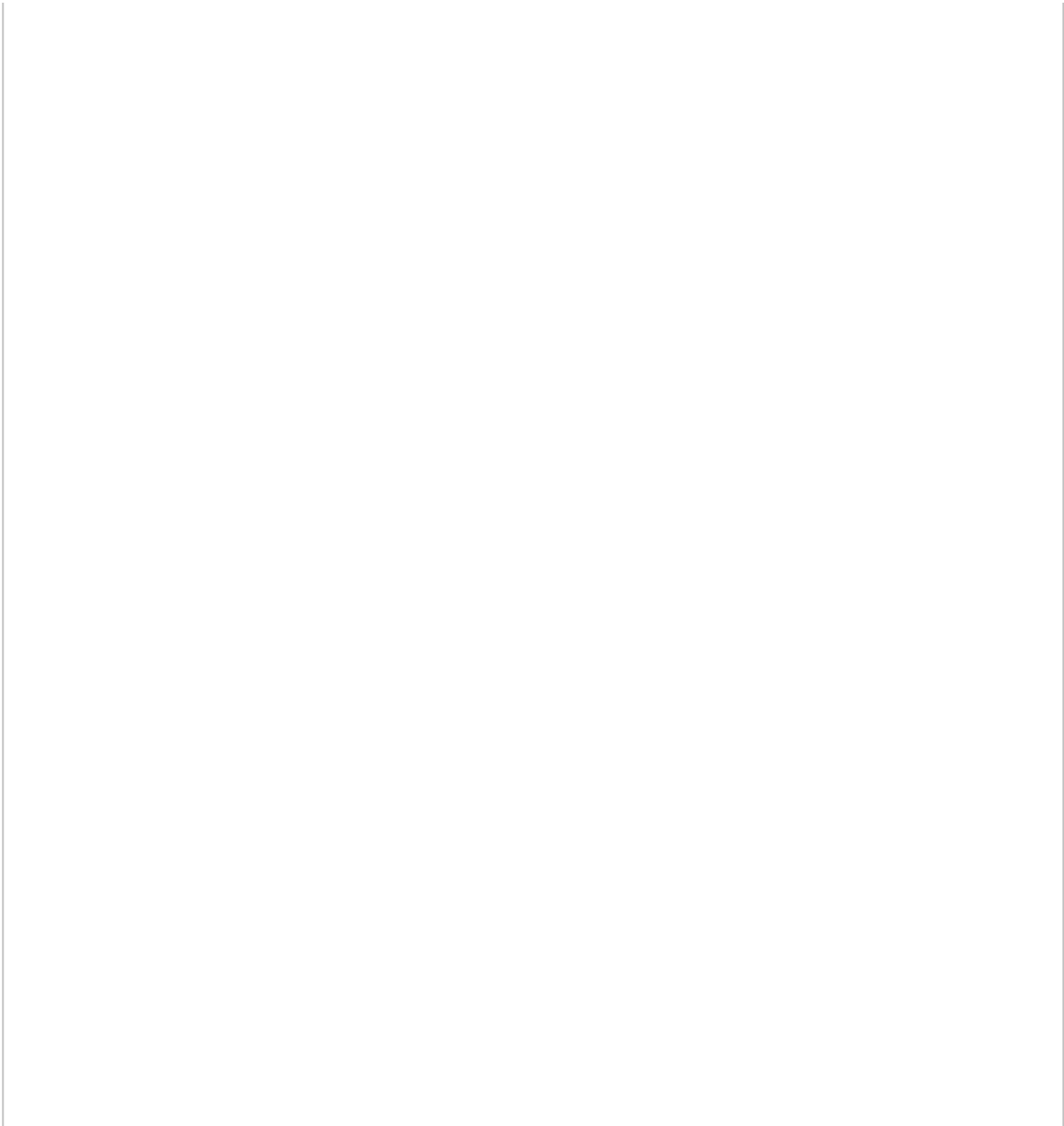


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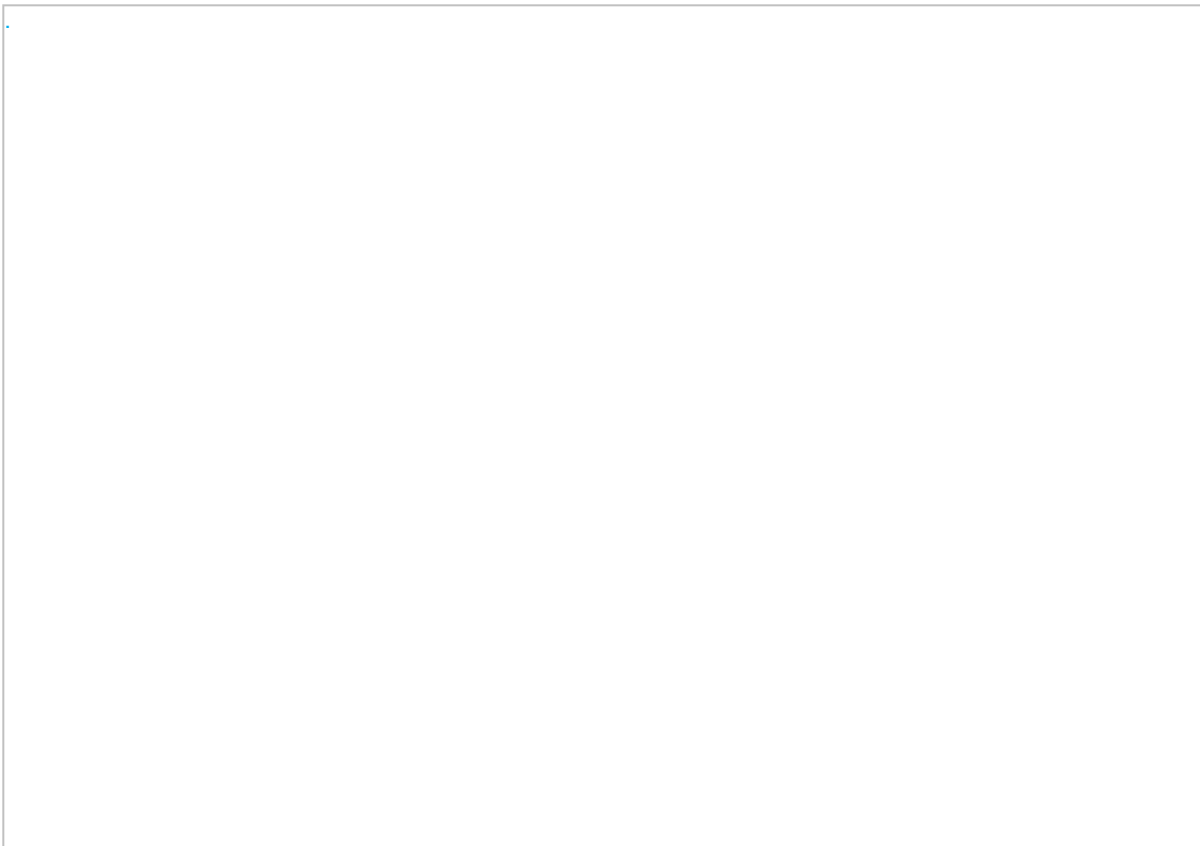
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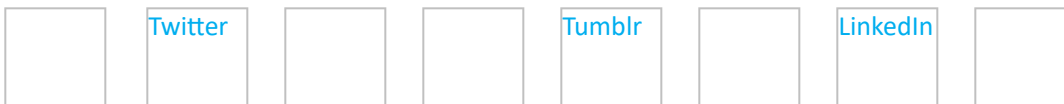
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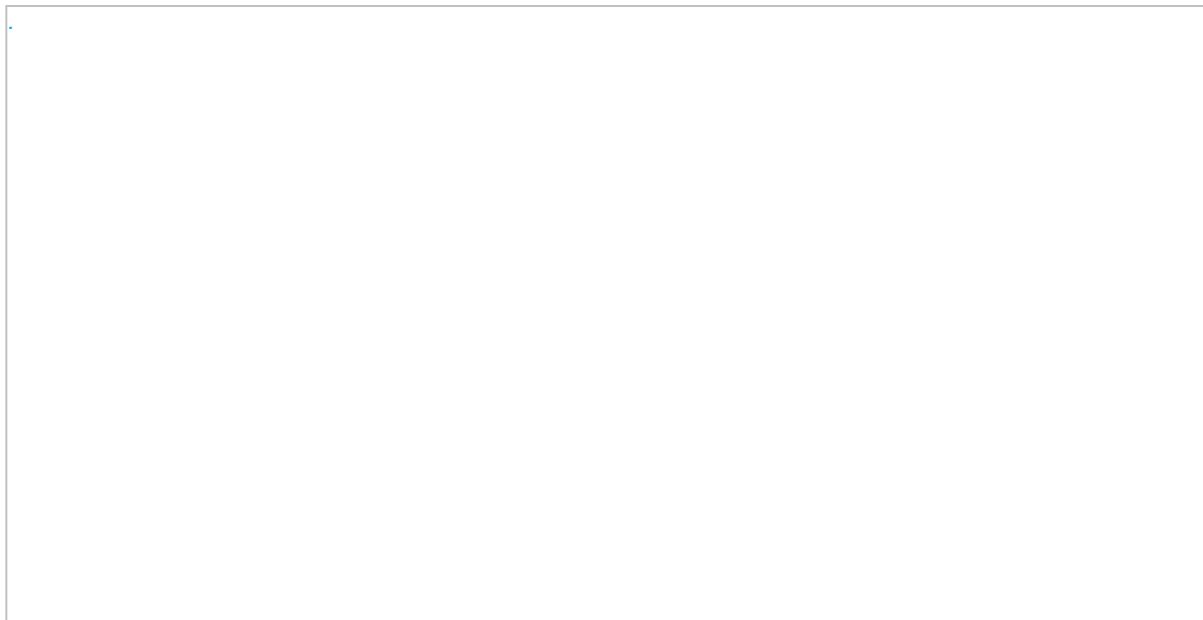
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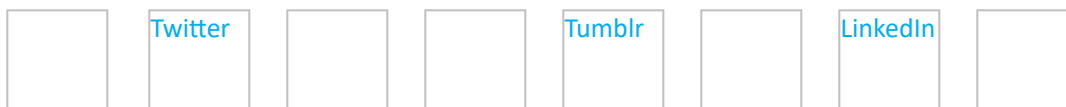
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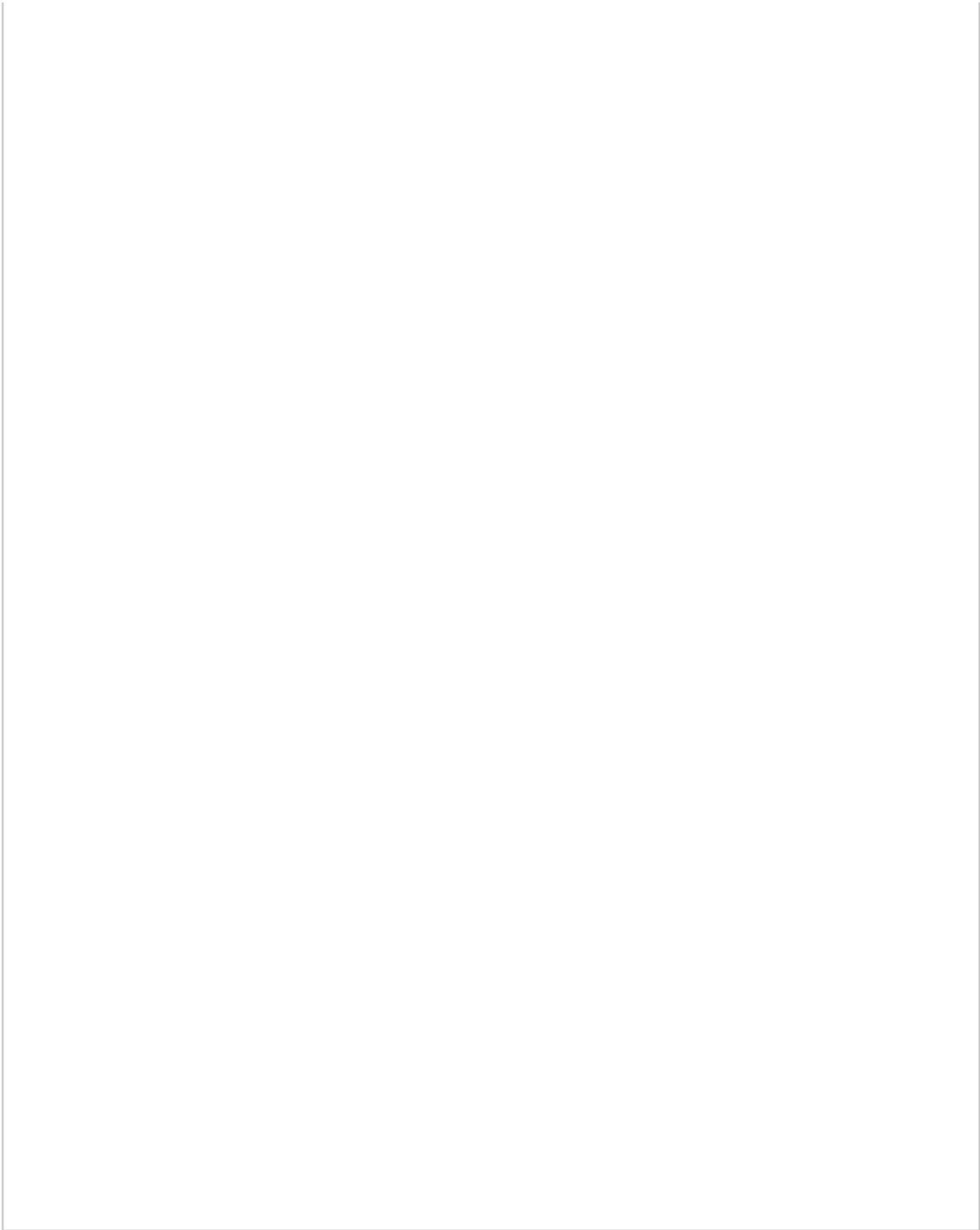


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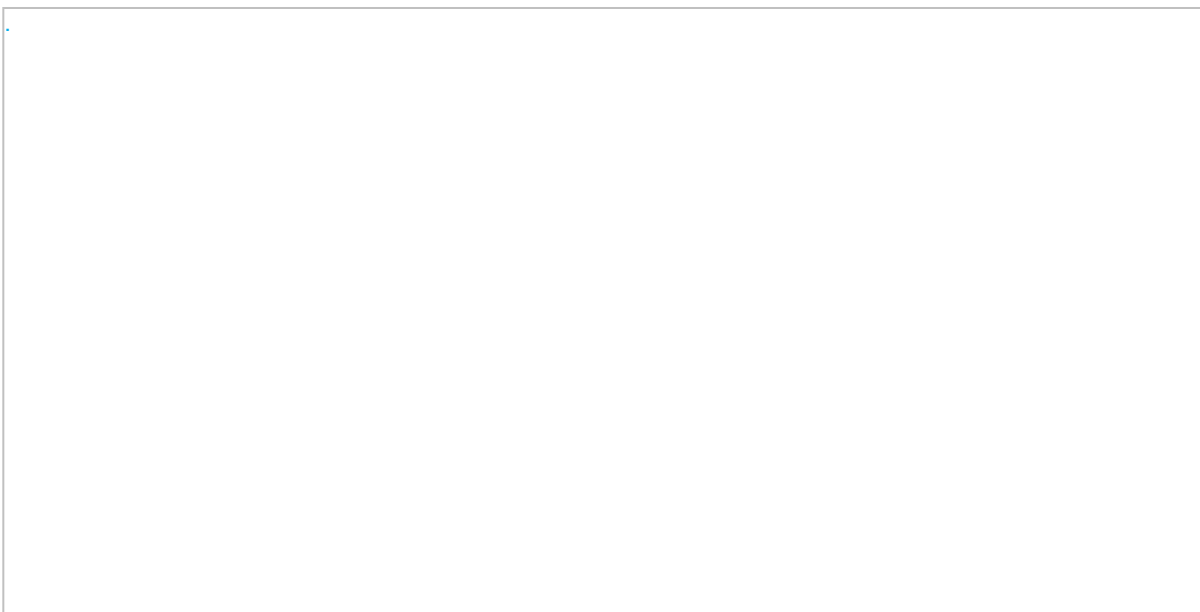
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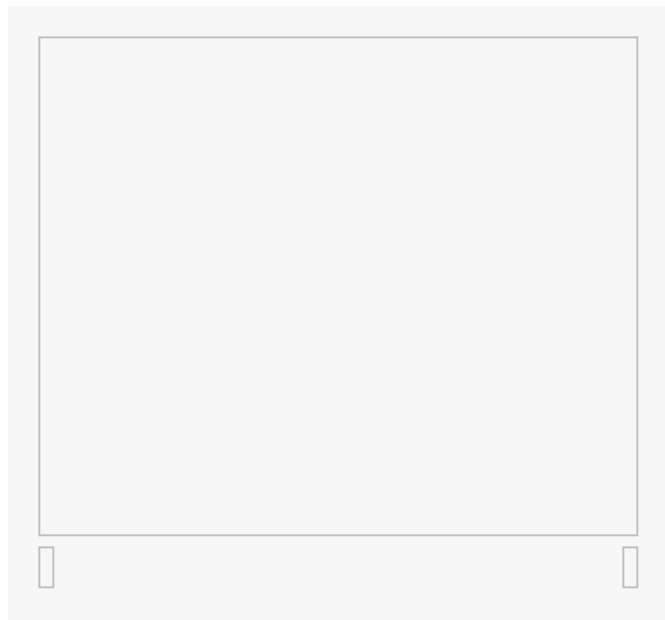
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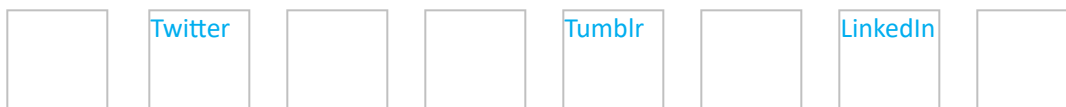


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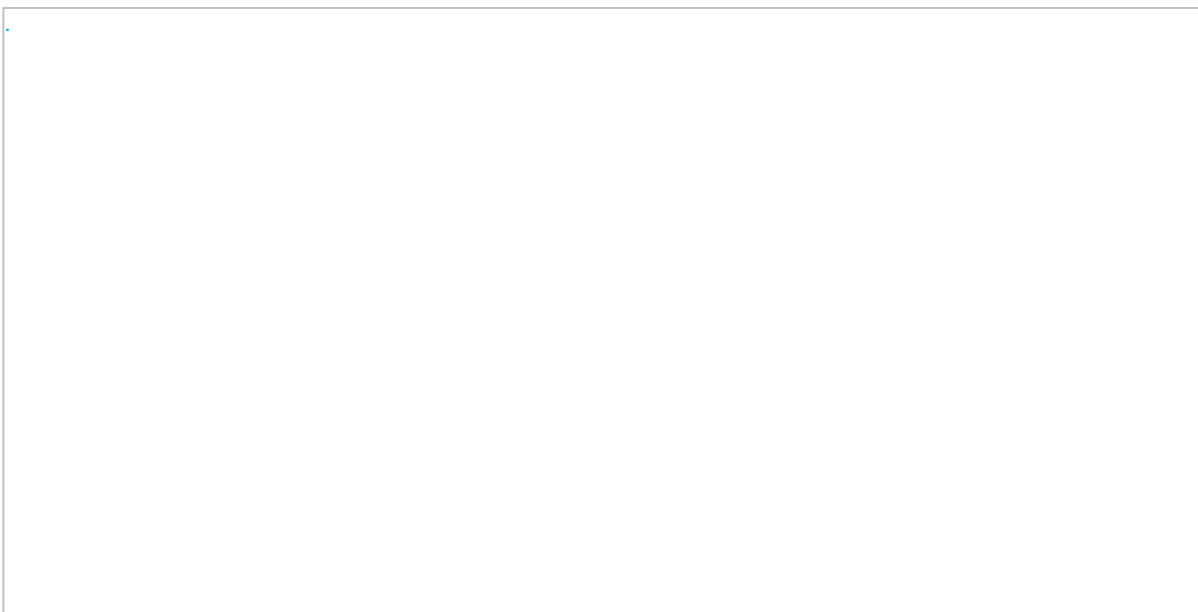
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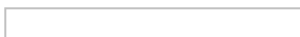
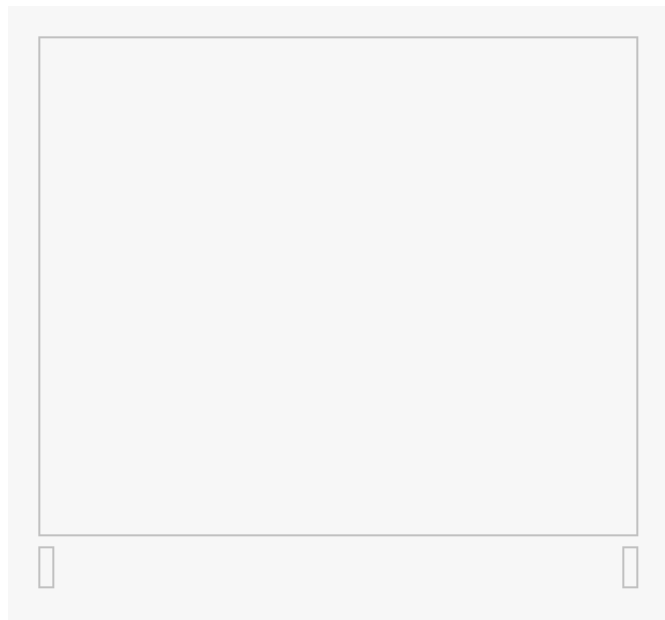
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### Delta Air Lines to Test Facial Recognition this Summer

In an effort to speed up bag drops for priority customers, Delta Air Lines will be testing facial recognition technology at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport starting this summer.

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President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday to bolster the government's cybersecurity and protect the nation's critical infrastructure from cyber attacks, according to the White House.

The order seeks to improve the network security of the United States government agencies from which hackers have stolen millions of personal records and other forms of sensitive data in the recent years.

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President Trump met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Ambassador Sergey Kislyak last week, and reportedly revealed highly classified information.

Source: Getty

### Officials: Trump Revealed Classified Intel to Russians

Looks like they found the leak. According to multiple U.S. officials, President Donald Trump jeopardized a critical source of intelligence on ISIS by revealing highly classified information to Russia's foreign minister and ambassador last week. Their Oval Office meeting came the day after FBI Director James Comey was fired while **investigating** links between Russia and the Trump campaign. A White House national security adviser has denied the reports. Meanwhile, lawmakers from both parties said they were troubled by the leak, and House Speaker Paul Ryan is demanding a "full explanation."

SOURCES: **NYT**, **WSJ (SUB)**, **WASHINGTON POST**

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### Researchers Find Links Between Cyberattacks and North Korea

They can hack it. Cybersecurity experts say they've found similarities between the code used for last week's massive WannaCry ransomware attack and that used by the prolific Lazarus Group - linked to North Korea's government - that suggest the two could be connected. After the success of WannaCry, intelligence and law enforcement officials warn that more

**attacks** could be on the horizon, especially with reports that criminal hackers have stolen and repurposed a second classified NSA cyberweapon known as EsteemAudit and made it available on the black market.

SOURCES: **WSJ (SUB), FT (SUB), THE GUARDIAN, BBC**

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## Hillary Clinton Launches Political Group Opposing Trump

She's officially back. Clinton has announced the formation of a new political organization, "Onward Together," aimed at funding grassroots progressive groups to solidify a "resistance" to **President** Trump. After months of keeping a low profile following her November election defeat, the former secretary of state announced that her organization will initially support five groups, which are focused on local politics, racial justice, and encouraging people to vote, canvass and run for office. The Republican party, meanwhile, took to its official Twitter to criticize Clinton's attempt to recycle her "failed branding."

SOURCES: **NYT, POLITICO, CNN**

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## Ford Plans to Slash Workforce by 10 Percent

They're pulling back on the throttle. Sources say the company, beset by underwhelming stock performance and a 42 percent drop in first-quarter earnings, will shrink its headcount drastically. While it's not clear whether the cuts will affect global workers or just salaried positions in North America and Asia, the measure's part of Ford's plan to cut \$3 billion in costs this year. Details are expected as early as this week - and observers anticipate that any major **U.S.** cuts will put Ford on a collision course with President Trump.

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**Read This:** Four years ago, Texas banned **Planned Parenthood** from Medicaid, and in doing so gave up \$35 million per year in federal funds. Now they want that money back - and if it's granted, other states may decide to nix the women's health provider.

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### Remote Island Thought World's Most Polluted

"The human footprint is everywhere." So said a marine ecotoxicologist after returning from Henderson Island - an uninhabited UNESCO World Heritage Site only visited once every 5-10 years for research, now considered the world's most **polluted** place. Researchers estimate that more than 37 million pieces of plastic debris have been carried on ocean currents to accumulate on its once-pristine shores, situated in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean some 3,100 miles from the nearest town. They're hoping Henderson's example will remind mainlanders about the perils of plastic.

SOURCES: **LIVE SCIENCE, NPR, POPULAR SCIENCE**

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### Delta to Use Facial Recognition at Self-Serve Bag Check

Keep an eye on the future. Delta Air Lines will roll out a \$600,000 **pilot** program this summer at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, aiming to ultimately expand the new tech to airports nationwide. Passengers will scan their passports at special kiosks that use facial recognition to confirm travelers' identities, speeding up the check-in process. Amid a chorus of concerns over privacy, Delta has said their biometric technology will comply with existing laws, meaning that photos and scans will not be stored.

SOURCES: **THE VERGE, ENGADGET, MASHABLE**

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## Dragon-Like Nodosaur 'Mummy' Goes on Display in Canada

Life, uh, finds a way. The immaculately preserved remains of a 112 million-year-old armored dinosaur are finally making their debut in an Alberta museum after undergoing 7,000 hours of preparation over five years. The striking nodosaur, which some say resembles a sleeping dragon, has been called a "dinosaur mummy" thanks to the exceptional condition of its spikes, skin and scales. Paleontologists say the remarkable preservation of the 3,000-pound, 18-foot-long **creature** could unlock the secrets of armored ankylosaurs' formidable defenses.

SOURCES: **SMITHSONIAN, GIZMODO, USA TODAY**

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## L.A. Reid Accused of Sexual Harassment at Sony

He may have to face the music. After Antonio "L.A." Reid's abrupt and unexplained departure from the top job at Sony Music's Epic Records last weekend, allegations have emerged that he sexually harassed an employee. The female staffer claims Reid made **inappropriate** comments about her appearance at work, and that while on a business trip he asked her to lie down on a bed and give him a hug. While Sony has launched an investigation in response, it's unclear whether they've confirmed any of the allegations.

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## MLS Woos Young International Prospects

For some, going stateside is the goal. North America's pro soccer league has long lagged behind its European counterparts in luring top international talent. While its efforts once relied on recruiting big-name established players like David Beckham or Andrea Pirlo, these days it's looking to the next generation. With 22 franchises in 2017 expanding to 28 by 2020, Major League Soccer is hoping that increasing payrolls and the promise of regular playing time can draw more talent away from European and South American shores to a new land of opportunity.

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## CEC NEWS

### Here's your FREE Tool of the Week

In honor of Earth Day, this week's FREE tool puts a science spin on last week's family theme. We've take-home science lesson about soil for your students to do with their families. Yes, we want to get everyone out digging in the yard where they can ask questions like, "What is soil made of?" and "What are in soil?" The lesson comes from CEC's "[U-STARS~PLUS Family Science Packets](#)," a unique set of lessons designed for students to do at home with their families. CEC's [Tool of the Week](#) is a free resource designed to support you in your special education practice. Subscribe and it'll be automatically delivered to your inbox! [Get your Tool of the Week](#).



## CEC 2017 in Boston

Yesterday, we kicked off [CEC 2017](#) with an inspiring Opening General Session with remarks from CEC President Mikki Garcia and keynote speaker, Rick Guidotti. The Opening General Session was just the start of this year's Convention & Expo—this year there are over 500 sessions and workshops taking place, almost 200 exhibitors showcasing innovative resources and technology—so many opportunities for educators to gain new tools and resources to put to use in their classrooms.

New to the convention this year are [Teacher2Teacher Sessions](#) and [Learning Labs](#). Teacher2Teacher Sessions are opportunities for teachers to learn from each other, sharing ideas that have worked in a variety of classroom settings. Learning Labs provide an interactive, hands-on opportunity to explore products, services, and teaching concepts. Other highlights of CEC 2017 include the award ceremonies, Student Forum, [CEC Central](#), and social and business events.

Our annual Convention & Expo is always a very exciting time for CEC and its members. Don't forget [2018](#) will be held at a new time (February rather than April!) in Tampa, Fla.

## Meet the Professional and Student Award recipients

Each year at the CEC Convention & Expo, CEC recognizes special education [professionals](#) and [students](#) for their amazing accomplishments and their dedication to the field. Four professionals were recognized at the CEC 2017 Opening General Session on April 19 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston.

- [Dr. David H. Rose](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC J.E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award
- [Polly Parrish](#), recipient of the 2017 Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award
- [Dr. Douglas Cheney](#), recipient of the 2017 Outstanding 2017 Leadership Award
- [Dr. Perry A. Zirkel](#), recipient of 2017 CEC Special Education Research Award The two 2017 CEC Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student of the Year award recipients will receive the awards today at the Student Forum.
- [Tania Stahl](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Year Award
- [Heather Raithel](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award

CEC also recognizes a business or corporation that supports the success and inclusion of individuals with exceptionalities. This year, CEC recognized the American Association for the Advancement of Science efforts, through the [Entry Point! Program](#), to support individuals with disabilities who are seeking a career in the fields of science, engineering, mathematics, or computer science.

Congratulations to all of the 2017 award recipients!

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## Yes I Can

Get into the Yes I Can spirit and prepare to be dazzled by our [2017 Yes I Can Award recipients](#). The CEC is recognizing 12 amazing students from the U.S. and Canada for their achievements in academics, the arts, technology, self-advocacy, school and community activities, and transition. Get to know our [I Can Award recipients](#):

- Gabriel "Blaise" Garland, Academics
- Kevin Kearney, Academics
- Jaclyn Kovach, Arts
- Zachary Yang, Arts
- Jorge Delgado, Technology
- Jordyn Zimmerman, Technology
- Ellie Wheeler, Self-Advocacy
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## CEC's Policy & Advocacy team: A packed agenda!

We hope that you will join the CEC Policy & Advocacy team and U.S. Department of Education officials at [CEC 2017](#) to discuss hot policy topics—from the federal budget to high-leverage practices, special education research, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation, and beyond! [Here is the schedule of events from CEC's Policy & Advocacy team.](#)

### PRODUCT SHOWCASE

**Summer Entertainment Management Course  
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[The Center for Media, Entertainment & Sports](#) at UCLA's Anderson School of Management hosts Summer Institute designed to teach undergraduates principles of business management in media and sports. (Earn college credit!) For information at <http://bit.ly/MEMESSI17> or via email: [memes@anderson.ucla.edu](mailto:memes@anderson.ucla.edu). (UCLA's unique [Summer Discovery program](#) is available for high school students).

## Selecting the right text for reading instruction

One of the most efficient ways of learning essential content in the general education curriculum is through reading. However, accessing content through reading even basic texts can be a challenge for many students with disabilities whose reading ability lags behind that of their peers. Choosing high-quality texts that don't exceed a student's reading ability is an essential component of content-area instruction. The authors of this [TEACHING Exceptional Children](#) article, "[Selecting Appropriate Text for Adolescents With Disabilities](#)" identify ways to select appropriate text using qualitative and quantitative information, also considering student needs and the educational objective at hand. Read in TEC for more practical assistance in performing this complex task. Not a member? [Join CEC for just \\$65 and get all the benefits of membership, including TEC six times a year!](#)

## CEC webinar: Preparing students with disabilities for successful college transition

Research shows that many students with disabilities who attend college are unaware that disability accommodations and services are available there. [On Wednesday, April 26, join transition expert Elizabeth Hamblet](#) as she explains what services colleges have to provide, which accommodations are typically available and which ones might be difficult to get, and the types of technology that colleges use to help students be independent learners. [Register now](#). **Editor's Note:** Want a sneak peek at the content? Check out Elizabeth's [podcast](#) on this topic.

### I CAN WORK: A Work Skills Curriculum

A Five Module Program designed for hands-on pre-vocational training, published by [therapro.com](#). See author Angela Mahoney speak at CEC 2017: Learning Lab (located in the Exhibit Hall), Thursday, April 20th, 2:15-3:15pm.

## Your biggest challenges are our favorite subjects!

We're headed for you! Yes, you! You are invited to join CEC and educators in your area for [Hot Topic Workshops](#) that will help you address the special education issues that are most important to you. This spring we are headed to:

- [Escanaba, Michigan, May 18](#)
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- [San Diego, California., June 23](#)

While you learn, you and your team can earn professional development hours (PDHs) that may be applied toward certification or state licensure requirements. Each full-day workshop is worth 6 PDHs, and each day workshop earns you 3 PDHs. [Register now!](#)

## Advocate for special education

During the confirmation process of the U.S. Secretary of Education, CEC advocates sent over 27,000 letters to the Hill asking Congress to ensure the enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to promise the appropriate use of public IDEA dollars, and to guarantee the civil rights of children and youth with disabilities and their families. Help us take this momentum and turn it into a movement: Join us July 9–12 for the [2017 Special Education Legislative Summit](#) in Washington D.C. where you will be equipped with the tools that you need to be an advocate for your profession and students. [Register now!](#)

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### Bystanders as bullying intervention

## Education World

New approaches to bullying intervention focus less frequently today on the bully and the victim and increasingly on the new approaches for bystanders and their role in preventing and reporting incidents. Getting witnesses to help stop bullies may mean training them in less traditional ways, experts say, in social-emotional learning and even use of new technology that can make it easier and safer for them. "Kids are present during 9 out of every 10 incidents of bullying, but intervene on behalf of others less than 1 percent of the time," says Signe Whitson, an expert on bullying and a school counselor. "The same study shows that when kids step in to halt bullying, the episode stops within 10 seconds more than 50 percent of the time. That's power." [READ MORE](#)

## Special ed school vouchers may have costs

## The New York Times

For many parents of students with disabilities in public school systems, the lure of a private school voucher is strong. Vouchers for students with disabilities have been endorsed by the Trump administration, and often heavily promoted by state education departments and by private schools, which rely on them for millions of dollars. So for families that feel as if they are sinking amid academic struggles and behavioral meltdowns, they may seem like a life raft. And often they are. But there's a catch. By accepting the vouchers, families may be unknowingly giving up their rights to the very help they were hoping to gain. The government is still debating the bill, but when students use vouchers to get into private school, they lose most of the protections of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. [READ MORE](#)

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 **CEC NEWS**

## Here's your FREE Tool of the Week

In honor of Earth Day, this week's FREE tool puts a science spin on last week's family theme. We've take-home science lesson about soil for your students to do with their families. Yes, we want to get everyone out digging in the yard where they can ask questions like, "What is soil made of?" and "What are in soil?" The lesson comes from CEC's "[U-STARS~PLUS Family Science Packets](#)," a unique set of lessons designed for students to do at home with their families. CEC's [Tool of the Week](#) is a free resource designed to support you in your special education practice. Subscribe and it'll be automatically delivered to your inbox! [Get your Tool of the Week](#).

## CEC 2017 in Boston

Yesterday, we kicked off [CEC 2017](#) with an inspiring Opening General Session with remarks from CEC President Mikki Garcia and keynote speaker, Rick Guidotti. The Opening General Session was just the start of this year's Convention & Expo—this year there are over 500 sessions and workshops taking place, almost 200 exhibitors showcasing innovative resources and technology—so many opportunities for educators to gain new tools and resources to put to use in their classrooms.

New to the convention this year are [Teacher2Teacher Sessions](#) and [Learning Labs](#). Teacher2Teacher Sessions are opportunities for teachers to learn from each other, sharing ideas that have worked in a variety of classroom settings. Learning Labs provide an interactive, hands-on opportunity to explore products, services, and teaching concepts. Other highlights of CEC 2017 include the award ceremonies, Student Forum, [CEC Central](#), and social and business events.

Our annual Convention & Expo is always a very exciting time for CEC and its members. Don't forget [2018](#) will be held at a new time (February rather than April!) in Tampa, Fla.

## Meet the Professional and Student Award recipients

Each year at the CEC Convention & Expo, CEC recognizes special education [professionals](#) and [students](#) for their amazing accomplishments and their dedication to the field. Four professionals were recognized at the CEC 2017 Opening General Session on April 19 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston.

- [Dr. David H. Rose](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC J.E. Wallace Wallin Special Education Lifetime Achievement Award
- [Polly Parrish](#), recipient of the 2017 Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award
- [Dr. Douglas Cheney](#), recipient of the 2017 Outstanding 2017 Leadership Award
- [Dr. Perry A. Zirkel](#), recipient of 2017 CEC Special Education Research Award The two 2017 C Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student of the Year award recipients will receive the today at the Student Forum.
- [Tania Stahl](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Year Award
- [Heather Raithel](#), recipient of the 2017 CEC Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award

CEC also recognizes a business or corporation that supports the success and inclusion of individuals exceptionalities. This year, CEC recognized the American Association for the Advancement of Science efforts, through the [Entry Point! Program](#), to support individuals with disabilities who are seeking a the fields of science, engineering, mathematics, or computer science.

Congratulations to all of the 2017 award recipients!

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## Yes I Can



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Get into the Yes I Can spirit and prepare to be dazzled by our [2017 Yes I Can Award recipients](#). The CEC is recognizing 12 amazing students from the U.S. and Canada for their achievements in academic the arts, technology, self-advocacy, school and community activities, and transition. Get to know our [I Can Award recipients](#):

- Gabriel "Blaise" Garland, Academics
- Kevin Kearney, Academics
- Jaclyn Kovach, Arts
- Zachary Yang, Arts
- Jorge Delgado, Technology
- Jordyn Zimmerman, Technology
- Ellie Wheeler, Self-Advocacy
- Jeremy Keyser, Self-Advocacy
- Quinn Smith-Windsor, School & Community Activities
- Hannah Babcock, School & Community Activities
- Matthew Chapman, Transition
- Lisa Krupinski, Transition

This year's recipients will receive their awards on Friday, April 21, at the Hynes Convention Center in  
Congratulations to all the recipients!

## CEC's Policy & Advocacy team: A packed agenda!

We hope that you will join the CEC Policy & Advocacy team and U.S. Department of Education officials at [CEC 2017](#) to discuss hot policy topics—from the federal budget to high-leverage practices, special education research, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation, and beyond! [Here is the schedule of events from CEC's Policy & Advocacy team.](#)

### PRODUCT SHOWCASE

#### Summer Entertainment Management Course at UCLA

The Center for Media, Entertainment & Sports at UCLA's Anderson School of Management hosts Summer Institute designed to teach undergraduates principles of business management in media and sports. (Earn college credit!) For more information at <http://bit.ly/MEMESS17> or via email: [memes@anderson.ucla.edu](mailto:memes@anderson.ucla.edu). (UCLA's unique [Summer Discovery program](#) is available for high school students).

## Selecting the right text for reading instruction

One of the most efficient ways of learning essential content in the general education curriculum is through reading. However, accessing content through reading even basic texts can be a challenge for many students with disabilities whose reading ability lags behind that of their peers. Choosing high-quality texts that don't exceed a student's reading ability is an essential component of content-area instruction. The authors of this [TEACHING Exceptional Children](#) article, "[Selecting Appropriate Text for Adolescents With Disabilities](#)" identify ways to select appropriate text using qualitative and quantitative information, while also considering student needs and the educational objective at hand. Read in TEC for more practical assistance in performing this complex task. Not a member? [Join CEC for just \\$65 and get all the great benefits of membership, including TEC six times a year!](#)

## CEC webinar: Preparing students with disabilities for successful



## college transition



Research shows that many students with disabilities who attend college are unaware that disability accommodations and services are available there. [On Wednesday, April 26, join transition expert Elizabeth Hamblet](#) as she explains what services colleges have to provide, which accommodations typically available and which ones might be difficult to get, and the types of technology that colleges use to help students be independent learners. [Register now](#). **Editor's Note:** Want a sneak peek at the conference? Check out Elizabeth's [podcast](#) on this topic.

### I CAN WORK: A Work Skills Curriculum

A Five Module Program designed for hands-on pre-vocational training, published by [therapro.com](#). See author Angela Mahoney speak at CEC 2017: Learning Lab (located in the Exhibit Hall), Thursday, April 20th, 2:15-3:15pm.

## Your biggest challenges are our favorite subjects!



We're headed for you! Yes, you! You are invited to join CEC and educators in your area for [Hot Topic Workshops](#) that will help you address the special education issues that are most important to you. This spring we are headed to:

- [Escanaba, Michigan, May 18](#)
- [Lansing, Michigan, May 19](#)
- [San Diego, California, June 23](#)

While you learn, you and your team can earn professional development hours (PDHs) that may be applied toward certification or state licensure requirements. Each full-day workshop is worth 6 PDHs, and each half-day workshop earns you 3 PDHs. [Register now!](#)

## Advocate for special education



During the confirmation process of the U.S. Secretary of Education, CEC advocates sent over 27,000

letters to the Hill asking Congress to ensure the enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to promise the appropriate use of public IDEA dollars, and to guarantee the civil rights of children and youth with disabilities and their families. Help us take this momentum and turn it into a movement: Join us July 9–12 for the [2017 Special Education Legislative Summit](#) in Washington D where you will be equipped with the tools that you need to be an advocate for your profession and students. [Register now!](#)

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### Bystanders as bullying intervention

Education World

New approaches to bullying intervention focus less frequently today on the bully and the victim and increasingly on the new approaches for bystanders and their role in preventing and reporting incidents. Getting witnesses to help stop bullies may mean training them in less traditional ways, experts say, in social-emotional learning and even use of new technology that can make it easier and safer for them. "Kids are present during 9 out of every 10 incidents of bullying, but intervene on behalf of others less percent of the time," says Signe Whitson, an expert on bullying and a school counselor. "The same study shows that when kids step in to halt bullying, the episode stops within 10 seconds more than 50 percent of the time. That's power." [READ MORE](#)

### Special ed school vouchers may have costs

The New York Times

For many parents of students with disabilities in public school systems, the lure of a private school voucher is strong. Vouchers for students with disabilities have been endorsed by the Trump administration, and often heavily promoted by state education departments and by private schools, which rely on them for dollars. So for families that feel as if they are sinking amid academic struggles and behavioral meltdowns, they may seem like a life raft. And often they are. But there's a catch. By accepting the vouchers, families may be unknowingly giving up their rights to the very help they were hoping to gain. The government is still on the bill, but when students use vouchers to get into private school, they lose most of the protections of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. [READ MORE](#)

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## Does repeating third grade improve literacy?



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The Hechinger Report

Thousands of Mississippi's third graders will sit in front of computers later this month to take the state reading test, but the eyes of teachers and administrators will be on the 2,300 students across the state who were held back in third grade this school year—out of 39,000 third graders who took the test—because they were unable to pass the statewide standardized reading test last year. In the event these students are unable to pass the test again this year, they could be held back again. According to a 2014 analysis by the Education Commission for the States, Mississippi is one of only five states—along with Florida, North Carolina, and Oklahoma—that allow students to be held back a second time. [READ MORE](#)

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## Weekend Reads

*Catch up with our favorite stories this week.*

**‘We didn’t expect this’: A historic yellow fever outbreak spreads in Brazil**

By DOM PHILLIPS

LIANNE MILTON FOR STAT

IPANEMA, MINAS GERAIS, Brazil — His nicotine-yellow eyes and haunted stare gave José de Moraes the look of a man who had been to the brink of death and back again. “I am debilitated,” he said.

A 54-year-old city council employee, de Moraes caught [yellow fever](#) two months ago, the same strain that has killed nearly 200 people in Brazil since January and infected at least three times more. Today he is still too weak to climb the steps to his first-floor apartment on the edge of this quiet country town. And he is still spooked by the force of the disease.

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## Opinion: An outrageous hospital charge: I paid \$710 for an hour of babysitting

By ALEX CORTES

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A few hours after my daughter, Penelope, was born, a nurse came into the hospital room and asked my wife, Kate, and I if we wanted to have the baby taken to the nursery for a bit so we could get some sleep. Bleary-eyed and groggy after a long labor, we thought that was a fantastic idea. But we didn’t think so later on when we got a \$1,420 bill for the nursery.

I saw red. Not just because \$1,420 was equal to our monthly rent at the time, but also because we were being charged at all for Penelope’s two-hour stay in the nursery, a charge the nurse never mentioned.

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## ‘Everybody knows somebody’: This state is a laboratory for the future of Alzheimer’s in America



## FOR THE FUTURE OF ALZHEIMER'S IN AMERICA

By GRACE RUBENSTEIN

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North Dakota's sparse geography has long made it a natural frontier: Pioneers here pushed the boundaries of westward expansion, then agriculture, and recently domestic oil drilling. Now the state finds itself on the leading edge of a new boom that it never would have chosen: Alzheimer's disease.

Cases are climbing across the United States, and especially in North Dakota, which has the country's second highest death rate from the disease. While Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death nationally, it already ranks third here.

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## A rash of overdoses in West Virginia made national news. This is the story of the man who caused it

By ANDREW JOSEPH

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AKRON, Ohio — Last May, a low-level drug dealer named Bruce Griggs was released from an Ohio prison. He had served a short sentence stemming from a possession conviction so routine that his former defense attorney would later have trouble recalling it.

Just three months later, though, Griggs would travel 250 miles to Huntington, W.Va., where he would distribute opioids that, in a span of a few hours, triggered two dozen overdoses, overwhelming the city's emergency response system and serving as a stark symbol of the nation's opioid crisis.

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## **‘It will help us with our product’: Emails show how a billionaire’s philanthropy boosted his business**

By REBECCA ROBBINS

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For weeks, biotech billionaire Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong has been taking to social media to portray himself as a valiant warrior against cancer, unfairly maligned by the press.

He and his diagnostics company, NantHealth, have strenuously denied reports that they reaped benefits from a [\\$12 million gift](#) he made to support medical research at the University of Utah.

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## **Facial-recognition software finds a new use: diagnosing genetic disorders**

By KATE SHERIDAN

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Dr. Maximilian Muenke has a superpower: He can diagnose disease just by looking at a person’s face.

Specifically, he can spot certain genetic disorders that make telltale impressions on facial features.

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## Opinion: My patient was in pain. I didn't know whether to believe him

By KUNAL SINDHU

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I knew this patient would be difficult.

He had a long relationship with heroin. He was in the hospital because of complications from unmanaged diabetes. And he was suspected of drug-seeking behavior in past visits to the hospital.

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## Virtual reality takes doctors on a ‘fantastic voyage’ inside hearts

By CHARLES PILLER

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PALO ALTO, Calif. — Stanford University offers doctors a “room” with a unique view — the inside of an infant’s beating heart, valves opening and closing, blood cells rushing past. (Well, it’s unique if you discount the campy 1966 sci-fi thriller, “[Fantastic Voyage](#).”)

The virtual reality project tackles what has always been a major challenge for medical trainees: how to visualize a heart in action in three dimensions. Through VR goggles, they can now travel inside the heart and explore congenital heart defects as if they have been shrunk to the size of a peanut.

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## 7 Cool Facts About Water Striders

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## Special education administration: What you need to know

School administrators are expected to be experts on everything. Often, the most complicated part of job can be providing high-quality special education services. But don't worry, [CEC's Hot Topic Work](#) are bringing you the information you need to be an effective leader from David Bateman, who [literall the book](#) on leadership at the school site. Join Dr. Bateman in [Escanaba, Mich.](#), [Lansing, Mich.](#), or [Diego, Calif.](#) for an intensive, one-day workshop that will steer you through the maze of issues that c with providing special education services. [Learn more and register today.](#)

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## Advocate for special education

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During the confirmation process of the U.S. Secretary of Education, CEC advocates sent over 27,000 letters to the Hill asking Congress to ensure the enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to promise the appropriate use of public IDEA dollars, and to guarantee the civil rights of children and youth with disabilities and their families. Help us take this momentum and turn it into a movement: Join us July 9–12 for the [2017 Special Education Legislative Summit](#) in Washington D.C. where you will be equipped with the tools that you need to be an advocate for your profession and students. [Register now!](#)

## Have you heard? CEC 2018 is moving to a new date!

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### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

## States lack consensus on restraint, seclusion

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#### Disability Scoop

Despite federal officials weighing in years ago, a new analysis finds rules surrounding restraint and seclusion of students with disabilities continue to vary from state to state. Across the country, 38 states have laws and 45 have policies on restraining or secluding kids at school, but the approaches are far from consistent according to findings published in the [Journal of Disability Policy Studies](#). Some states set limits on disciplinary practices only for students with disabilities, and others appear to have no laws or policies on the issue. Among those that do, just 16 reference an advisory document issued in 2012 by the U.S. Department of Education designed to guide states on restraint and seclusion in schools. **Editor's note:** CEC's "[Restraint and Seclusion in Schools](#)" considers the legal, ethical, and risk factors of restraint and seclusion while also introducing the idea of a school culture focused on safe and effective prevention rather than reaction. [READ MORE](#)

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## High Court FAPE ruling may be watershed moment

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The U.S. Supreme Court's decision affirming a high standard for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's (IDEA) mandate that children with disabilities be provided a free appropriate public education is expected to have significant implications for years to come. In a ruling last month, the high court found that public schools must provide students with disabilities more than a minimal benefit. "I think it's going to be a defining moment for the disability community," says Gary Mayerson, a New York civil rights attorney who specializes in representing people with autism spectrum disorder. Although the Supreme Court decision itself does not set a new standard, Mayerson says that it clarifies Congress's intent in the most recent update to IDEA, which came in 2004. [READ MORE](#)

## Evaluating facial recognition of children with autism spectrum disorder

Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders

The difficulty that children with autism spectrum disorder have with recognizing facial expressions is not limited to low-intensity expressions. A new study by the University of Cambridge's Autism Research Centre suggests these children are less accurate at recognizing all facial expressions, not just the more subtle ones. The authors of the study recommend that training schemes for improving recognition of emotions should include full-intensity basic expressions, as well as more subtle or complex emotions to help students generalize what they have learned to real and complex social interactions. [READ MORE](#)

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## Effects of one African American teacher

U.S. News & World Report

Having at least one black teacher in elementary school significantly increases the chances that low-income black students graduate high school and consider attending college—and, for poor black boys, it decreases the risk of dropping out by nearly 40 percent. The finding, from the IZA Institute of Labor Economics, is headlined in a study released Wednesday looking at the long-term impact of students taught by teachers of the same race. The researchers studied approximately 100,000 black students who enrolled in third grade

North Carolina's public schools between 2001 and 2005 and found that the risk of dropping out for black students decreased by 29 percent if they had at least one black teacher in third through fifth grades. For persistently low-income black boys, the risk decreased by 39 percent. [READ MORE](#)

## Why the word 'merely' hurt Gorsuch

The Washington Post

Judge Neil M. Gorsuch was confirmed by the Senate to join the Supreme Court just after the high court justices issued a ruling overturning a key decision Gorsuch wrote involving students with disabilities. Gorsuch's 2008 decision caused concern for more than the Supreme Court justices; it also concerned advocates for people with disabilities. More than 30 education, civil rights, and disabilities rights organizations signed a letter sent to key senators saying that Gorsuch "misconstrued the protections guaranteed to students with disabilities" under federal law and "endorsed the lowest of expectations for students with disabilities." [READ MORE](#)

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## Math anxiety linked to performance

The Association for Psychological Science

Demand for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professionals is on the rise worldwide. To effectively meet this demand, many governments and private organizations have reevaluated STEM education and promoted training to enhance math and science skills among students and workers. Education and training programs typically focus on increasing individuals' math and science knowledge. However, data from laboratory studies and large-scale international assessments suggest that fear or apprehension about math, or math anxiety, should also be considered when trying to increase math achievement. [READ MORE](#)

## Boosting language and literacy in K-3

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Attending high-quality preschool yields significant academic benefits for the rising population of young language learners in the U.S. Research indicates that when Hispanic children attend high-quality preschools, their kindergarten readiness skills significantly exceed those of children who did not attend. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Report describes effectively educating children who are learning English as their second language as "a national challenge with consequences both for individuals and for American society" and recommends new teaching practice policies. [READ MORE](#)

## Gifted programs leave out Black and Latino students

The Seattle Times

Black, Latino, American Indian, and Pacific Islanders—who now comprise a third of all students—are nonetheless represented at minuscule rates in programs for the gifted, a statistic deemed "stunning" by a Washington state official who manages them. Whites and Asians, meanwhile, fill almost all those seats. This long-standing trend places Washington in line with other states, and it is raising uncomfortable questions. **Editor's note:** CEC's [U-STARS~PLUS TOPS](#) is an excellent tool for helping teachers systematically identify and recognize children who have outstanding potential and who may be gifted. [READ MORE](#)

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Demand for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professionals is on the rise worldwide. To effectively meet this demand, many governments and private organizations have reevaluated STEM education and promoted training to enhance math and science skills among students and workers. Education and training programs typically focus on increasing individuals' math and science knowledge. However, data from laboratory studies and large-scale international assessments suggest that fear or apprehension about math, or math anxiety, should also be considered when trying to increase math achievement. [READ MORE](#)

### Boosting language and literacy in K-3

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Attending high-quality preschool yields significant academic benefits for the rising population of young language learners in the U.S. Research indicates that when Hispanic children attend high-quality preschools, their kindergarten readiness skills significantly exceed those of children who did not attend. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Report describes effectively educating children who are learning English as their second language as "a national challenge with consequences both for individuals and for American society" and recommends new teaching practice policies. [READ MORE](#)

### Gifted programs leave out Black and Latino students



The Seattle Times

Black, Latino, American Indian, and Pacific Islanders—who now comprise a third of all students—are nonetheless represented at minuscule rates in programs for the gifted, a statistic deemed "stunning" Washington state official who manages them. Whites and Asians, meanwhile, fill almost all those sea long-standing trend places Washington in line with other states, and it is raising uncomfortable questi

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**Monday- the biggest deal every occurred  
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The demise of 32bit app support on iOS has long been an inevitability, and now it appears that iOS 11 will finally offer up the final nail in the coffin. While this won't impact most users, it may frustrate some folks who happen to enjoy or rely upon old apps that haven't been updated in years. Alas, there is a price to be paid for forward progress. Either that or users can simply keep on using iOS 10 for years on end.

32bit apps aside, some of the features iOS 11 will introduce include a completely revamped version of Siri, a long overdue Dark Mode, advanced augmented reality features (bolstered of course by 3D cameras on the iPhone 8), facial recognition, and support for multiuser FaceTime calls. With WWDC 2017 now less than two months away, we'll hopefully start hearing some more tidbits about iOS 11 in the coming weeks.

Apple first transitioned to a 64bit processor with the A7 on the iPhone s and now appears poised to kick 32bit apps off of the App Store completely. This of course shouldn't come as too much of a surprise as Apple has been gently nudging developers to update older apps for years now.

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## Daily Recap

*Here's the latest news in health and medicine. For more, check out [statnews.com](http://statnews.com) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

### Facial-recognition software finds a new use: diagnosing genetic disorders

By KATE SHERIDAN

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Dr. Maximilian Muenke has a superpower: He can diagnose disease just by looking at a person's face.

Specifically, he can spot certain genetic disorders that make telltale impressions on facial features.

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### Mighty morphed brain cells cure Parkinson's in mice, but human trials still far off

By SHARON BEGLEY

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Mice that walk straight and fluidly don't usually make scientists exult, but these did: The lab rodents all had a mouse version of Parkinson's disease and only weeks before had barely been able to lurch and shuffle around their cages.

Using a trick from stem-cell science, researchers managed to restore the kind of brain cells whose death causes Parkinson's. And the mice walked almost normally. The same technique turned human brain cells, growing in a lab dish, into the dopamine-producing neurons that are AWOL in Parkinson's, scientists at Sweden's Karolinska Institute [reported](#) on Monday in Nature Biotechnology.

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## Opinion: Tom Price: Remember your roots as a Grady physician

By ALLYSON HERBST

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Dear Secretary Price,

In the wake of the recent failure to pass the American Health Care Act, I would like to share with you some reflections on the state of American health care from my perspective as a resident physician at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta's public hospital, where you trained in orthopedic surgery more than thirty years ago.

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## In Washington, a push for science in the 'national interest' puts some on edge

By LEV FACHER

WASHINGTON — A musical called “The Great Immensity” made its New York premiere in 2014, the product of nearly \$700,000 in grants from the National Science Foundation. Aimed at increasing awareness of the widespread impacts of climate change, the musical featured one [song](#) that explained the emergence of the global economy and another on the extinction of the passenger pigeon. It was widely [panned](#).

The production, however, made a brief comeback earlier this year — not on stage, but in an [outline](#) of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s authorization and oversight plan. According to the committee, grant awards like the ones used to fund the musical necessitated a crackdown: Lawmakers must ensure that all grants serve “the national interest.”

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## STAT Plus: 23andMe’s lesson for Silicon Valley: ‘Put aside the skepticism, and engage’

By CHARLES PILLER

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In the end, the secret sauce behind Thursday’s milestone announcement by the Food and Drug Administration to permit 23andMe to market genetic tests for diseases directly to consumers was hard-earned trust.

Now the company will be able to include information on the genetic predisposition for 10 important conditions or diseases — including Parkinson’s and late-onset Alzheimer’s — from a single saliva test that costs \$199. The move comes four years after FDA banned 23andMe from selling such data, forcing it back to the drawing board. With exceptions for some tests, such as the genetic marker for breast cancer that often leads to surgical intervention, the agency intends to let the company offer similar tests without premarket review — a landmark for the genetic testing industry as a whole.

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## Morning Rounds by Megan Thielking

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*Welcome to the week! And welcome to Morning Rounds, where I get you ahead of the day's health news.*

### **KFC to ditch antibiotics in finger-lickin' good chicken**

For perhaps the first time ever, Colonel Sanders is receiving a round of applause from health experts. Kentucky Fried Chicken has announced that by 2018, all of its finger-lickin' good chicken will be raised without antibiotics that are important to human health. Many of the infections that crop up in humans are treated with antibiotics also used in livestock and poultry. Often, those drugs are given to livestock not to treat infection, but to prevent disease and promote growth. That can contribute to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can then make their way into humans.

The news is a big victory for consumer health groups who lobbied KFC — one of the largest chicken buyers in the US — to change its policies. Those advocates are currently lobbying state legislatures to pass laws that ban the routine use of antibiotics in livestock. KFC's announcement follows similar moves by Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, and Subway.

### **The CDC's environmental health challenge**

Got an idea about how to keep a closer eye on how the environment shapes health? The CDC wants to hear it. Federal, state, and local health officials have been



collecting environmental and public health data through a tracking system since 2002. Now, the CDC is looking for new ways to make that huge pile of data actually useful to the public. The agency is looking for app ideas that would use the data for the public good, whether that's by identifying at-risk populations or exposing potential health hazards. Start brainstorming now — the [application](#) opens this week.

## Tiny, drug-delivering particles that can push past mucus

NANOPARTICLES MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH MUCUS (SCHNEIDER ET. AL)

Scientists have created a new type of particle that can pass through mucus instead of getting trapped inside its sticky web. Delivering drugs to treat diseases such as cystic fibrosis can be particularly tricky because of layers of mucus lining the airway. But researchers have designed a new type of nanoparticle that's able to slip through the matrix of mucus. They nanoparticles, which were made of biodegradable materials, were able to remain in lung tissue several hours after being administered in a mouse model. The researchers packed them with a drug meant to alleviate irritation caused by asthma and were able to deliver them to the lungs. Read more about the work [here](#).

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## Inside STAT: New scrutiny of funds for basic research

There's renewed scrutiny in Congress about how the National Science Foundation is

doling out grant money for scientific research. The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology reminded lawmakers in their oversight plan this year that it's up to lawmakers to ensure that all NSF grants serve "the national interest." It's a requirement that was written into the law that established the foundation, which awards \$7.5 billion each year in research funding. But some scientists are fearful that clause will become a means of politicizing or micromanaging their work. That has set off a broader debate on Capitol Hill: Should all the research the agency funds have immediate, tangible benefits? Should scientists be required to explain how their work serves the nation? STAT's Lev Facher reports from the capital — read [here](#).

## **Xanax may raise pneumonia risk in dementia patients**

Researchers are [cautioning](#) that common sedatives might pose an increased risk of pneumonia when used in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Doctors sometimes prescribe the medications to reduce anxiety among adults with dementia. Combing through data on nearly 50,000 adults with Alzheimer's disease in Finland, researchers found that benzodiazepine use increased the risk that a patient would come down with pneumonia, with the risk being highest during the first month of medication. The researchers suspect that might be because the sedative effects of the medication increases the likelihood that a patient will aspirate saliva or food into their lungs.

## **Voters grill lawmakers about health care reform**

Federal lawmakers are officially on a two-week break — and some are spending that recess fielding complaints from constituents unhappy with health care reform efforts in Congress. The criticism is coming from both sides, and it's already begun. Rep. Ryan Costello of Pennsylvania, a moderate Republican, felt the heat at a town hall he hosted Saturday back at home. Costello backed the AHCA but wasn't pleased with a push from the House Freedom Caucus to do away with the mandate forcing insurers to cover certain essential health benefits. CNN [reports](#) one attendee told Costello that she's paying \$35 a month for prescriptions through ACA coverage that would cost \$750 a month out of pocket — and then asked if he'd be attending her funeral if Obamacare is repealed.

## **Health officials investigate salad with animal remains**

Spring mix salads are continuing to be pulled off store shelves as health officials try to nail down how a dead bat ended up in a packaged salad sold in a Florida grocery store. The two individuals who ate the salad are being evaluated, but health officials say there isn't any sign either was exposed to rabies. The salads, manufactured by Fresh Express and sold in Walmart stores, are being recalled. The CDC is asking shoppers to return the recalled salads to the stores where they were purchased. Health officials have issued a note of reassurance that anyone who already chomped down on the salads isn't at risk unless they also found animal material in the packages.

## What to read around the web today

- Money from infection-control industry muddies research into beating back superbugs. [Reuters](#)
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### Nintendo Switch console scams still plaguing the internet

Are you thinking about buying the new Nintendo Switch for your kids or grandkids? You're not alone. Consumers are still lining up to buy it, and cybercrooks have noticed. A series of fake posts have surfaced online, and if you fall for them you could accidentally hand over your personal information! I'll

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### **Galaxy S8's facial recognition sensor fails in major way**

Forget fingerprints! Facial recognition is the next big thing when it comes to protecting your devices. So far, Samsung's new Galaxy S8 is the only smartphone that has introduced this technology. There's just one major problem: Hackers can easily use it to bypass the lockscreen.

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### Best online tax preparation software and services

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[Here are some of the best online tax prep software and services available.](#)

### Travelers beware! Elaborate flight phishing scams spreading!

Springtime is a great time to get away and take that vacation you've been looking forward to. As many travelers begin to book their flights, scammers are scheming to set their traps. There's a new attack targeting vacationers in a very convincing way that you need to watch out for.

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### Sportsman bikes down steep mountain at 141.498 mph

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## Laptop bombs can evade airport screening

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Do you enjoy playing tricks on people? It's that time of year again, folks and I think you'll get a kick out of these pranks. From gadgets that track your activity to an emoji car horn, this year's April Fools' online pranks are both hilarious and disappointing (just because they are not real). I gathered the funniest and most noteworthy ones that will make you chuckle!

[Click here for the top April Fools' pranks of this year.](#)

### Komando On Demand: April The Giraffe Webcam Update

April the Giraffe is a viral sensation around the world as we await the status of her birth via webcam. The popularity that this giraffe has gained brings up a question: How did live cams become the means to recording special moments such as a birth? View the status of April the Giraffe and get the inside

scoop on how live cams got started recording animals.

[Click here to listen to my free podcast.](#)

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## Top Story: Malicious fake Skype ads can infect your PC with ransomware

Did you ever think you'd be able to have a face-to-face conversation with a loved one halfway across the country? Apps like FaceTime and Skype make that dream a reality. However, using one of these apps could be putting your personal data at risk. There is a huge security threat making the rounds that you need to know about.

[Click here to learn about the threat and how to stop it in its tracks.](#)

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## One setting to protect your privacy on your Android Phone

Website data from every site you visit on your smartphone is saved. These bits of data help your phone load them faster the next time you go to that site. But it's also another way that your privacy can be compromised.

[Here's how to delete those files.](#)

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## Android phones are top targets for malware. Here's how to protect yourself

Attention Android owners! A new report shows that mobile malware attacks are significantly on the rise and infections are multiplying by more than a hundred-fold! Mobile gadgets are under siege! Are you certain that you are protected?

[Click here to read more about the state of](#)

[Android malware.](#)

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## Windows 10 Updates are Inbound! Here's what you need to know

Big news, Windows 10 users! Microsoft is making major changes to its Windows 10 operating system that will affect the way you browse the web, play games, read eBooks and more. Here are the updates you must know about!

[Click here to see what updates are coming to Windows 10 and how they will affect you.](#)

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## Weaponized police drones patrolling the sky

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Have you been paying attention to the drone phenomenon sweeping the nation? People love using these nifty flying machines to capture HD aerial videos of everything in [sight]. But you won't believe what lawmakers are considering using them for now. Are we safe?

[Click here to find out how drones could soon be patrolling the sky.](#)

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## Adorable pup will steal your heart

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Princess is one of the cutest dogs I've ever seen. She prances around in little dresses and she looks very friendly. Unfortunately, she broke her left front leg. But because she's so small it was hard to find a splint that would help her heal.

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### New emojis coming in June

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What do fairies, a coconut, and the Welsh flag all have in common? They're all getting new emojis! From fantastical creatures to expressive smiles, the latest set of pictures will make messaging your friends and family even more fun.

[Click here to see all the emojis you can expect to see in your phones later this year.](#)

### Watch out! Tricky scam calls spreading this weekend!

Telephone scammers have found a new trick to convince unsuspecting victims to hand over details for their private accounts. They're claiming to work for a company you trust, but by the time you hang up you could lose tons of money! This company would never call its customers like this. Read this so you'll recognize the call immediately and won't fall for it!

[See how this telephone scam is tricking victims by clicking here.](#)

### Wow! Hotel room domino maze comes crashing down

This domino artist had always dreamed of building a design that runs through her entire house. During a recent hotel stay, she finally got the chance. You won't believe some of the places she was able to fit the dominoes in this tiny space.

[Watch this video for a domino maze like you've never seen!](#)

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### Facial Recognition is not foolproof

The FBI's use of facial recognition has been in the public eye lately. As technology improves rapidly, will this endanger our civil liberties and lead to false arrests? All those stories and more on my Breaking Tech News Page.

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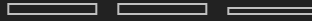
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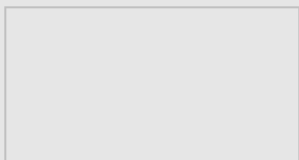
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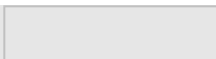
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March 29, 2017

## Genetics

*The latest Genetics news from News Medical*



### Researchers develop new way to assemble genome of an organism from scratch

A team spanning Baylor College of Medicine, Rice University, Texas Children's Hospital and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard has developed a new way to sequence genomes, which can assemble the genome of an organism, entirely from scratch, dramatically cheaper and faster.

## **Efficacy of innovative gene therapy can be tested quickly and cost-effectively using new cellular model**

Using a new cellular model, innovative gene therapy approaches for the hereditary immunodeficiency Chronic Granulomatous Disease can be tested faster and cost-effectively in the lab for their efficacy.

### **OTUD6B gene mutations linked to physical and intellectual deficits**

An international team of researchers from institutions around the world, including Baylor College of Medicine, has discovered that mutations of the OTUD6B gene result in a spectrum of physical and intellectual deficits.

### **Study identifies correlations between gene data and brain activity during memory processing**

Researchers have identified more than 100 genes important for memory in people. The study is the first to identify correlations between gene data and brain activity during memory processing, providing a new window into human memory.

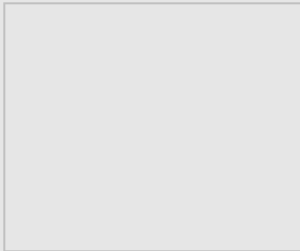
### **Inner ear gene therapy holds promise for treating patients with hearing loss and dizziness**

In a first-of-its-kind study published in the March 1, 2017 edition of Molecular Therapy, researchers from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine showed that gene therapy was able to restore balance and hearing in genetically modified mice that mimic Usher Syndrome, a genetic condition in humans characterized by partial or total hearing loss, dizziness, and vision loss...

### **Thermo Fisher Scientific collaborates with CGT Catapult to create seamless cell and gene therapy supply chain**

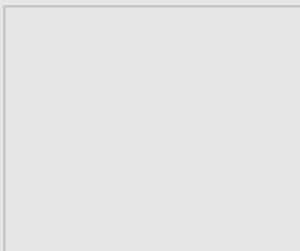
To help address the challenges surrounding supply chain management for cell and gene therapy around the globe, Thermo Fisher Scientific, the world leader in serving science, today announced a collaboration with the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult to provide developers with both the manufacturing capability and distribution, logistics, and storage capacity needed to create a seamless supply chain to accelerate cell and gene therapy development and...

### **Fat Mass and Obesity-Associated Gene (FTO)**



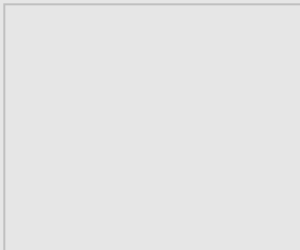
Obesity arises when a person has a calorie intake that is consistently more than is required for their metabolic rate and level of physical activity.

### **Researchers develop novel genetic score to calculate age-specific risk of Alzheimer's disease**



An international team of scientists, led by researchers at University of California San Diego School of Medicine and University of California San Francisco, has developed a novel genetic score that allows individuals to calculate their age-specific risk of developing Alzheimer's disease (AD), based upon genetic information.

### **Researchers develop new method that uses gene editing to find cancer's weak spots**



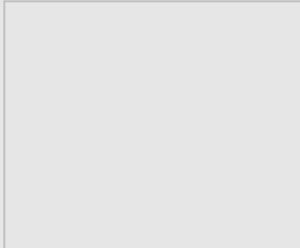
Genetic mutations that cause cancer also weaken cancer cells, creating an opportunity for researchers to develop drugs that will selectively kill them, while sparing normal cells.

## **Study reveals intriguing crosstalk between metabolism and epigenetics in cancer development**

A study published in Briefings in Functional Genomics investigated how epigenetics can modulate human's genetic program -- it can emphasize or silence genes.

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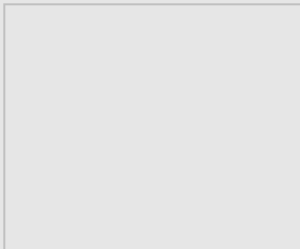
## **Researchers uncover gene mutation that may provide answers to unexplained female infertility**



Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital and Rice University have uncovered a gene mutation that may provide answers to unexplained female infertility. The study appears in Scientific Reports, a member of the Nature family of journals.

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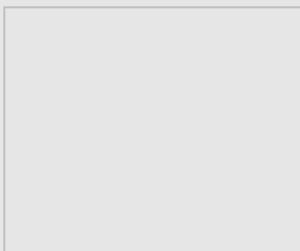
## **CUMC researchers discover common genetic variant that impacts brain aging**



Columbia University Medical Center researchers have discovered a common genetic variant that greatly impacts normal brain aging, starting at around age 65, and may modify the risk for neurodegenerative diseases.

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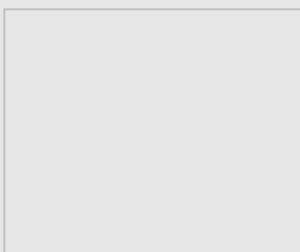
## **Genetics of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**



By Sally Robertson, BSc Over the last decade, the inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs) - Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (UC) have been key areas of research into complex disease genetics. More than 100 genes have been identified that increase the risk of these conditions developing, confirming that a strong genetic element is involved.

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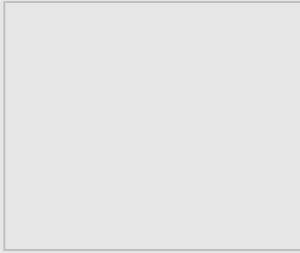
## **Study provides insights into genetic, neuronal circuit mechanisms linked to autism's impaired sociability**



Researchers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center have gained new insight into the genetic and neuronal circuit mechanisms that may contribute to impaired sociability in some forms of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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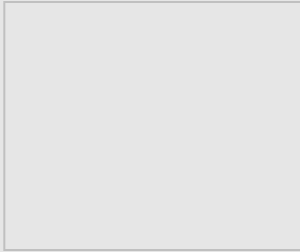
## **USC study close to finding gene involved in cleft lip and palate**



A group of researchers has found that three siblings born with cleft lip and palate share a common gene mutation associated with the birth defect.

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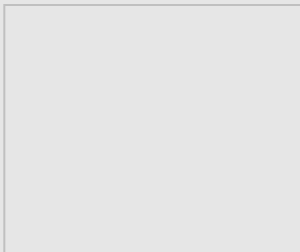
### **Researchers show shared genetic origin between ALS/MND and schizophrenia**



Researchers have shown for the first time that Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and schizophrenia have a shared genetic origin, indicating that the causes of these diverse conditions are biologically linked.

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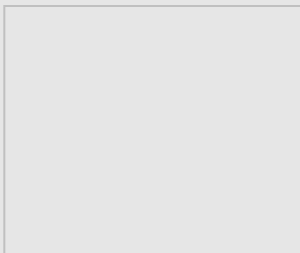
### **NHGRI researchers use facial recognition software to diagnose rare genetic disease**



Researchers with the National Human Genome Research Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, and their collaborators, have successfully used facial recognition software to diagnose a rare, genetic disease in Africans, Asians and Latin Americans.

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### **Genome sequencing approach opens door to therapy options for rare, neglected cancers**



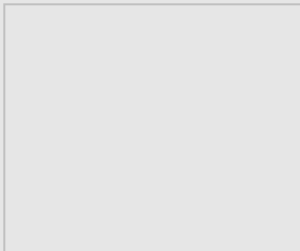
An international team of scientists led by the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and UConn School of Medicine have reported the results of a genome sequencing study for an extremely rare form of cancer.

### **JAX professor receives HFSP grant for 3D genome studies of memory, learning and epilepsy**

Jackson Laboratory Professor Yijun Ruan, Ph.D., a leader in the study of the three-dimensional organization of the human genome, has received a three-year grant totaling \$1,050,000 from the international Human Frontier Science Program to explore the fundamental mechanics involved in memory and learning as well as epilepsy.

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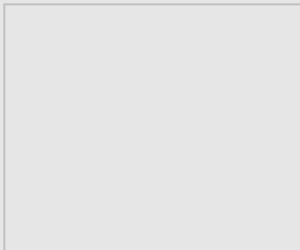
### **Rarely studied faulty USF3 gene may predispose individuals to thyroid cancer**



Charis Eng, M.D., Ph.D., of Cleveland Clinic and her team have discovered that a faulty, rarely studied gene called USF3 may predispose individuals to thyroid cancer. They recently published this discovery in Human Molecular Genetics.

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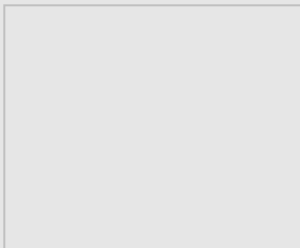
### **New study correlates 80 cancer-related gene mutations with 34 AML subgroups**



A large, new study of adults with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) correlates 80 cancer-related gene mutations with five subtypes of AML, which are defined by the presence of specific chromosomal abnormalities. The findings might help guide mutation testing and treatment decisions in the future.

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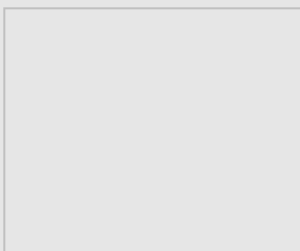
### **Methylation status of ten positions in genome correlates with all-cause mortality**



Various chemical modifications in the genome determine whether genes are read or deactivated. Methyl labels in the DNA play a key role in this "epigenetic" regulation of gene activity.

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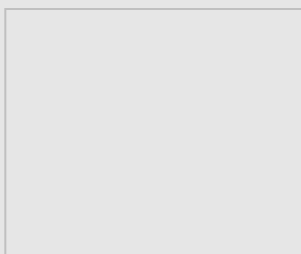
### **Genetic mutations underlying treatment resistance in NSCLC more dynamic than previously thought**



The genetic mutations underlying treatment resistance in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) are more complex and dynamic than previously thought.

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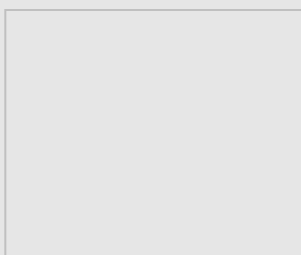
### **Researchers identify new gene mutation that leads to infertility in women**



It has been estimated that more than 80 million people in the world have an unfulfilled desire to have children. But for every 10th couple, the reasons therefor remain unclear.

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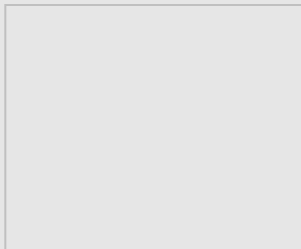
### **Research suggests novel strategy to target genetic anomaly in prostate cancers**



New research suggests a novel strategy to target a genetic anomaly that occurs in half of all prostate cancers.

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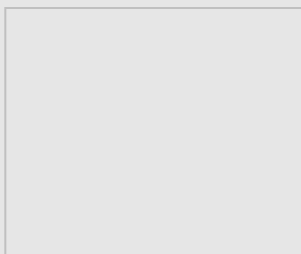
### **New genetic test may give men better view on how to deal with prostate cancer risk**



Scientists are reporting a test which can predict which patients are most at risk from aggressive prostate cancer, and whether they suffer an increased chance of treatment failure.

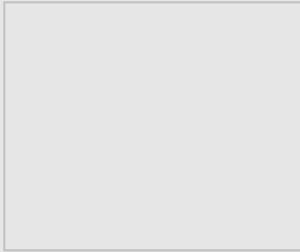
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### **Multipronged study of schizophrenia-associated syndrome receives \$3.1 million NIH grant**



A research team at Emory University is embarking on a multipronged study of 3q29 deletion syndrome, a genetic mutation associated with a 40-fold increased risk for schizophrenia and a range of other neuropsychiatric conditions including mild to moderate intellectual disability, autism and anxiety.

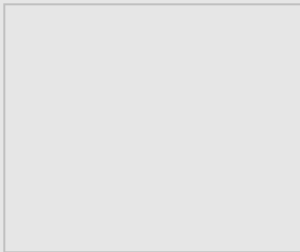
### **Yale study identifies racial and ethnic disparities in Oncotype DX testing for women with breast cancer**



In a simple definition, cancer is a disease of the cells, which is caused by gene mutations. For a proportion of patients, including women with hormone receptor positive (HR+) breast cancer, gene expression profiling has a substantial impact on treatment decision-making by determining which patients might—or might not—respond to particular treatment options.

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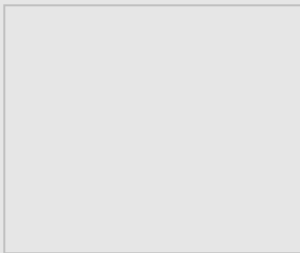
### **Rogue proteins involved in breast cancer point to potential treatment options**



For patients with difficult-to-treat cancers, doctors increasingly rely on genomic testing of tumors to identify errors in the DNA that indicate a tumor can be targeted by existing therapies.

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### **Scientists map three-dimensional structure of protein that causes cystic fibrosis**



Scientists at The Rockefeller University have mapped the three-dimensional structure for one of the more notorious disease-causing molecules in the human body: the protein responsible for the genetic disorder cystic fibrosis. And it looks fishy.

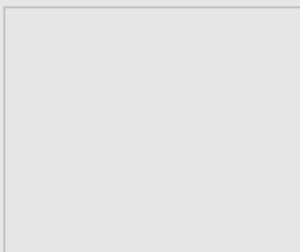
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### **EPFL scientists develop synthetic methods to crack code of Huntington's disease**

Huntington's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that causes patients to lose their ability to move, speak, and even think. It is caused by a gene mutation that produces an abnormal form of the protein huntingtin, which aggregates and builds up inside neurons of the cortex and striatum.

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### **RUB researchers identify new rare muscle disorder**



A new rare muscle disorder has been identified by researchers at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. This hereditary disease is caused by a defect in the BICD2 gene that manifests itself in altered cellular transport processes in skeletal muscle cells.





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## IMPORTANT

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U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May signs the letter formally triggering Article 50 and starting the Brexit process. Source: Getty

### UK Triggers Formal Brexit Proceedings

Start the clock. British Prime Minister Theresa May has signed a letter of official notice under Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, meaning the U.K. is now formally beginning its departure from the EU. May has signalled a willingness to compromise in severing the 44-year **relationship** with Europe, which is granted two years of negotiations under the treaty. The letter, due to be delivered to the European Council president today, comes just one day after Scottish MPs backed Nicola Sturgeon to negotiate a new independence vote before Brexit's official end date.

SOURCES: **BBC, THE GUARDIAN, FT (SUB), NYT**

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## Russia Investigation Stalls as Nunes Refuses to Recuse Himself

He's staying put. House Democrats and even one Republican are calling for Intelligence Committee chair Devin Nunes to quit the investigation into **Russian** interference in the 2016 election. The former Trump campaign adviser is under fire for reportedly receiving classified information on White House grounds, for briefing the president on intelligence that Nunes withheld from his committee, and for canceling a meeting where former acting Attorney General Sally Yates was expected to testify. Republicans are rallying around Nunes, but the stalemate has brought the investigation to a grinding halt.

SOURCES: **WSJ (SUB)**, **POLITICO**, **NYT**

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## Prominent French Socialist Jumps Ship to Back Macron

*Et tu, Manuel?* Former Prime Minister Manuel Valls, who ran for the Socialist nomination in France's upcoming **election** but lost to Benoît Hamon, says he won't back his fellow Socialist in April. Rather, he'll vote for centrist independent Emmanuel Macron, who's expected to advance to the run-off round and defeat ultranationalist Marine Le Pen. While Valls' defection is a bad sign for Hamon, it might not be a boost for Macron either: The ruling socialist government is widely disliked, particularly Valls' rightward leanings, and liberal voters could turn away.

SOURCES: **REUTERS**, **BBC**

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## Toshiba's Westinghouse Arm Files for Bankruptcy

Please turn to Chapter 11. With the end of the fiscal year looming, Toshiba and Westinghouse Electric, its troubled subsidiary, reportedly held some tense negotiations that resulted in Westinghouse filing for bankruptcy and Toshiba announcing plans to get out of the **nuclear** construction game. It's the downfall of a celebrated name in U.S. nuclear technology, and one that leaves half-finished reactors that Toshiba may try to get out of paying for. The company says it expects to report about \$9 billion in losses for this fiscal year.

SOURCES: **FT (SUB)**, **WSJ (SUB)**

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**Know This:** Two **anti-abortion activists** have been charged with 15 felonies over covert videos they made of themselves trying to buy fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood clinics. President Donald Trump signed an order **repealing** Obama-era climate policies. And authorities are optimistic about northeastern Australia's ability to **rebuild** after Cyclone Debbie smashed through.

**Look at This:** As Brexit kicks off, check out this **photo essay** on voters in the Brexit heartlands - and hear how they feel about their choices in hindsight.

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## How Do You Negotiate a Better Deal?

So you're a poor negotiator? Welcome to the club. While much has been written about the lack of negotiating skills in the workplace, a lot less attention has been put toward fixing this problem. JPMorgan Chase & Co., for one, is encouraging its female executives to ask for more through targeted training. Learn about some of those little-known tips here.

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### Congress Repeals Internet Privacy Regulations

They're trading your cache for cash. The Republican-controlled House has followed the Senate in voting to strike down the FCC's internet **privacy** stipulations requiring ISPs like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T to actively gain consumers' consent before selling or sharing their data history. On Tuesday, a slim majority pushed the measure through the House 215-205, arguing that free-market forces would keep things fair. Cybersecurity advocates have called the legislation "extremely disappointing," but as the decision heads to the White House for approval, they've vowed to continue fighting.

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### What's coming to Amazon Prime Video in April

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Hackers hold millions of Apple accounts hostage as they demand ransom! Plus, a disturbing Facebook Live streaming shows a girl hanging herself leads to many questions. And a U.S. grand jury officially declares that a GIF counts as a deadly weapon in a Twitter seizure case. All this and everything you need to stay up-to-date in today's digital world from Kim Komando!

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**Top Story: FCC cracking down to stop 2.4 billion monthly robocalls**

Illegal robocalls have annoyed countless consumers for years, but now there's hope in store. The FCC is getting involved, and plans to fight back in a big way. Many of these calls are fraudulent scams! Could this plan really work to minimize this threat?

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### You really do look like Alexander the Great! Test your facial recognition to him!

Have people ever said you resemble a famous figure from history, like Alexander the Great? Now there's a way you can find out for sure. Many of those figures were immortalized by artists in infamous sculptures. This fun site uses facial recognition to see who you really look like. You have to try it!

[Click here to see if your face resembles some of the most famous people throughout history.](#)

### Can you find the bee in this bed of flowers?

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Here's a fun puzzle to help you get into the spirit of spring! Somewhere within this garden of flowers is a tiny bumblebee, and finding it is trickier than it seems.

[Take a moment to try this tricky brainteaser by clicking here.](#)

### Secret ways to extend your phone's battery life and reduce charging time

Your smartphone is your lifeline. You use it for fun, for work and for emergency situations. So, you know that feeling when your battery's almost dead, just when you need it most. There's no reason to have a dying phone anymore. Here's a secret to help you extend the battery life on your devices.

[Click here for a helpful tip to stay powered up longer between charges.](#)



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## How do hackers hack?

When we see hackers on screen, they normally type very quickly for a few seconds before exclaiming "I'm in!" As with most things portrayed in movies and on TV, it's not that simple. There are different types of hackers who use different methods to accomplish different goals.

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## 7 best beaches of the world

For a relaxing vacation, it's hard to beat a sunny destination. What's better than sipping your favorite beverage while catching some rays? The sand, the sun and the clear blue ocean with a nice warm breeze, it's simply paradise! But how do you know which beaches are duds, and which are worth visiting? I've rounded up seven of my absolute favorites!

[Click here to see photos of these stunning destinations.](#)

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## Grammar checker to make you look super smart

Their, there, or they're? Passive voice or active voice? Oxford commas? The rules of the English language can be so hard to follow and understand, even if it's your first language! That's why autocorrect and spellcheck are so useful, right? Well, not exactly. Unfortunately, these correction tools can't detect context. But here's a tool that can.

[Click here for a helpful tool that perfects your writing.](#)

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## Is a ghost hiding in this creepy dark hallway?

You hear a strange noise coming from down the hall and the lights keep flickering. Do you go investigate or ignore it and run the other way? This clip isn't from a horror movie. Guards on night patrol at a morgue filmed it. I don't know about you but I wouldn't get anywhere near it!

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## Komando On Demand: Dangers of Making Your Home a Smart Home

We all love "smart" gadgets, right? Smart TVs, refrigerators and more are intended to make our lives easier and more enjoyable. Sooner rather than later everything in our homes will be labeled smart. As exciting as this is, there are dangers surrounding this technology to watch out for.

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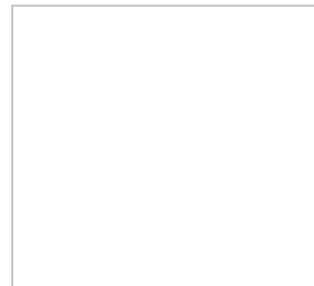
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North Korea, which recently fired four intermediate-range ballistic test missiles into the Sea of Japan, conducted a ground test of its new high-thrust rocket engine. "He's acting very, very badly," said U.S. president Donald Trump of Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un. In the Netherlands, Geert Wilders, an anti-Islam, anti-immigration, and anti-European Union populist with bleached-blond hair who has said that Islam is the "ideology of a retarded culture" and that the Koran has "more anti-Semitism than *Mein Kampf*," lost the Dutch parliamentary elections for prime minister. In India, Yogi Adityanath, a priest turned politician who



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supports the criminalization of homosexuality, believes women should be "protected not independent," has been charged with attempted murder, and has promised to "kill 100 Muslims for every Hindu murdered," was appointed chief minister of the state of Uttar Pradesh by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his party. President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines dismissed calls by human-rights organizations for an investigation into his "war on drugs," which has killed more than 7,000 Filipinos since he took office. "Human rights, United Nations, that's fine," said Duterte. "But still, I will kill you."

A British-born man known to MI5, the United Kingdom's domestic counterintelligence and security agency, drove an Enterprise rental car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing three people and injuring at least 50 before crashing the vehicle outside the Houses of Parliament and fatally stabbing a police officer. At a hearing before the U.S. House Intelligence Committee, FBI Director James Comey confirmed an ongoing investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election, including links with the Trump campaign, and NSA Director Mike Rogers denied claims alleging he asked British intelligence, on behalf of Barack Obama, to wiretap Donald Trump during the election. Trump said that he might not have been elected president "if it wasn't for Twitter," Snoop Dogg released a music video in which he is shown shooting a toy gun at a clown named Ronald Klump, a Fox News host suggested that the Secret Service should kill the rapper for creating the video, and Walt Disney refused Malaysian censors' request to cut gay scenes from its live-action adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*.

More than 250 skulls were reportedly discovered during excavations of an alleged drug-cartel mass-burial site in the Mexican state of Veracruz, and farmers from the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu demonstrated for a drought-relief package by sitting alongside the skulls of farmers who had committed suicide. A pastor in Sierra Leone unearthed a 706-carat diamond. Researchers reported that the world's healthiest hearts belong to the Tsimane people of the Bolivian jungle, whose diet consists mainly of monkey, wild pig, piranha, tapir, and capybara; that a vaccine has been discovered that may protect gorillas and chimpanzees from

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Ebola; and that humpback whales are now mysteriously congregating in groups of between 20 and 200 off the coast of South Africa. In Washington, D.C., it was reported that a raccoon was found riding on a garbage truck. The White House released its first budget blueprint, which proposes \$54 billion in wide-ranging cuts, including the elimination of programs to feed the poor and house the homeless, and significantly reduces funding for scientific research on climate change and disease prevention. The Chinese government responded to toilet-paper thieves in Beijing's public restrooms by installing dispensers with facial-recognition software, which allows each visitor only one sheet, approximately two feet in length, every nine minutes. "The sheets are too short," said one visitor.

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## HAPPENING NOW

### FBI's facial recognition database has half of all U.S. adults on file

The FBI's facial recognition database is so massive, it will shock you. Now, the U.S. Congress is attacking the FBI over these practices. Is your privacy being invaded, and what are the consequences?

[Click here to see why more than 400 million Americans should be concerned about facial recognition.](#)



## Crazy reason American farmers are hacking their tractors with Russian firmware

American farmers are turning to the black market for something you'd never expect. Firmware for their tractors is causing a major dispute between them and the manufacturer. This story is just one example of why you need to ask the right questions before buying anything. I'll explain what's behind this ordeal, and how it applies to you personally.

[Find out why farmers are turning to the black market when you click here.](#)



## Top Story: Popular security cam flaw lets burglars disable them

Think your home is safe? If you're using this particular security cam, you'd better think again. Three major flaws make it possible for hackers to shut the camera completely off. You won't believe how simple it is for thieves to prevent these cameras from recording a thing while they run off with your valuables!

[See which security cameras are at risk of hacks by clicking here.](#)



## One setting to protect your privacy on your Android Phone

Website data from every site you visit on your smartphone is saved. These bits of data help your phone load them faster the next time you go to that site. But it's also another way that your privacy can be compromised.

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[How much can you save? Click here to find out.](#)

### 300 million Apple users at risk of hacks unless Apple pays ransom

Imagine everything that's tied to your Apple ID - all of your apps, music, data in the iCloud, etc. Right now, hackers are threatening to wipe everything from millions of accounts if Apple refuses to pay their ransom. Is there anything you can do to stop this from affecting you personally? The answer is yes.

[Click here and get the steps you need to take to protect your account information.](#)

### Netflix adds a feature you'll love

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Finally! I can't believe Netflix didn't think of this sooner, especially since bingeing has become so popular. If you're planning to watch episodes of your favorite shows back to back, you'll want to know about this time-saving feature that lets you skip the most annoying part of the show.

[Find out what Netflix is changing when you click here.](#)

### Is this the future of fast food?

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Meet Flippy, the burger-flipping robot. This "Kitchen Assistant" by Miso Robotics scoops up and turns over patties on the grill. Is it only a matter of time before we start to see robots like this in McDonald's, Burger King, and other fast-food burger joints?

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Remember the days when you could board a plane without having to take off your shoes at a security checkpoint? These days, it's getting even worse. Especially, if you're traveling internationally. Private data stored on your gadgets could be subject to search if you're crossing the border. Take my advice and follow these steps to keep your information out of the wrong hands.

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Nokia recently announced the re-release of the classic 3310, an unabashedly retro move at a time when the world is obsessed with the latest and greatest smartphone technology. But is this phone, which is sometimes jokingly called a "dumb phone," really lacking anything at all? You'll be surprised! Here's an in-depth look at what these "dumb phones" can do.

[Click here for details on this surprisingly powerful mobile phone option.](#)

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## Why graphic design is way more important than you think

Font, size and arrangement have a lot to do with how we interpret text. When the important information is too small or hard to find, it's easy to make mistakes. In fact, we've all seen these mistakes happen on national television during the 2017 Academy Awards and the 2015 Miss Universe Pageant.

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## Tech giants team up to boost transatlantic data transmissions

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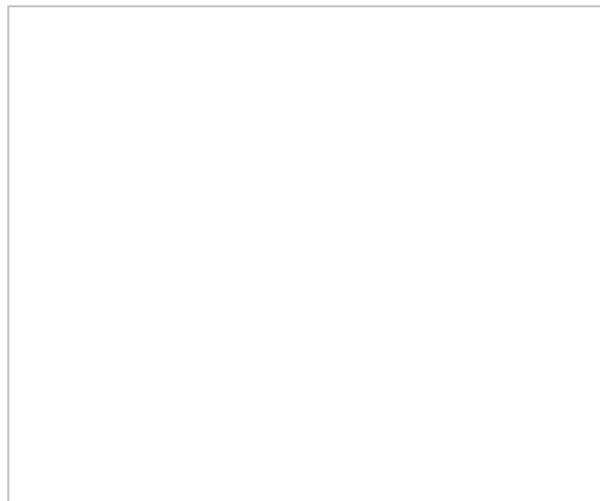
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**The Trump administration** is making its first stab at translating the president's campaign promises into hard numbers with a fiscal 2018 budget blueprint. It boosts spending for defense, homeland security and veterans affairs, while making deep cuts in domestic programs, environmental protection and foreign aid. Trump also wants Congress to put a down payment on a border wall, although an infrastructure plan is still in the making.



**The U.S. debt ceiling limit** expires today, potentially setting up an intense political battle in Congress. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has encouraged Congress to raise the ceiling "at the first opportunity," while Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that Congress will "obviously" increase the limit. The current U.S. national debt is \$19.4T.

**Steven Mnuchin will meet** with German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble in Berlin today to discuss trade and economic issues before hosting a joint news conference. Schauble has been an outspoken critic of President Trump and the Republican plan to introduce a border adjustment tax, suggesting America would not have the power to do so unilaterally.

**The Dutch political establishment** has managed to maintain its grip on power in one of Europe's most closely watched elections. With 95% of the vote counted, Prime Minister Mark Rutte's VVD party is thought to have taken 33 of the 150 parliamentary seats, 13 more than Geert Wilders' far-right PVV party. Rutte said his victory had stopped the "wrong kind of populism" in its tracks following "Brexit and the American elections."

**Markets across the globe** rallied overnight as traders eyed a big batch of U.S. data and digested the Fed's decision to raise interest rates by 25 basis points. Yellen signaled more hikes were coming, but didn't flag any plan to accelerate the pace of monetary tightening and emphasized that nothing was set in stone. "The simple message is the economy is doing well," she added.

**Central bank week continues...** The BOJ has left monetary policy unchanged, while Governor Kuroda said inflation momentum remains in place. The franc is still "significantly overvalued," according to the SNB, which left its deposit rate unchanged at -0.75%. Investors will also hear from the BOE, which will likely keep rates on hold as the U.K. prepares to kick off divorce proceedings with the EU.

**Meanwhile, the PBOC raised** its short-term interest rates for the third straight month, upping the reverse repo rate by 10 basis points and injecting fresh funds into the country's banking system. Analysts said the move was triggered by the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to raise rates, and as a bid to tackle capital outflows and keep the yuan stable.

**"The diplomatic and other efforts** of the past 20 years to bring North Korea to a point of de-nuclearization have failed," said Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, outlining the need for a "new approach." The comments come at the start of his first trip to Asia as the top U.S. diplomat. After Japan, he'll make stops in China and South Korea.

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## **Stocks**

**The new Galaxy S8** is rumored to employ facial recognition technology for mobile payments, and one would only have to look at the camera to unlock the phone. The

fingerprint sensor may also be moved to the back of the device, according to media sources. The S8 should be available for pre-order from April 7, nine days after Samsung (OTC:SSNLF) officially unveils the smartphone at events in New York and London.

**Amazon's inventors are taking** a page from Inspector Gadget's playbook to design drones with adjustable landing legs and reconfigurable propellers. The two patents have been awarded, but that doesn't necessarily mean they will see the light of day. Still, the concepts sound a lot less far out than some other Amazon (NASDAQ:AMZN) patents, such as flying warehouses and parachute package drops.

**Investors cheered the news** that GoPro (NASDAQ:GPRO) is looking to cut operating expenses by more than \$200M in a bid to become profitable. The company also announced that its earnings for the first quarter are on course to come in at the upper end of guidance, and announced an additional 270 job cuts. GoPro shares **rose 11%** in extended-hours trade on the news.

**Tesla said it's on track** to launch a more affordable car this year, but it needs to raise \$1B to make sure it happens. The electric vehicle maker is offering \$250M in common stock and \$750M in convertible notes to strengthen a fragile balance sheet amid a risky ramp-up of Model 3 production. Elon Musk will purchase \$25M of common stock. **TSLA +2.3%** premarket.

**Other car news...** "The assault on the American auto industry, believe me, is over," President Trump announced yesterday in Michigan, teasing that a very big announcement is coming next week. Shortly before he started speaking, the EPA said it would reopen a review of the Obama administration's vehicle emission standards for cars and light duty trucks covering model years 2022-25.

**An Indian tycoon is buying** up to £2B of Anglo American (OTCPK:AAUKY), but confirmed he has no intention of taking control of the company. The 13% stake would make Anil Agarwal, who is also Chairman of Vedanta Resources (OTCPK:VDNRF), the company's second-largest shareholder. Anglo is **up around 10%** in London and dragging other miners higher. **BHP +2.3% RIO +1.7%** in U.S. premarket.

**The Starboard Value hedge fund**, which has pressured Macy's (NYSE:M) to separate its real estate from its retail business, has sold its stake in the company, sources told Reuters. The move comes after an approach by Canada's Hudson's Bay (OTC:HBAYF), the owner of the Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue retail chains, failed to materialize into a concrete offer.

**While he was only CEO** for a few months in 2016, Wells Fargo's (NYSE:WFC) Timothy Sloan received \$12.8M for his work last year, a 17% increase, despite scrapping executive bonuses in light of an accounts scandal that rocked the bank. Finance chief John Shrewsbury and David Carroll, who heads wealth and investment management, also received bigger pay packages for 2016.

**CenturyLink investors will vote** on the company's proposed purchase of Level 3 Communications (NASDAQ:[LVL](#)) at a special meeting today. The \$34B cash-and-stock deal would create a more formidable competitor to AT&T (NYSE:[T](#)) in the market to handle heavy internet traffic for businesses. CenturyLink (NYSE:[CTL](#)) expects the acquisition to close by the end of Q3 of 2017.

**Two Russian intelligence agents** and their two co-conspirators, notorious hackers Alexsey Belan and Karim Baratov, have been indicted by the DOJ on charges stemming from last year's mega data breach at Yahoo (NASDAQ:[YHOO](#)). Baratov, a Canadian, was arrested on Tuesday. The three others may be in Russia, which doesn't have an extradition treaty with the U.S.

**Hours before it was to take effect**, President Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold Wednesday by a federal judge in Hawaii. "This ruling makes us look weak," Trump said, vowing to fight the "unprecedented judicial overreach... all the way to the Supreme Court." Following the second version of the ban, almost 70 tech companies backed away from their proposed legal suit, representing more than half of the original 127 signatories. Among them: [AAPL](#), [EBAY](#), [FB](#), [GOOG](#), [GOOGL](#), [INTC](#), [MSFT](#), [NFLX](#), [TWTR](#)

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### Wednesday's Key Earnings

Oracle (NYSE:[ORCL](#)) **+6.5%** on cloud performance.

### Today's Markets

**In Asia**, Japan **+0.1%**. Hong Kong **+2.1%**. China **+0.9%**. India **+0.6%**.

**In Europe**, at midday, London **+0.9%**. Paris **+0.9%**. Frankfurt **+1.1%**.

**Futures at 6:20**, Dow **+0.3%**. S&P **+0.3%**. Nasdaq **+0.3%**. Crude **+0.7%** to \$49.21. Gold **+2%** to \$1224.40.

**Ten-year Treasury Yield** +3 bps to 2.53%

### Today's Economic Calendar

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# Megan Phelps-Roper: I grew up in the Westboro Baptist Church. Here's why I left

15:17 minutes · Filmed Feb 2017 · Posted Mar 2017 · TEDNYC

What's it like to grow up within a group of people who exult in demonizing ... everyone else? Megan Phelps-Roper shares details of life inside America's most controversial church and describes how conversations on Twitter were key to her decision to leave it. In this extraordinary talk, she shares her

personal experience of extreme polarization, along with some sharp ways we can learn to successfully engage across ideological lines.

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MIT grad student Joy Buolamwini was working with facial recognition software when she noticed a problem: the software didn't recognize her own face -- because the people who coded the algorithm hadn't taught it to identify a range of skin tones and facial structures. In this eye-opening talk, hear about the need for accountability in algorithms (as they take over more and more aspects of our lives). [Watch »](#)

For many previous centuries (and for many reasons), creative storytelling has generally come from men, and from a male perspective. As director Jude Kelly points out, there's a more useful, more inclusive way to look at the world, and she calls on artists -- women and men -- to paint, draw, write about, film and imagine a gender-

John Koenig loves finding words that express our unarticulated feelings -- like "lachesism," the hunger for disaster, and "sonder," the realization that everyone else's lives are as complex and unknowable as our own. Here, he meditates on the meaning we assign to words and how these meanings latch onto us. [Watch »](#)

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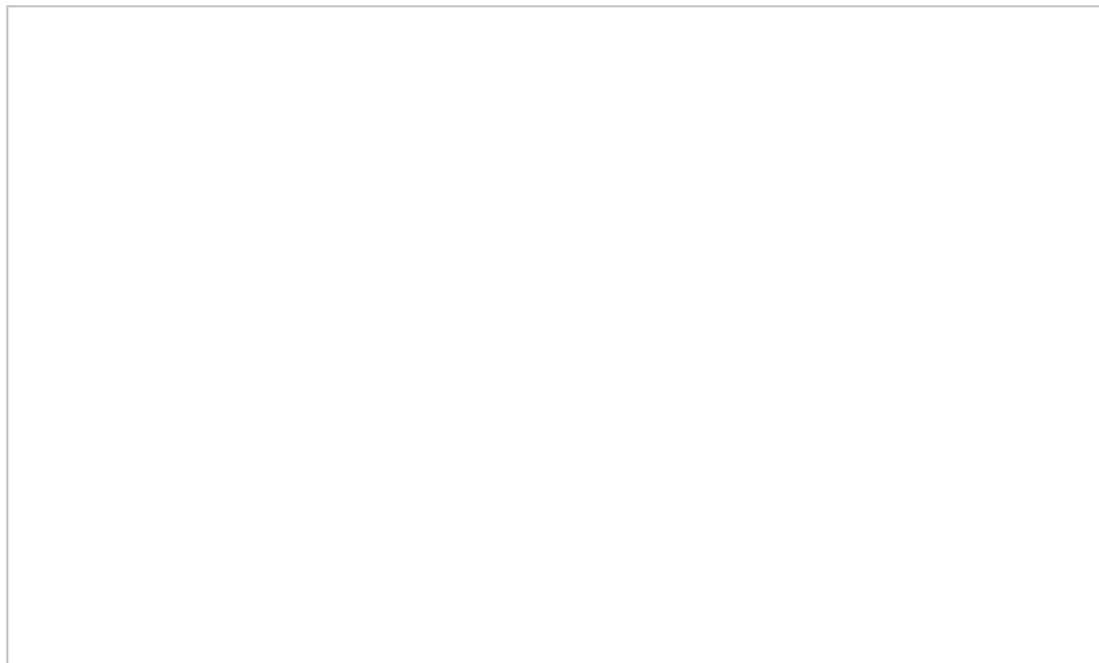
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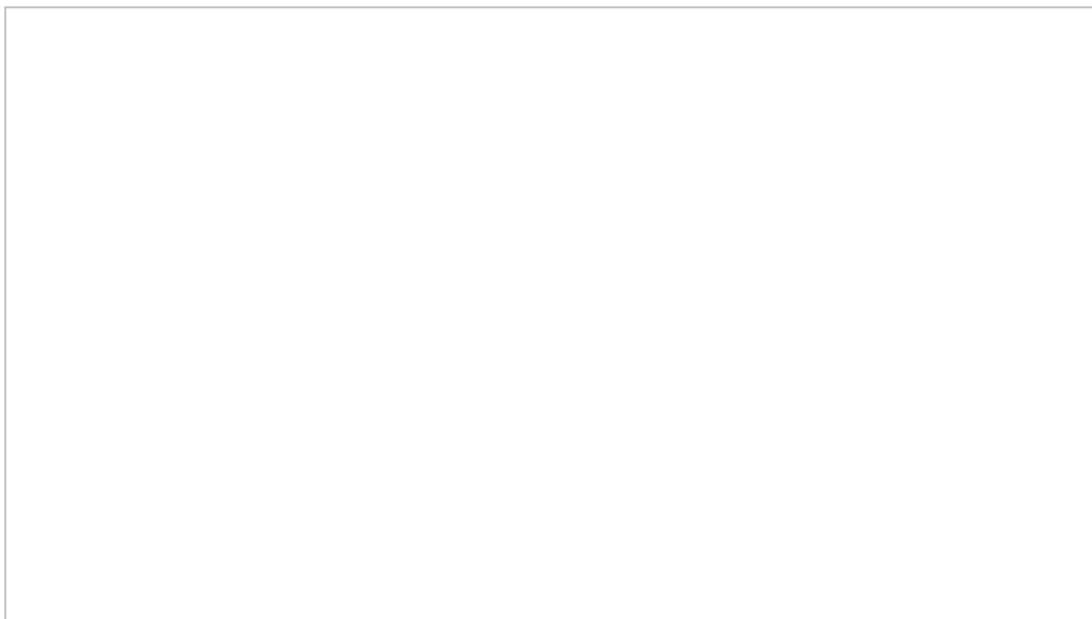
“ I think a lot of us feel boxed in by how we use words. We forget that words are made up. It's not just my words -- all words are made up, but not all of them mean something. ”

**John Koenig**

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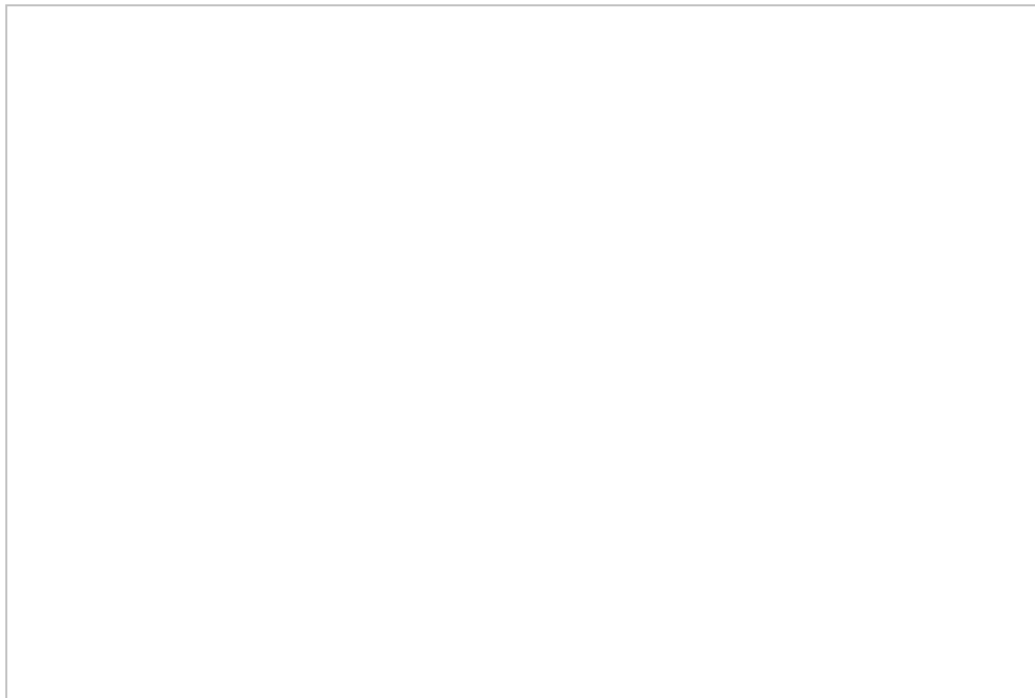
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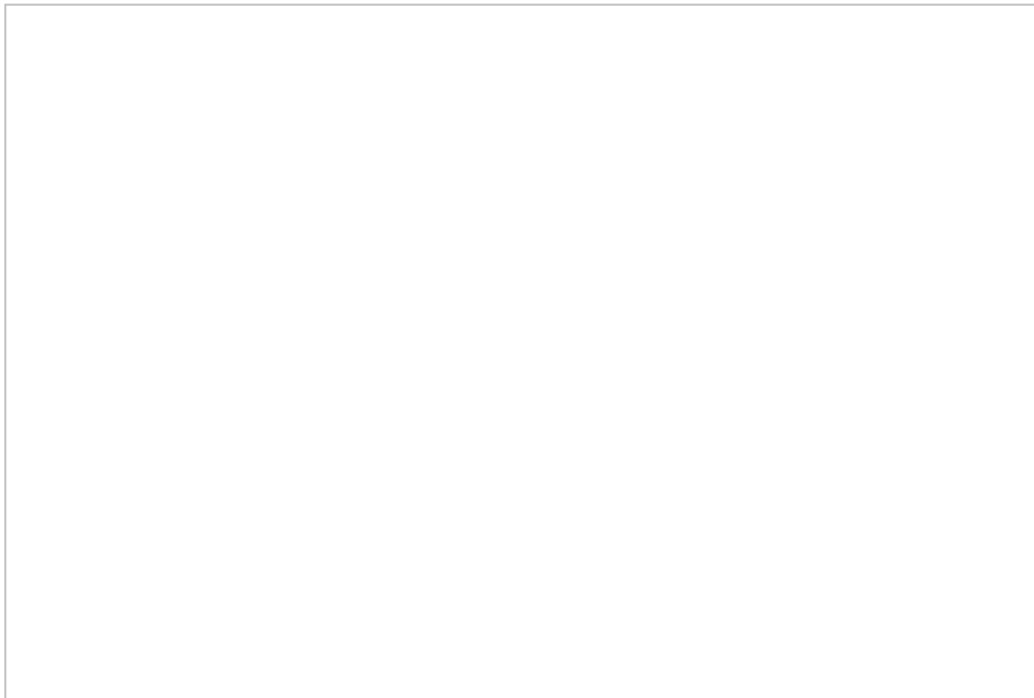
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FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

## Morning Rounds by Megan Thielking

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*Friday is finally here! I'm here to get you ahead of the day's health news. If you're looking for more in-depth coverage of biotech, pharma, and policy, check out our premium site [STAT Plus](#).*

## Mesothelioma deaths are on the rise

There's a worrying [increase](#) in the number of malignant mesothelioma deaths in the US. Malignant mesothelioma — cancer of the tissue lining the lungs and other organs — can be caused by inhaling asbestos fibers. And despite regulatory action to rein in use of asbestos in homes and workplaces over the past few decades, mesothelioma deaths are continuing to occur in younger populations, suggesting younger individuals are actively being exposed. There were 2,785 deaths from the disease in 2015, up from 2,483 deaths in 1999. Death rates rose among older individuals, likely due to exposure long ago, but there are still deaths occurring among individuals ages 35 to 55. It's suspected that most exposure now is happening through maintenance and renovation of buildings that contain asbestos. Health experts say that points to the need for better safety measures.

## **Inside STAT: Secrecy surrounds opioid treatment group**

Three prominent Washington insiders are working for a new advocacy group looking to expand use of and government funding for medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. The group, Advocates for Opioid Recovery, has hired former House speaker Newt Gingrich, former congressman Patrick Kennedy, and former Obama aide and CNN commentator Van Jones. But who's funding the campaign? It's a mystery — Gingrich, Kennedy, Jones, and the nonprofit all refuse to answer questions about the financing of the initiative. But Kennedy is closely tied to treatment centers that could benefit from increased use of medication-assisted treatments. STAT's David Armstrong has more [here](#).

## **Check out how healthy your neighborhood really is**

Curious how healthy — or unhealthy — your neighborhood is? Now you can look at smoking rates, obesity prevalence, and binge drinking habits in your neck of the woods. You can even see how many of your neighbors are going for an annual dental visit. The 500 Cities Project has a new [interactive map](#) that pulls health data on 27 chronic disease measures and breaks it down both by city and by neighborhood. The project could help local public health officials and policymakers identify problems and design health interventions for the areas that need them the most.

## **How wrinkles impact the accuracy of face recognition**

The growing number of wrinkles around our eyes might run the risk of making facial recognition technology less accurate over time. Researchers [set out](#) to study how the aging process might impact facial recognition technologies used to identify criminals or victims of crimes. They tested those technologies by showing them the same faces, imaged 10 years apart. Software was able to match up 99 percent of the same faces photographed up to six years apart. But after six years, the accuracy begins to drop as people's faces age. Their recommendation: Mandate that people take a new driver's license picture every four or five years to keep facial recognition databases accurate.

## A movie and a gift card, tucked away in DNA

SHAKE IT UP, BABY. (COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND NEW YORK GENOME CENTER)

Researchers have taken a new step in storing digital files in DNA — cramming way more digital information, including an operating system, a movie, and even an Amazon gift card, into less DNA than ever before. That's useful since humanity is producing a ton of data, and DNA promises a stable, space-friendly way to keep it all safe.

In the new [study](#), researcher Yaniv Erlich and colleagues created an algorithm to maximize the translation of bits to base pairs. They used so-called fountain codes, which are designed to protect the integrity of the data against small errors. They tested their method by using a technique to copy DNA that should've created errors. Not only was the data recovered perfectly in the lab, but one of Erlich's Twitter followers was able to accomplish the same feat, given the DNA sequence and decoding algorithm. Within a few hours, the follower was able to crack the file, which clocked in at over 2 megabytes — and use the \$50 Amazon gift card to buy a book on machine learning.

## Exercise habits tied to levels of helpful cholesterol

Adults who don't hit recommended physical activity guidelines are more likely to have low levels of "good" HDL cholesterol, according to [new data](#) from the CDC this morning. HDL, or high-density lipoprotein, grabs excess LDL cholesterol in the blood and carries it to the liver, which can break it down. Low HDL levels are thought to be a risk factor for cardiovascular problems, particularly when an

individual already has high levels of LDL. The analysis also found that regardless of exercise habits, the likelihood of having low HDL declined as education level increased.

## Big data and traumatic brain injuries

Researchers are harnessing big data to identify concussion patients who might suffer long-lasting harms from a head injury before their symptoms ever appear. There are upwards of 257,000 hospitalizations and 2.2 million ER visits for traumatic brain injury each year. Some concussion patients with normal brain scans go on to develop personality changes and shifts in vision and hearing. The new study, published in [PLOS ONE](#) today, collected health data from 586 patients with TBI. Now, they're hoping to use that data set to predict how other patients will fare — including identifying those who had normal scans but might experience a slow or poor recovery so doctors can intervene.

## What to read around the web today

- The girls with radioactive bones. [The Atlantic](#)
- LA keeps building near freeways, even though living there makes people sick. [Los Angeles Times](#)
- Medical devices are the next security nightmare. [Wired](#)
- Can a battery-operated cat help combat dementia? [The Pulse](#)

## More reads from STAT

- Two months ago, this doctor was delivering babies. Now he's at the [nexus of the Obamacare fight](#).
- [Step inside a connected nursery](#): Lots of tech — and not much evidence it's helpful.
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*Thanks for reading, and have a wonderful weekend! Back first thing Monday morning,*

Megan

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[Learn the warning signs of this rapidly spreading scam by clicking here.](#)

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## **Amazon and Walmart go head to head - Which has the best free shipping option?**

When two of the world's largest retailers start battling for business, consumers are the ones who benefit. In response to Walmart's recent deal for free shipping, Amazon has just countered with a deal of its own. But which is the best option? You'll be surprised by the answer.

[Click here for a side-by-side comparison of these free shipping bargains.](#)

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## **Top Story: Malicious fake app bricks phone and installs ransomware**

Porn apps are risky to begin with, but this is downright scary. If you download this fake version of a popular app hoping to find adult content, your device becomes useless. To regain access to your files, photos and features, the hackers demand that you pay a pricey ransom.

[Don't risk it! Click here and I'll explain which app to watch out for.](#)

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## **Secure your webcam and microphone from hackers**

Have you ever seen an ad on your computer about a product you were just talking about? It's no coincidence. Certain apps use your gadget's microphone to listen to conversations taking place in the area. Hackers can also use cameras and microphones on your devices to steal valuable information. That's why you need to secure your microphone and webcam right now.

[Learn more on how you can secure your microphone and webcam here.](#)



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### Facebook photo tugs at heartstrings to scam millions

If you haven't seen this photo in your Facebook News Feed, you will. This photo of a sick baby will pull at your heart, but don't click on it! It's a scam. The claims made by this post aren't true, and liking and sharing the post only causes more problems.

[Get the details on the latest Facebook scam when you click here.](#)



### Caller update: Tech offers security from abusive relationship

These kinds of questions always tug at my heartstrings. Sarah from Boise, ID was concerned for her sister and her kids. Her sister's ex-husband was serving time in prison for molesting children, but was released. Now she needs to help her find a home security system.

[Click here to see how my sponsor SimpliSafe stepped in to help protect this family.](#)



### iPhone power tips you'll wish you'd known all along

The features and specs keep getting better and better with each new rendition of the iPhone. But how much do you really know about what your phone can do? Don't worry, you don't need to waste time reading through the owner's manual. I've rounded up some of my favorite tips to help you get more from your iPhone.

[Click here for step-by-step instructions and screenshots.](#)

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## Wow, this 80-year-old bodybuilder looks great!

Ernestine begins her day at 2:30 in the morning with worship and a 10-mile run. She started competing in bodybuilding competitions in her 70s, and a few years ago was named the oldest female body builder by the Guinness book of World Records. You have to see her amazing story!

[Watch this video and discover how she proves age is just a number.](#)

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## BREAKING NEWS

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## Popular toy is a privacy nightmare and could let hackers spy on your children

When you ask this doll a question, she'll respond with a fun answer. But parents are finding there's nothing fun about it. A warning has been issued for parents to destroy the toy immediately if they don't want snoops spying on their children. Is this toy in your kids' playroom?

[See which toy has been flagged as a security risk by clicking here.](#)

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[Big Apple announcement coming this March](#)

## Big Apple announcement coming this March

The Apple rumor mills have been churning for months now, but we won't have to wait long before Apple officially spills the beans. Each March, the company announces what it has in store for upcoming products, and I've got a sneak peek at this year's highlights. All I can say is, big news for both the iPhone and the iPad!

[Click here and see how Apple plans to](#)

[wow customers with its 2017 lineup.](#)

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### **Bus-driver goes above and beyond to help family in need**

As a substitute bus-driver, Thomas probably gets assigned to different routes all the time. But one student on a particular route stuck with him after he noticed she had a hard time getting from her front door to the bus. You won't believe what he did to make things easier on her.

[See how his thoughtful act of kindness brightened the family's day.](#)

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##### **3 router tweaks to speed up your Wi-Fi**

Slow Wi-Fi is the worst. First your email won't refresh. Your movie freezes in mid-scene. Your new app is stuck in downloading limbo. Many people just wait. Wi-Fi is moody, they think. Just give it time. But sometimes the issues linger for days, even weeks. In this case, the culprit could be the router itself.

[Read my column and watch the video to learn about three router adjustments that can boost your internet speed.](#)

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## iPhone 8 will blow your mind

The rumored features of the Apple's next smartphone are turning heads. But this one could push it over the top. Is facial recognition headed to the iPhone 8? All those stories and more on my Breaking Tech News Page.

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## IMPORTANT

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Iraqi forces in a tank approach a village south of Mosul during the current offensive aimed at retaking the west of the city from ISIS control. Source: Getty

### Kim Jong Nam's Killing Sours North Korea-Malaysia Relations

Someone's got to take the blame. After North Korea bristled at insinuations that it was behind the Kuala Lumpur assassination of Kim Jong Un's exiled half-brother, it shot back that Malaysia may be conspiring with "hostile forces." **Malaysia** promptly recalled its ambassador to Pyongyang, even as CCTV footage was released today revealing the attack by at least one

woman. Four people have been detained in Malaysia over the killing, and more are being sought. Meanwhile, Washington's reportedly planning to bring North Korean diplomats to the U.S. for talks.

SOURCES: [FT \(SUB\)](#), [AL JAZEERA](#), [REUTERS](#)

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## **Iraqi Forces Battle to Retake West Mosul From ISIS**

Once more unto the breach. Iraqi forces have launched a long-awaited offensive to retake the western part of Mosul, the country's second-largest city. Within 24 hours of Sunday's dawn assault, troops have made headway from the south, as hundreds of Iraqi military vehicles, backed by coalition airstrikes, rolled into one of the last remaining **ISIS** strongholds. It could be a turning point in the fight against the militants, but U.N. agencies are voicing concern for the estimated 650,000 civilians put at "extreme risk" by the fighting.

SOURCES: [BBC](#), [NYT](#), [THE GUARDIAN](#)

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## **Pence Tries to Reassure Europe Despite Trump's Rhetoric**

Actions speak louder than words. Vice President Mike Pence told European leaders that President Donald **Trump** supports them, but many remain nervous - especially after Trump's comments at a Saturday rally about a terror attack "last night in Sweden" that never happened. The president later clarified he'd been referring to a Fox News report about immigration, but some Trump supporters are now alleging an international cover-up of attacks. Meanwhile, some Trump associates are reportedly quietly pushing a peace plan in Ukraine that would offer heightened control to Russia.

SOURCES: [NYT](#), [WASHINGTON POST](#), [THE GUARDIAN](#)

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## **\$143 Billion Kraft Heinz-Unilever Deal Called Off**

It's good to know when you're not wanted. Kraft Heinz went public with a bid for its European rival Friday - reportedly despite being told that Unilever didn't want a takeover. Now the American company's dream of creating the world's second-largest **consumer** goods group is no more, and Unilever's stock dropped 8 percent Monday morning on the news. It's still seen as a victory for Unilever's CEO, however, for fighting back against the takeover, and as a defeat for Kraft Heinz, which many believe acted too hastily.

## BRIEFLY

**Know This:** Uber has opened an **internal investigation** into sexual harassment in response to a viral blog post by a female engineer detailing her treatment there. Ecuador's election is likely to see a **runoff vote** as former Vice President Lenín Moreno came just short of the 40 percent required to win outright. And a court has ruled that Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom can be **extradited** to the U.S. to face fraud and copyright violation charges.

**Read This:** Britain's Parliament will begin a **debate** today on whether to cancel President Trump's planned state visit, after 1.8 million people signed a petition urging that he be disinvited despite Prime Minister Theresa May's hasty invitation just a week after his inauguration.

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### The Great Epizootic

In the late 19th century, a plague brought the American economy to its knees. It caused runs on banks and paralyzed industries from Baltimore to San Francisco. The true victims? The horses.

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## INTRIGUING

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### Los Angeles Named World's Most Congested City

That's *one* road to glory. The City of Angels has kept first place in the latest Global **Traffic** Scorecard, beating out 1,063 other cities across five continents and 38 countries to be named the most congested city on Earth. The average L.A. commuter spent over 104 hours of 2016 in traffic jams. The U.S. also ranks as the world's most congested developed country.

Globally, gridlock cost about \$300 billion last year, and the human costs are rising too, with 40,000 American traffic deaths in 2016, a 14 percent increase from 2014.

SOURCES: [THE VERGE](#)

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## Advertisers Envision a Future of Facial Recognition

Here's looking at you. While many worry Big Brother already knows far too much about our lives - what we watch, who we know, what we eat - others say we ain't seen nothin' yet. Blippar, an app that scans and recognizes images and faces, is merging machine learning and augmented reality into a "facial network." As the marketing world dreams of future technology, some think consumers will reject phone-based facial recognition as going too far, while others contend that we'll accept anything in exchange for micro-targeted advertising.

SOURCES: [OZY](#)

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## Pro-Smoking Groups Light Up Indonesia

They're within their rights. Indonesia is the only country in Asia that hasn't banned tobacco advertising, and the Marlboro Man is still going strong there, even as 400,000 citizens per year **die** of smoking-related illnesses. The country's signature clove cigarette, the kretek, is banned in the U.S. but used by almost 90 percent of Indonesia's 70 million smokers. Now some smokers' rights groups, backed by the tobacco industry, have sprung up to defend the "human right" to light up, even as 170 cities have instituted restrictions on smoking in public.

SOURCES: [QUARTZ](#)

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## Shia LaBeouf Moves Anti-Trump Performance Art to New Mexico

It's a new state for the art. LaBeouf and collaborators Nastja Säde Rönkkö and Luke Turner have relocated He Will Not Divide Us, a four-year livestream of people repeating the exhibit's title to **protest** against President Trump. After pro-Trump forces rallied to derail the project, leading to LaBeouf's arrest for allegedly assaulting a neo-Nazi, New York City's Museum of the Moving Image shut the exhibit Feb. 10 for safety reasons. Now the artists say they'll continue the protest at the El Rey Theater in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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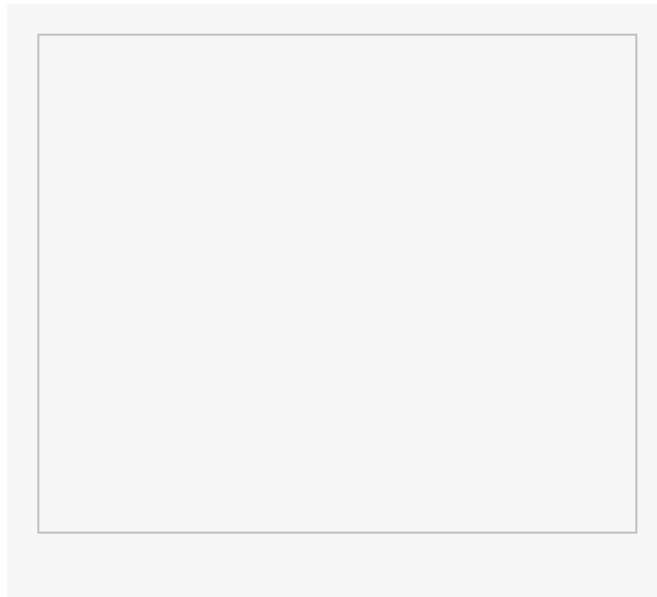
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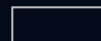
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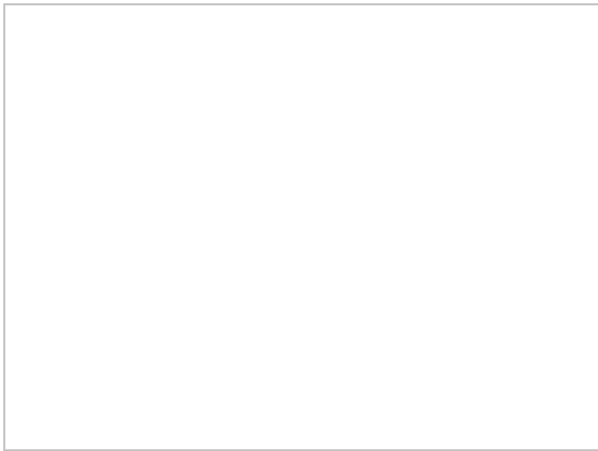
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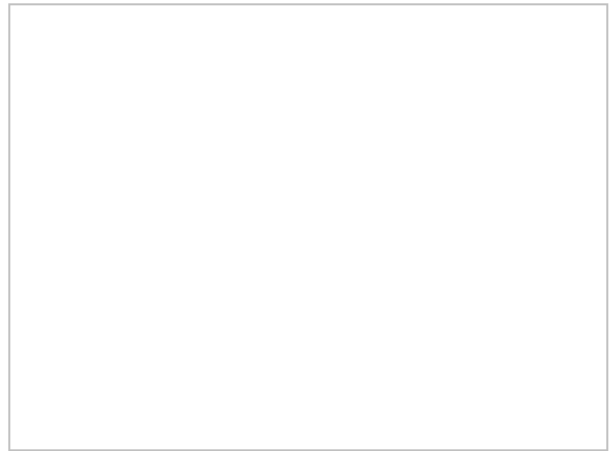
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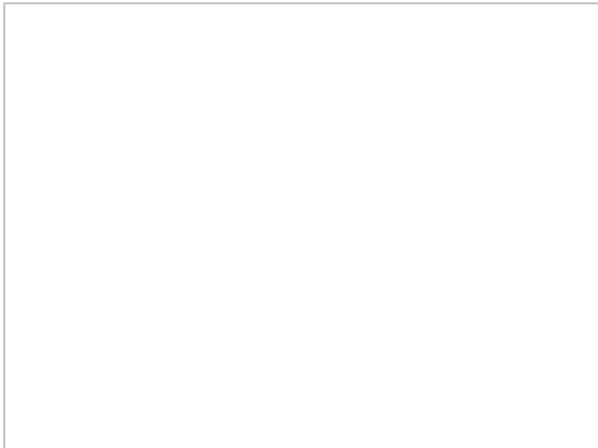
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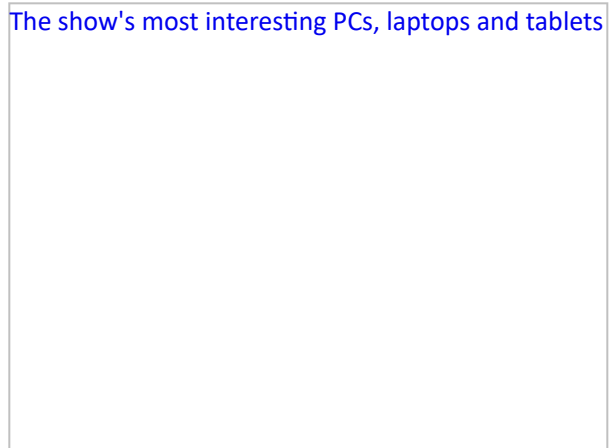
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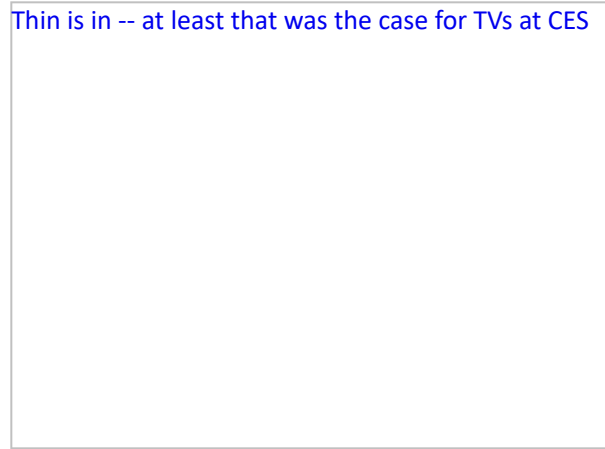


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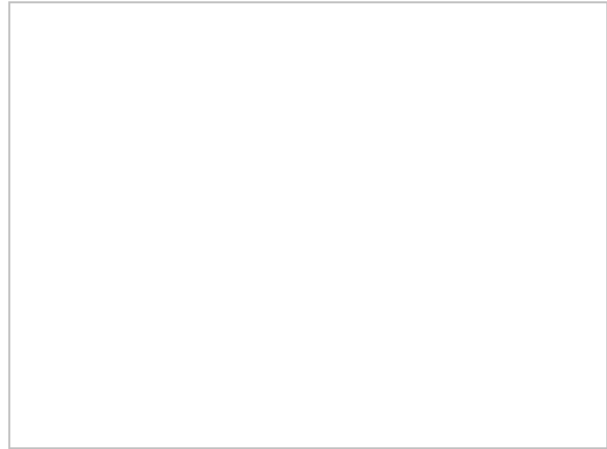
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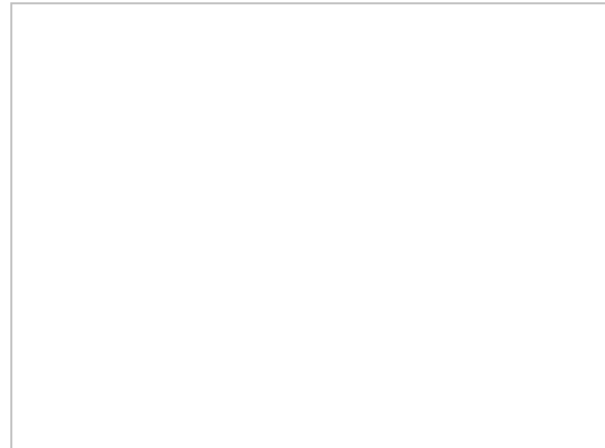
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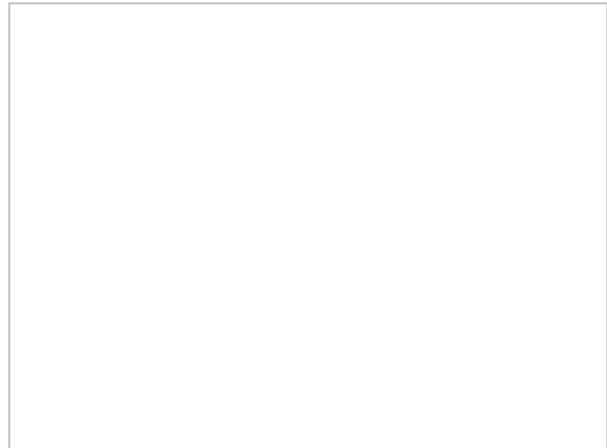
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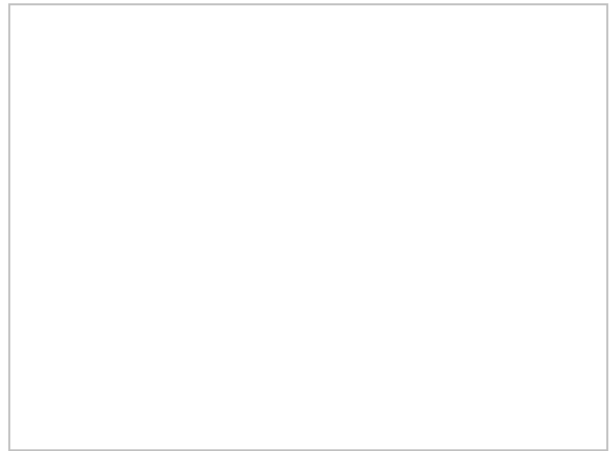
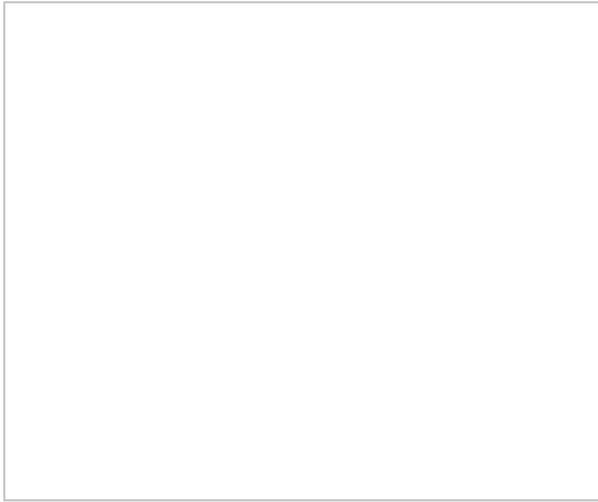
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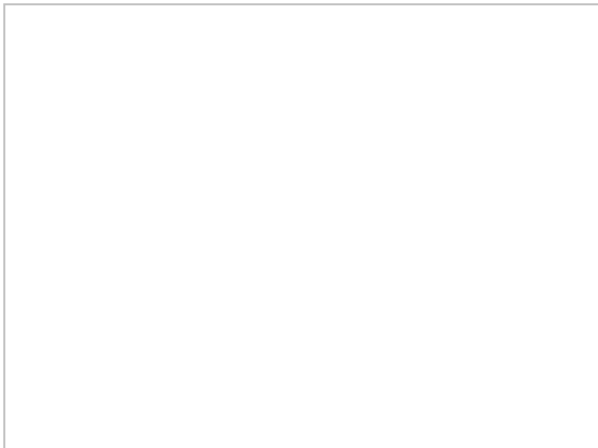
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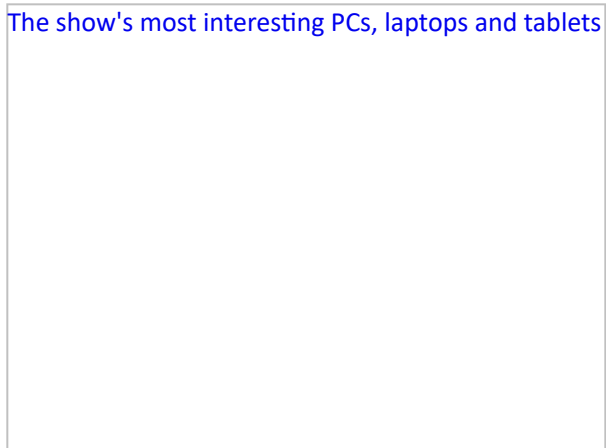
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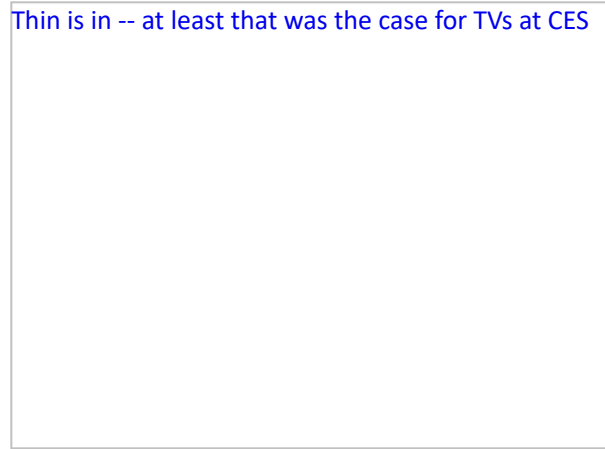


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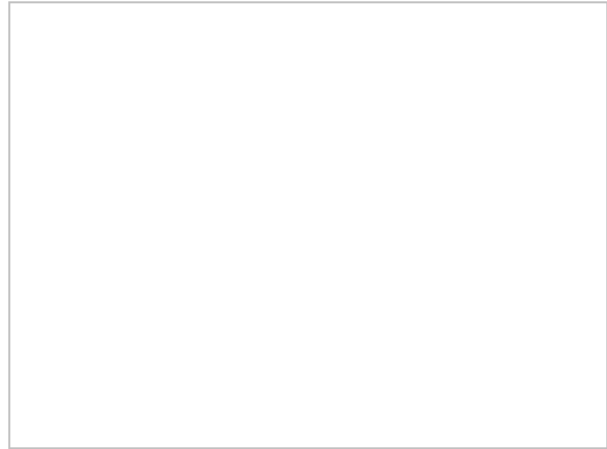
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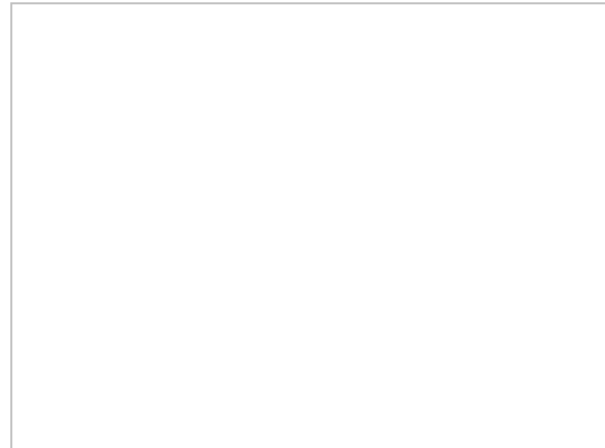
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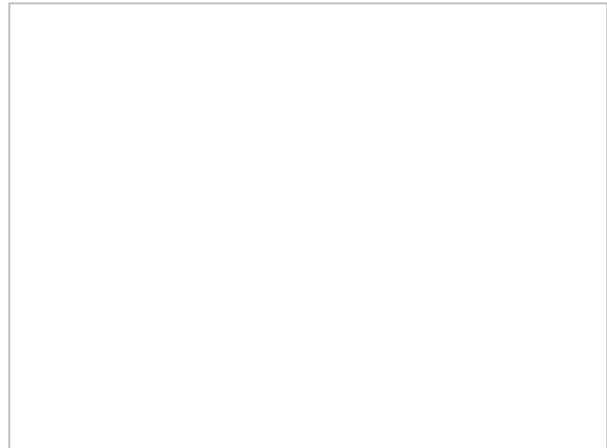
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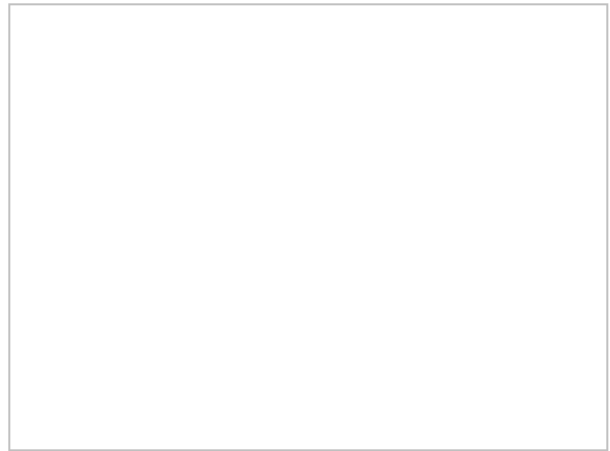
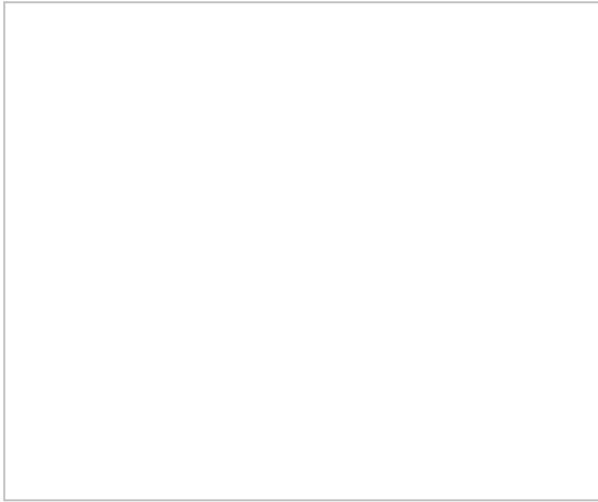
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### Federal officials kick off new tobacco prevention effort

HHS and the CDC are gearing up to launch the newest phase of their national tobacco prevention campaign. The first phases of the initiative — which is designed to encourage smokers to quit and get nonsmokers to push them to do so — began in 2012. As the new media blitz launches, the two agencies are looking to measure

what's working. They'll be [collecting data](#) from two cohorts of smokers and nonsmokers about whether they've seen the campaign advertisements or at least know of them. They'll also be gathering data from those participants about their beliefs on smoking and secondhand smoke, whether they've encountered tobacco ads, and if the smokers in the group have tried or are currently trying to kick the habit. Federal officials are hopeful that'll help them hone the campaign over this year and shape next year's initiative, too.

## **Democrats plan a drug price push during vote-a-rama**

Democrats are planning to use an upcoming vote-a-rama — a series of symbolic votes on ultimately toothless measures — to put pressure on Republicans to do something about drug prices. The minority doesn't have much leverage, but they do have this strange Capitol Hill tradition: When the Senate votes on the budget resolution (a largely symbolic document), almost anything can be proposed as an amendment and almost everything gets a vote. Lawmakers often end up voting on these amendments late into the night: thus, "vote-a-rama."

Several Senate Democrats are using that opportunity to put forward symbolic measures on drug pricing; according to [Politico](#), those could include allowing drugs to be reimported into the United States and allowing Medicare to directly negotiate the prices it pays for drugs. They won't actually do anything. But particularly if they get broad bipartisan support, they would help keep drug prices in the spotlight at the start of the new Congress.

## **Needle exchanges struggle with sparse funding**

There are now more than 220 needle exchanges in the US, with that number likely to grow as officials scramble to address the nation's heroin epidemic. But funding remains sparse — an issue that came to the fore this week. The city of New Haven, Conn., just closed its needle exchange after more than 25 years in operation, in part because of public funding issues. Yale's medical school is expected to take over the program. Meanwhile, in West Virginia, which has the highest rate of fatal drug overdoses in the nation, officials are looking to expand Charleston's needle exchange beyond its current one day per week — if it can get the money. The program receives some public dollars, but mostly relies on private donations and grants. Dr. Michael Brumage, executive director of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, [told](#)

West Virginia Public Broadcasting, “Frankly, it is a little frustrating that we have to go hat in hand to request funding.”

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## Inside STAT: What consumers can do with sleep tech

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At this year's Consumer Electronics Show, there's a slew of new products designed to help you get a better night's sleep. There are sleep-inducing headphones and smart pillowcases, beds with built-in foot warmers and belts that track every toss and turn. There are smart alarm clocks designed to make it as pleasant as possible to drag yourself out of bed come Monday morning. There's even an app that can record your snoring and everything you say in your sleep. But what can consumers do actually with all that data? I've got the story [here](#).

## Cancer death rate falls, but racial disparities persist

Racial disparities in the cancer death rate have narrowed in the past two decades, according to [new numbers](#) out from the American Cancer Society's annual report. The cancer death rate overall has tumbled 25 percent since 1991. But some disparities persist, both by race and by gender. Here's a look at the numbers:

- Liver cancer is three times more common in men than in women, which researchers say is largely due to higher rates of hepatitis C infection and greater alcohol consumption and smoking prevalence among men.

- The melanoma incidence rate is about 60 percent higher among men, while the melanoma death rate among men is double that of women.
- The added risk of cancer death among black men compared to white men has dropped to 21 percent, down from 47 percent in 1990. The disparity between black and white women has also narrowed, with the excess risk dropping from a peak of 20 percent in 1998 to 13 percent in 2014.

## How to better tackle stubborn sleeping sickness

Changing screening methods and bumping up vector control can help wipe out Gambian sleeping sickness, researchers argue in the new [PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases](#). The disease, which can be fatal without treatment, is spread by the tsetse fly in sub-Saharan Africa. Global health officials have set a goal of eliminating it by 2030. To find the best strategy for halting the disease, researchers modeled 12 variations of disease-fighting strategies. They focused on a province in the Democratic Republic of Congo that hasn't seen the same reductions in disease spread as other parts of Africa. They found that focusing disease screening on people at high risk of the disease could prevent 6,000 cases from 2017 to 2030 if combined with even moderately successful vector control efforts.

## Surprising new discovery about the brain's development

Neuroscientists have discovered that a region of the brain associated with the ability to recognize faces — long thought to be finished developing early in life — actually continues growing into adulthood. That particular part of the brain is much denser in adults between ages 22 and 28 than in children between the ages of 5 and 12. The new finding is another reason for scientists to be skeptical of the traditional understanding of brain development — that is, rapid growth in connections between neurons in the first three or four years of life, followed by decades of “pruning” to eliminate superfluous synapses. The new research found that there's more connective tissue in the regions of adult brains associated with facial recognition. It's not clear yet what's making up that connective tissue, though. Read about the work in [Science](#).

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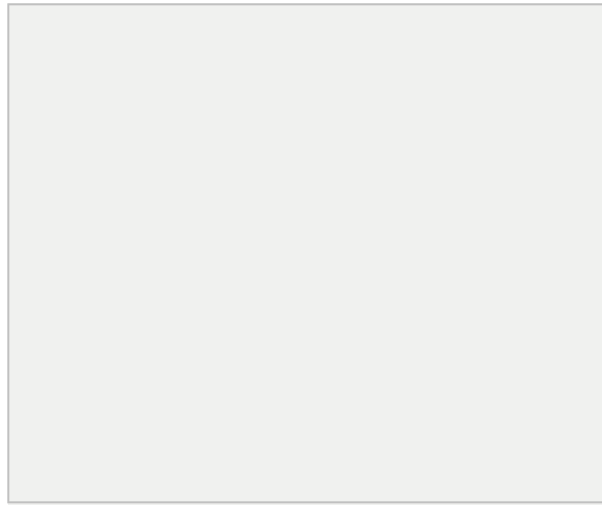
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