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Kathleen Sebelius stumping with Democrats highlights the rapidly changing politics of health care



Kathleen Sebelius, former Health and Human Services secretary, talks with Mandela Barnes, the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in Wisconsin, after a campaign event Monday afternoon in Milwaukee. She later rallied in Madison with Tony Evers, the Democrat challenging Gov. Scott Walker. (James Hohmann/The Washington Post)



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THE BIG IDEA:

MILWAUKEE—If you made a list five years ago of Democratic surrogates who candidates in purple states like Wisconsin would want to campaign with,

Kathleen Sebelius's name would not appear. The botched rollout of Obamacare made her politically toxic, and she took the fall as the Obama administration's scapegoat for the early problems with Healthcare.gov.

But fortunes change in politics. A law that cost scores of Democratic lawmakers their seats over four election cycles is now widely seen as an asset. And **the former secretary of health and human services was welcomed to the campaign trail on Monday with open arms by Tony Evers, the Democrat challenging Gov. Scott Walker (R-Wis.)** in one of the hardest fought contests of 2018.

Sebelius reminded a group of Democratic volunteers at a field office of what Sarah Palin used to say about her. **"I was going to run the death panels – choosing who got to live or die. That was me," she quipped.** "There were lots of accusations. ... Yada, Yada, Yada. None of which turned out to be true."

The former governor of Kansas said she's campaigning for multiple Democratic gubernatorial candidates this fall, including Laura Kelly in her home state and Richard Cordray in Ohio. She added that she's also done "some remote advising" for Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan and called Stacey Abrams in Georgia a good friend. "My eye is on governors," said Sebelius.

Her ability to go to states like these puts in stark relief how much Democrats have become emboldened to play offense on Obamacare. "It is nice to know that health care is now probably the top issue in the 2018 election, and people finally understand that it's a right that people have access to health care in this country," said Sebelius. "It does make me a little bit unhappy to watch people who have tried for eight years to do anything they could to kill the law now claim to be big supporters."



After the botched rollout of healthcare.gov, President Barack Obama brought Kathleen Sebelius to the 2014 White House Correspondents' Association Dinner for a skit. He pretended a video he produced for the occasion wouldn't play, and Sebelius emerged from backstage to help make it work. "I got this," she said. "I see it all the time." (Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

Feeling vindicated, the 70-year-old was clearly pleased to be on the stump defending her own legacy and relished going on the attack against Walker for, as she put it, "playing politics with people's lives."

"When President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act in 2010, we knew there would be a problem between the time the law was signed and the time that the full benefits started to roll, which was January 2014," said Sebelius. "So there were almost four years, and those four years were pretty deadly [politically] because all

kinds of assertions were made. What we have right now are ... about 22 million Americans who have health coverage [and] who now say, ‘Wait a minute! You’re not going to take my insurance away. You’re talking about me, or my child, or my aunt or my brother. **Everybody now has a very personal connection to the benefits that are finally in place.**”

Sebelius’s focus during her stops in Milwaukee and Madison was the pending lawsuit by states, including Wisconsin, that challenges the constitutionality of Obamacare. Democrats say that, if the litigation succeeds, the entire law – including the popular requirement that insurance companies must cover people with preexisting conditions – would get struck down. The airwaves are full of attack ads accusing Walker of wanting to take away coverage from people with preexisting conditions.



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) answers questions Monday from local reporters about the latest health-care focused attack ad that Democrats have launched against him after his stop in Milwaukee. (James Hohmann/The Washington Post)

-- In an interview Monday afternoon after a campaign stop at a manufacturing plant on the outskirts of town, Walker blasted Sebelius and promised he will make sure people with preexisting conditions are still protected if the law got struck down. He noted that she was among the Obama administration officials who promised people would be able to keep their doctors if they liked them. “It’s only fitting that they would bring her in to lie about our record here,” said Walker. “My

wife is a Type 1 diabetic. My mother is a survivor of breast cancer. My brother has a heart condition. Like a lot of families in Wisconsin, it's personal to me."

The governor said Obamacare is still "a huge mess," and that you can keep some of the good parts but still get rid of most of the law. Walker mostly focuses his stump speech on highlighting the low unemployment rate, which he calls "the Wisconsin comeback." He warns that Democrats would raise taxes if they regain power and restore the union power he rolled back in a way that would make the state less economically competitive. "They want you to be distracted by that [preexisting conditions] debate," Walker said during his event in Milwaukee. "They want to talk about that because they want you to ignore the failure of Obamacare. Particularly if you're a small business owner or a family farmer or anyone buying your health insurance on the individual market, Obamacare has failed you."



Scott Walker campaigns with former HHS secretary and Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson at a manufacturer on the outskirts of Milwaukee. (James Hohmann/The Washington Post)

-- Walker spent Monday crisscrossing Wisconsin with another former HHS secretary, Tommy Thompson, who is better remembered locally for his 14 years as governor. In a brief interview, Thompson said it was always inevitable that public attitudes about the law would “moderate” over time. “It always does,” said Thompson, 76. “There were some good things in Obamacare. There were some bad things. The problem was it was just a partisan bill. I’m not blaming either party. ... If you look back in history, when you have big moments in society, it’s always best done in a bipartisan way: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, workers comp.”

Thompson predicted that political pressure might mount next year for a bipartisan bill to improve the existing law. “Hopefully now, after this election, both political parties can come together and come up with a better health care bill.”

-- **The airwaves here are full of commercials hammering Walker on this specific issue.** The latest went up Monday from A Stronger Wisconsin, an outside group funded by the Democratic Governors Association:



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Her, Him, You

-- **Walker's impulse has been to not let these hits go unanswered.** He responded yesterday by recording a straight-to-camera video on his campaign bus and posting it to Twitter, in which he promises to “always” cover preexisting conditions. His running mate, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch, talks about her own battle with cancer in [another response ad](#). A Republican state representative, Mary Felzkowski, says in [a separate ad](#) that she's been diagnosed with breast cancer twice and accuses Democrats of playing politics with health care.



-- **Some of the Democratic rhetoric has grown quite hyperbolic.** “The governor wants to get rid of your health care. That’s what this all comes down to,” said Mandela Barnes, the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, as he introduced Sebelius. “We know we’ve been right on this issue for a very long time. Gov. Walker hasn’t seen the light. He’s seen poll numbers.”

-- **[A Marquette University Law School poll](#) released last week underscored why Democrats have zeroed in on preexisting conditions.** The survey found the governor’s race neck-and-neck, with Walker at 47 percent and Evers at 46 percent. Fifty percent said they would like to see the Affordable Care Act remain in place, while 44 percent would like it repealed. But 78 percent said the ACA’s requirement

that preexisting conditions should be covered by insurance companies is “very important” to them. Another 15 percent said it’s “somewhat” important. Only 5 percent said it’s not important. Even two-thirds of the people who still want to repeal Obamacare say forcing insurance companies to cover preexisting conditions is “very important” to them.

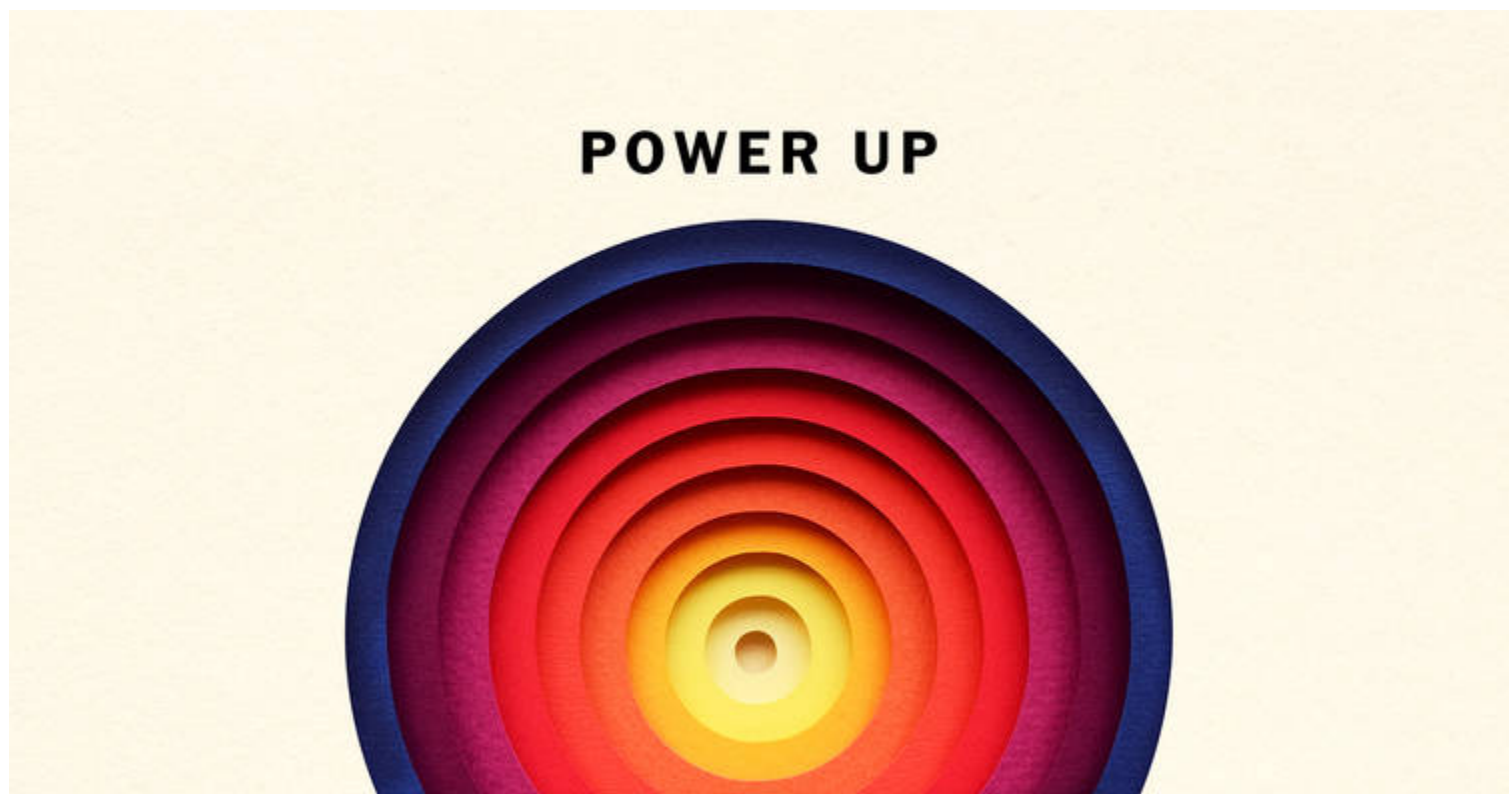
But there’s also widespread agreement that the status quo is not good. Only 4 percent of respondents said the ACA should be kept as it is, while 55 percent favor making improvements to the law. Another 25 percent endorse the idea of “repeal and replace,” but only 10 percent want to repeal Obamacare without a replacement. On a separate question, half of those polled said they would favor a “Medicare-for-all,” single-payer government plan, while 41 percent oppose such an approach.

-- **[An NBC-Marist survey](#), also published last week, put Evers ahead of Walker by 10 points among likely voters, 53 percent to 43 percent. In that poll, 27 percent of voters picked health care as the issue that will determine their vote – edging out the 26 percent who named jobs and the economy.**

Walker promised that, if the lawsuit he greenlighted succeeds, he will immediately call a special session and prod the state legislature to come up with a solution. “For us, still we believe we’re better off making those decisions at the state level,” he explained in the interview. “That’s what the lawsuit allows us to do if we’re successful. Every credible observer knows any action by the courts or the Congress isn’t going to happen until next year. So we’d have plenty of time not only on preexisting conditions but anything else to set up the kind of plan we want to have in Wisconsin. This is just a huge excuse for them to make a false claim. ... I could be the inventor of covering preexisting conditions, and they would still claim I wasn’t.”



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Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, enters church for Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. (Kevin Wolf/AP)

GET SMART FAST:

1. **The Catholic Archdiocese of Washington released a list with the names of 31 priests who have been “credibly accused” of abuse since 1948, saying the move is necessary for “full transparency” amid the church’s larger reckoning with abuse and coverups in the Catholic community. ([Michelle Boorstein and Julie Zauzmer](#))**
2. **The New York Police Department plans to charge nine members of the right-wing group Proud Boys and three anti-fascist protesters in connection to the brawl that occurred near the Metropolitan Republican**

- Club.** The department announced the group would be charged with various counts of rioting, assault and attempted assault. ([Daily Beast](#))
3. **HHS Secretary Alex Azar has proposed that pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. be required to list the price of their drugs in television ads** — the latest in a string of efforts by the Trump administration to curb rampant drug spending. ([Amy Goldstein and Carolyn Y. Johnson](#))
 4. **Militants in Syria indicated tepid support for a demilitarized zone surrounding the country’s final opposition stronghold in the Idlib province** — even as they appeared to defy a deal brokered last month between Russia and Turkey, which ordered them to withdraw by Monday from the 13-mile buffer zone. ([Louisa Loveluck and Ghalia Al Alwani](#))
 5. **Police in Florida released surveillance video that shows a Lakeland city commissioner fatally shooting an alleged shoplifter at the Vets Army Navy Surplus store.** Investigators are reviewing the footage to determine whether the commissioner, Michael Dunn, should face charges in the man’s death. Two attorneys who reviewed the tape said it appears to contradict the defense that Dunn “feared for his life” when he opened fire. ([Tampa Bay Times](#))
 6. **An internal investigation from Harvard Medical School found fraudulent data in at least 31 scientific publications from a high-profile heart researcher, Piero Anversa, and his colleagues.** The team — which received millions of dollars in federal grants — was credited with discovering a population of cells in the heart that suggested it has the ability to regenerate. ([Carolyn Y. Johnson](#))
 7. **An alarming new report finds insect populations in decline across the globe.** The study draws on years of previous research — including a 2014 study that found a 45 percent decrease among invertebrates since 1979. Last year, researchers measured a 76 percent decrease in flying insects in German nature preserves over the past few decades. ([Ben Guarino](#))

8. **One of China's most popular online stars was jailed for five days after she posted a video singing the national anthem badly.** Officials confirmed the detention of 21-year-old Yang Kaili this weekend, saying her portrayal of the country's song was "disrespectful." ([Gerry Shih](#))
9. **The U.S. Embassy in Australia apologized after it mistakenly sent a mass email of a cat wearing Cookie Monster pajamas and eating a plate of cookies.** The email was titled "meeting" and was sent to an undisclosed — but presumably large — number of recipients outside the embassy. ([BBC](#))
10. **Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen died at 65.** The cause was complications of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. ([Harrison Smith](#))



'They deny it': How Trump cites denials

WHERE'S JAMAL?

-- **“Turkish investigators were permitted to search Saudi Arabia’s consulate on Monday, 13 days after journalist Jamal Khashoggi vanished while visiting the mission, as President Trump dispatched Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to discuss the case with King Salman, the Saudi ruler,”** [Kareem Fahim, John Wagner and Souad Mekhennet report](#). “But hours before the Turkish forensic team arrived, journalists photographed a cleaning crew entering the consulate, hauling buckets, mops and what appeared to be bottles of cleaning solution. When the Turkish investigators entered the consulate, some wearing white protective gear, they ‘smelled chemicals had been used,’ according to two officials in contact with the investigators.

“U.S. officials began predicting over the weekend that the Saudis would inevitably admit complicity in the death of Khashoggi and claim a ‘botched operation,’ said one person familiar with the discussions. Over the past few days, Saudi officials have discussed issuing a statement that, in part, would mention a botched operation and call for the punishment of culpable officials, according to another person with knowledge of the discussions.

“Speaking to reporters, Trump said Monday that he had talked for about 20 minutes with the king and that Salman had firmly denied the kingdom’s involvement in Khashoggi’s disappearance. ‘I don’t want to get into his mind, but it sounded to me like maybe these could have been rogue killers,’ Trump added. ‘Who knows? We’re going to try getting to the bottom of it very soon, but his was a flat denial.’ It was not clear whether Trump’s mention of ‘rogue killers’ was his own speculation, a theory he had heard from the king or an intended confirmation that Khashoggi was killed in the consulate, as Turkish investigators have concluded. . . . Khashoggi’s family issued a statement Monday urging an ‘independent and impartial international commission’ to look into his disappearance.” **Pompeo** [has arrived](#) **in Riyadh for the talks about Khashoggi’s disappearance.**

-- Two more Washington lobbying firms dropped the Saudis as a client. [Tom Hamburger reports](#): “The Glover Park Group notified the Saudi Embassy in Washington that it was canceling its two-year-old contract to represent the kingdom . . . The consulting firm, which was established in 2001 by Democratic political veterans, had been receiving a fee of \$150,000 a month . . . Separately, the GOP-founded lobbying powerhouse BGR Group, which had an \$80,000-a-month contract with the Saudi government, announced it was also dropping the kingdom as a client. . . . Late last week, the Harbour Group announced it was terminating its relationship with the kingdom. The defections underscore the depth of the crisis facing Saudi Arabia, which plowed \$27 million into lobbying in Washington last year, making it one of the highest-spending countries On Monday, the Saudi Embassy canceled a long-planned reception that was to be held Thursday evening honoring the country’s annual National Day, which commemorates the renaming of the kingdom in 1932. Guests who had been invited to the embassy celebration received a short email Monday morning informing them that the event was off.”

-- The heads of the asset management giants BlackRock and Blackstone Group have joined other business leaders in abandoning a Saudi investment conference. [From Jeanne Whalen](#): “The defections could jeopardize the large fees global banks and investment firms have been earning from the kingdom — and the promise of even bigger business if Saudi Arabia makes good on plans to privatize its oil industry and boost foreign investment in a variety of sectors.”



Stormy Daniels talks with a journalist during an interview in Berlin. (Ralf Hirschberger/AFP/Getty Images)

THE DOMESTIC AGENDA:

-- A federal judge in L.A. dismissed Stormy Daniels's defamation lawsuit against Trump, delivering a blow to the adult-film star and particularly her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, in their ongoing legal crusade against the president.

[Elise Viebeck reports](#): “[U.S. Judge S. James Otero] had indicated during a late September hearing that he was skeptical of Daniels’s claim on First Amendment grounds. The ruling ordered Daniels, whose given name is Stephanie Clifford, to pay Trump’s legal fees. . . . Avenatti called the ruling ‘limited’ on Twitter and said it did not affect Daniels’s primary case against Trump and [Michael Cohen], which seeks to invalidate her 2016 nondisclosure agreement.”

-- **Trump promised to ask Congress for additional emergency disaster aid, as he and the first lady traveled to Florida and Georgia to view some of the devastation caused by Hurricane Michael.** [Felicia Sonmez, Seung Min Kim and Patricia Sullivan report](#): “[FEMA Administrator William ‘Brock’ Long, who traveled alongside Trump], did not give a specific dollar amount for the needed aid, saying it was premature. Trump made the remarks at an American Red Cross facility in Macon, Ga., after visiting hurricane-ravaged areas on the Florida Panhandle earlier in the day. . . . Congress approved \$1.68 billion in emergency aid after Hurricane Florence — funds that were included in a broad reauthorization bill for [FEMA] earlier this month.”

-- **The federal deficit is swelling despite Republican promises that corporate tax cuts would generate new revenue, which is not materializing.** [The New York Times’s Jim Tankersley reports](#): “The deficit rose nearly 17 percent year over year, from \$666 billion in 2017. It is now on pace to top \$1 trillion a year before the next presidential election, according to forecasts from the Trump administration and outside analysts. The deficit for the 2018 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, was the largest since 2012, when the economy and federal revenues were still recovering from the depths of the recession. Administration officials attributed the deficit’s rise to greater federal spending . . . But the numbers released by [the Treasury Department] suggest falling revenues were a far larger contributor to the rising deficit than higher spending.”

-- **Former Senate Intelligence Committee staffer James Wolfe pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his contacts with reporters, including Ali Watkins, the New York Times reporter with whom he had a romantic relationship.** [BuzzFeed News’s Zoe Tillman reports](#): “The guilty plea represents an about-face for Wolfe, 57, who earlier in the proceedings had vowed, through his lawyers, to ‘vigorously’ fight charges that he lied to the FBI about his contacts with reporters. . . . By pleading

guilty, he saw [three charges] knocked down to just one count. ... According to the indictment, in October 2017 Wolfe gave a reporter — identified only as ‘Reporter #3’ — information about an unidentified man [who was subpoenaed] to appear before the Senate Intelligence Committee. The reporter published stories about the subpoena and the man's upcoming testimony in a closed committee hearing.” Wolfe’s sentencing hearing is scheduled for Dec. 20.

-- A proposal from Energy Secretary Rick Perry to help protect ailing coal plants was rejected. [Politico’s Eric Wolff and Darius Dixon report](#): “Perry has spent more than a year pushing various plans that would invoke national security to force power companies to keep their economically struggling coal plants running — a goal in line with Trump’s frequent pledges to revive what he calls ‘beautiful, clean coal.’ But the White House has shelved the plan amid opposition from the president’s own advisers on the National Security Council and National Economic Council, according to four people with knowledge of the discussions.”



Defense Secretary Jim Mattis speaks to reporters at the Pentagon. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:

-- After he was tapped as Trump’s defense secretary, Jim Mattis began attempting to reshape the U.S. military — hoping to create a force that would waste less money, deepen global alliances and evolve its strategies to counter foreign adversaries. But Trump “soon began throwing curveballs his way,” [Paul Sonne, Dan Lamothe and Josh Dawsey report](#): “The result is less time for [Mattis] to focus on the agenda he set for himself. . . . Mattis has convinced allies that they can still count on the U.S. military to defend them, despite Trump’s whipsaw comments, while persuading them to contribute more to their own defense. But **Mattis so far has enacted few large-scale changes certain to outlast his tenure.** He hasn’t

initiated the cancellation or introduction of any marquee weapons programs or systems. His plan to build a more lethal force remains in the early stages. With a few exceptions, his effort to drive efficiency across the Pentagon has stalled . . . Most critically, the difficult, in-the-trenches work of rewiring a giant bureaucracy to focus on countering Moscow and Beijing is largely still on paper. Key policy documents on that front . . . haven't been released. Some analysts argue that to devote sufficient resources to that goal, Mattis would ultimately need to draw down in Afghanistan; so far he has done the opposite, with no end to the expenditures in sight. The war is among Trump's greatest frustrations with Mattis, officials say."

-- Contradicting Trump's claim that he was "sort of a Democrat," Mattis said he has never registered with either political party. [From Sonne](#): "[Mattis said he] joined the military when he was 18 years old and adhered to its apolitical underpinnings as Republicans and Democrats alike came and went as commander in chief. 'Where am I today? I'm a member of the president's administration. And you have seen President Trump's military policies, security policies, reaping significant bipartisan support,' the 68-year-old retired Marine Corps general said . . . Mattis said he had not spoken to Trump about the comments on '60 Minutes' and didn't watch the interview. 'We continue in the Department of Defense to do our job,' he said. 'It's no problem.'"

-- "Trump Says Sears Was Mismanaged. Mnuchin Was on Its Board for Years," [by Bloomberg News's Alex Wayne and Saleha Mohsin](#): "Trump said that [Sears] had been mismanaged for years before it declared bankruptcy. Among those responsible for its management: his Treasury secretary. Steven Mnuchin was a member of Sears's board from 2005 until December 2016, and before that was a director for [K-Mart], which was acquired by Sears in 2005. 'Sears has been dying for many years,' Trump told reporters as he departed the White House on Monday to

inspect hurricane damage in Florida. ‘It’s been obviously improperly run for many years and it’s a shame.’”

-- Fresh questions are being raised about Simona Mangiante, who is married to former Trump campaign aide George Papadopoulos, after she released a photo of her Italian passport. [ABC News’s Matthew Mosk and Kaitlyn Folmer report](#):

“Mangiante acknowledged on Monday that she altered the date of birth on the photograph to disguise her age. She now says she is 37, not 34, years old. ‘I did happen to lie about my age,’ Mangiante said in a statement ... ‘I don’t owe anyone an explanation about it.’ ... [Mangiante] has faced persistent questions about her own background from social-media sleuths, media personalities and even her in-laws. ... [Mueller’s prosecutors] pulled her aside to ask her whether she spoke Russian or had ever traveled to Moscow. In the months that followed, especially when she became more vocal in public, she was asked repeatedly if she was concealing any ties to foreign intelligence outfits.”



Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg testifies during a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing last month concerning foreign influence operations on social media platforms. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

MORE ON THE MIDTERMS:

-- Facebook says it's cracking down on disinformation on its platform in the run-up to the midterms, including banning false information about voting requirements. Reports of violence or long lines at polling stations are being referred to fact-checkers. [Reuters's Joseph Menn reports](#): “The ban on false information about voting methods ... comes six weeks after Senator Ron Wyden asked [COO] Sheryl Sandberg how Facebook would counter posts aimed at suppressing votes, such as by telling certain users they could vote by text, a hoax that has been used to reduce turnout in the past. Links to discouraging reports about polling places that may be inflated or misleading will be referred to fact-checkers

under the new policy, Facebook said. If then marked as false, the reports will not be removed but will be seen by fewer of the poster's friends."

-- The Department of Homeland Security is investigating a rising number of hacking attempts on U.S. election systems before the midterms. [NBC News's Pete Williams and Ken Dilanian report](#): "'We are aware of a growing volume of cyber activity targeting election infrastructure in 2018,' the department's Cyber Mission Center said in an intelligence assessment issued last week ... 'Numerous actors are regularly targeting election infrastructure, likely for different purposes, including to cause disruptive effects, steal sensitive data, and undermine confidence in the election.' The assessment said the federal government does not know who is behind the attacks, but it said all potential intrusions were either prevented or mitigated."

-- Beginning this week, Paul Ryan is slated to hit the campaign trail on behalf of 25 vulnerable House GOP candidates. [USA Today's Eliza Collins reports](#): "Ryan's travel plan ... has the speaker visiting a dozen states over the next three weeks. Ryan's campaign tour will zigzag from New York to Kansas to North Carolina, with stops in between. He'll end the campaign cycle back home in Wisconsin with a bus tour touting GOP candidates up and down the ballot. His tour across the eastern part of the country — he visited other regions earlier in the cycle — will take him to stump for some unlikely candidates, including multiple members of the House Freedom Caucus. The ultra-conservative group has been a thorn in Ryan's side during his speakership ... Ryan's team says that these candidates were chosen because they are in competitive races and the speaker has not yet visited the district. By the end of the cycle, Ryan will have campaigned for more than 55 candidates."

-- Nancy Pelosi has also been aggressively hitting the campaign trail, even as many Democratic congressional candidates distance themselves from her leadership. [Politico's Anna Palmer reports](#): "Electing more women is central to

Pelosi's mission. Of the 84 'Red to Blue' candidates whom Democrats see as top pickups in races to win the House majority, female Democratic candidates are running in 43 of them. ... Over the weekend, Pelosi headed right into the heart of where Democratic women are poised to make gains — Pennsylvania. The state's congressional delegation — 18 House members and two senators — is currently all male, but the Keystone State is now expected to elect women to its delegation for the first time since 2015.”

-- GOP Rep. Martha McSally accused her Democratic opponent, Kyrsten Sinema, of supporting “treason” during an Arizona Senate debate. [The AP's Nicholas Riccardi reports](#): “[McSally] attacked Sinema for protesting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and referenced a 2003 radio interview in which the host engaged in a lengthy, rambling hypothetical that ends with him asking Sinema if she'd be OK with him joining the Taliban. ‘I don't care if you want to do that, go ahead,’ Sinema replied in that interview ... McSally described that exchange Monday as Sinema saying ‘it was OK for Americans to join the Taliban to fight against us.’ Then, turning toward Sinema and pointing at the Democrat, she asked if she going to apologize to veterans like herself for saying ‘it was OK to commit treason.’ **Sinema said: ‘Martha has chosen to run a campaign like the one you’re seeing right now where she’s engaging in ridiculous attacks.’”**

-- Trump will appear at a Houston rally next week for Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). [The Dallas Morning News's Todd J. Gillman reports](#): “The president announced last month that he would hold a ‘major rally’ for Cruz at ‘the biggest stadium in Texas we can find.’ That turned out to be the 8,000-seat NRG Arena, which isn't close to the biggest event site even in Houston. Nearby NRG Stadium, home to the NFL Houston Texans, and tops out at around 80,000 people. The Toyota Center, home to the Houston Rockets basketball franchise, seats 18,000.”

-- Mentions of Bob Mueller’s probe have been noticeably rare in campaign ads. [Politico’s Darren Samuelsohn reports](#): “Debates have all but ignored the story, focusing instead on kitchen-table topics like the economy, health care and taxes. . . . Most Americans are barely following the Mueller investigation’s intricate legal movements . . . Most important, voters don’t want to talk about it either.”

-- Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams encouraged her supporters in Georgia to direct others to the polls to make up for the 53,000 voter registrations held up by the office of Secretary of State Brian Kemp, her Republican opponent. [Vanessa Williams reports](#): “Abrams rallied a lively crowd of supporters at St. James Baptist Church, making a dream come true for a city council member who had repeatedly asked her to make a campaign stop in this small town often skipped over by candidates running for higher office in [Georgia](#). John Howard, whose effort to get Abrams to visit Forsyth was [chronicled recently](#) in The Washington Post, said before introducing her, ‘If I don’t do anything else, this is the one thing I won’t forget.’”

-- Minnesota Republican Senate nominee Karin Housley once compared Michelle Obama to a “chimp” in a Facebook post. [From Felicia Sonmez](#): “In the 2009 post, Housley opined on the then-first lady’s posture and compared her to a chimpanzee from the 1951 film, ‘Bedtime for Bonzo,’ which starred Ronald Reagan. ‘Speaking of Bedtime for Bonzo, I think even that chimp stood up straighter than Michelle. Uh-oh, someone is going to make a comment,’ Housley wrote, according to a screenshot of the post reported by HuffPost. . . . Housley is running against Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) for the seat that was previously held by Al Franken (D).”



Trump says Warren owes country an 'apology'

WARREN WATCH:

-- “As she sought Monday to quell persistent questions about her distant Native American ancestry, Sen. Elizabeth Warren also raised an important new one: Just how much is [Trump] driving the Democratic presidential contest?” [Matt Viser asks and answers](#): “The Warren issue, a response to Trump’s relentless attacks on the Massachusetts Democrat, illustrated the tricky task facing Democrats as the 2018 midterms near and soon are followed by the 2020 presidential contest: how to respond to the roiling debates within their own party and also to the bomb-thrower in the Oval Office. Even as many Democrats would like to focus on 2018 candidates, Warren was pushed by Trump to release a DNA test about her heritage. Michael Avenatti . . . showcases a near-daily engagement with Trump, one that appeared to backfire when he aired unsubstantiated accusations against [Brett Kavanaugh]. Former vice president Joe Biden, another potential presidential aspirant, has been

counterprogramming in the same places as Trump, holding rallies in Kentucky last week and Nevada this week to respond to the president. All of that has given the appearance that **Trump, and not his would-be challengers, is setting the tone of the current debate**, defining what topics his political rivals react to and distracting from more-pressing Democratic needs.”

-- **Trump backed away from a promise to donate \$1 million to a charity of Warren’s choice if she took a DNA test that showed she had Native American ancestry.** [From Amy B Wang and Deanna Paul](#): “The release of the test results Monday morning called Trump’s months-long bluff, which arose at a July 5 rally in Montana when the president questioned the senator’s heritage claims. ... ‘I’m going to get one of those little [DNA testing] kits ... [and] say, ‘I will give you a million dollars to your favorite charity, paid for by Trump, if you take the test and it shows you’re an Indian.’” Warren asked Monday for the check to be sent to the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. When a reporter asked Trump about his promise, he replied: “I didn’t say that. Nah, you’d better read it again.” **He said later, “I’ll only do it if I can test her personally, and that will not be something I will enjoy doing either.”**

-- **White House adviser Kellyanne Conway dismissed the DNA test as “junk science.”** [From Lindsey Bever](#): “‘I haven’t looked at the test,’ Conway told reporters Monday morning. ‘I know that everybody likes to pick their junk science or sound science depending on the conclusion, it seems some days.’ But is it junk science? Jennifer Raff, an assistant professor in the anthropology department at the University of Kansas, said the geneticist who analyzed Warren’s DNA is a prominent scholar in the field, and the method he used and the way he used it was appropriate.”

-- **The leader of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma issued a statement criticizing Warren’s decision to take the DNA test.** “Using a DNA test to lay claim to any connection to the Cherokee Nation or any tribal nation, even vaguely, is

inappropriate and wrong,” Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. said in a statement. “It makes a mockery out of DNA tests and its legitimate uses while also dishonoring legitimate tribal governments and their citizens, whose ancestors are well documented and whose heritage is proven. Senator Warren is undermining tribal interests with her continued claims of tribal heritage.” ([Matt Viser](#))



Trump: Democrats are 'consumed by their chilling lust for power'

FOLLOW THE MONEY:

-- **Trump has now raised more than \$100 million for his own 2020 reelection bid, according to new FEC filings.** [Michelle Ye Hee Lee and Anu Narayanswamy report:](#) “Trump pulled in \$18.1 million last quarter through his campaign committee and two joint fundraising committees with the [RNC], for a total of at least \$106 million since January 2017 ... Together, all three committees ended September with \$46.7 million in cash on hand . . . **No other president dating back to at least**

Ronald Reagan had raised any money at this point for his own campaign committee . . . Unlike his predecessors, Trump began fundraising for his reelection shortly after his 2016 win. Trump continues to be buoyed by an avid small-donor base. FEC filings show 56 percent of the total raised by his committees from July through September came from donations of \$200 or less. Despite his haul, Trump was not the biggest fundraiser last quarter. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic challenger to GOP incumbent Sen. Ted Cruz in Texas, reportedly raised more than twice as much, pulling in \$38.1 million."

-- **"The largest recipient of Trump campaign funds was a company called American Made Media Consultants, which was created by the campaign to purchase digital, radio and television advertising, including online fund-raising solicitations,"** [the New York Times's Kenneth P. Vogel reports](#). "The company, which is controlled by Trump campaign officials, was set up this year in consultation with its law firm, Jones Day. It is not intended to turn a profit, but rather to save the campaign money by acting as a clearinghouse for spending that would otherwise be done by outside vendors who typically take commissions on such purchases. The model, which is patterned off one pioneered by Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign, could also allow the campaign to avoid disclosing to the election commission precise details about its spending, instead just listing line-item expenditures. Monday's report showed 19 payments to American Made Media Consultants totaling \$1.6 million."

-- **Democratic candidates have seen an infusion of donations in the final run-up to Nov. 6.** [Michelle Ye Hee Lee and Anu Narayanswamy report](#): "Democratic Senate candidates in the nine most competitive races, including incumbents running for reelection in deep-red states that voted overwhelmingly for Donald Trump in 2016, raised a total of \$212 million compared to \$164 million raised by Republicans so far in the election, according to FEC records filed Monday night. . . . House

Democratic candidates also received a surge of cash in the third quarter. In many of the most competitive House races across the country, the Democratic challenger outraised the Republican incumbent in the three-month period — some raising more than twice the amount the GOP incumbent raked in.”

-- **“Wealthy donors who have given at least \$1 million this election cycle contributed 60 percent of the \$812 million that has flowed into super PACs,”** [Anu Narayanswamy, Chris Alcantara and Michelle Ye Hee Lee report.](#)

-- **A member of Mar-a-Lago donated \$150,000 to a legal-defense fund set up for Trump aides entangled in the Mueller investigation.** [From Politico’s Darren Samuelsohn:](#) “Anthony Lomangino, a recycling mogul and major GOP campaign contributor, gave two donations, in July and September, to the Patriot Legal Expense Trust Fund, according to the trust's latest filing.”





Rohingya refugees gather near a fence at the “no man's land” zone at the Bangladesh-Myanmar border. (Nyein Chan Naing/EPA-EFE)

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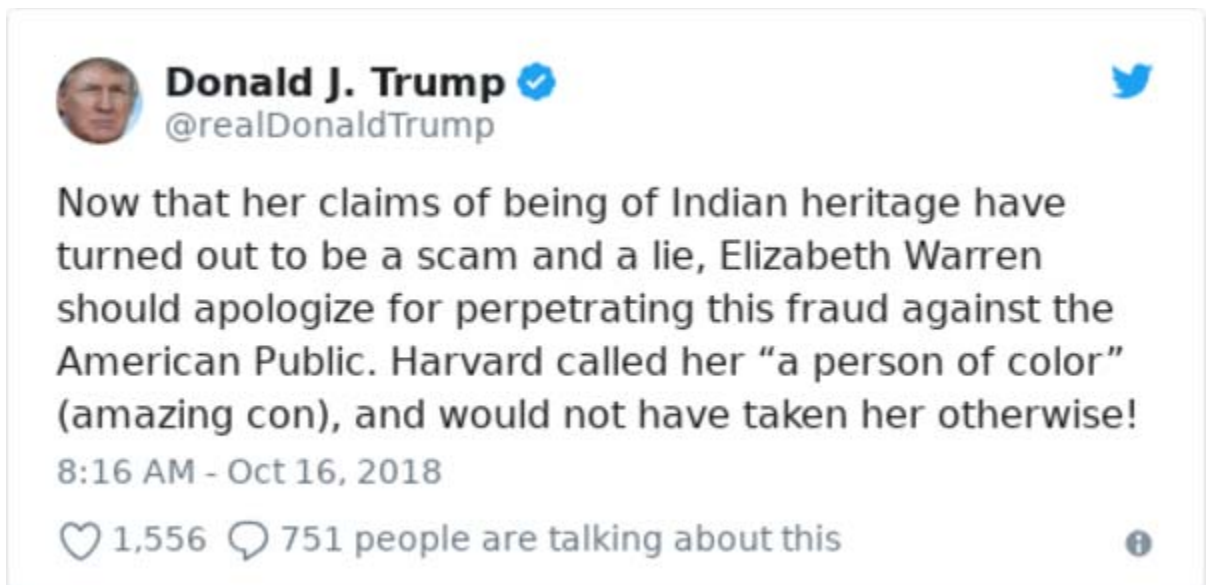
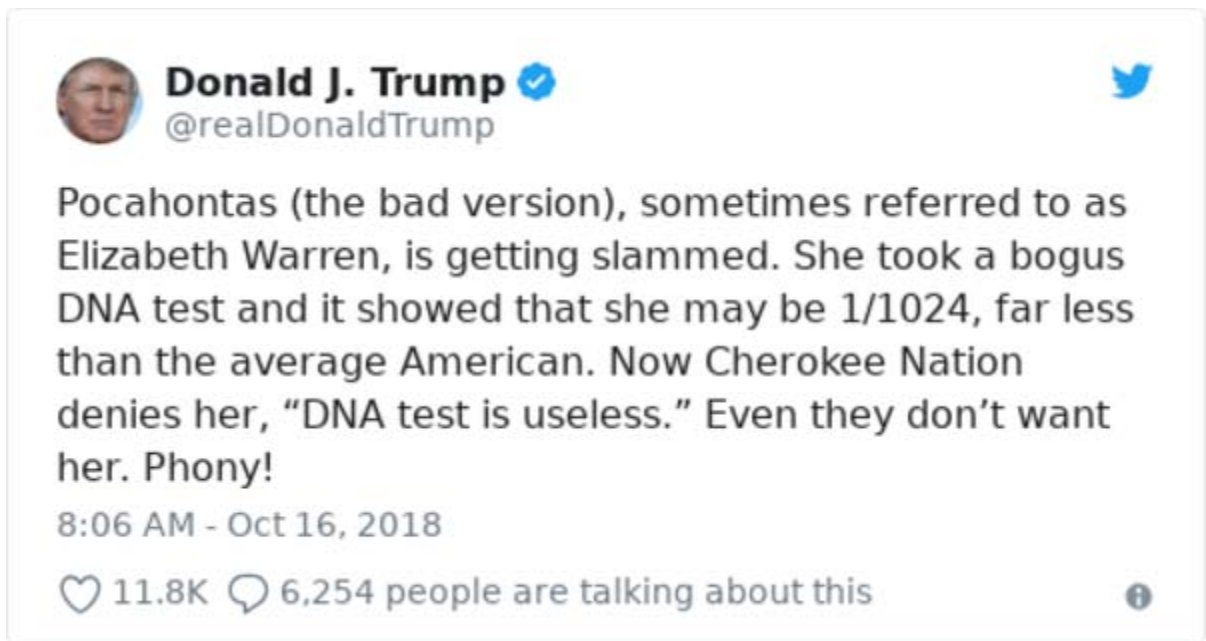
-- Myanmar's military is said to be behind a five-year Facebook campaign spreading anti-Rohingya propaganda in the country — laying the groundwork for a systemic ethnic cleansing campaign, which would ultimately force some 800,000 people into neighboring Bangladesh. [The New York Times's Paul Mozur reports](#): “While Facebook took down the official accounts of senior Myanmar military leaders in August, the breadth and details of the propaganda campaign — which was hidden behind fake names and sham accounts — went undetected. The campaign ... included hundreds of military personnel who created troll accounts and

news and celebrity pages on Facebook and then flooded them with incendiary comments and posts timed for peak viewership. Working in shifts out of bases clustered in foothills near the capital of Naypyidaw, officers were also tasked with collecting intelligence on popular accounts and criticizing posts unfavorable to the military ... So secretive were the operations that all but top leaders had to check their phones at the door. They began by setting up what appeared to be news pages and pages on Facebook that were devoted to Burmese pop stars, models and other celebrities ... [and] then tended the pages to attract large numbers of followers ... Those then became distribution channels for lurid photos, false news and inflammatory posts ... Often, they posted sham photos of corpses that they said were evidence of Rohingya-perpetrated massacres.”

-- North and South Korea agreed to push ahead with plans to establish road and rail links between the two countries, despite current U.N. Security Council sanctions enacted over Pyongyang’s nuclear program. [Simon Denyer and Min Joo Kim report](#): “[It] is unclear how far or how fast the project can proceed without violating those sanctions, which Seoul has vowed to respect. It also comes amid some concerns in Washington about the enthusiasm with which [President Moon Jae-in] has embraced [Kim Jong Un], despite the fact that North Korea has so far taken no concrete steps to disarm. The United States has repeatedly insisted that sanctions will be lifted only after North Korea completely and verifiably dismantles its nuclear weapons program. ... Moon’s government takes a different view, preferring a phased process in which both Pyongyang and Washington take gradual steps together.”

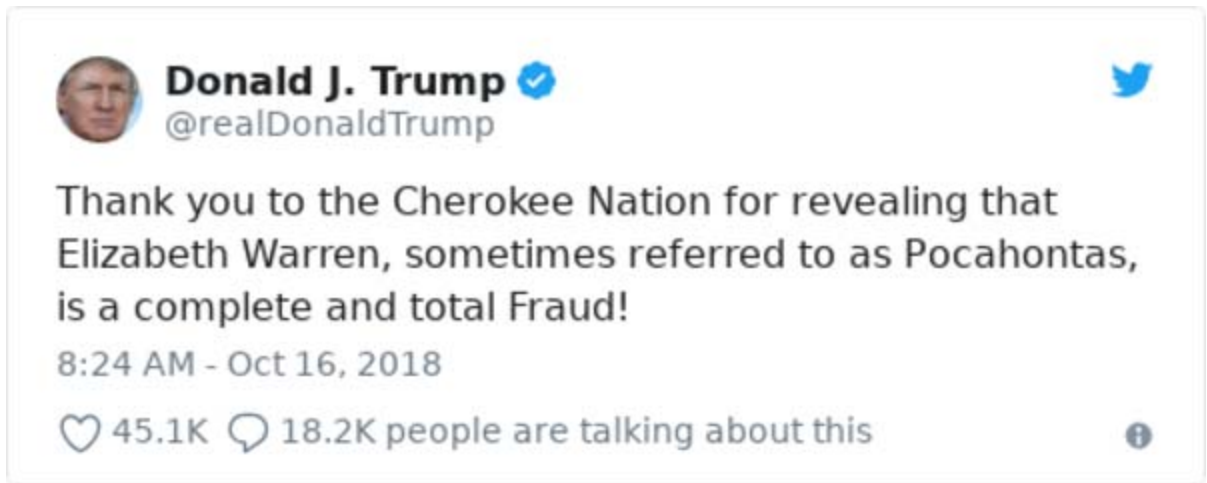
SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump used Twitter to disparage Elizabeth Warren over her DNA test:



Fact-check: The Boston Globe found Warren's claims of Native American ancestry [played no role](#) in her hiring at Harvard.

Trump pointed to the statement from a Cherokee Nation official as vindication:

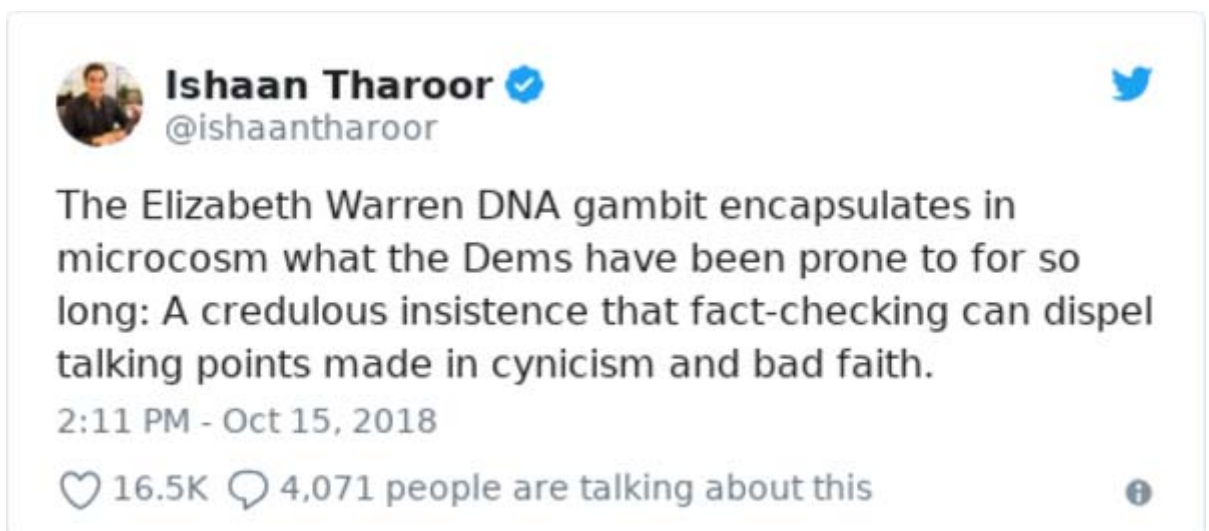


But some Native American groups [have criticized](#) Trump's use of the term "Pocahontas" in other statements.

Many were quick to also fact-check Trump's initial response to Warren's DNA test:



From a Post reporter:



From a New York Times reporter:



Jonathan Martin ✓
@jmartNYT



Warren didn't just do a DNA test - she went home to Okla to put her conservative-leaning family on camera and have em push back at the Pocahontas attack

It's not "I'm running," it's "I'm running and won't be Swift Boated"twitter.com/elizabethforma...

Elizabeth Warren ✓ @elizabethforma
US Senate candidate, MA

My family (including Fox News-watchers) sat together and talked about what they think of @realDonaldTrump's attacks on our heritage. And yes, a famous geneticist analyzed my DNA and concluded that it contains Native American ancestry.

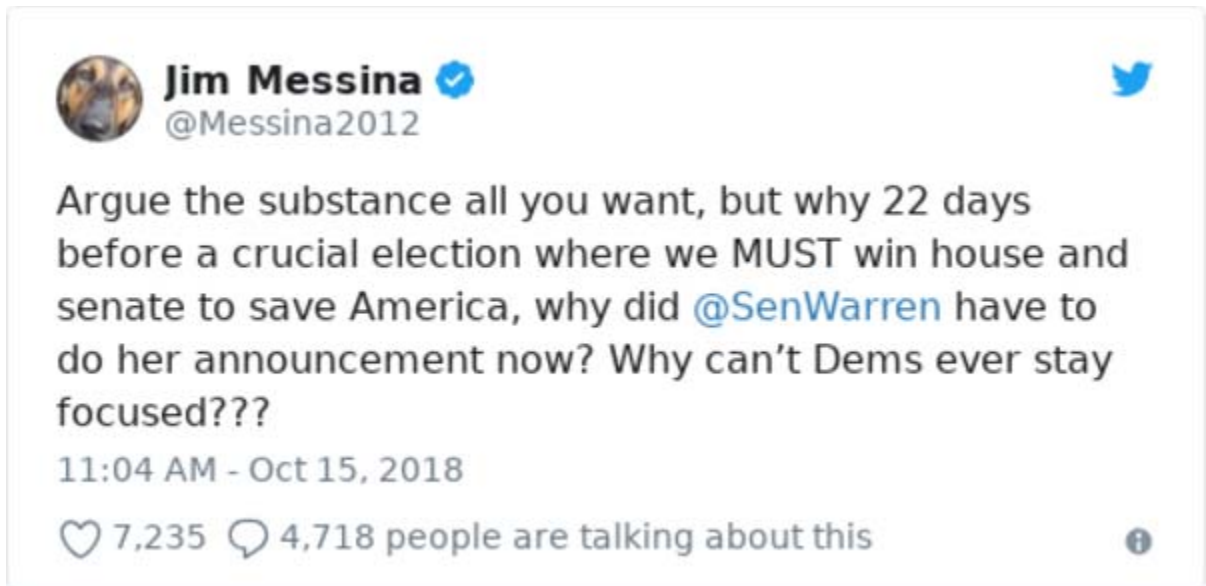


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From Obama's 2012 campaign manager:



Republican Sen. Susan Collins received a threatening letter at her Maine home:

“We are very grateful for the immediate and professional assistance that we received from the Bangor Police Department, the Maine Crime Lab, the Maine State Police Department, the Capitol Police, the FBI, the Orono Hazmat Unit, the Bangor Fire Department, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. We are also truly appreciative of the many well wishes that we received today. Our friends and neighbors have been incredibly kind and have even offered to open their homes to us. We feel blessed to live in such a supportive community.”



Sen. Susan Collins 
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Statement from Senator Collins and her husband, Tom Daffron, on threatening letter received at their Bangor residence:

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The Council on Foreign Relations president criticized Trump's foreign policy:



A CNN international editor shared a photo of cleaners arriving at the Saudi Consulate:



Nic Robertson ✓
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#Istanbul Cleaners arrive at #Saudi consulate just as we learn #Turkish investigators 13 days after #Khashoggi disappearance to be given access in coming hours

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Trump's suggestion of “rogue killers” inside the consulate prompted backlash from congressional Democrats, including Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.):



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Been hearing the ridiculous “rogue killers” theory was where the Saudis would go with this. Absolutely extraordinary they were able to enlist the President of the United States as their PR agent to float it.

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Trump on the possible murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi: "It sounded to me like maybe these could have been rogue killers. Who knows" cnn.it/2CL3VwG



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From a Post reporter who covers intelligence:



A GOP communications strategist mocked the Saudis' alleged explanation for Khashoggi's disappearance:



Columnist Connie Schultz, who is married to Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), swung back against his opponent:



Connie Schultz ✓

@ConnieSchultz



At last night's debate, [@SenSherrodBrown](#)'s opponent said he's never in Ohio. Huh. Could somebody tell me why this handsome, sandy-voiced man keeps hugging me at Cleveland's airport? Week after week, there he is. So confused — for not even a red-hot second.

[#TeamSherrod](#)

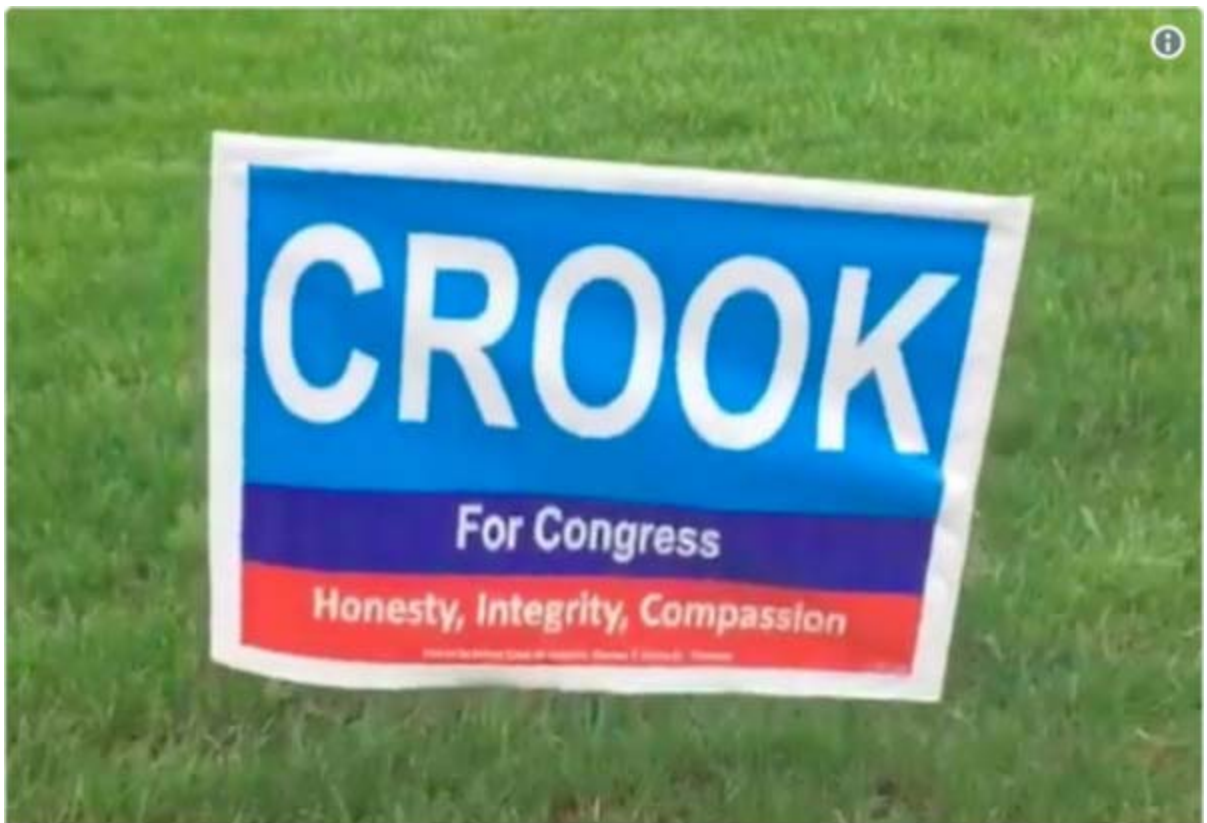
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A former House speaker represented the Cincinnati Bengals in China:



And a congressional candidate named Robert Crook has noteworthy campaign signs:



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I was in Morristown, NJ, over the weekend and I'm happy to report that these signs were all over the place

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‘CNN sucks’: Trump supporters yell at Jim Acosta

GOOD READS:

-- **“I wouldn’t go to your work and flip you off”: CNN’s Jim Acosta engages Trump Nation,”** by Paul Farhi: “Not long after Jim Acosta enters the arena, people start calling his name. ‘Jim!’ shouts Stephanie Boyd, who is standing just beyond the barricades that pen in dozens of reporters. ‘Jiiiiiiim!’ Acosta looks over in Boyd’s direction. He isn’t sure whether she wants a selfie or wants to dress him down. Sometimes, it’s both. ... Ever since he started on the Trump beat, Acosta has known that [campaign rallies] can be fraught. Acosta is both a recognizable face and a walking incitement to members of Trump Nation. He’s something like the star of the opposing team at a home game — a villain, a target.”

-- **“Political contests erupt as cities and hotel industry struggle to curb Airbnb,”** by Robert McCartney: “The explosive growth of short-term rentals nationwide has

pushed local governments to rein in the practice, with help from the hotel industry, which wants to stifle a formidable competitor. From San Francisco to New York, cities have been trying to regulate the blossoming ‘home-sharing’ economy. But that effort has divided communities and triggered a backlash in some places, where short-term rental companies and property owners are angry at the prospect of losing a lucrative enterprise.”

-- **Politico Magazine**, “[The Great American Health Care Panic](#),” by **Michael Kruse**: “Here in Bucks County, Pennsylvania . . . the margins of electoral victories traditionally are as slim as the spectrum of political opinion is vast. . . . Spend a few days around these parts and one meets Republicans who used to be Democrats and Democrats who used to be Republicans and voter after voter who insists he or she picks the person over the party. Heading, though, into this year’s midterms, there is one thing that everybody seems to agree on. No matter what they say about [Trump] and regardless of what they think of their relatively moderate Republican congressman . . . the people and particularly the senior citizens and retirees [are] all but in lockstep when it comes to the health care system. It’s broken, they think . . . [and getting worse] . . .”

HOT ON THE LEFT:

“James apologizes for 'terrible mistake' of letting swastika in Senate ad,” from [the Detroit News](#): “Republican challenger John James apologized Monday for a ‘terrible mistake’ — the appearance of a swastika in footage included in his recent

HOT ON THE RIGHT:

“American Bar Association drops review of Kavanaugh,” from [CNN](#): “The American Bar Association will no longer review its ‘well qualified’ rating of Justice Brett Kavanaugh now that the Senate confirmed him, an ABA official [said] Monday. The official,

Senate television ad. In a brief shot, roughly 10 seconds into the ad, a swastika appears tacked to a bulletin board in a hallway of an unidentified school. It wasn't clear if it was part of a school history project or something else, but the campaign said it was from stock footage. Democrats and liberal groups complained that James, a Farmington Hills businessman and Iraq War veteran, was promoting a symbol of hatred as he seeks to unseat incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing, who is running for a fourth term."

who declined to speak on the record, cited an ABA policy of ending its rating process once a nominee is confirmed. 'Per the published policy and historical practice of the Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, once a justice or judge is confirmed, the Standing Committee's rating process is closed,' the ABA's website states. The group had previously said that because of the allegations against Kavanaugh of sexual assault and conduct during his September 27 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, it would reevaluate its rating."

DAYBOOK:

Trump has no events on his public schedule.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I hope she's running for president because I think she'd be very easy. I hope that she is running. I do not think she'd be difficult at all, she'd destroy our country. ... With that being said I don't want to say bad things

about her because I hope she'd be one of the people that would get through the process." — Trump talking to reporters about Elizabeth Warren. ([Amy B Wang and Deanna Paul](#))

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

-- **Washington will see a bright, cool and overall autumnal Tuesday.** [The Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#): "Morning clouds, maybe an early-morning shower especially south and east, with partly sunny skies by midday and afternoon. We stay cooler with highs in the upper 50s to low 60s as very low humidity dries us out. Light winds blow from the north at 5 to 10 mph."

-- **Rep. Dave Brat (R-Va.) and Democrat Abigail Spanberger held their first debate, in which Nancy Pelosi played a central role.** [Laura Vozzella reports](#): "[Brat] invoked Pelosi repeatedly as he tried to paint Spanberger as a liberal who supports 'sanctuary cities' and 'a total government takeover of health-care.' Brat referred so often to 'the Nancy Pelosi liberal agenda' that the phrase started drawing laughs. ... Spanberger, a former federal law enforcement agent and CIA operative who has positioned herself as a moderate, said flatly and repeatedly that Brat was misrepresenting her views."

-- **"Meet the Democrat challenging Rep. Andy Harris, Maryland's only Republican in Congress,"** [by Arelis R. Hernández](#): "Jesse Colvin is approaching his quest to unseat Rep. Andy Harris (R) in Maryland's solidly red 1st Congressional District the way one might expect a former military intelligence officer to chase an elusive target. ... But it could be an ill-fated mission for the 34-year-old former U.S. Army Ranger and first-time candidate. The heavily gerrymandered district — which

includes pieces of Baltimore, Harford and Carroll counties and the Eastern Shore — leans strongly Republican, with 64 percent voting for President Trump in 2016 and 67 percent voting for Harris.”

-- **D.C. police are searching for a man who sexually assaulted another man in Northeast Washington this weekend while posing as a driver for hire.** ([Michael Brice-Saddler](#))

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Stephen Colbert says Elizabeth Warren is running for president:



Donald Trump Owes Elizabeth Warren A Million Bucks

Trevor Noah justified Warren's decision to take a DNA test:



Elizabeth Warren's DNA Test - Between the Scenes | The Daily Show

Alec Baldwin encouraged voters to “overthrow” Trump's government while speaking at a Democratic fundraising dinner:



Alec Baldwin tells voters to 'overthrow' Trump

And floodwaters in the French city of Trebes mixed with wine to create a purple liquid running through the streets:

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TSA releases roadmap for expanding biometrics technology

WASHINGTON – The Transportation Security Administration today released its plan to expand the use of biometrics technology as part of its continued effort to enhance security and the traveler experience. The [TSA Biometrics Roadmap for Aviation Security and the Passenger Experience](#) will guide the agency’s biometric efforts to modernize aviation passenger identity verification in the coming years.

“With the threat to aviation evolving every day, developing the next generation of security technology with our industry partners is critically important,” said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. “By expanding our use of biometrics, TSA secures its position as a global leader in aviation security and advances global transportation security standards.”

Currently, TSA and airline partners verify traveler identity primarily by processing biographic data and inspecting physical identity and travel documents. The use of biometric technology will simplify the passenger experience and increase efficiency and security effectiveness.

The roadmap focuses on four main goals: 1) partnering with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on biometrics for international travelers; 2) using biometrics provided by TSA Pre✓® members to enhance the travel experience; 3) expanding biometrics to additional domestic travelers; and 4) developing the infrastructure for biometric technology. TSA is already carrying out these objectives through smart investments and collaborative partnerships.

Early this year, TSA began testing facial recognition technology for international travelers at [Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\)](#). TSA began collaborating with CBP in 2017 at John F. Kennedy International Airport and expanded testing to LAX in August. CBP’s technology matches facial images to photos in government databases, such as photos obtained from passports or visa applications, to verify identity and reduce reliance on physical documents.



Additionally, TSA has already begun testing biometrics for TSA Pre✓® travelers. In June 2017, TSA tested fingerprint technology at a TSA Pre✓® lane at [Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport and at Denver International Airport](#). The technology matches passenger fingerprints provided at the checkpoint to those provided to TSA by travelers who have enrolled in TSA Pre✓®. As of September 2018, passengers who enroll in TSA Pre✓® or renew their membership in person are required to provide their photograph. Using applicants' photographs, TSA will test facial biometric technology in TSA Pre✓® lanes at select airports once enrollment numbers support this testing. By expanding the use of biometrics to TSA Pre✓® members, TSA will continue enhancing the experience for trusted travelers.

Later this month, TSA is partnering with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Delta Air Lines and CBP to launch the first biometric terminal that uses facial recognition to automate many processes in the travel experience, from self-service bag drop, to ID verification, to boarding a flight.

“By testing biometrics technology in the airport environment, TSA hopes to increase security effectiveness and stay ahead of the threat,” said Pekoske. “We will continue to leverage our partnerships to deliver enhanced capabilities to checkpoint lanes throughout the country.”

As technology continues to advance, TSA hopes to reduce the need for physical forms of identification by developing systems that use facial images and fingerprints to verify passengers' identity. For more information about TSA's use of the technology, visit the [biometrics technology](#) page.

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Overview:
Artificial intelligence is the future.

Even that simple statement provokes security professionals to tuck AI neatly in the corner of “not ready for prime time.” The understanding the definition of AI in real use cases we can relate to, and where it has the potential to go can help us take advantage of the technology and plan for the future.

AI has already arrived.

Cybersecurity is just one area where AI and ML are solving many challenges of increased attacks of greater complexity, speed, attack vectors and automation.

A security application can use AI-powered facial recognition to sort through photos and locate faces. As the program sees more faces, it expands its own sorting process. It may start being able to differentiate between 10 faces, but as it has more datasets, it learns and leverages “skills.” Soon, the program differentiates between 25 faces. Then one hundred, increasing computational speed and delivering more accurate results and greater confidence for security professionals.

The sensor, process or machine isn't actually thinking on its own and learning those new faces; it has simply been programmed to do so.

AI acts on a situation the same way a human would.

In this webinar we will move quickly through Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning definitions you will be using on your “journey of security automation.” Deep Learning for the Security Practitioner applies human-like capabilities such as understanding natural language, speech, vision, special object recognition to fast-learning decision making and

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With each concept follows a quick public poll allowing a useful exchange of information and leveraging “the wisdom of the crowd,” much as deep learning solutions perform.

One process, for example, is focused on false-alarm reduction leveraging AI. The practitioner taking the webinar will come away with how to leverage AI/DL to lower false alarm rates and measure the impact on the users protected by security management. Like this? It gets even better with what take-aways you’ll get in the webinar:

1. How to leverage artificial intelligence to gain a unique business advantage
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4. The demand for AI talent is already growing — who do you hire?
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With thirty years of security industry experience, Steve Surfaro is Chairman of the Public Safety Working Group for the Security Industry Association and Vice Chair of the ASIS Security Applied Sciences Council. He is Standards Team Leader for the DHS S+T Video Quality in Public Safety Group. Steve is published in a wide range of security publications and delivers industry-accredited sessions each year to audiences in the Americas, Middle East and Asia.

Steve is a subject matter expert in artificial intelligence, smart cities and buildings, cyber security attack trends, forensic video, data science, command center design and first responder technologies. He also delivers an industry intelligence feed on Twitter (@stevesurf) and bi-monthly podcasts.

He recently served as Public Safety Solutions Designer on the Super Bowl LIVE! Event, a multi-day sports themed event in Downtown Houston that attracted over 1M fans. The City of Houston Police Dept considered it so successful that the solutions used will be re-deployed for crime reduction, early warning and traffic management.

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By Jessica Davis

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By Stephanie Weagle

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By Sydney Shepard

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By Garry McCracken

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**Baker-Polito Administration Awards Over \$7.3 Million in MassWorks
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Awards will support critical roadway safety projects

TOLLAND, MA – October 18, 2018 – Today Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash joined community leaders and legislators to announce over \$7.3 million in MassWorks Infrastructure Program awards to eight rural towns. These projects will make critical roadway and safety improvements to allow for increased safety, housing opportunities and job growth.

“Our Administration is committed to investing in programs like MassWorks, which impact not only local infrastructure, but also serve as a catalyst for growth in communities of all sizes,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “The awards announced today will allow for small, rural towns to make critical roadway improvements that increase public safety and connectivity to schools, jobs and hospitals.”

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program makes grants to municipalities for public infrastructure projects that generate additional private sector investment. Each year, the MassWorks program allocates 10% of awarded funds to assist municipalities with populations of 7,000 or less in completing roadway safety projects.

“Governor Baker and I are happy to support small towns through MassWorks,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “These grants enable rural communities to proceed with vital projects and upgrades that will support their communities.”

“Over the past four years, the Baker-Polito Administration has used the MassWorks program as a flexible and important source of funding for our cities and towns,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash**. “The program recognizes that each city and town faces a different set of challenges, and the small town set aside allows rural communities to make necessary improvements to their roadways.”

"Thanks to the Baker-Polito Administration for awarding a MassWorks grant to the Town of Tolland to repair and improve Colebrook River Road," **said Tolland Board of Selectmen Chair Eric R. Munson, Jr.** "This is a key commuter route for many of our residents to reach their work place, our first responders to reach this part of town in a safe and timely manner, and the main road in town for visitors coming to enjoy two campgrounds, which are important economic drivers in town. The state's willingness and ability to invest in small towns help us maintain our quality of life and spur economic growth are a key element in our programs to grow our population and attract new jobs."

"I am pleased to have worked with the Baker-Polito Administration to secure this important MassWorks grant to improve Colebrook River Road," **said Senator Don Humason.** "Culvert repair is a pressing need for rural communities in Western Mass. This grant will enable Tolland to make necessary repairs to ensure access, and invest in its infrastructure for the future."

"MassWorks grants provide critical assistance when towns need it most. We are thrilled to support these strategic investments to improve infrastructure in Buckland, Hawley, Monterey, Sheffield and Windsor – all of which will contribute to the region's economic growth," **said Senator Adam G. Hinds,** the Senate vice-chairman of the Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies.

"This money will go a long way towards improving access to Public Safety in not only Bolton but in all of the communities that Route 117 passes through," **said Senator Dean A. Tran.** "The Baker-Polito Administration has once again put municipalities first with this round of MassWorks grants, and these infrastructure improvements are just the latest example of this."

"MassWorks grants serve as a lifeline for our small communities, and I am grateful to the program for investing over \$2.8 million into Tolland, Monterey, and Sheffield," **said Representative Smitty Pignatelli.** "As a former Selectman and the current Representative of Southern Berkshire County, I know first-hand how much small communities rely on critical infrastructure grants such as these. I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for their continued work and support of these vital efforts."

"Forward-thinking investment in infrastructure helps to foster economic growth while tempering its effects. This grant does both and supports those on the front lines working to protect our town," **said Representative Kate Hogan.** "This MassWorks Grant will support improvements to the intersection of Route 117 and Wattaquodock Road that are critical to Bolton's public safety, including the creation of a designated left turn lane, accessible bike lanes and sidewalks, and a modernized turn signal. This means that Bolton's Police Officers and Firefighters will now be able to get on the road safely and quickly."

"I am very pleased that Buckland is receiving this \$1 million MassWorks grant to reconstruct and improve the drainage, roadway, and sidewalks on Upper Street. The deteriorated condition of this infrastructure has long posed public safety and maintenance problems for the community," **said Representative Stephen Kulik.** "I was glad to advocate for this project and I thank the Baker-Polito Administration for supporting this significant investment in one of our smallest and most rural towns."

"MassWorks Infrastructure Grants are an important tool available to towns across the Commonwealth to help fund local projects, and nowhere is this program more important than in our smallest, most rural towns," **said Representative Paul Mark.** "Hawley and Windsor will both put this grant money to good use undertaking much needed road repairs they might not otherwise be able to afford. I congratulate both towns on their

strong applications which resulted in these awards, and I thank the administration for recognizing the needs of two towns with fewer than 1,000 people."

"I am pleased to see this investment in our local infrastructure. This rural road provides important access for our citizens, school children, first responders and visitors. I'm grateful to the administration for seeing the need and addressing it via this grant," **said Representative Susannah Whipps.**

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded over \$275 million in MassWorks grants to support 138 projects in 106 communities. MassWorks funding has been critical to the addition of over 2 million square feet of commercial/retail space, approximately 10,000 full and part time jobs, more than 7,000 immediate housing units, at least 7,000 square feet of new public space and 1,200 new hotel rooms.

Through the 2018 MassWorks round, the Administration will award more than \$82 million in new grants for 40 projects that intend to leverage \$2.9 billion in private investment, and drive an anticipated 4,000 units of new housing and more than 9,000 full time jobs. 37 communities across the Commonwealth will benefit from this round's investments.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August that includes substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation builds on the Baker-Polito Administration's work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the [2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development act](#), which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including \$500 million authorization for MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new strategies for job-readiness efforts.

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2018 MassWorks Small Town Rural Assistance Program Award Winners:

Bolton, Safety Improvements Main St & Wattaquaddock Hill Rd: \$975,000

The Project improves roadway and pedestrian safety as well as access for emergency vehicles at the intersection of Route 117 and Wattaquaddock Hill Road. Congestion on Route 117 has hindered Bolton's Police and Fire Department from exiting the Public Safety Building on Wattaquaddock Hill Road. A dedicated left-turn lane and an actuated traffic signal with emergency pre-emption will be provided to allow first responders to efficiently exit Bolton Public Safety. Crosswalks, bike lanes and ADA compliant sidewalks will also be provided with improved geometry.

Buckland, Upper Street Reconstruction: \$1,000,000

The Project will provide new drainage and reconstruct 7,500 feet of roadway and correct 2,000 feet of curb and sidewalk on Upper Street. The condition of the road has drivers crossing the middle to avoid potholes, puddles and ice. The poor drainage causes flooding of the road and adjacent properties. In the winter flooding leads to large areas of ice and extremely dangerous sections of frozen road. This impacts response times by Buckland police, fire and ambulance to Upper Street residents, as well as to the Towns of Hawley and Charlemont where they are mutual aid responders.

Hawley, Route 8A Rebuild: \$466,900

The Project will rebuild 1,000 feet of Route 8A and install a drainage system to address dangerous road conditions. The road has experienced sinking each spring, causing hazardous conditions due to fracturing at its perimeter, leaving a two inch drop at a sharp bend in the road. The road is currently used as a truck detour for bridge construction in Shelburne causing the sunken area to compromise regional safety.

Monterey, Blue Hill Road Safety Improvements Project: \$1,000,000

Monterey will use MassWorks funding to perform a full depth reconstruction on Blue Hill Road to improve safety for school buses that transport children to a regional school system in Great Barrington and increase access to businesses and recreational activities, retaining existing jobs in addition to fostering the potential revitalization and expansion of the local economy. The project will consist of full depth reclamation, replacement of 20 failing culverts, installation of guardrails, rebuilding of swales, catch basins and line painting. The project will leverage \$200,100 in Chapter 90 local infrastructure aid.

Royalston, Athol, Bolton Roads Reconstruction: \$1,000,000

The Project will reconstruct 13,600 linear feet of Bolton and Athol Roads and provide new drainage, guardrails, and culverts. The combined roads form the shortest route between Royalston's and Athol's town centers and are primary emergency response routes for both towns' first-responders. Current deteriorated surface conditions cause emergency vehicles to reduce speeds and the alternative route is more than twice as long. The road is also a vital route for school busses, commuters, and regional mutual aid.

Sheffield, 2 Bridge Repairs and 1 Bridge Replacement: \$1,000,000

MassWorks funding will be used to complete vital infrastructure improvements to 3 of the Town's bridges. The Project will continue and complete improvements to County Road, complementing a previous MassWorks investment. The Project will also complete the construction for Bridge S-10-010 that has already been designed and permitted with a 2016 MassDot small bridge award and support the design of the required bridge replacement of Lime Kiln Road over Hubbard Brook. In order to utilize the benefits of previous state investments, these bridges must be repaired or the road is at risk of being closed.

Tolland, Colebrook River Road Rehabilitation: \$889,664

Tolland will perform road improvements to Colebrook River Road to enhance safety and accommodate school buses, public safety vehicles and larger trucks. The infrastructure project consists of ditch work and the replacement of six 18" culverts. MassWorks funding will leverage a MassDot small bridge award and Chapter 90 local infrastructure aid.

Windsor, River Road Project: \$1,000,000

MassWorks funding will be used for improvements to River Road, a major connector between two state highways, Route 9 and Route 116. The infrastructure project would improve safety to accommodate school buses, road maintenance vehicles and emergency vehicles without significant delay. The project includes culverts, guard rails, shoulders, milling and hot mix asphalt resurfacing. River Road is adjacent to the Westfield River, which is a federally designated Wild and Scenic River. If the road is repaired and brought to MassDOT standards, it would support the increased traffic due to the possible re-opening of the facilities at Windsor State Park (by DCR), which have been closed for many years.

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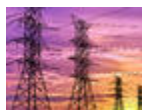
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*** **Mark Kneidinger**, deputy director of the newly created **National Risk Management Center** at the Department of Homeland Security, said the "revolving door" among CIOs and other federal IT executives in government must be addressed if IT modernization is going to succeed. The average tenure of CIOs at major federal agencies has dropped from "about three and a half years" when he started working for the federal government to six to eight months now, Kneidinger said at an Oct. 16 event hosted by the **Consortium for IT Software Quality**.

"The tenure is really getting critical," he said. "If we don't start working to expand that timeframe, if we don't start dealing with what is driving the CIOs and CISOs out, we're going to continue to have that revolution."

*** Cyber threats, a lack of suitably cleared personnel and lax contractor IT security are among the top management challenges facing the **Treasury Department**, according to the agency's inspector general. A new IG [report](#) highlights the need for further micro-segmentation of Treasury's networks to ensure that a cyberattack doesn't spread. Auditors called on agency leaders to pay more attention to contractors and subcontractors who touch their systems, with cloud providers a top concern.

Vacancies at many high-level positions and the lack of suitably cleared personnel are affecting Treasury's ability to handle and process high-value work. While the agency has improved its hiring pace, the problem remains a top concern for the Government

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Press Release

Justice, Treasury, and State Departments announce coordinated enforcement efforts against Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion

WASHINGTON – The United States of America, through its Departments of Justice, Treasury, and State announced today a series of measures to target and dismantle the Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG) – one of the largest, most dangerous drug cartels currently operating in Mexico. These measures include the unsealing of 15 indictments, the State Department’s approval of large rewards, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designations, and the establishment of a citizen tip-line.

CJNG is one of the most powerful cartels in Mexico and the Department of Justice considers it to be one of the five most dangerous transnational criminal organizations in the world, responsible for trafficking many tons of cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl-laced heroin into the United States, as well as for violence and significant loss of life in Mexico.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions of the U.S. Department of Justice, Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division, Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), FBI Deputy Director David L. Bowdich, Director Andrea Gacki of OFAC, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Kirsten D. Madison of the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Executive Associate Director Derek Benner and Chief Don Fort of IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), made the announcement.

Background

Founded in 2011, CJNG has grown in size and strength rapidly since its inception. Today, the DEA estimates the CJNG exerts influence in 23 of 31 (75 percent) of Mexican states, including key drug production and transportation corridors. CJNG is a powerful drug cartel in Mexico as a result of the organization’s disciplined command and control, sophisticated money laundering techniques, efficient drug transportation routes, and extreme violence. The cartel has also expanded globally, with significant presence and illicit business not only throughout the United States and Mexico, but also Europe, Asia, and Australia.

“We will continue to hammer transnational criminal organizations like the Cartel de San Jalisco Nueva Generacion, or CJNG,” said Attorney General Sessions. “The DEA has said for three years in a row that Mexican drug cartels are the single gravest drug threat that this country faces. President Trump recognizes

this, and the day I was sworn in as Attorney General, he ordered me to dismantle transnational criminal organizations, including the cartels. We have been faithful to that order. Today, I am announcing 15 indictments returned against the leaders of CJNG. These indictments are our next steps—but not our last. We will continue following President Trump's order.”

“DEA has a strong partnership with the Government of Mexico that is demonstrated in the relentless pursuit of the violent leadership of the CJNG cartel,” said Acting Administrator Dhillon. “We will continue to work closely with our international partners to bring Nemiso Cervantes aka El Mencho to justice and dismantle drug cartels like CJNG.”

Unsealing of Indictments

Today, the Department of Justice Criminal Division's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of California, the Northern District of Illinois, the Southern District of Mississippi, and the Eastern District of Virginia are announcing 15 indictments, some recently unsealed, against the following CJNG leaders, financiers, transporters, and sources of drug supply:

Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, aka “Mencho”: Oseguera Cervantes, 52, is the lead defendant in a three-count superseding indictment returned in the District of Columbia in 2017 alleging that he is the leader of a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, conspired to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States, and has used a firearm during and in relation to these drug trafficking crimes. In addition to the indictment in the District of Columbia, Oseguera Cervantes has also been charged with drug trafficking offenses in the Southern District of Mississippi (SDMS). He is currently a fugitive and was designated as a “Kingpin” under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act by the Department of the Treasury in April 2015.

Ruben Oseguera Gonzalez, aka, “Menchito”: Oseguera Gonzalez, 28, Oseguera Cervantes' son, served as the CJNG's second in command until the time of his arrest by Mexican authorities in June 2015. Oseguera Gonzalez is charged in a two-count indictment returned in the District of Columbia in 2017 alleging that between 2007 and February 2017, Oseguera Gonzalez engaged a conspiracy to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States and that Oseguera Gonzalez engaged in the use of a firearm during and in relation to one or more drug trafficking crimes. Oseguera Gonzalez remains in Mexican custody and is currently pending extradition to the United States.

Abigael Gonzalez Valencia: Gonzalez Valencia, 45, the head of the “Cuinis” organization, is charged in a three-count indictment returned in the District of Columbia in 2014 alleging that he was a leader in a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, conspired to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States, and used a firearm during and in relation to one or more drug trafficking crimes. The CJNG has flourished in significant part because of its close affiliation with the Cuinis organization, which is the primary financial support network of the CJNG drug trafficking efforts. The Cuinis organization is composed of multiple members of the Gonzalez Valencia family. The relationship between the Cuinis organization and the CJNG is cemented through both intertwined drug trafficking and money laundering dealings as well as familial relationships, including the marriage of one member of the Gonzalez Valencia family to CJNG leader Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes. Gonzalez Valencia was designated as a “Kingpin” under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act by the Department of the Treasury in April 2015. Gonzalez Valencia was arrested by Mexican authorities in February 2015 pursuant to his charges in the United States and is awaiting extradition.

Jesus Contreras Arceo, aka “Canasto”: Contreras Arceo, 41, is charged in a two-count indictment returned in the Eastern District of Virginia in 2017 alleging that between 2011 until March 2017, Contreras Arceo engaged in a conspiracy to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States and that Contreras Arceo engaged in a conspiracy to commit money laundering. Contreras Arceo was arrested by Mexican authorities in July 2018 pursuant to his charges in the United States and is awaiting extradition.

Erick Valencia Salazar, aka “El 85”: Valencia Salazar, 41, is charged in a one-count indictment returned in the District of Columbia in 2018 alleging that between 2003 until August 2018, Valencia Salazar engaged in a conspiracy to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States. Valencia Salazar is currently a fugitive and is believed to be in Mexico.

Juan Perez-Vargas, aka, “Piolin”: Perez-Vargas, 37, is charged in a two-count indictment returned in the Southern District of California in 2017 alleging that Perez-Vargas engaged in a conspiracy to distribute significant quantities of narcotics for illegal importation into the United States. Perez-Vargas was arrested by Mexican authorities in September 2017 pursuant to his charges in the United States and is awaiting extradition.

Diego Pineda Sanchez, aka “Botas” and Carlos Parra-Pedroza: Pineda Sanchez, 33, and Parra-Pedroza, 35, are charged with 28 others in a 63-count indictment returned in the Northern District of Illinois in 2015, alleging that between 2011 and September 2014, Pineda Sanchez and Parra-Pedroza led a Mexico-based conspiracy to launder more than \$100 million in narcotics proceeds belonging to Mexico-based drug traffickers, through the purchase and resale of gold. The evidence in the case established that Pineda Sanchez and Parra-Pedroza laundered most of these narcotics proceeds on behalf of CJNG and its leader, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes aka “Mencho.” Pineda Sanchez and Parra-Pedroza have pleaded guilty to the money laundering

conspiracy charges, and are facing a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. On Oct. 5, Pineda Sanchez was sentenced to serve 15 years in prison by the U.S. District Court in Chicago. The Court will set a sentencing date for Parra-Pedroza at a status hearing on Nov. 1. All other charged and arrested members of the conspiracy have pleaded guilty and have either been sentenced or are awaiting sentencing.

The following individuals linked to the CJNG have also been indicted as a result of the coordinated efforts against the cartel:

- Oswaldo de Jesus Miramontes-Diaz, 44, was charged in the Central District of California in 2015. Miramontes-Diaz is currently serving a sentence pursuant to the charges in the United States;
- Gerardo Gonzalez Valencia, aka, "Lalo," 41, was charged in the District of Columbia in 2016. He was arrested by Uruguayan authorities in April 2016 on these charges, and is awaiting extradition;
- Jose Gonzalez Valencia, aka, "Chepa," 42, was charged in the District of Columbia in 2016. He was arrested by Brazilian authorities in December 2017 on these charges, and is awaiting extradition;
- Ulises Yovany Mora-Tapia, aka, "Yiyo," 33, was charged in the District of Columbia in 2016. Mora-Tapia is currently a fugitive and is believed to be in Mexico;
- Jorge Manuel Cobian-Gonzalez, 43, was charged in the Eastern District of Virginia in 2017. Cobian-Gonzalez is currently awaiting trial;
- Juan Manuel Abouzaid El Bayeh aka, "El Escorpion," 45, was charged in the District of Columbia in 2017. Abouzaid El Bayeh is currently a fugitive and is believed to be in Mexico; and
- Alfredo Galindo-Salazar aka, "Tucan," 47, was charged in the District of Columbia in 2018. Galindo-Salazar is currently a fugitive and is believed to be in Mexico.

Treasury OFAC Designations

Since April 2015, OFAC has announced nine designation actions totaling 63 separate [individuals](#) and [entities](#) in Mexico tied to the CJNG and the Cuinis organization. In the initial 2015 designation action, both Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes and Abigael Gonzalez Valencia were designated by OFAC as Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act. These Kingpin Act designation actions targeting the CJNG and the Cuinis organization are among the most aggressive and targeted in OFAC's history against Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Based upon this series of OFAC designations, Mexican authorities were able to seize the Hotelito Desconocido, an exclusive boutique hotel on the Pacific coast of Mexico, which was controlled by members of Los Cuinis organization. OFAC designations have allowed U.S. and Mexican government officials to follow the money of the CJNG and the Cuinis organization in an effort to disrupt their money laundering activities.

"Treasury has strategically targeted leaders of CJNG and the Cuinis organizations, as well as complicit family members, criminal operatives, and businesses under their control," said OFAC Director Gacki. "Our goal is to disrupt the cartels' finances, which are overwhelmingly generated from drug sales that occur in the United States, and deny them access to the U.S. financial system. OFAC is committed to working with the Department of Justice and Mexican counterparts in order to apply economic pressure on CJNG and the Cuinis organizations until they are effectively dismantled."

State Department Award and DEA Tip-Line

As part of continuing efforts to cripple the operations of the CJNG, the U.S. Department of State has previously issued a number of rewards through the Narcotics Rewards Program for information leading to the arrest of critical CJNG operatives. Previously, the Department of State issued rewards through the Narcotics Rewards Program for up to the amount of \$5 million for information leading to the arrests of Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, Abigael Gonzalez Valencia, and Jose Gonzalez Valencia. Effective immediately, the Department of State is announcing an increase to the Narcotics Rewards Program reward for information leading to the arrest of the leader of the CJNG, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes aka, "El Mencho." Now \$10 million, the reward is one of the largest ever approved for the Narcotics Rewards Program. Additionally, the Department of State is announcing a Narcotics Rewards Program reward for information leading to the arrest of high ranking CJNG member Erick Valencia Salazar, aka, "El 85," in the amount of \$5 million. Individuals with information about this organization should contact law enforcement authorities by calling 1-213-237-9990, via email at MENCHOTIPS@usdoj.gov, or via Twitter by contacting the handle, @DEALosAngeles.

"The \$10 million reward for information leading to the arrest of "El Mencho" is among the highest the Narcotics Rewards Program currently offers," said Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Madison. "This reflects the U.S. government's strong commitment to bringing Oseguera Cervantes to justice."

Acknowledgments

These cases are the result of the ongoing efforts by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), and were significantly aided by coordination and support from the multi-agency Special Operations Division (SOD) near Washington, D.C. OCDETF is a partnership that brings together the combined expertise

and unique abilities of federal, state, and local enforcement agencies. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, dismantle and prosecute high-level members of drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, and money laundering organizations and enterprises.

These cases are being prosecuted by the Criminal Division's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section in conjunction with DEA Los Angeles Field Division, DEA Mexico City, DEA Guadalajara, DEA Chicago, FBI New York, FBI's Legal Attaché Office in Mexico City, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Chicago and HSI Riverside; the Southern District of California in conjunction with DEA San Diego, DEA Guadalajara and HSI San Ysidro; the Northern District of Illinois in conjunction with the IRS-CI Chicago; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Chicago and HSI Chicago; the SDMS in conjunction with DEA Gulfport and the Eastern District of Virginia in conjunction with the DEA Bilateral Investigations Unit.

The United States would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of the Government of Mexico in their bilateral efforts to target and dismantle the CJNG. The daily coordination between the Government of Mexico with the U.S. Department of Justice, Treasury and State to target this violent drug cartel has a direct impact on the lives and livelihood of millions of citizens in the United States and Mexico.

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Accountability Office, the Office of Management and Budget and Treasury's IG, which worries that agency officials will struggle to balance and align IT priorities on modernization, cybersecurity and other requirements in a time of budget uncertainty.

*** The **Transportation Security Administration** rolled out a four-step plan to incorporate biometric identification capabilities for U.S. travelers. In a technology implementation [roadmap](#) made public by TSA on Oct. 5, Administrator **David Pekoske** said the agency's plan initially capitalizes on joint work with **Customs and Border Protection** to implement biometric identification systems at U.S. airports. Last August, TSA began a test of facial recognition technology for international travelers at Los Angeles International Airport, after an initial test in 2017 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. TSA also plans to leverage existing travel data sources and biometric technology to push new opt-in capabilities for domestic travelers, then develop the infrastructure to support those features. The agency will collaborate with CBP, commercial airlines and aviation stakeholders to build on operational capabilities of each, to speed passengers through the entire trip process, from electronic reservations from home, to passenger "bag drop" and other boarding processes at the airport itself.

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Cc: "Morales, Lisa (EPS)" <lisa.morales@mass.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation to Governor Baker's signing of the Executive Order of the Large Venue Task Force Bill - October 4, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Hi Melissa,
Thank you for your support last week! Here you are...we do not have the next meeting date yet. I will let you know when we do.

Lisa-Morales,- Melissa would like to be kept updated on meeting dates.
Thank you!

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To: Roedel, Jennifer (EPS)
Subject: Re: Invitation to Governor Baker's signing of the Executive Order of the Large Venue Task Force Bill - October 4, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Good afternoon, Jennifer.

Did you ever get the electronic version of the material that was given out regarding the Large Venue Security TF on Thursday at Gillette? When you do, could you email it to me please?

Thanks,
Melissa

On Oct 4, 2018, at 10:12 AM, Roedel, Jennifer (EPS) <jennifer.roedel@mass.gov> wrote:

Great, we look forward to seeing you!

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Subject: Re: Invitation to Governor Baker's signing of the Executive Order of the Large Venue Task Force Bill - October 4, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Good morning.

Thank you for extending the offer, I will be in attendance today at Gillette. Looking forward to the opportunity to participate in the task force at whatever level is deemed appropriate.

See you this afternoon!

Respectfully,
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On Oct 3, 2018, at 2:55 PM, Roedel, Jennifer (EPS) <jennifer.roedel@mass.gov> wrote:

Dear Melissa,

On behalf of Secretary Bennett, we invite you to the signing of the Executive Order of the Large Venue Task Force by Governor Charles D. Baker on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The Large Venue Task Force, comprised of public safety officials and large venue operators will be tasked with analyzing ways to

augment safety and preparedness at large venues such as sports stadiums and concert halls around the state.

Weather Permitting, the event will take place on the field of Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information and if you could please take moment to rsvp by contacting Lisa Morales at 617-274-5504 or by email at lisa.morales@mass.gov. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you!
Jenn

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By Jessica Davis

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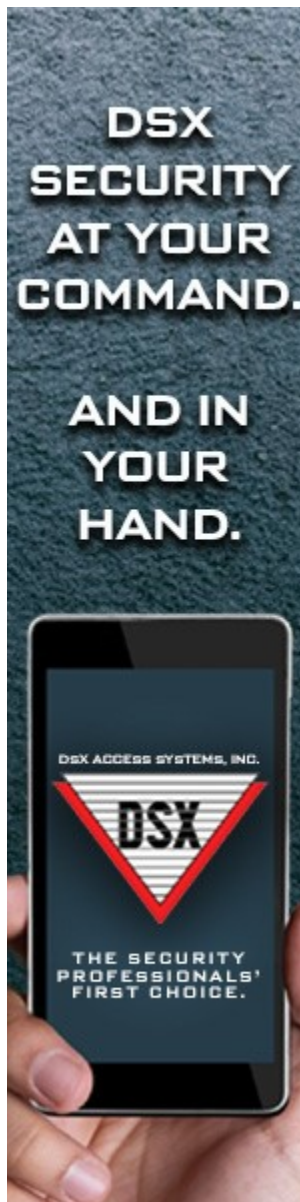
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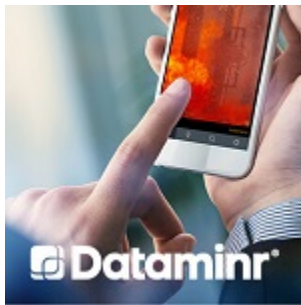
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Dave & John –

A few useful items from the user conference:

- 1.) SA developed a set of API that reside on the eGov server to make it easier to share data with external applications – they developed it for Indiana for their statewide one stop portal, called “INBiz”. This might be useful for the MassIT License Data feed.
- 2.) Also for the INBiz project, SA developed single sign-on capability for eGov using Azure B2C authentication. The Indiana project is a statewide metaware that links existing platforms in agencies (and constitutional offices) together including a state-wide shopping cart. Not sure if Mass is going that far, but the town hall at the Fed Reserve mentioned using Centrify to verify citizen logins in addition to commonwealth users.
- 3.) SA displayed their Website Modernization initiative- also paid by Indiana and I showed them my facelift to DFS Verification to match the Mass.gov look and feel. I think I impressed a few people around the room when I showed them my work!
- 4.) SA is moving past Word Merge 2 to name Enterprise Print which is designed to work with Wildfly 12. They will still be using Word Templates, but other than that they will not be using Word to render the documents. They are using a product called Aspose. This new print method does not require a standalone server. They were very proud of the high number of concurrent print requests it can handle. It also is used for creating email merges and it writes directly to documentum – which means I can suspend the pdf-create/import to documentum job I created.
- 5.) John and I are already applying some of the scripts I got at the conference, in particular one to track license status history (snapshots).
- 6.) I connected with the people who support both New Hampshire’s and Rhode Island’s MLO applications - that was worth the trip.

Finally there were a lot of new feature demos, but we need to get to the latest version before we start down that path.

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Georgia governor candidates are both targeting pro-business GOP moderates in the home stretch



Stacey Abrams debates Brian Kemp on Tuesday night in Atlanta. (John Bazemore/AP)



BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Breanne Deppisch and Joanie Greve

THE BIG IDEA: The first Georgia governor’s debate in Atlanta on Tuesday night captured the tension between the Old South and the New South.

In February, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp called executives at Delta Air Lines “corporate cowards” when they cut business ties with the National Rifle Association after a mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. The

Republican [championed](#) a push by the legislature to retaliate by eliminating a tax break on jet fuel that saves the state's largest private employer \$40 million a year.

During the debate last night, however, Kemp announced that he's changed his mind. Now he's in favor of restoring the tax break because he doesn't want to put Georgia at a competitive disadvantage to other states.

When he came out against Delta, Kemp was locked in [a competitive GOP primary](#). At the time, he was airing commercials that depicted him pointing a gun at a young man who wanted to date his daughter and threatening to round up undocumented immigrants in his truck and deport them himself. This approach won him President Trump's endorsement and allowed Kemp [to topple the early favorite](#) for the nomination, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, in a July runoff.

Now Kemp is facing a neck-and-neck general election with Stacey Abrams, who could become the nation's first black female governor. She's an outspoken liberal on a host of issues, but she's consistently supported the tax break for Delta and has positioned herself as the more pro-business candidate in the race. So Kemp is sandpapering his rough edges, increasingly highlighting his own background in business and trying to appeal to white-collar Republicans who remain uneasy with the way he won the primary.

-- The opening question during the [debate](#), though, was to Abrams: Does she regret [burning the Georgia state flag](#) during a protest in 1992? Her answer was no. "As a college freshman, I along with many other Georgians ... were deeply disturbed by the racial divisiveness that were embedded in the state flag with that Confederate symbol," she said, noting that Kemp voted a decade later to change the state flag. "I took an action of peaceful protest."

And most of the media coverage of last night's matchup focuses on the clash between Abrams and Kemp over voter registration and whether he's trying to

make it harder for African Americans to participate in politics. “This farce about voter suppression ... is absolutely not true,” he said. “Voter suppression isn’t only about blocking people,” she responded, “it’s also about creating an atmosphere of fear.”

-- But if you watched the full hour, both candidates appeared more eager to talk about economic issues than social ones. And each has good reasons to do so:

Abrams needs historic African American turnout for a non-presidential election, and she’s on track to get it, but that’s just not enough. She cannot win in this red state without Republican-leaning voters around Atlanta crossing over to vote for her. The smartest strategists on both sides think that, if both sides can drive their bases to the polls, a close race will come down to college-educated white women who are uneasy with Trump and live in the suburban counties of Gwinnett and Cobb.

The business community strongly favored Cagle over Kemp in the GOP primary. Atlanta is a hub of Fortune 500 companies, from Coca-Cola and Home Depot to UPS and SunTrust Banks. **Outgoing Republican Gov. Nathan Deal, who is popular, also supported Cagle,** though he endorsed Kemp after the primaries.

Notably, both candidates praised Deal during last night’s debate.



Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, second from right, is introduced during a unity rally after the Republican runoff on July 26. (John Amis/AP)

-- **The defining moment of Deal’s eight-year tenure was when he vetoed a “religious liberty” bill in 2016.** The state’s corporate leaders mobilized hard against the measure, which they feared would sanction discrimination against the LGBT community, hurt the state’s business-friendly reputation and scare respectable groups from holding conferences in Atlanta. The bill was the top priority for social conservatives, however, who used churches to mobilize evangelical activists and were aghast at Deal’s veto.

Kemp has [said](#) that he could support a version of a “religious liberty” bill if he wins. Abrams hammers him for this in front of white-collar audiences. In August, both Kemp and Abrams pitched the Georgia Chamber of Commerce for

their endorsement during back-to-back speeches at a conference in Macon. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution [reported](#) from the event that “she drew her biggest applause ... when she highlighted her opposition to religious liberty measures.”

The Georgia Chamber, which typically endorses Republicans, has not supported either candidate in the governor’s race, even as [it’s weighed in](#) on a host of down-ballot contests. This was a tacit win for Abrams.

The Atlanta area’s bid for Amazon’s HQ2 has also been top of mind for a lot of other civic leaders. Some have [expressed concern publicly](#) that the GOP’s divisive rhetoric on social issues could hurt their chances to land the project – and thus miss out on tens of thousands of new jobs.

After the Kemp-supported effort to kill Delta’s tax break succeeded in the legislature, Deal responded by issuing an executive order that suspended the collection of sales tax on jet fuel. But under the law in Georgia, the legislature is now required to review the order during an impending special session. That’s why it’s a live issue in the governor’s race.

-- Deal follows a recent tradition of Republican governors in the South who have prioritized pragmatic business interests over ideological conservative activists when the two constituencies come into conflict. Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, for instance, demanded changes to a “religious liberty” bill before agreeing to sign it – and he’s now coasting to reelection. Outgoing Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, a former corporate executive, clashed with his own party in the legislature to try expanding Medicaid. Before she became U.N. ambassador, as South Carolina’s governor, Nikki Haley ordered the Confederate battle flag removed from the state capitol, citing the state’s business climate as one of her reasons for doing so in the wake of a white supremacist’s massacre at a black church in Charleston.



Voters cast early ballots this week at a recreation center in Atlanta. (Jessica McGowan/Getty Images)

-- Even though the pool of undecided voters is small – less than 10 percent – many voters still feel like Abrams is too far left and Kemp is too rigid for their tastes. That helps explain why the Republican candidate promised to raise wages for teachers, and the Democrat pledged to raise salaries for cops.

-- Abrams has made Medicaid expansion the centerpiece of her campaign, and she sells it more as a smart economic move that will create jobs than a moral imperative. Kemp, who called Abrams “radical” and “extreme,” said she’s advocating for “a government takeover of health care” that will raise taxes and jeopardize existing benefits when the federal money dries up. Abrams responded that Mike Pence, when he was governor of Indiana, expanded Medicaid.

An [Atlanta Journal-Constitution poll](#) this year found that 3 in 4 Georgians favor expansion, including 51 percent of Republicans and 79 percent of independents. The same poll found only 57 percent supported Medicaid expansion during the 2014 governor's race, when Jimmy Carter's grandson Jason tried unsuccessfully to challenge Deal by running on it. (Abrams hopes Medicaid can help her make inroads with [poor rural whites](#), who have seen hospitals close, even if they still say they don't like "Obamacare.")

-- In talking about Medicaid, Abrams has tried to follow the playbook that Democrat Terry McAuliffe used successfully in the 2013 Virginia governor's race to win the critical Fairfax Chamber of Commerce endorsement over Republican Ken Cuccinelli, who like Kemp positioned himself as a conservative ideologue to lock up the GOP nomination over a more moderate lieutenant governor. The Macker couldn't expand Medicaid because Republicans controlled the legislature, and they were determined to deny him a political victory.

But Ralph Northam, his lieutenant governor, was [finally able to expand Medicaid this spring](#) after winning last year's election to replace him. Partly that's because Democrats made huge gains in the legislature. Partly it's because GOP lawmakers from rural areas realized their constituents were being harmed by their obstinacy, so they came around. And partly it's because they don't loathe Ralph – who almost switched parties a decade ago after voting twice for George W. Bush – the way they did Terry, a former DNC chair and Bill Clinton's best friend.

During last night's debate, Abrams was pressed on her promise to expand Medicaid on Day One. The moderator noted that the GOP will almost certainly continue to control the legislature even if she wins and wondered how she could deliver. Abrams responded, much like Northam did during his debates last summer with Ed Gillespie, by noting her ability to work across the aisle and the good

relationships she forged with Republican legislators during her years as minority leader in the state house. “I’m the only candidate with a plan,” she said.



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-- Trump tweeted his support this morning for Kemp by saying Abrams will “destroy the state” if she wins:



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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:



Boston Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi hits a single to drive in Mookie Betts for the first run of Game 1 of the World Series. (Elise Amendola/AP)

-- **The Red Sox beat the Dodgers in the first game of the World Series.** [Dave Sheinin reports](#): “As if anyone needed another reminder of how completely the game has been taken over by bullpens, it came in Boston’s 8-4 victory on the sport’s biggest stage when the two best left-handed starters of this generation, Boston’s Chris Sale and Los Angeles’s Clayton Kershaw — albeit a diminished version of each — were gone before the first outs were recorded in the fifth inning and left having given up a combined 12 hits and eight earned runs.”

-- “Red Sox victory in Game 1 of World Series is a long strategic nightmare for the Dodgers,” [by Thomas Boswell](#): “This World Series is about two things: left-handed pitching and wasting America’s time. The first will probably decide whether the Los Angeles Dodgers or Boston Red Sox are world champions. The second will decide how many of us are still awake. On Tuesday night in Fenway Park, and on-and-on deeper into the night until two minutes past midnight, Boston handled the central problem the Dodgers pose for them. Can the Red Sox cope with wave after wave of excellent left-handed pitchers — the only known weakness (and not much of a flaw at that) this 108-win team has?”



A customer buys a Mega Millions lottery ticket at a local grocery store in Des Moines. (Charlie Neibergall/AP)

GET SMART FAST:

1. **A single ticket purchased in South Carolina won the record-breaking Mega Millions jackpot of \$1.5 billion.** The winning numbers were 5-28-62-65-70, with a Mega Ball number of 5. ([Alex Horton and Fred Barbash](#))
2. **Retired Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced that she suffers from dementia and is “no longer able to participate in public life.”** In a letter, the 88-year-old Ronald Reagan appointee — and the first woman on the high court — said she wanted to “be open about these changes, and while I am still able, share some personal thoughts.” ([Robert Barnes](#))
3. **The Health and Human Services Department said it will partner with states to increase aid to infants and mothers affected by the opioid epidemic.** The number of newborns suffering from drug dependency — a condition formally known as neonatal abstinence syndrome — quadrupled between 2000 and 2012. ([Lenny Bernstein](#))
4. **D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine announced that his office has opened an inquiry into sexual abuse by Catholic priests,** belatedly joining a growing list of other state and local law enforcement officials opening investigations into the church. His announcement comes after Cardinal Donald Wuerl resigned as Washington’s archbishop earlier this month. ([Peter Jamison and Michelle Boorstein](#))
5. **The SEC is investigating the circumstances surrounding the departure of a top Goldman Sachs banker, James Katzman** after he blew the whistle on what he perceived as a range of unethical practices and corporate wrongdoing. ([New York Times](#))
6. **Men hold three-quarters of the U.S. jobs requiring only a high school diploma and pay at least \$35,000 a year.** New data indicates that blue-collar women are missing out on a key pathway to the middle class. ([Danielle Paquette](#))

7. **Apple CEO Tim Cook issued a searing critique of Silicon Valley during a speech at the European Parliament in Brussels.** Without mentioning any company by name, Cook expressed alarm about social media’s ability to “deepen divisions, incite violence, and even undermine our shared sense of what is true and what is false.” He also warned of a growing “data industrial complex” that allows companies to “know you better than you may know yourself.” ([Tony Romm](#))
8. **A track and field star at the University of Utah, Lauren McCluskey, was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend,** police said. The suspect, Melvin Rowland, was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. McCluskey’s mother said Rowland harassed her daughter after the pair broke up. ([Matt Bonesteel](#))
9. **European researchers said they discovered the remains of a 2,400-year-old Greek trading vessel near Bulgaria.** It’s believed to be one of the oldest shipwrecks ever discovered — and it remains almost completely intact, thanks to nearly nonexistent levels of oxygen on the floor of the Black Sea. ([Rick Noack](#))





Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses the parliament in Ankara on the case of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. (EPA-EFE/REX)

KHASHOGGI FALLOUT:

-- **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States would revoke the visas of the Saudi agents accused of killing Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.** [Kareem Fahim, Tamer El-Ghobashy, Chico Harlan and John Hudson report](#): “Pompeo said he is also working with the Treasury Department on whether to impose other sanctions against those responsible for the journalist’s death. ‘These penalties will not be the last word on this matter from the United States,’ Pompeo

said . . . 'We will continue to explore additional measures to hold those responsible accountable.'”

-- Trump told reporters that Riyadh’s account of Jamal's death was “the worst coverup ever.” “They had a very bad original concept, it was carried out poorly, and the coverup was the worst in the history of coverups,” Trump said. “In terms of what we ultimately do, I’m going to leave it very much — in conjunction with me — I’m going to leave it up to Congress.”

-- In an interview with the Wall Street Journal, Trump said Saudi Arabia had bungled the Khashoggi case from “beginning to end.” [The Journal’s Peter Nicholas, Courtney McBride and Margherita Stancati report](#): “Mr. Trump gave a harsh assessment of Saudi Arabia in light of Mr. Khashoggi’s death, saying he said he was convinced King Salman didn’t know about the killing in advance. Asked about Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s possible involvement, **Mr. Trump said: ‘Well, the prince is running things over there more so at this stage. He’s running things and so if anybody were going to be, it would be him.’**”

-- Turkish President Recep Erdogan’s speech on Khashoggi's death appeared aimed at undermining the influence of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. [Kareem Fahim reports](#): “Erdogan addressed his comments — his appeals for justice, his demands for answers — not to Mohammed, but to his father, King Salman. If it was a conspicuous display of respect for the Saudi monarch, it was also **an attempt to drive a wedge between the king and the crown prince**, whom Erdogan considers a rival and ideological opponent, as well as a threat to Turkey’s interests and ambitions in the Middle East . . . There was debate about whether Erdogan aimed to marginalize Mohammed or prod Salman to pick a new successor, but in either case, he was trying not to damage Turkey’s overall relationship with

Saudi Arabia . . . And it was the latest sign of Erdogan’s willingness to use Khashoggi’s case — prolong it even — to serve his larger strategic goals.”

-- Erdogan promised he would deliver the “naked truth” about Khashoggi in his speech, but for the most part he failed to deliver, [The Post’s Editorial Board argues](#): “[Erdogan appeared] less interested in revealing what really happened to the Saudi journalist than in leveraging the murder for political gain. **That only sharpens the argument for an impartial international investigation.** . . . The most important question is who ordered the operation. As we have written before, much of the publicly available evidence points to [MBS]. At this point, **the burden should be on the Saudis to prove he is not responsible — and in the meantime, the crown prince should be treated as a pariah.**”



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman poses for a selfie during the Future Investment Initiative conference in Riyadh. (Bandar al-Jaloud/Saudi Royal Palace/AFP)

-- Leaders in the Arab world fear the controversy over Khashoggi's death could trigger regional conflict. [Karen DeYoung and Souad Mekhennet report](#): “[W]hat worries the Arabs most, regional officials and experts say, is what they see as the danger to their own stability and security should Saudi Arabia’s status — and its close ties with the United States — be seriously undermined. ... However they feel about the crown prince, said an official from another country in the region, under the current U.S. administration, Saudi Arabia is the ‘pillar’ around which the Arab relationship with the United States is anchored.”

-- Some U.S. business leaders traveled to a glitzy summit in Riyadh dubbed “Davos in the Desert,” which is being hosted by MBS himself (he received a standing ovation there.) [Kevin Sullivan is there for us](#): “Marquee-name sponsors and chief executives, including Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase, Stephen Schwarzman of Blackstone and AOL founder Steve Case had pulled out in protest. ... But thousands still came, in a wave of black Mercedes-Benzes and Chevrolet Suburbans, through the conference center’s enormous stone archways and past elegant fountains, with security agents manning a machine gun mounted atop a Dodge Ram pickup. ... On Tuesday, Mohammed posed for selfies with delegates, and sat with Jordan’s King Abdullah during a panel discussion.”

-- Many U.S. attendees tried to keep a low profile. “Bankers kept their name tags obscured behind ties. Many tried to keep a low profile and avoided talking to the news media,” the [New York Times’s Alan Rappeport reports](#). “Some were not in the mood for conversation; others likened the decision about whether to attend to a Hobson’s choice. ... ‘It’s awkward,’ said [one American attendee, who said she] considered not attending, but decided that she was not prominent enough to make a statement by skipping the conference. **‘One year from now, somebody is going to ask where the revenue is,’ said Henry Biner, an executive at the Boston-based P/E Investments. ‘We’re not going to put our relationships on the line for this.’**”

-- Some tech start-ups that have received Saudi-linked funds are being urged to more closely vet their investors. [Jeanne Whalen and Elizabeth Dwoskin report](#): “So far in public, the tech community is largely staying quiet — reflecting the difficulty of undoing some investments and the traditionally discrete nature of the Valley’s many non-public companies and funds, industry experts say. A clutch of startups that have received large sums from funds tied to Saudi Arabia, including the messaging app developer Slack and office-space provider WeWork, declined to comment for this article.”



Florida Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum speaks during a CNN debate against his Republican opponent Ron DeSantis. (Chris O'Meara/AP)

MORE ON THE MIDTERMS:

-- **Newly released records cast doubt on Florida gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum's explanations for how he obtained tickets in 2016 for the Broadway musical "Hamilton."** [The Tampa Bay Times's Lawrence Mower reports](#): "Among the records released Tuesday: photos, a video and dozens of text messages between Gillum . . . former lobbyist Adam Corey and an undercover FBI agent. They appear to contradict Gillum's explanation for the expenses, which have been made an major issue by his Republican rival, Ron DeSantis. Gillum's campaign has maintained — and continued to do . . . that Gillum's brother, Marcus, handed him

the ticket the night of the show. But **text messages at the time of the trip show Gillum was told the tickets came from ‘Mike Miller,’ an FBI agent looking into city corruption who was posing as a developer.”**

-- A GOP super PAC plans to air ads in a Virginia House race previously considered a lock for Republicans. [Mike DeBonis reports](#): “The Congressional Leadership Fund will air ads targeting voters in Virginia’s 5th Congressional District, which is held by retiring Republican Thomas Garrett. The race pits distillery owner Denver Riggleman against journalist Leslie Cockburn ... Most forecasters have called the race a stretch for Democrats. ... But the decision of a top Republican group to spend its resources in the race reflects the expanding battlefield that has benefited Democrats by forcing national Republican groups to spread their dollars among many more districts.”

-- A new poll shows Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison has fallen behind in his bid to become Minnesota’s attorney general. [John Wagner reports](#): “Republican Doug Wardlow leads Ellison, a six-term congressman and deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee, 43 percent to 36 percent, according to the Star Tribune/MPR News Minnesota Poll. The poll shows eroding support for Ellison during a stretch when he has faced allegations of abuse by a former girlfriend. Ellison, one of the more liberal members of Congress, has vigorously denied the allegations. In a September poll, Ellison was leading Wardlow, an attorney who served one term in the Minnesota House, 41 percent to 36 percent.”

-- “In the closing stretch of the 2018 campaign, the question is no longer the size of the Democratic wave. It’s whether there will be a wave at all,” [the AP’s Steve Peoples, Thomas Beaumont and Lisa Mascaro report](#). “Top operatives in both political parties concede that Democrats’ narrow path to the Senate majority has essentially disappeared, a casualty of surging Republican enthusiasm across GOP

strongholds. At the same time, leading Democrats now fear the battle for the House majority will be decided by just a handful of seats.”



A rally attendee displays a Confederate flag while waiting outside the Toyota Center in Houston to attend a campaign event with President Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). (Sergio Flores/Bloomberg News)

-- **Trump’s no-go zones**, [by Jonathan Martin and Maggie Haberman in the New York Times](#): “In some House races, **the president has been forced to appear in second cities — Topeka instead of Kansas City, or Rochester instead of Minneapolis — because [House] incumbents are attempting to convince their suburban electorate that they are independent of Mr. Trump. ...** The White House has very much taken notice of who has spurned Mr. Trump — [Erik] Paulsen [of the Minneapolis suburbs] and Representative Kevin Yoder of Kansas are mentioned frequently by West Wing officials. . . . **Trump’s desire to fill arenas**

often overrides the preference of the candidate he is ostensibly there to help.

When he visited Pennsylvania earlier this month to endorse Representative Lou Barletta's Senate campaign, for example, the president chose to appear in Erie rather than Pittsburgh, even though Mr. Barletta's campaign indicated their preference was Pittsburgh, according to officials close to the congressman ...

“Gov. Rick Scott, running for the Senate [in Florida], has drawn notice in the White House for his willingness to appear with Mr. Trump at official events but refusal to stand with the president at his beloved rallies. The president is planning a trip to Fort Myers next week, and may return to Florida once more before the election, but it is unclear if Mr. Scott will appear at the rally, which will feature the Republican nominee for governor, Ron DeSantis. ... One senior Republican official with ties to both Mr. Trump and Mr. Scott predicted the governor would likely use his role leading the cleanup after Hurricane Michael as cover to avoid coming to any political events — but this official acknowledged that if it were not for the storm, the governor would likely come up with another excuse to sidestep the risk of standing beside the ever-unpredictable president.

“The president's destinations also reflect the competing impulses of his advisers. The White House political director, Bill Stepien, and his colleagues are eager to claim credit for saving as many House seats as they can, no matter how small a market they must send the president to ... But the manager-in-waiting for Mr. Trump's 2020 campaign, Brad Parscale, and his allies are eager to flex the president's political strength ahead of his re-election bid, and collect as many cellphone numbers and emails as possible — and thus prefer overflowing big-city venues such as the home of the N.B.A.'s Rockets in Houston."



Michael Bloomberg delivers a speech at the European commission headquarters in Brussels. (Ludovic Marin/AFP/Getty Images)

-- Michael Bloomberg is donating millions to Democrats and visiting early-primary states as he weighs a 2020 presidential bid that would play to the party's center. [Michael Scherer reports](#): “Half a decade after leaving elected office, Bloomberg, 76, remains a political aberration — an extremely wealthy activist mogul who refuses definition even as both political parties adopt ever-brighter shades of blue and red. And that makes his political ambitions nearly as difficult to predict as Donald Trump’s 2015 decision to pursue the Republican nod. ... [T]he list of obstacles to Bloomberg’s presidential ambitions includes bullet points that could potentially turn off just about every piece of the traditional Democratic coalition. ... But if he moves forward, a Bloomberg campaign would not run within the

Democratic Party as it exists, exactly. His campaign would effectively be an effort to reshape it, and there is clear recent precedent for electoral success by a billionaire who starts a campaign distant from his party's precepts.”



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and national security adviser John Bolton, right, shake hands during their meeting on Tuesday at the Kremlin in Moscow. (Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP)

THERE'S A BEAR IN THE WOODS:

-- U.S. Cyber Command has begun targeting Russian operatives and warning them the United States is tracking their activity. [Ellen Nakashima reports](#): “[The]

operation is the first under a new presidential order easing restrictions on offensive cyberspace actions against foreign networks and represents Cyber Command's initial foray into safeguarding U.S. elections ... The news comes as [John Bolton] warned officials in Moscow this week that he considered Russian interference in the American election process 'intolerable.' The digital alerts, which could take the form of text or direct messages, pop-ups or emails, are implicit warnings meant to stay below the level of an armed attack, so as not to provoke the Russians into counterattacking ... Their targets include military hackers and 'trolls' financed by Russian oligarchs."

-- Bolton, the national security adviser, reiterated Trump's commitment to withdraw from a landmark arms control treaty with the former Soviet Union.

[Anton Troianovski reports](#): "He also echoed Trump's assertions that Russia is violating the pact, suggesting that no progress was made to ease the impasse during Bolton's two days of talks with top Russian officials including [Vladimir Putin] ... The Kremlin denies any violations and says scrapping the 31-year-old [treaty] would be a dangerous development that could spark a new arms race."

-- Bolton said Trump and Putin would meet next month in Paris. Both leaders plan to attend France's ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. It will be their first meeting since the Helsinki summit. ([Anne Gearan](#))

-- Meanwhile, Mike Pence declined to rule out the possibility of deploying nuclear weapons in space, telling The Post that "peace comes through strength" — even as he maintained that the current ban on their use is in the "interest of every nation." [Robert Costa reports](#): "'What we need to do is make sure that we provide for the common defense of the people of the [USA] and that's the president's determination here,' Pence [said], when asked if nuclear weapons should be banned from orbit ... The new positioning comes as the Trump administration moves to

potentially exit a major nuclear weapons pact with Russia and possibly bolster U.S. military operations in the heavens by forming a 'Space Force.'”



President Trump speaks during the swearing-in ceremony for VA Secretary Robert Wilkie in the Oval Office. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:

-- **The White House has rejected a spate of judges tapped to serve on the Board of Veterans' Appeals, prompting concern it is politicizing a traditionally nonpartisan entity whose appointees determine whether an injured veteran is entitled to lifetime benefits.** [Lisa Rein reports](#). “[This summer], the White House rejected half of the candidates selected by the board chairwoman to serve as administrative judges, who make rulings on the disability claims. The rejections

came after **the White House required them to disclose their party affiliation and other details of their political leanings ... Such questions had not been asked of judge candidates in the past[.]** As part of the process, the candidates were asked to provide links to their social media profiles and disclose whether they had ever given a speech to Congress, spoken at a political convention, appeared on talk radio, or published an opinion piece in a conservative forum [or] a liberal one ... The rejected applicants are three Democrats and an independent. Of the four accepted by the White House, [three] are Republicans, and one has no party affiliation but has voted in GOP primaries.”

-- The Trump administration has aggressively sought to bypass lower courts in a bid to get its issues heard more quickly by a refortified conservative Supreme Court. [Robert Barnes reports](#): “[Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Solicitor General Noel J. Francisco] have repeatedly gone outside the usual appellate process to get issues such as the travel ban, immigration and greater authority for top officials before the justices. They were rewarded Monday night when the court, in an unsigned opinion, put a hold on a planned deposition of [Wilbur Ross]. Besides the controversy over Ross, [Justice Department] lawyers have petitioned the court to lift a stay on [Trump’s] travel ban while considering its merits, asked the justices to limit discovery in trials in lower courts involving immigrants, and succeeded at least temporarily in stopping a trial brought by young people over climate change. [And] the administration recently told a federal appeals court it would go directly to the Supreme Court if the judges did not rule by the end of the month on a case challenging the administration’s position on [DACA].”

-- HHS is conducting a review of its refugee resettlement program as it considers a staff shake-up. [Politico’s Dan Diamond reports](#): “A top official at [HHS], which runs the refugee resettlement program, is conducting what she called a ‘top to bottom’ review of the program, three months after the [migrant family

separations] paralyzed the agency. **That includes examining the leadership of Scott Lloyd, director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement [.]”**

Several inside sources tell Politico that Lloyd's mismanagement made it much harder to reunify parents with their children: “For instance, Lloyd directed his staff to stop keeping a spreadsheet tracking separated families. As the crisis mounted, and HHS scrambled to determine how many migrant children had been separated from their parents, [Secretary Alex] Azar learned that Lloyd's office had yet to review hundreds of case files to understand the scope of the problem, despite being instructed to do so. Azar began reviewing case files personally that night.”

-- Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein’s closed-door House testimony has been indefinitely postponed — again. [Karoun Demirjian reports](#): “Rosenstein had been expected to speak with the leaders of the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform panels on Wednesday afternoon, but the chairmen of those panels said that the amount of time they had budgeted for the session was not enough 'to ask all the questions' they had planned.”

-- The FBI said it was unable to locate any photos of James Comey and Robert Mueller “hugging and kissing” each other. It was responding to a FOIA request submitted last month by BuzzFeed News after Trump claimed that he could provide “100” such images. [Salvador Hernandez and Jason Leopold report](#): “Trump made the unusual claim on Sept. 5 during an interview with the Daily Caller, where he accused Mueller of leading an ‘illegal investigation’ because of supposed conflicts of interests.” “He’s Comey’s best friend,” Trump said in the interview. “And I could give you 100 pictures of him and Comey hugging and kissing each other. You know, he’s Comey’s best friend.”



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A Central American migrant traveling with a caravan to the United States makes his way to the main square in Huixtla, Mexico. (Moises Castillo/AP)

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- **“How the migrant caravan became so big and why it’s continuing to grow,”** [by Kevin Sieff and Joshua Partlow](#): “[Edith Cruz] and her cousin had just opened a small business selling tortillas when they were confronted by a gang, threatened with death if they didn’t hand over half of their profits. She looked at the Facebook post: ‘An avalanche of Hondurans is preparing to leave in a caravan to the United States. Share this!’ Within three hours, her bags were packed. ... Although the caravan’s origin story remains somewhat opaque, the answer from many migrants here is that they had wanted to leave for months or years, and then — in a Facebook post, a television program, a WhatsApp group — they saw an image of the growing group and decided.”

-- **A second migrant caravan from El Salvador is taking shape.** [NBC News’s Julia Ainsley and Mariana Atencio report](#): “The El Salvadoran caravan is still forming, but its members have plans to begin their journey northward toward the U.S. next week . . . [An internal U.S. government report] indicates that DHS is tracking the communications of caravan members, including a 230-member WhatsApp group that intends to leave on Oct. 31. ... [T]he report indicates the early members of the caravan are immigrant families traveling with children.”

-- **Trump acknowledged there is “no proof” that people of Middle Eastern descent had joined the caravan, as he previously claimed.** [From John Wagner and Felicia Sonmez](#): “‘There’s no proof of anything. But there could very well be,’ Trump said in remarks in the Oval Office on Tuesday afternoon. His remarks came after several administration officials, including Vice President Pence, sought to back up the president in the face of skepticism about his claim this week.”

-- **Trump’s tweetstorms about the caravan sparked a government-wide scramble to explain where the president was getting his information and**

whether to act on it. [The New York Times's Julie Hirschfeld Davis reports](#): “Like many of the president’s tweetstorms, this one appears to have been inspired at least in part by a report on Fox News — the morning show ‘Fox and Friends,’ a Trump favorite, to be precise — and included attacks on Democrats, immigrants and foreign countries. It drew a chorus of partial responses from a variety of Trump administration agencies charged with carrying out its contents, including a series of colliding statements: ‘We refer you to [fill in the blank name of the agency that has already referred me to you],’ or please ask the White House.”

-- A Campbell's Soup executive, former Secretary of the Senate Kelly Johnston, stirred controversy by promoting a conspiracy theory about the caravan on social media. [Taylor Telford reports](#): “In [a] tweet, Johnston suggested that George Soros’s Open Society Foundations had orchestrated the migration of thousands of people and was even controlling ‘where they defecate.’ Johnston accused the group of having ‘an army of American immigration lawyers waiting at the border.’ ... In an email to The Post, Campbell’s said it does not support the views Johnston expressed in the tweet.”

-- Amazon met in June with ICE officials to discuss its facial-recognition technology, which it pitched to the agency as a way to target or identify immigrants. Amazon founder and CEO Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Post. [Drew Harwell reports](#): Emails show that officials from ICE and Amazon Web Services talked about implementing the company’s Rekognition face-scanning platform to assist with homeland-security investigations. An Amazon Web Services official who specializes in federal sales contracts ... wrote that the conversation involved ‘predictive analytics’ and ‘Rekognition Video tagging/analysis’ that could possibly allow ICE to identify people’s faces from afar — a type of technology immigration officials have voiced interest in for its potential [use along the U.S. border]. ICE, which does not currently have a contract with Amazon, said in a statement that its

[DHS investigations] unit has used facial-recognition technology to assist in ‘criminal investigations related to [fraud], identity theft and child exploitation crimes.’”

One week after the ICE meeting, hundreds of anonymous employees wrote in a letter to Bezos saying they “refuse to build the platform that powers ICE, and we refuse to contribute to tools that violate human rights.”



David Thomas Sr., deputy executive director of VA’s Small and Veteran Business Programs, says he removed this painting from his office after a Washington Post reporter made him aware its subject, Nathan Bedford Forrest, was a Confederate general and slave trader who served as the Ku Klux Klan’s first figurehead. (Courtesy of John Rigby)

RACE IN AMERICA:

-- A senior VA official removed a portrait of the Ku Klux Klan's first grand wizard from his D.C. office after agency employees expressed outrage. [Lisa Rein reports](#): “David J. Thomas Sr. is deputy executive director of VA’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, which certifies veteran-owned businesses seeking government contracts. His senior staff is mostly African American. Thomas said he took down the painting Monday after a Washington Post reporter explained that its subject, Nathan Bedford Forrest, was a Confederate general and slave trader who became the KKK’s first figurehead in 1868. He said he was unaware of Forrest’s affiliation with the hate group ... A basic Google search of Forrest’s name returns various biographies detailing his role in the Confederacy and the white-supremacist strains of its aftermath.”

-- A white supremacist group launched a new round of racist robo-calls against Gillum in Florida. [Felicia Sonmez and Tim Craig report](#): “[The robo-call] features a man impersonating Gillum in a minstrel dialect, while jungle sounds and chimpanzee noises can be heard in the background. ‘Well, hello there! I is the negro, Andrew Gillum, and I be askin’ you to make me governor of this here state of Florida,’ the minute-long call begins ... The speaker compares ‘the white man’s medicine, which is very expensive, ’cause it uses science and whatnot,’ with ‘the medicine of my African race,’ which involves ‘puttin’ de chicken feets under your pillows during the full moon’ and ‘don’t hardly cost nothin’ at all.’ ... The two Florida Democratic Party county chairs who received the robocall Tuesday morning said they believe it is targeting black Democratic leaders in the state and is aimed at keeping Gillum’s supporters away from the polls.”

-- Trump doubled down on describing himself as a “nationalist,” ignoring the historically fraught significance of the word, a day after he embraced the label during his rally in Houston with Ted Cruz. [Felicia Sonmez reports](#): ““No, I never

heard that theory about being a nationalist,’ Trump told reporters in the Oval Office when asked whether his use of the word was intended as a dog whistle to white nationalists. ‘I’ve heard them all. But I’m somebody that loves our country.’ ... [Trump’s] full-on embrace of [the label] two weeks before the midterm election has raised questions about whether he is seeking to stoke racist and anti-immigrant sentiment.”

-- **White nationalist leader Richard Spencer’s wife, Nina Koupriianova, accuses him in divorce filings of being “physically, emotionally, verbally and financially abusive.”** She claims she was “being hit, being grabbed, being dragged around by her hair, being held down in a manner causing bruising, and being prevented from calling for help.” ([BuzzFeed News](#))



House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Tex.) holds up a sample tax form as he speaks during a media briefing. (Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

TRUMP'S ECONOMIC AGENDA:

-- **In his Wall Street Journal interview, Trump escalated his criticisms of Fed Chairman Jerome Powell.** [The Journal's Michael C. Bender, Rebecca Ballhaus, Peter Nicholas and Alex Leary report:](#) “Mr. Trump acknowledged the independence the Fed has long enjoyed in setting economic policy, while also making clear he was intentionally sending a direct message to Mr. Powell that he wanted lower interest rates. ‘Every time we do something great, he raises the interest rates,’ Mr. Trump said, adding that Mr. Powell ‘almost looks like he’s happy raising interest rates.’ ... Mr. Trump said it was ‘too early to say, but maybe’ he regrets nominating Mr. Powell.

“Mr. Trump repeatedly described the economy in personal terms. He referred to economic gains during his time in office as ‘my numbers,’ saying, ‘I have a hot economy going.’ He described his push for growth as a competition with former President Obama’s record, saying that increases under his Democratic predecessor were skewed because of low-interest rates.”

-- **House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Tex.) said he will work with the White House “over the coming weeks” to develop the middle-class tax cut Trump proposed out of the blue last weekend,** [The Wall Street Journal's Richard Rubin reports.](#)

-- **Bigger picture: “The mystery tax cut is only the latest instance of the federal government scrambling to reverse-engineer policies to meet Trump’s sudden public promises — or to search for evidence buttressing his conspiracy theories and falsehoods,”** [Philip Rucker and Ashley Parker write.](#) “The Pentagon leaped into action to both hold a military parade and launch a ‘Space Force’ on the president’s

whims. The Commerce Department moved to create a plan for auto tariffs after Trump angrily threatened to impose them. And just this week, Vice President Pence, the Department of Homeland Security and the White House all rushed to try to back up Trump's unsupported claim that 'unknown Middle Easterners' were part of a migrant caravan in Central America — only to have the president admit late Tuesday that there was no proof at all."

-- Trump falsely accused Puerto Rican officials of trying to use hurricane relief funding to pay off their debts — saying in a tweet that, “The U.S. will NOT bail out long outstanding & unpaid obligations with hurricane relief money!” “In fact, neither Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló — or a federal board that oversees the territory's finances — have argued that federal disaster relief funds should be used to directly pay off debts,” [John Wagner and Arelis R. Hernández report](#). “Rosselló and other local leaders have actively advocated against such a move. Trump's tweet came as the federally appointed control board approved a five-year fiscal plan Tuesday. The plan projects that \$82 billion in anticipated federal disaster funds will bolster the island's economy, better positioning it to pay off debts in the future. ‘The president is confusing the oversight board's position with that of the government of Puerto Rico,’ said Sergio Marxuach of the Center for a New Economy, the leading think tank on the island."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

The Saudi crown prince participated in this apparently staged moment with Khashoggi's son:



Tom Gara ✓
@tomgara



Spare a thought for Khashoggi's son, banned from leaving Saudi Arabia, who had to go and do this today

9:41 AM - Oct 23, 2018

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Once again, Trump appeared to leave his advisers in the lurch. From a Post reporter:



From a New York Times reporter:



Trump also appeared to contradict himself on immigration:



Maggie Haberman 
@maggieNYT



Just tossing this out there - doesnt this undermine your repeated claim that Dems are for open borders and crime?

Donald J. Trump  @realDonaldTrump

I agree with President Obama 100%!




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The Senate minority leader condemned violence committed “across the political spectrum”:


politics

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's California office vandalized

By Veronica Stappert, CNN
Updated 11:05 AM ET, Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Washington (CNN) — House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's office in California was vandalized and equipment was stolen Monday evening, the Republican congressman said.

In a post on his Instagram account, McCarthy published pictures of the two men he claims "threw a boulder" through the window of his Glendale office and a picture of the resulting damage.


The New York Times


At George Soros's Home in N.Y. Suburb, Explosive Device Is Found in Mailbox


By William K. Rashbaum, Sarah Mervosh and Andrew R. Chow
Oct. 22, 2018

The explosive device found in a mailbox at the home of George Soros, the billionaire philanthropist, on Monday afternoon was relatively small, a senior law enforcement official said on Tuesday.

The device was "proactively denoted" by bomb squad technicians from the Westchester County Police Department.



Chuck Schumer 
@SenSchumer



Make no mistake: Despicable acts of violence and harassment are being carried out by radicals across the political spectrum—not just by one side. Regardless of who is responsible, these acts are wrong and must be condemned by Democrats and Republicans alike. Period.

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The communications director for Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) shared this photo:



Matt Whitlock
@mattdizwhitlock

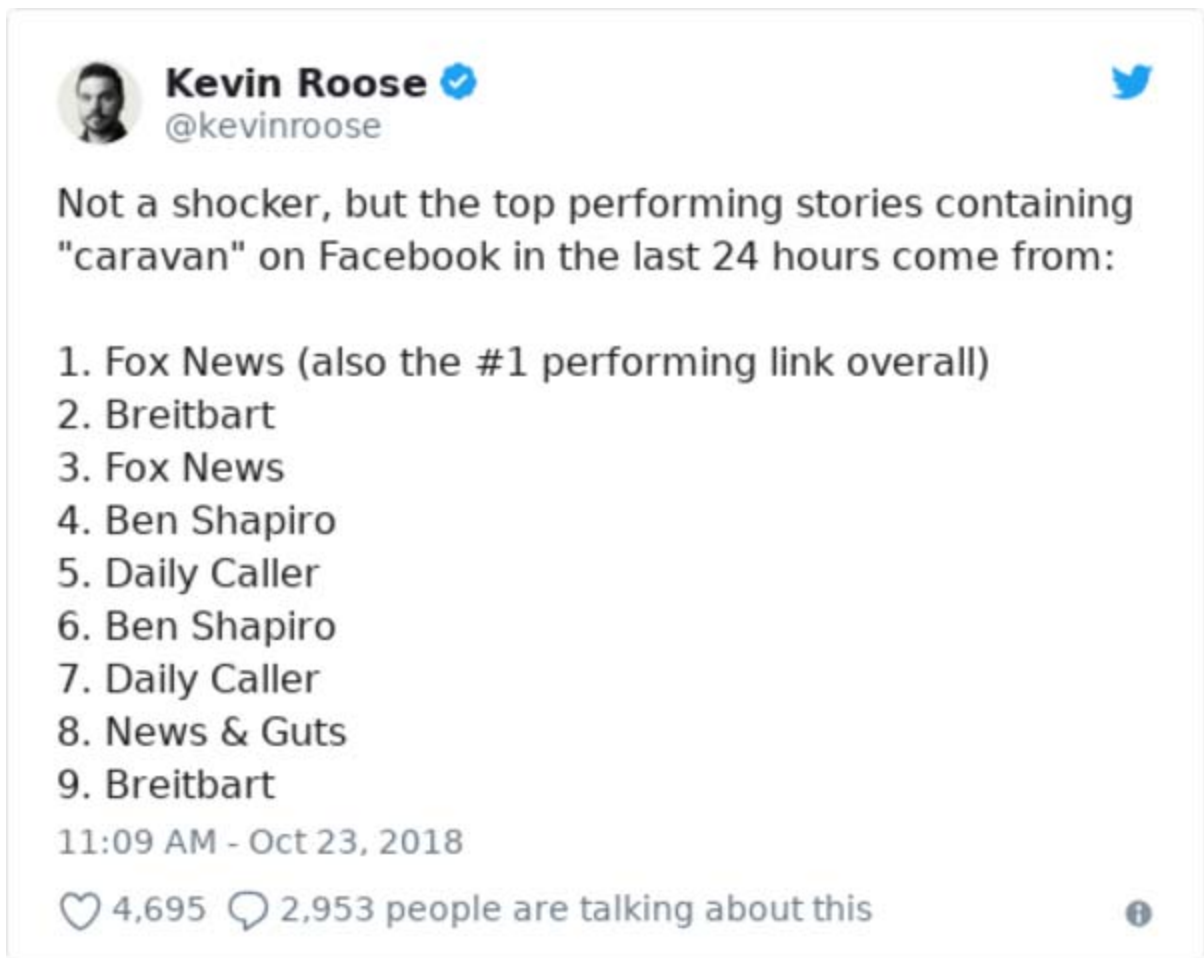


Senator Hatch got a new T-shirt to wear to the gymnasium for sport.

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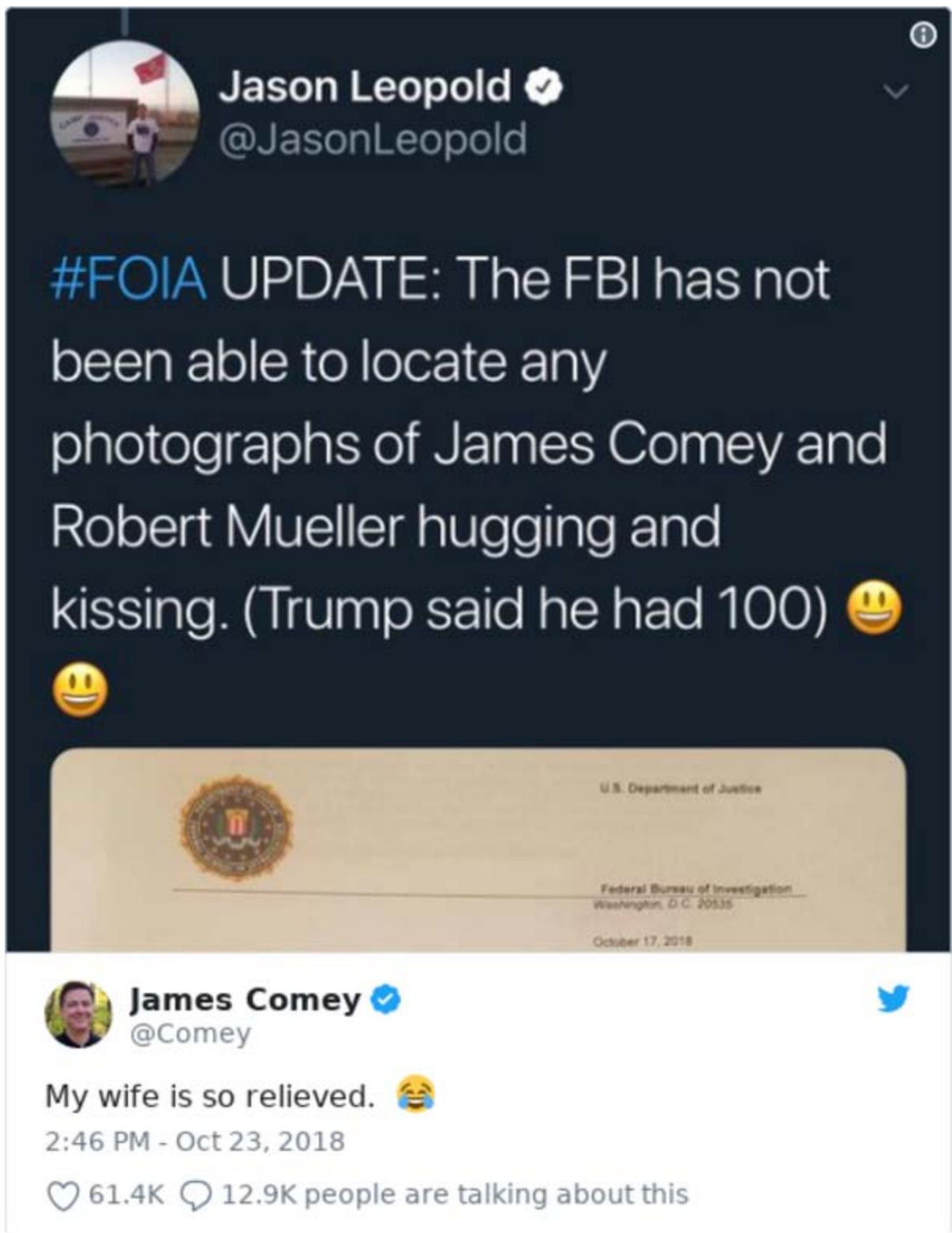
A New York Times reporter commented on the top caravan-related stories on Facebook:



A veteran NBC News reporter provided this important reminder:



Jim Comey reacted to a FOIA request about photos of him and Bob Mueller:



California's senators proposed a World Series bet against their colleagues from Massachusetts:



Kamala Harris ✓
@SenKamalaHarris



Hey, @SenWarren and @SenMarkey: @SenFeinstein and I are ready to make you a World Series bet. Looking forward to a @Dodgers victory and a bowl of clam chowder! #LADetermined

Sen Dianne Feinstein ✓ @SenFeinstein

Proud to join @SenKamalaHarris in a #WorldSeries wager against @SenWarren and @SenMarkey. Dodger Dogs and LA's famous guacamole against Boston clam chowder. Let's go @Dodgers! #LADetermined

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But Sen. Kamala Harris's communication director broke with her boss:



GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

- BuzzFeed News, [**“Top Obama Allies Are Ready To Support A Deval Patrick Presidential Campaign”**](#) by Darren Sands: “The perils of the road to the presidency — and a life and business he loves — may ultimately keep Deval Patrick away from the Democratic primary. It’s just that he’s running into an awful lot of reasons to think that maybe they shouldn’t.”
- New York Times, [**“#MeToo Brought Down 201 Powerful Men. Nearly Half of Their Replacements Are Women,”**](#) by Audrey Carlsen, Maya Salam, Claire Cain Miller, Denise Lu, Ash Ngu, Jugal K. Patel and Zach Wichter: “A New York Times analysis has found that, since the publishing of the [Weinstein exposés], at least 200 prominent men have lost their jobs after public allegations of sexual harassment. ... In the year preceding the Weinstein report, by contrast, fewer than 30 high-profile people made the news for resigning or being fired after public

accusations of sexual misconduct. The downfall of the Fox host Bill O'Reilly in April 2017 turned out to have been just a foreshock of the changes to come.”

HOT ON THE LEFT:

“Megyn Kelly apologizes for blackface comments,” from

Politico: “NBC host Megyn Kelly apologized to colleagues Tuesday for questioning on her show why dressing up in blackface for Halloween would be considered racist. ... ‘What is racist? You do get in trouble if you are a white person who puts on blackface for Halloween, or a black person who puts on whiteface for Halloween. Back when I was a kid, that was OK as long as you were dressing up as a character.’ Despite the panelists on her show gently pushing back, Kelly returned to the topic later, referencing an incident from last year in which a *Real Housewives* [star] was accused of darkening her skin as part of a Diana Ross costume. ‘I don’t know, I thought, like, ‘Who doesn’t love Diana Ross?’ She wants to look

HOT ON THE RIGHT:

“Texas Republicans offer all-expenses-paid trip for Pelosi to campaign for Dems,” from Fox News: “The campaign for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott poked fun at the state’s Democratic Party Tuesday, offering to pay for a visit by [Nancy Pelosi] so she can ‘witness firsthand’ the success Republican policies have had under Abbott. Texans for Greg Abbott sent the letter offering an all-expenses-paid trip for Pelosi. ... ‘This campaign visit would provide Leader Pelosi with the opportunity to witness firsthand how our commitment to freedom and limited government has resulted in tremendous success and prosperity for the people of Texas,’ the letter read.”

like Diana Ross for one day. I don't know how that got racist on Halloween.”

DAYBOOK:

Trump will deliver a speech at the White House on the opioid crisis. He will then travel for a campaign rally in Mosinee, Wis.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“[T]he President of the United States says it's ok to grab women by their private parts.” — Bruce Michael Alexander, who was arrested for allegedly groping a woman on a Southwest Airlines flight. ([Allyson Chiu](#))

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

-- **It will be noticeably cooler and breezier than yesterday in Washington.** [The Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#): “Temperatures swing back lower today with a wind chill as well. We'll start in the 40s this morning, reaching highs in the mid-50s this afternoon under mostly to partly sunny skies. Winds gust from the north-northwest to near 30 mph.”

-- **A fellow Republican intends to challenge Virginia Senate candidate Corey Stewart next year for chair of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.** [Antonio Olivo reports](#): “Martin E. Nohe, a veteran supervisor who also chairs the

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, said Tuesday he will run for Stewart's seat regardless of the outcome of the Senate race. Nohe, who was first elected in 2003, said Stewart's larger political ambitions in recent years have been a distraction for Virginia's second-most populous jurisdiction."

-- D.C. officials are considering measures to crack down on traffic law violators following a recent increase in fatal collisions. [Luz Lazo reports](#): "The District is shaking up its Vision Zero strategy following a rash of fatal collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists since the summer — and mounting criticism from residents and advocates who say the city's commitment to the program started three years ago with a goal to end traffic deaths by 2024, is failing. As an immediate measure, D.C. police are readying a three-day citywide safety blitz starting Thursday, during which they will target speeding and impaired drivers at multiple locations. ... The city also is considering banning right turns on red at 100 locations[.]"

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Stephen Colbert criticized Trump for calling himself a "nationalist":



Oh Boy, He Broke Out The 'Nationalist' Word

Jimmy Kimmel introduced the “Trump Tell-All Book of the Month Club”:



Trump Tell-All Book of the Month Club

The Democratic super PAC Priorities USA Action [launched](#) a \$2 million ad campaign highlighting Mitch McConnell's comments blaming entitlement campaigns for the rising federal debt:



Big Cuts

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) launched a new campaign ad with his mother:



Good Job

And Colorado residents encountered a surprising traffic jam:

Ashley Zivojnovic/Storyful
Evergreen, Colorado

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TRAFFIC JAM: Residents of Evergreen, Colorado hit some morning traffic after encountering a herd of elk crossing the interstate. abcn.ws/2D25OoD

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TOP NEWS

Manager Warned HR To 'Be Careful' With Trans Worker: Docs

A California federal jury got an inside look Wednesday into an educational technology company's firing of a transgender worker, reading emails from a manager warning her HR colleagues to "be careful" with a work-from-home request from the employee, saying "he's one of the only employees we've had that actually has done their research." [Read full article »](#)

Analysis

Gig Worker Suits On Thin Ice After Arbitration Pacts Upheld

A California federal judge's determination that a DoorDash driver suing the app-based food delivery service must fight it out in individual arbitration suggests the dominoes are falling for collective wage-and-hour suits from so-called gig-economy workers after a recent Ninth Circuit ruling, experts say. [Read full article »](#)

IRS Fires Back At Cisco In Altera Cost-Sharing Suit In 9th Circ.

The Internal Revenue Service hit back Wednesday at Cisco Systems Inc.'s argument that cost-sharing arrangements don't involve a transfer of intangibles between related parties, in the latest round of arguments in the government's appeal of its case against chipmaker Altera Corp. in the Ninth Circuit. [Read full article »](#)

ACLU Presses Gov't On Amazon Face-Recognition Plans

The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday sought records on the federal government's efforts to obtain Amazon-developed facial recognition technology so agents can use it in immigration enforcement activities, arguing that Congress should first determine the limits of the technology's use. [Read full article »](#)

Car Dealers, Data Mgt. Co. Reach \$29.5M Partial Settlement

Car dealerships filing a class action over two companies' alleged monopoly over the dealer data management systems market have reached a \$29.5 million settlement to resolve claims against one of those two companies, Reynolds and Reynolds. [Read full article »](#)

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German Industry Group Pushes Back Against EU Digital Tax



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Cox Communications Inc.
Dealogic LLC
Dynamex, Inc.
Facebook
Google Inc.
JAMS Inc.

A key German industry group has sent a personal appeal to the European Commission's top tax official, Pierre Moscovici, urging him to reject the European Union's proposed digital tax, a letter seen by Law360 shows. [Read full article »](#)

NTCA Says Smart Cities Must Partner With Cable Operators

Municipalities aiming to become so-called smart cities should seek to form partnerships with cable operators, which could help drive innovation and increase services, according to an NCTA-The Internet and Television Association white paper released Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

FCC To Tackle Satellite Approvals, Space Debris Rules In Nov.

The Federal Communications Commission aims to approve several satellite use plans submitted by operators like SpaceX seeking to expand wireless broadband technology, and to tackle other space-related regulations in November, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

LITIGATION

In Cambridge Analytica Bankruptcy, Responsive Party Elusive

The director of bankrupt and scandalized political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica LLC has put the company's U.S. bankruptcy attorneys, who are seeking to withdraw as counsel, in a difficult position after failing to respond to efforts to designate him as a responsible party for the company. [Read full article »](#)

Google Nixes One AdWords Class Rep, But Another Survives

A California federal judge has killed one plaintiff's class claims alleging he was overcharged by Google LLC, finding once again that his relationship to class counsel presents a conflict, but allowed another plaintiff's claims to proceed. [Read full article »](#)

Take-Two Again Blasts IP Suit Over Tattoo In WWE Game

Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. moved Tuesday to shut down a tattoo artist's suit in Illinois federal court alleging it infringed her copyrights by depicting designs she inked on wrestler Randy Orton in its WWE 2K video games, saying her "vague, conclusory allegations fall short." [Read full article »](#)

Bose Headphones Don't Resist Sweat, Buyers Say In Suit

A proposed consumer class sued Bose Corp. in Massachusetts federal court Wednesday, saying that despite the company's promotional material showing images of "sweat-drenched athletes" wearing its wireless Bluetooth headphones, the products are not sweat-resistant as advertised and have insufficient battery life. [Read full article »](#)

Disputers Of Google Privacy Deal Cite 9th Circ. Award Ruling

Challengers to Google's \$8.5 million privacy settlement, the fairness of which the U.S. Supreme Court will consider next week, have cited a recent Ninth Circuit approval of a "cy pres" deal distributing class action awards to third parties and not consumers as reason for the high court to wade into the issue. [Read full article »](#)

Backpage Fee Row Sent Back To Del. Chancery Court

The former owner of Backpage.com won its bid Tuesday to remand back to Delaware Chancery Court its suit seeking legal fees from the embattled advertising website for costs incurred in litigation surrounding Backpage's alleged facilitation of sex trafficking. [Read full article »](#)

EHealthline's Ex-JV Partners Beat Trade Secrets Suit

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Kessler Topaz
Kirkland & Ellis
Krevolin & Horst
LaMonica Herbst
Labaton Sucharow
Latham & Watkins
Lief Cabraser
Lowenstein Sandler

A California federal judge on Tuesday tossed EHealthline.com's suit alleging two former joint venture partners used its confidential and proprietary information when they separately agreed to build a Saudi Arabian pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, a project that was never completed. [Read full article »](#)

Investors Urge Exchanges To Phase Out Dual-Class Voting

An investor group on Wednesday petitioned both major stock exchanges to require issuers that use so-called dual-class share structures, which grant outsize voting power to company founders, to phase out such arrangements within seven years after the initial public offering, arguing that unequal voting systems deprive shareholders of a say in corporate affairs. [Read full article »](#)

Ga. Judge Pauses Electronic Voting Suit For Appeal

The Georgia federal judge overseeing litigation challenging the state's allegedly insecure electronic voting system granted a bid by election officials to pause the proceedings while they appeal her decision declining to toss the suit, holding that the move is warranted because of the important election integrity issues involved. [Read full article »](#)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

JAMS Inks New Partnership With Chinese Arbitration Forum

Arbitration and mediation provider JAMS said Wednesday that it's teaming up with the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration to create a new panel to solve disputes between U.S. and Chinese companies, giving the internationally known arbitration brands a deeper roster of panelists to pull from for clients' high-value disputes. [Read full article »](#)

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From Medicine To Sexbots, AI Raises Liability Questions

Artificial intelligence is already in use for applications like calculating drug dosages for cancer patients. But future uses of AI could range much further, perhaps even as depicted in TV shows like "Westworld." We are only beginning to grapple with how the law will treat liability issues raised by such technological advances, says Ileana Blanco of DLA Piper LLP. [Read full article »](#)

Opinion

Time For Regulators To Embrace Earned Wage Access

A wave of fintech providers are offering earned wage access services, which enable employees to access a portion of their wages before their next scheduled payday. While regulators have taken notice, they have yet to clarify existing rules or explicitly endorse such programs, say attorneys with McGuireWoods LLP. [Read full article »](#)

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Feds Want DC Circ. To Affirm Toss Of Woman's Visa Suit

The Trump administration on Wednesday asked the D.C. Circuit to affirm a lower court's dismissal of an Egyptian woman's suit alleging that the federal government violated several statutes by including false information in her record that led her to fail to obtain entry visas. [Read full article »](#)

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In Cambridge Analytica Bankruptcy, Responsive Party Elusive

The director of bankrupt and scandalized political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica LLC has put the company's U.S. bankruptcy attorneys, who are seeking to withdraw as counsel, in a difficult position after failing to respond to efforts to designate him as a responsible party for the company. [Read full article »](#)

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Chatterjee Replaces Ailing McIntyre As FERC Chairman

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chair Kevin McIntyre said late Wednesday that he was relinquishing his chairmanship due to health problems and will simply serve as a commissioner, and President Donald Trump tapped Commissioner Neil Chatterjee to take McIntyre's place leading the agency. [Read full article »](#)

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What To Know About Building In Tax 'Opportunity Zones'

Certain low-income areas designated as "opportunity zones" are likely to see new buildings rise and old buildings get made over in the next year, now that recently proposed federal regulations clarify the tax incentives and breaks due to those who invest in such projects. [Read full article »](#)

Sanctuary City Order Can't Stop Seattle From Getting Funds

A Washington federal judge on Wednesday ruled that in light of a Ninth Circuit decision holding that President Donald Trump exceeded his constitutional authority by issuing an executive order that cut off certain grants from sanctuary cities, the administration can't withhold that funding from Seattle and Portland. [Read full article »](#)

Offshore Oil And Gas Drilling In Alaska Gets OK From DOI

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said Wednesday that oil and gas drilling in the federal waters off Alaska can move forward following conditional approval by the department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to Hilcorp Alaska LLC for its Liberty Project development and production plan. [Read full article »](#)

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An investor group on Wednesday petitioned both major stock exchanges to require issuers that use so-called dual-class share structures, which grant outsize voting power to company founders, to phase out such arrangements within seven years after the initial public offering, arguing that unequal voting systems deprive shareholders of a say in corporate affairs. [Read full article »](#)

Bank Misinterpreted Overdraft Fee Rules, 1st Circ. Told

Citizens Financial Group Inc.'s banking unit misread the federal regulations it cited in arguing that sustained overdraft fees are not interest, a bank customer told a First Circuit panel in her fight to revive a proposed class action challenging the legality of the fees. [Read full article »](#)

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Acting EPA Boss Touts Deregulatory Push At Gas Conference

Speaking to a room full of oil and gas industry boosters in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, the Environmental Protection Agency's acting administrator said that President Donald Trump's push to roll back regulations would help companies shift financial resources into developing new technologies to independently curb carbon dioxide and other emissions. [Read full article »](#)

Wash. Official Ducks Coal Permit Suit On Immunity Grounds

Washington's commissioner of public lands on Tuesday escaped a federal lawsuit over the decision to deny permits Lighthouse Resources Inc. needed for a planned coal export facility, after a Washington federal judge found the court lacked jurisdiction because of the state's sovereign right to control its own lands. [Read full article »](#)

Enviros Ask High Court Not To Take Up CWA Authority Fight

A coalition of environmental groups has asked the Supreme Court not to accept a petition from Hawaii's Maui County to review a Ninth Circuit decision that said wastewater injection wells that discharged pollution into groundwater that then reached U.S. waters were subject to Clean Water Act permitting rules. [Read full article »](#)

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Trump Signs Vast Opioid Legislation Into Law

President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed into law far-reaching legislation to ease the opioid crisis, marking one of his administration's most significant bipartisan achievements. [Read full article »](#)

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New 'ABC' Test Limited To Wage Orders, Calif. Court Says

The so-called ABC test, a newly adopted employment-classification test in California that presumes workers are employees rather than independent contractors, applies only to claims brought under wage orders, a state appeals court said in an order reviving parts of a cab driver's wage suit. [Read full article »](#)

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The Internal Revenue Service hit back Wednesday at Cisco Systems Inc.'s argument that cost-sharing arrangements don't involve a transfer of intangibles between related parties, in the latest round of arguments in the government's appeal of its case against chipmaker Altera Corp. in the Ninth Circuit. [Read full article »](#)

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NY Wheel Developer Reconsiders After Funding Shortfall

Challenger Acquisitions Ltd., which owns a minority stake in the incomplete observation wheel in New York City, said Wednesday that it is seeking alternatives to the project after it became apparent there was not enough funding to finish it. [Read full article »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Immigrant Class May Proceed With Mandatory Detention Suit

A Massachusetts federal judge on Tuesday maintained a class of detained immigrants with criminal histories, allowing the class to proceed with its claims that the immigrants have the constitutional right to some type of review after prolonged periods of mandatory detention. [Read full article »](#)

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SBA Taps Okla. Tribe Member To Lead Native American Office

The U.S. Small Business Administration said Tuesday it has appointed an Oklahoma tribe member as its new assistant administrator for its Office of Native American Affairs. [Read full article »](#)

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NTCA Says Smart Cities Must Partner With Cable Operators

Municipalities aiming to become so-called smart cities should seek to form partnerships with cable operators, which could help drive innovation and increase services, according to an NCTA-The Internet and Television Association white paper released Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

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Ex-NY Senate Leader Gets 4 Years For 2nd Graft Conviction

Former New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos was sentenced Wednesday to four years and three months in prison, following his second corruption conviction for coercing businesses into directing payments to his son, Adam. [Read full article »](#)

Ex-NY Legislator Gets 6 Months For Frauds, Obstruction

Former New York State Assemblywoman Pamela Harris was sentenced to six months in prison on Wednesday after she admitted to lying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the New York City Council to get government money and then pressuring her sister to lie to the FBI about it. [Read full article »](#)

Newark Mayor's Ex-Treasurer Gets 30 Months For \$220K Theft

A New Jersey federal judge on Wednesday handed down a 30-month prison sentence to a former campaign treasurer for Newark Democratic Mayor Ras J. Baraka for embezzling about \$223,000 in campaign funds by cashing bogus checks, saying the crime "tarnishes the public trust in the electoral system." [Read full article »](#)

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Federal Anti-Bias Law Doesn't Protect Trans Workers: DOJ

Federal law does not prohibit businesses from discriminating against employees based on their gender identity, the U.S. Department of Justice told the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday in a legal battle over a transgender funeral home worker's firing. [Read full article »](#)

Judge Queries Bias Data As Ex-Harvard Researcher Testifies

The federal judge tasked with deciding whether Harvard University intentionally discriminates against Asian-American applicants questioned a university researcher on whether a 2013 internal report showed a negative effect for being Asian in the Ivy League school's admissions process, as the potentially wide-ranging affirmative action trial continued Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

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How Florida's Proposed Amendments Would Affect Taxpayers

On the Nov. 6 ballot, three of the 12 proposed Florida Constitution amendments deal directly with taxation. French Brown of Dean Mead Egerton Bloodworth Capouano & Bozarth PA discusses the background and potential fiscal repercussions of Amendments One, Two and Five. [Read full article »](#)

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services last week proposed a rule that would require disclosure of list prices in ads for prescription drugs. However, a number of questions remain regarding the proposed rule's impact, say attorneys at Ropes & Gray LLP. [Read full article »](#)

New Sexual Harassment Laws Calif. Employers Should Know

California Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed into law a number of bills addressing workplace sexual harassment that take effect in January. The new laws make it much more difficult for businesses to defend and even settle sexual harassment suits alleged against them, says Lindsay Ayers of Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP. [Read full article »](#)

Decoding DHS' Nonimmigrant Worker 60-Day Grace Period

Last year the U.S. Department of Homeland Security introduced a 60-day grace period for certain nonimmigrants to maintain their status in the U.S. following the cessation of employment. However, more than a year after its implementation, there is still uncertainty as to how the rule applies in varying situations, say Allison Terry and Aron Finkelstein of Murthy Law Firm. [Read full article »](#)

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A California federal jury got an inside look Wednesday into an educational technology company's firing of a transgender worker, reading emails from a manager warning her HR colleagues to "be careful" with a work-from-home request from the employee, saying "he's one of the only employees we've had that actually has done their research." [Read full article »](#)

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A California federal judge's determination that a DoorDash driver suing the app-based food delivery service must fight it out in individual arbitration suggests the dominoes are falling for collective wage-and-hour suits from so-called gig-economy workers after a recent Ninth Circuit ruling, experts say. [Read full article »](#)

IRS Fires Back At Cisco In Altera Cost-Sharing Suit In 9th Circ.

The Internal Revenue Service hit back Wednesday at Cisco Systems Inc.'s argument that cost-sharing arrangements don't involve a transfer of intangibles between related parties, in the latest round of arguments in the government's appeal of its case against chipmaker Altera Corp. in the Ninth Circuit. [Read full article »](#)

ACLU Presses Gov't On Amazon Face-Recognition Plans

The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday sought records on the federal government's efforts to obtain Amazon-developed facial recognition technology so agents can use it in immigration enforcement activities, arguing that Congress should first determine the limits of the technology's use. [Read full article »](#)

Car Dealers, Data Mgt. Co. Reach \$29.5M Partial Settlement

Car dealerships filing a class action over two companies' alleged monopoly over the dealer data management systems market have reached a \$29.5 million settlement to resolve claims against one of those two companies, Reynolds and Reynolds. [Read full article »](#)

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A key German industry group has sent a personal appeal to the European Commission's top tax official, Pierre Moscovici, urging him to reject the European Union's proposed digital tax, a letter seen by Law360 shows. [Read full article »](#)

NTCA Says Smart Cities Must Partner With Cable Operators

Municipalities aiming to become so-called smart cities should seek to form partnerships with cable operators, which could help drive innovation and increase services, according to an NCTA-The Internet and Television Association white paper released Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

FCC To Tackle Satellite Approvals, Space Debris Rules In Nov.

The Federal Communications Commission aims to approve several satellite use plans submitted by operators like SpaceX seeking to expand wireless broadband technology, and to tackle other space-related regulations in November, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

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In Cambridge Analytica Bankruptcy, Responsive Party Elusive

The director of bankrupt and scandalized political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica LLC has put the company's U.S. bankruptcy attorneys, who are seeking to withdraw as counsel, in a difficult position after failing to respond to efforts to designate him as a responsible party for the company. [Read full article »](#)

Google Nixes One AdWords Class Rep, But Another Survives

A California federal judge has killed one plaintiff's class claims alleging he was overcharged by Google LLC, finding once again that his relationship to class counsel presents a conflict, but allowed another plaintiff's claims to proceed. [Read full article »](#)

Take-Two Again Blasts IP Suit Over Tattoo In WWE Game

Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. moved Tuesday to shut down a tattoo artist's suit in Illinois federal court alleging it infringed her copyrights by depicting designs she inked on wrestler Randy Orton in its WWE 2K video games, saying her "vague, conclusory allegations fall short." [Read full article »](#)

Bose Headphones Don't Resist Sweat, Buyers Say In Suit

A proposed consumer class sued Bose Corp. in Massachusetts federal court Wednesday, saying that despite the company's promotional material showing images of "sweat-drenched athletes" wearing its wireless Bluetooth headphones, the products are not sweat-resistant as advertised and have insufficient battery life. [Read full article »](#)

Disputers Of Google Privacy Deal Cite 9th Circ. Award Ruling

Challengers to Google's \$8.5 million privacy settlement, the fairness of which the U.S. Supreme Court will consider next week, have cited a recent Ninth Circuit approval of a "cy pres" deal distributing class action awards to third parties and not consumers as reason for the high court to wade into the issue. [Read full article »](#)

Backpage Fee Row Sent Back To Del. Chancery Court

The former owner of Backpage.com won its bid Tuesday to remand back to Delaware Chancery Court its suit seeking legal fees from the embattled advertising website for costs incurred in litigation surrounding Backpage's alleged facilitation of sex trafficking. [Read full article »](#)

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A California federal judge on Tuesday tossed EHealthline.com's suit alleging two former joint venture partners used its confidential and proprietary information when they separately agreed to build a Saudi Arabian pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, a project that was never completed. [Read full article »](#)

Investors Urge Exchanges To Phase Out Dual-Class Voting

An investor group on Wednesday petitioned both major stock exchanges to require issuers that use so-called dual-class share structures, which grant outsize voting power to company founders, to phase out such arrangements within seven years after the initial public offering, arguing that unequal voting systems deprive shareholders of a say in corporate affairs. [Read full article »](#)

Ga. Judge Pauses Electronic Voting Suit For Appeal

The Georgia federal judge overseeing litigation challenging the state's allegedly insecure electronic voting system granted a bid by election officials to pause the proceedings while they appeal her decision declining to toss the suit, holding that the move is warranted because of the important election integrity issues involved. [Read full article »](#)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

JAMS Inks New Partnership With Chinese Arbitration Forum

Arbitration and mediation provider JAMS said Wednesday that it's teaming up with the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration to create a new panel to solve disputes between U.S. and Chinese companies, giving the internationally known arbitration brands a deeper roster of panelists to pull from for clients' high-value disputes. [Read full article »](#)

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From Medicine To Sexbots, AI Raises Liability Questions

Artificial intelligence is already in use for applications like calculating drug dosages for cancer patients. But future uses of AI could range much further, perhaps even as depicted in TV shows like "Westworld." We are only beginning to grapple with how the law will treat liability issues raised by such technological advances, says Ileana Blanco of DLA Piper LLP. [Read full article »](#)

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Time For Regulators To Embrace Earned Wage Access

A wave of fintech providers are offering earned wage access services, which enable employees to access a portion of their wages before their next scheduled payday. While regulators have taken notice, they have yet to clarify existing rules or explicitly endorse such programs, say attorneys with McGuireWoods LLP. [Read full article »](#)

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9th Circ. Nominee Pushes Back On Tribal Record Criticisms

Perkins Coie LLP's Eric Miller on Wednesday pushed back against criticisms of his record on tribal sovereignty issues during a brief but controversial Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on his nomination to the Ninth Circuit, with no Democrats in attendance. [Read full article »](#)

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Georgia governor candidates are both targeting pro-business GOP moderates in the home stretch



Stacey Abrams debates Brian Kemp on Tuesday night in Atlanta. (John Bazemore/AP)



BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: The first Georgia governor’s debate in Atlanta on Tuesday night captured the tension between the Old South and the New South.

In February, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp called executives at Delta Air Lines “corporate cowards” when they cut business ties with

the National Rifle Association after a mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla. The Republican [championed](#) a push by the legislature to retaliate by eliminating a tax break on jet fuel that saves the state's largest private employer \$40 million a year.

During the debate last night, however, Kemp announced that he's changed his mind. Now he's in favor of restoring the tax break because he doesn't want to put Georgia at a competitive disadvantage to other states.

When he came out against Delta, Kemp was locked in [a competitive GOP primary](#). At the time, he was airing commercials that depicted him pointing a gun at a young man who wanted to date his daughter and threatening to round up undocumented immigrants in his truck and deport them himself. This approach won him President Trump's endorsement and allowed Kemp [to topple the early favorite](#) for the nomination, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, in a July runoff.

Now Kemp is facing a neck-and-neck general election with Stacey Abrams, who could become the nation's first black female governor. She's an outspoken liberal on a host of issues, but she's consistently supported the tax break for Delta and has positioned herself as the more pro-business candidate in the race. So Kemp is sandpapering his rough edges, increasingly highlighting his own background in business and trying to appeal to white-collar Republicans who remain uneasy with the way he won the primary.

-- The opening question during the [debate](#), though, was to Abrams: Does she regret [burning the Georgia state flag](#) during a protest in 1992? Her answer was no. "As a college freshman, I along with many other Georgians ... were deeply disturbed by the racial divisiveness that were

embedded in the state flag with that Confederate symbol,” she said, noting that Kemp voted a decade later to change the state flag. “I took an action of peaceful protest.”

And most of the media coverage of last night’s matchup focuses on the clash between Abrams and Kemp over voter registration and whether he’s trying to make it harder for African Americans to participate in politics. “This farce about voter suppression ... is absolutely not true,” he said. “Voter suppression isn’t only about blocking people,” she responded, “it’s also about creating an atmosphere of fear.”

-- But if you watched the full hour, both candidates appeared more eager to talk about economic issues than social ones. And each has good reasons to do so:

Abrams needs historic African American turnout for a non-presidential election, and she’s on track to get it, but that’s just not enough. She cannot win in this red state without Republican-leaning voters around Atlanta crossing over to vote for her. The smartest strategists on both sides think that, if both sides can drive their bases to the polls, a close race will come down to college-educated white women who are uneasy with Trump and live in the suburban counties of Gwinnett and Cobb.

The business community strongly favored Cagle over Kemp in the GOP primary. Atlanta is a hub of Fortune 500 companies, from Coca-Cola and Home Depot to UPS and SunTrust Banks. **Outgoing Republican Gov. Nathan Deal, who is popular, also supported Cagle,** though he endorsed Kemp after the primaries.

Notably, both candidates praised Deal during last night’s debate.



Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, second from right, is introduced during a unity rally after the Republican runoff on July 26. (John Amis/AP)

-- The defining moment of Deal’s eight-year tenure was when he vetoed a “religious liberty” bill in 2016. The state’s corporate leaders mobilized hard against the measure, which they feared would sanction discrimination against the LGBT community, hurt the state’s business-friendly reputation and scare respectable groups from holding conferences in Atlanta. The bill was the top priority for social conservatives, however, who used churches to mobilize evangelical activists and were aghast at Deal’s veto.

Kemp has [said](#) that he could support a version of a “religious liberty” bill if he wins. Abrams hammers him for this in front of white-collar audiences. In August, both Kemp and Abrams pitched the Georgia Chamber

of Commerce for their endorsement during back-to-back speeches at a conference in Macon. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution [reported](#) from the event that “she drew her biggest applause ... when she highlighted her opposition to religious liberty measures.”

The Georgia Chamber, which typically endorses Republicans, has not supported either candidate in the governor’s race, even as [it’s weighed in](#) on a host of down-ballot contests. This was a tacit win for Abrams.

The Atlanta area’s bid for Amazon’s HQ2 has also been top of mind for a lot of other civic leaders. Some have [expressed concern publicly](#) that the GOP’s divisive rhetoric on social issues could hurt their chances to land the project – and thus miss out on tens of thousands of new jobs.

After the Kemp-supported effort to kill Delta’s tax break succeeded in the legislature, Deal responded by issuing an executive order that suspended the collection of sales tax on jet fuel. But under the law in Georgia, the legislature is now required to review the order during an impending special session. That’s why it’s a live issue in the governor’s race.

-- Deal follows a recent tradition of Republican governors in the South who have prioritized pragmatic business interests over ideological conservative activists when the two constituencies come into conflict. Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, for instance, demanded changes to a “religious liberty” bill before agreeing to sign it – and he’s now coasting to reelection. Outgoing Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, a former corporate executive, clashed with his own party in the legislature to try expanding Medicaid. Before she became U.N. ambassador, as South Carolina’s governor, Nikki Haley ordered the Confederate battle flag removed from the state capitol, citing the state’s business climate as one of her reasons for

doing so in the wake of a white supremacist's massacre at a black church in Charleston.



Voters cast early ballots this week at a recreation center in Atlanta. (Jessica McGowan/Getty Images)

-- Even though the pool of undecided voters is small – less than 10 percent – many voters still feel like Abrams is too far left and Kemp is too rigid for their tastes. That helps explain why the Republican candidate promised to raise wages for teachers, and the Democrat pledged to raise salaries for cops.

-- Abrams has made Medicaid expansion the centerpiece of her campaign, and she sells it more as a smart economic move that will create jobs than a moral imperative. Kemp, who called Abrams “radical”

and “extreme,” said she’s advocating for “a government takeover of health care” that will raise taxes and jeopardize existing benefits when the federal money dries up. Abrams responded that Mike Pence, when he was governor of Indiana, expanded Medicaid.

An [Atlanta Journal-Constitution poll](#) this year found that 3 in 4 Georgians favor expansion, including 51 percent of Republicans and 79 percent of independents. The same poll found only 57 percent supported Medicaid expansion during the 2014 governor’s race, when Jimmy Carter’s grandson Jason tried unsuccessfully to challenge Deal by running on it. (Abrams hopes Medicaid can help her make inroads with [poor rural whites](#), who have seen hospitals close, even if they still say they don’t like “Obamacare.”)

-- In talking about Medicaid, Abrams has tried to follow the playbook that Democrat Terry McAuliffe used successfully in the 2013 Virginia governor’s race to win the critical Fairfax Chamber of Commerce endorsement over Republican Ken Cuccinelli, who like Kemp positioned himself as a conservative ideologue to lock up the GOP nomination over a more moderate lieutenant governor. The Macker couldn’t expand Medicaid because Republicans controlled the legislature, and they were determined to deny him a political victory.

But Ralph Northam, his lieutenant governor, was [finally able to expand Medicaid this spring](#) after winning last year’s election to replace him. Partly that’s because Democrats made huge gains in the legislature. Partly it’s because GOP lawmakers from rural areas realized their constituents were being harmed by their obstinacy, so they came around. And partly it’s because they don’t loathe Ralph – who almost switched parties a decade

ago after voting twice for George W. Bush – the way they did Terry, a former DNC chair and Bill Clinton’s best friend.

During last night’s debate, Abrams was pressed on her promise to expand Medicaid on Day One. The moderator noted that the GOP will almost certainly continue to control the legislature even if she wins and wondered how she could deliver. Abrams responded, much like Northam did during his debates last summer with Ed Gillespie, by noting her ability to work across the aisle and the good relationships she forged with Republican legislators during her years as minority leader in the state house. “I’m the only candidate with a plan,” she said.



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Women have the power to drive action on climate change

“Women leaders offer some of our biggest hope for meaningful change,” notes Bank of America Vice Chairman Anne Finucane and Pars Mayor Anne Hidalgo in their insightful op-ed on what’s required to address environmental sustainability



-- Trump tweeted his support this morning for Kemp by saying Abrams will “destroy the state” if she wins:



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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:



Boston Red Sox's Andrew Benintendi hits a single to drive in Mookie Betts for the first run of Game 1 of the World Series. (Elise Amendola/AP)

-- **The Red Sox beat the Dodgers in the first game of the World Series.**
[Dave Sheinin reports](#): “As if anyone needed another reminder of how completely the game has been taken over by bullpens, it came in Boston’s 8-4 victory on the sport’s biggest stage when the two best left-handed starters

of this generation, Boston's Chris Sale and Los Angeles's Clayton Kershaw — albeit a diminished version of each — were gone before the first outs were recorded in the fifth inning and left having given up a combined 12 hits and eight earned runs.”

-- **“Red Sox victory in Game 1 of World Series is a long strategic nightmare for the Dodgers,”** [by Thomas Boswell](#): “This World Series is about two things: left-handed pitching and wasting America’s time. The first will probably decide whether the Los Angeles Dodgers or Boston Red Sox are world champions. The second will decide how many of us are still awake. On Tuesday night in Fenway Park, and on-and-on deeper into the night until two minutes past midnight, Boston handled the central problem the Dodgers pose for them. Can the Red Sox cope with wave after wave of excellent left-handed pitchers — the only known weakness (and not much of a flaw at that) this 108-win team has?”



A customer buys a Mega Millions lottery ticket at a local grocery store in Des Moines. (Charlie Neibergall/AP)

GET SMART FAST:

1. **A single ticket purchased in South Carolina won the record-breaking Mega Millions jackpot of \$1.5 billion.** The winning numbers were 5-28-62-65-70, with a Mega Ball number of 5. ([Alex Horton and Fred Barbash](#))
2. **Retired Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced that she suffers from dementia and is “no longer able to participate in public life.”** In a letter, the 88-year-old Ronald Reagan appointee — and the first woman on the high court — said she wanted to “be open about these changes, and while I am still able, share some personal thoughts.” ([Robert Barnes](#))

3. **The Health and Human Services Department said it will partner with states to increase aid to infants and mothers affected by the opioid epidemic.** The number of newborns suffering from drug dependency — a condition formally known as neonatal abstinence syndrome — quadrupled between 2000 and 2012. ([Lenny Bernstein](#))
4. **D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine announced that his office has opened an inquiry into sexual abuse by Catholic priests,** belatedly joining a growing list of other state and local law enforcement officials opening investigations into the church. His announcement comes after Cardinal Donald Wuerl resigned as Washington's archbishop earlier this month. ([Peter Jamison and Michelle Boorstein](#))
5. **The SEC is investigating the circumstances surrounding the departure of a top Goldman Sachs banker, James Katzman** after he blew the whistle on what he perceived as a range of unethical practices and corporate wrongdoing. ([New York Times](#))
6. **Men hold three-quarters of the U.S. jobs requiring only a high school diploma and pay at least \$35,000 a year.** New data indicates that blue-collar women are missing out on a key pathway to the middle class. ([Danielle Paquette](#))
7. **Apple CEO Tim Cook issued a searing critique of Silicon Valley during a speech at the European Parliament in Brussels.** Without mentioning any company by name, Cook expressed alarm about social media's ability to "deepen divisions, incite violence, and even undermine our shared sense of what is true and what is false." He also warned of a growing "data industrial complex" that allows companies to "know you better than you may know yourself." ([Tony Romm](#))

8. **A track and field star at the University of Utah, Lauren McCluskey, was shot to death by her ex-boyfriend**, police said. The suspect, Melvin Rowland, was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. McCluskey's mother said Rowland harassed her daughter after the pair broke up. ([Matt Bonesteel](#))
9. **European researchers said they discovered the remains of a 2,400-year-old Greek trading vessel near Bulgaria.** It's believed to be one of the oldest shipwrecks ever discovered — and it remains almost completely intact, thanks to nearly nonexistent levels of oxygen on the floor of the Black Sea. ([Rick Noack](#))





Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses the parliament in Ankara on the case of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. (EPA-EFE/REX)

KHASHOGGI FALLOUT:

-- **Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States would revoke the visas of the Saudi agents accused of killing Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.** [Kareem Fahim, Tamer El-Ghobashy, Chico Harlan and John Hudson report](#): “Pompeo said he is also working with the Treasury Department on whether to impose other sanctions against those responsible for the journalist’s death. ‘These penalties will not be the last word on this matter from the United States,’ Pompeo said . . . ‘We

will continue to explore additional measures to hold those responsible accountable.”

-- **Trump told reporters that Riyadh’s account of Jamal's death was “the worst coverup ever.”** “They had a very bad original concept, it was carried out poorly, and the coverup was the worst in the history of coverups,” Trump said. “In terms of what we ultimately do, I’m going to leave it very much — in conjunction with me — I’m going to leave it up to Congress.”

-- **In an interview with the Wall Street Journal, Trump said Saudi Arabia had bungled the Khashoggi case from “beginning to end.”** [The Journal’s Peter Nicholas, Courtney McBride and Margherita Stancati report](#): “Mr. Trump gave a harsh assessment of Saudi Arabia in light of Mr. Khashoggi’s death, saying he said he was convinced King Salman didn’t know about the killing in advance. Asked about Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s possible involvement, **Mr. Trump said: ‘Well, the prince is running things over there more so at this stage. He’s running things and so if anybody were going to be, it would be him.’”**

-- **Turkish President Recep Erdogan’s speech on Khashoggi's death appeared aimed at undermining the influence of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.** [Kareem Fahim reports](#): “Erdogan addressed his comments — his appeals for justice, his demands for answers — not to Mohammed, but to his father, King Salman. If it was a conspicuous display of respect for the Saudi monarch, it was also **an attempt to drive a wedge between the king and the crown prince**, whom Erdogan considers a rival and ideological opponent, as well as a threat to Turkey’s interests and ambitions in the Middle East . . . There was debate about whether Erdogan aimed to marginalize Mohammed or prod Salman to pick a new successor, but in either case, he was trying not to damage Turkey’s overall relationship

with Saudi Arabia . . . And it was the latest sign of Erdogan’s willingness to use Khashoggi’s case — prolong it even — to serve his larger strategic goals.”

-- Erdogan promised he would deliver the “naked truth” about Khashoggi in his speech, but for the most part he failed to deliver, [The Post’s Editorial Board argues](#): “[Erdogan appeared] less interested in revealing what really happened to the Saudi journalist than in leveraging the murder for political gain. **That only sharpens the argument for an impartial international investigation.** ... The most important question is who ordered the operation. As we have written before, much of the publicly available evidence points to [MBS]. At this point, **the burden should be on the Saudis to prove he is not responsible — and in the meantime, the crown prince should be treated as a pariah.**”



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman poses for a selfie during the Future Investment Initiative conference in Riyadh. (Bandar al-Jaloud/Saudi Royal Palace/AFP)

-- Leaders in the Arab world fear the controversy over Khashoggi's death could trigger regional conflict. [Karen DeYoung and Souad Mekhennet report](#): "[W]hat worries the Arabs most, regional officials and experts say, is what they see as the danger to their own stability and security should Saudi Arabia's status — and its close ties with the United States — be seriously undermined. ... However they feel about the crown prince, said an official from another country in the region, under the current U.S.

administration, Saudi Arabia is the 'pillar' around which the Arab relationship with the United States is anchored."

-- **Some U.S. business leaders traveled to a glitzy summit in Riyadh dubbed "Davos in the Desert," which is being hosted by MBS himself (he received a standing ovation there.)** [Kevin Sullivan is there for us](#): "Marquee-name sponsors and chief executives, including Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase, Stephen Schwarzman of Blackstone and AOL founder Steve Case had pulled out in protest. ... But thousands still came, in a wave of black Mercedes-Benzes and Chevrolet Suburbans, through the conference center's enormous stone archways and past elegant fountains, with security agents manning a machine gun mounted atop a Dodge Ram pickup. ... On Tuesday, Mohammed posed for selfies with delegates, and sat with Jordan's King Abdullah during a panel discussion."

-- **Many U.S. attendees tried to keep a low profile. "Bankers kept their name tags obscured behind ties. Many tried to keep a low profile and avoided talking to the news media,"** the [New York Times's Alan Rappeport reports](#). "Some were not in the mood for conversation; others likened the decision about whether to attend to a Hobson's choice. ... 'It's awkward,' said [one American attendee, who said she] considered not attending, but decided that she was not prominent enough to make a statement by skipping the conference. **'One year from now, somebody is going to ask where the revenue is,'** said Henry Biner, an executive at the Boston-based P/E Investments. **'We're not going to put our relationships on the line for this.'**"

-- **Some tech start-ups that have received Saudi-linked funds are being urged to more closely vet their investors.** [Jeanne Whalen and Elizabeth Dwoskin report](#): "So far in public, the tech community is largely staying quiet

— reflecting the difficulty of undoing some investments and the traditionally discrete nature of the Valley’s many non-public companies and funds, industry experts say. A clutch of startups that have received large sums from funds tied to Saudi Arabia, including the messaging app developer Slack and office-space provider WeWork, declined to comment for this article.”



Florida Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum speaks during a CNN debate against his Republican opponent Ron DeSantis. (Chris O'Meara/AP)

MORE ON THE MIDTERMS:

-- Newly released records cast doubt on Florida gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum’s explanations for how he obtained tickets in 2016 for the Broadway musical “Hamilton.” [The Tampa Bay Times’s Lawrence](#)

[Mower reports](#): “Among the records released Tuesday: photos, a video and dozens of text messages between Gillum . . . former lobbyist Adam Corey and an undercover FBI agent. They appear to contradict Gillum's explanation for the expenses, which have been made an major issue by his Republican rival, Ron DeSantis. Gillum's campaign has maintained — and continued to do . . . that Gillum's brother, Marcus, handed him the ticket the night of the show. But **text messages at the time of the trip show Gillum was told the tickets came from ‘Mike Miller,’ an FBI agent looking into city corruption who was posing as a developer.**”

-- **A GOP super PAC plans to air ads in a Virginia House race previously considered a lock for Republicans.** [Mike DeBonis reports](#): “The Congressional Leadership Fund will air ads targeting voters in Virginia’s 5th Congressional District, which is held by retiring Republican Thomas Garrett. The race pits distillery owner Denver Riggleman against journalist Leslie Cockburn . . . Most forecasters have called the race a stretch for Democrats. . . . But the decision of a top Republican group to spend its resources in the race reflects the expanding battlefield that has benefited Democrats by forcing national Republican groups to spread their dollars among many more districts.”

-- **A new poll shows Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison has fallen behind in his bid to become Minnesota’s attorney general.** [John Wagner reports](#): “Republican Doug Wardlow leads Ellison, a six-term congressman and deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee, 43 percent to 36 percent, according to the Star Tribune/MPR News Minnesota Poll. The poll shows eroding support for Ellison during a stretch when he has faced allegations of abuse by a former girlfriend. Ellison, one of the more liberal members of Congress, has vigorously denied the allegations. In a September

poll, Ellison was leading Wardlow, an attorney who served one term in the Minnesota House, 41 percent to 36 percent.”

-- “In the closing stretch of the 2018 campaign, the question is no longer the size of the Democratic wave. It’s whether there will be a wave at all,” [the AP’s Steve Peoples, Thomas Beaumont and Lisa Mascaro report.](#)

“Top operatives in both political parties concede that Democrats’ narrow path to the Senate majority has essentially disappeared, a casualty of surging Republican enthusiasm across GOP strongholds. At the same time, leading Democrats now fear the battle for the House majority will be decided by just a handful of seats.”



A rally attendee displays a Confederate flag while waiting outside the Toyota Center in Houston to attend a campaign event with President Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.). (Sergio Flores/Bloomberg News)

-- Trump's no-go zones, [by Jonathan Martin and Maggie Haberman in the New York Times](#): "In some House races, **the president has been forced to appear in second cities — Topeka instead of Kansas City, or Rochester instead of Minneapolis — because [House] incumbents are attempting to convince their suburban electorate that they are independent of Mr. Trump.** ... The White House has very much taken notice of who has spurned Mr. Trump — [Erik] Paulsen [of the Minneapolis suburbs] and Representative Kevin Yoder of Kansas are mentioned frequently by West Wing officials. ... **Trump's desire to fill arenas often overrides the preference of the candidate he is ostensibly there to help.** When he visited Pennsylvania earlier this month to endorse Representative Lou Barletta's Senate campaign, for example, the president chose to appear in Erie rather than Pittsburgh, even though Mr. Barletta's campaign indicated their preference was Pittsburgh, according to officials close to the congressman ...

"Gov. Rick Scott, running for the Senate [in Florida], has drawn notice in the White House for his willingness to appear with Mr. Trump at official events but refusal to stand with the president at his beloved rallies. The president is planning a trip to Fort Myers next week, and may return to Florida once more before the election, but it is unclear if Mr. Scott will appear at the rally, which will feature the Republican nominee for governor, Ron DeSantis. ... One senior Republican official with ties to both Mr. Trump and Mr. Scott predicted the governor would likely use his role leading the cleanup after Hurricane Michael as cover to avoid coming to any political events — but this official acknowledged that if it were not for the

storm, the governor would likely come up with another excuse to sidestep the risk of standing beside the ever-unpredictable president.

“The president’s destinations also reflect the competing impulses of his advisers. The White House political director, Bill Stepien, and his colleagues are eager to claim credit for saving as many House seats as they can, no matter how small a market they must send the president to ... But the manager-in-waiting for Mr. Trump’s 2020 campaign, Brad Parscale, and his allies are eager to flex the president’s political strength ahead of his re-election bid, and collect as many cellphone numbers and emails as possible — and thus prefer overflowing big-city venues such as the home of the N.B.A.’s Rockets in Houston.”



Michael Bloomberg delivers a speech at the European commission headquarters in Brussels. (Ludovic Marin/AFP/Getty Images)

-- Michael Bloomberg is donating millions to Democrats and visiting early-primary states as he weighs a 2020 presidential bid that would play to the party's center. [Michael Scherer reports](#): “Half a decade after leaving elected office, Bloomberg, 76, remains a political aberration — an extremely wealthy activist mogul who refuses definition even as both political parties adopt ever-brighter shades of blue and red. And that makes his political ambitions nearly as difficult to predict as Donald Trump’s 2015 decision to pursue the Republican nod. ... [T]he list of obstacles to Bloomberg’s presidential ambitions includes bullet points that could potentially turn off just about every piece of the traditional Democratic coalition. ... But if he moves forward, a Bloomberg campaign would not run within the Democratic Party as it exists, exactly. His campaign would effectively be an effort to reshape it, and there is clear recent precedent for electoral success by a billionaire who starts a campaign distant from his party’s precepts.”



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and national security adviser John Bolton, right, shake hands during their meeting on Tuesday at the Kremlin in Moscow. (Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP)

THERE'S A BEAR IN THE WOODS:

-- U.S. Cyber Command has begun targeting Russian operatives and warning them the United States is tracking their activity. [Ellen Nakashima reports](#): “[The] operation is the first under a new presidential order easing restrictions on offensive cyberspace actions against foreign networks and represents Cyber Command’s initial foray into safeguarding U.S. elections ... The news comes as [John Bolton] warned officials in

Moscow this week that he considered Russian interference in the American election process ‘intolerable.’ The digital alerts, which could take the form of text or direct messages, pop-ups or emails, are implicit warnings meant to stay below the level of an armed attack, so as not to provoke the Russians into counterattacking . . . Their targets include military hackers and ‘trolls’ financed by Russian oligarchs.”

-- **Bolton, the national security adviser, reiterated Trump’s commitment to withdraw from a landmark arms control treaty with the former Soviet Union.** [Anton Troianovski reports](#): “He also echoed Trump’s assertions that Russia is violating the pact, suggesting that no progress was made to ease the impasse during Bolton’s two days of talks with top Russian officials including [Vladimir Putin] . . . The Kremlin denies any violations and says scrapping the 31-year-old [treaty] would be a dangerous development that could spark a new arms race.”

-- **Bolton said Trump and Putin would meet next month in Paris.** Both leaders plan to attend France’s ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. It will be their first meeting since the Helsinki summit. ([Anne Gearan](#))

-- **Meanwhile, Mike Pence declined to rule out the possibility of deploying nuclear weapons in space,** telling The Post that “peace comes through strength” — even as he maintained that the current ban on their use is in the “interest of every nation.” [Robert Costa reports](#): “‘What we need to do is make sure that we provide for the common defense of the people of the [USA] and that’s the president’s determination here,’ Pence [said], when asked if nuclear weapons should be banned from orbit . . . The new positioning comes as the Trump administration moves to potentially exit a

major nuclear weapons pact with Russia and possibly bolster U.S. military operations in the heavens by forming a 'Space Force.'”



President Trump speaks during the swearing-in ceremony for VA Secretary Robert Wilkie in the Oval Office. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:

-- The White House has rejected a spate of judges tapped to serve on the Board of Veterans' Appeals, prompting concern it is politicizing a traditionally nonpartisan entity whose appointees determine whether an injured veteran is entitled to lifetime benefits. [Lisa Rein reports](#). “[This summer], the White House rejected half of the candidates selected by the board chairwoman to serve as administrative judges, who make rulings on

the disability claims. The rejections came after **the White House required them to disclose their party affiliation and other details of their political leanings ... Such questions had not been asked of judge candidates in the past[.]** As part of the process, the candidates were asked to provide links to their social media profiles and disclose whether they had ever given a speech to Congress, spoken at a political convention, appeared on talk radio, or published an opinion piece in a conservative forum [or] a liberal one ... The rejected applicants are three Democrats and an independent. Of the four accepted by the White House, [three] are Republicans, and one has no party affiliation but has voted in GOP primaries.”

-- The Trump administration has aggressively sought to bypass lower courts in a bid to get its issues heard more quickly by a refortified conservative Supreme Court. [Robert Barnes reports](#): “[Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Solicitor General Noel J. Francisco] have repeatedly gone outside the usual appellate process to get issues such as the travel ban, immigration and greater authority for top officials before the justices. They were rewarded Monday night when the court, in an unsigned opinion, put a hold on a planned deposition of [Wilbur Ross]. Besides the controversy over Ross, [Justice Department] lawyers have petitioned the court to lift a stay on [Trump’s] travel ban while considering its merits, asked the justices to limit discovery in trials in lower courts involving immigrants, and succeeded at least temporarily in stopping a trial brought by young people over climate change. [And] the administration recently told a federal appeals court it would go directly to the Supreme Court if the judges did not rule by the end of the month on a case challenging the administration’s position on [DACA].”

-- HHS is conducting a review of its refugee resettlement program as it considers a staff shake-up. [Politico's Dan Diamond reports](#): "A top official at [HHS], which runs the refugee resettlement program, is conducting what she called a 'top to bottom' review of the program, three months after the [migrant family separations] paralyzed the agency. **That includes examining the leadership of Scott Lloyd, director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement [.]**"

Several inside sources tell Politico that Lloyd's mismanagement made it much harder to reunify parents with their children: "For instance, Lloyd directed his staff to stop keeping a spreadsheet tracking separated families. As the crisis mounted, and HHS scrambled to determine how many migrant children had been separated from their parents, [Secretary Alex] Azar learned that Lloyd's office had yet to review hundreds of case files to understand the scope of the problem, despite being instructed to do so. Azar began reviewing case files personally that night."

-- Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's closed-door House testimony has been indefinitely postponed — again. [Karoun Demirjian reports](#): "Rosenstein had been expected to speak with the leaders of the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform panels on Wednesday afternoon, but the chairmen of those panels said that the amount of time they had budgeted for the session was not enough 'to ask all the questions' they had planned."

-- The FBI said it was unable to locate any photos of James Comey and Robert Mueller "hugging and kissing" each other. It was responding to a FOIA request submitted last month by BuzzFeed News after Trump claimed that he could provide "100" such images. [Salvador Hernandez and Jason Leopold report](#): "Trump made the unusual claim on Sept. 5 during

an interview with the Daily Caller, where he accused Mueller of leading an ‘illegal investigation’ because of supposed conflicts of interests.” “He’s Comey’s best friend,” Trump said in the interview. “And I could give you 100 pictures of him and Comey hugging and kissing each other. You know, he’s Comey’s best friend.”





A Central American migrant traveling with a caravan to the United States makes his way to the main square in Huixtla, Mexico. (Moises Castillo/AP)

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- **“How the migrant caravan became so big and why it’s continuing to grow,”** [by Kevin Sieff and Joshua Partlow](#): “[Edith Cruz] and her cousin had just opened a small business selling tortillas when they were confronted by a gang, threatened with death if they didn’t hand over half of their profits. She looked at the Facebook post: ‘An avalanche of Hondurans is preparing to leave in a caravan to the United States. Share this!’ Within three hours, her bags were packed. ... Although the caravan’s origin story remains somewhat opaque, the answer from many migrants here is that they had wanted to

leave for months or years, and then — in a Facebook post, a television program, a WhatsApp group — they saw an image of the growing group and decided.”

-- A second migrant caravan from El Salvador is taking shape. [NBC News's Julia Ainsley and Mariana Atencio report](#): “The El Salvadoran caravan is still forming, but its members have plans to begin their journey northward toward the U.S. next week . . . [An internal U.S. government report] indicates that DHS is tracking the communications of caravan members, including a 230-member WhatsApp group that intends to leave on Oct. 31. . . . [T]he report indicates the early members of the caravan are immigrant families traveling with children.”

-- Trump acknowledged there is “no proof” that people of Middle Eastern descent had joined the caravan, as he previously claimed. [From John Wagner and Felicia Sonmez](#): “‘There’s no proof of anything. But there could very well be,’ Trump said in remarks in the Oval Office on Tuesday afternoon. His remarks came after several administration officials, including Vice President Pence, sought to back up the president in the face of skepticism about his claim this week.”

-- Trump’s tweetstorms about the caravan sparked a government-wide scramble to explain where the president was getting his information and whether to act on it. [The New York Times’s Julie Hirschfeld Davis reports](#): “Like many of the president’s tweetstorms, this one appears to have been inspired at least in part by a report on Fox News — the morning show ‘Fox and Friends,’ a Trump favorite, to be precise — and included attacks on Democrats, immigrants and foreign countries. It drew a chorus of partial responses from a variety of Trump administration agencies charged with carrying out its contents, including a series of colliding statements: ‘We refer

you to [fill in the blank name of the agency that has already referred me to you],’ or please ask the White House.”

-- A Campbell's Soup executive, former Secretary of the Senate Kelly Johnston, stirred controversy by promoting a conspiracy theory about the caravan on social media. [Taylor Telford reports](#): “In [a] tweet, Johnston suggested that George Soros’s Open Society Foundations had orchestrated the migration of thousands of people and was even controlling ‘where they defecate.’ Johnston accused the group of having ‘an army of American immigration lawyers waiting at the border.’ ... In an email to The Post, Campbell’s said it does not support the views Johnston expressed in the tweet.”

-- Amazon met in June with ICE officials to discuss its facial-recognition technology, which it pitched to the agency as a way to target or identify immigrants. Amazon founder and CEO Jeffrey P. Bezos owns The Post. [Drew Harwell reports](#): Emails “show that officials from ICE and Amazon Web Services talked about implementing the company’s Rekognition face-scanning platform to assist with homeland-security investigations. An Amazon Web Services official who specializes in federal sales contracts ... wrote that the conversation involved ‘predictive analytics’ and ‘Rekognition Video tagging/analysis’ that could possibly allow ICE to identify people’s faces from afar — a type of technology immigration officials have voiced interest in for its potential [use along the U.S. border]. ICE, which does not currently have a contract with Amazon, said in a statement that its [DHS investigations] unit has used facial-recognition technology to assist in ‘criminal investigations related to [fraud], identity theft and child exploitation crimes.’”

One week after the ICE meeting, hundreds of anonymous employees wrote in a letter to Bezos saying they “refuse to build the platform that powers ICE, and we refuse to contribute to tools that violate human rights.”



David Thomas Sr., deputy executive director of VA’s Small and Veteran Business Programs, says he removed this painting from his office after a Washington Post reporter made him aware its subject, Nathan Bedford Forrest, was a Confederate general and slave trader who served as the Ku Klux Klan’s first figurehead. (Courtesy of John Rigby)

RACE IN AMERICA:

-- A senior VA official removed a portrait of the Ku Klux Klan’s first grand wizard from his D.C. office after agency employees expressed

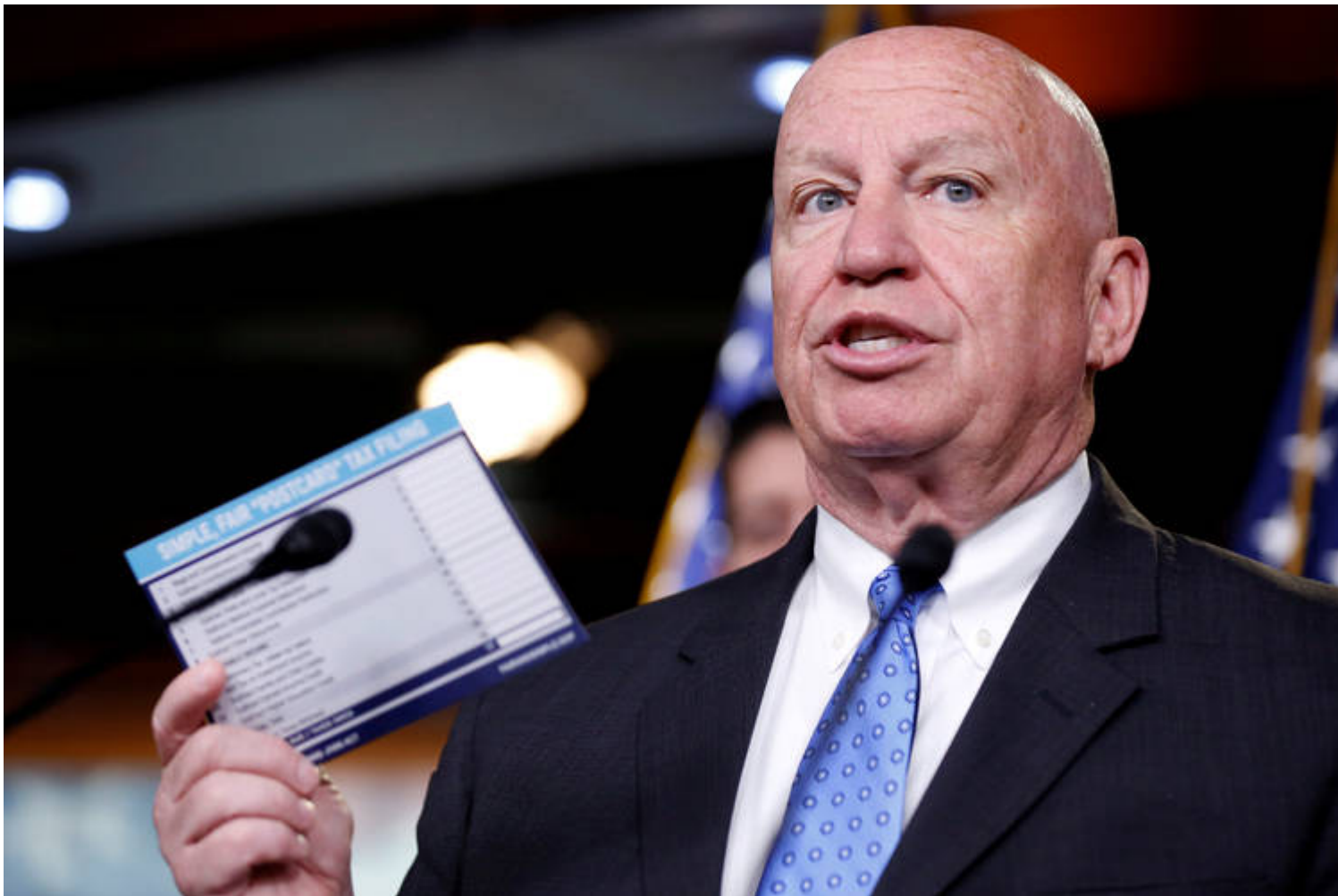
outrage. [Lisa Rein reports](#): “David J. Thomas Sr. is deputy executive director of VA’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, which certifies veteran-owned businesses seeking government contracts. His senior staff is mostly African American. Thomas said he took down the painting Monday after a Washington Post reporter explained that its subject, Nathan Bedford Forrest, was a Confederate general and slave trader who became the KKK’s first figurehead in 1868. He said he was unaware of Forrest’s affiliation with the hate group ... A basic Google search of Forrest’s name returns various biographies detailing his role in the Confederacy and the white-supremacist strains of its aftermath.”

-- A white supremacist group launched a new round of racist robo-calls against Gillum in Florida. [Felicia Sonmez and Tim Craig report](#): “[The robo-call] features a man impersonating Gillum in a minstrel dialect, while jungle sounds and chimpanzee noises can be heard in the background. ‘Well, hello there! I is the negro, Andrew Gillum, and I be askin’ you to make me governor of this here state of Florida,’ the minute-long call begins ... The speaker compares ‘the white man’s medicine, which is very expensive, ’cause it uses science and whatnot,’ with ‘the medicine of my African race,’ which involves ‘puttin’ de chicken feets under your pillows during the full moon’ and ‘don’t hardly cost nothin’ at all.’ ... The two Florida Democratic Party county chairs who received the robocall Tuesday morning said they believe it is targeting black Democratic leaders in the state and is aimed at keeping Gillum’s supporters away from the polls.”

-- Trump doubled down on describing himself as a “nationalist,” ignoring the historically fraught significance of the word, a day after he embraced the label during his rally in Houston with Ted Cruz. [Felicia Sonmez reports](#): “No, I never heard that theory about being a nationalist,”

Trump told reporters in the Oval Office when asked whether his use of the word was intended as a dog whistle to white nationalists. ‘I’ve heard them all. But I’m somebody that loves our country.’ ... [Trump’s] full-on embrace of [the label] two weeks before the midterm election has raised questions about whether he is seeking to stoke racist and anti-immigrant sentiment.”

-- White nationalist leader Richard Spencer’s wife, Nina Koupriianova, accuses him in divorce filings of being “physically, emotionally, verbally and financially abusive.” She claims she was “being hit, being grabbed, being dragged around by her hair, being held down in a manner causing bruising, and being prevented from calling for help.” ([BuzzFeed News](#))



House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Tex.) holds up a sample tax form as he speaks during a media briefing. (Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

TRUMP'S ECONOMIC AGENDA:

-- In his Wall Street Journal interview, Trump escalated his criticisms of Fed Chairman Jerome Powell. [The Journal's Michael C. Bender, Rebecca Ballhaus, Peter Nicholas and Alex Leary report](#): “Mr. Trump acknowledged the independence the Fed has long enjoyed in setting economic policy, while also making clear he was intentionally sending a direct message to Mr. Powell that he wanted lower interest rates. ‘Every time we do something great, he raises the interest rates,’ Mr. Trump said, adding that Mr. Powell ‘almost looks like he’s happy raising interest rates.’ ... Mr. Trump said it was ‘too early to say, but maybe’ he regrets nominating Mr. Powell.

“Mr. Trump repeatedly described the economy in personal terms. He referred to economic gains during his time in office as ‘my numbers,’ saying, ‘I have a hot economy going.’ He described his push for growth as a competition with former President Obama’s record, saying that increases under his Democratic predecessor were skewed because of low-interest rates.”

-- House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Tex.) said he will work with the White House “over the coming weeks” to develop the middle-class tax cut Trump proposed out of the blue last weekend, [The Wall Street Journal's Richard Rubin reports](#).

-- Bigger picture: “The mystery tax cut is only the latest instance of the federal government scrambling to reverse-engineer policies to meet Trump’s sudden public promises — or to search for evidence buttressing his conspiracy theories and falsehoods,” [Philip Rucker and Ashley Parker write](#). “The Pentagon leaped into action to both hold a military

parade and launch a 'Space Force' on the president's whims. The Commerce Department moved to create a plan for auto tariffs after Trump angrily threatened to impose them. And just this week, Vice President Pence, the Department of Homeland Security and the White House all rushed to try to back up Trump's unsupported claim that 'unknown Middle Easterners' were part of a migrant caravan in Central America — only to have the president admit late Tuesday that there was no proof at all."

-- **Trump falsely accused Puerto Rican officials of trying to use hurricane relief funding to pay off their debts — saying in a tweet that, “The U.S. will NOT bail out long outstanding & unpaid obligations with hurricane relief money!”** “In fact, neither Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló — or a federal board that oversees the territory's finances — have argued that federal disaster relief funds should be used to directly pay off debts,” [John Wagner and Arelis R. Hernández report](#). “Rosselló and other local leaders have actively advocated against such a move. Trump's tweet came as the federally appointed control board approved a five-year fiscal plan Tuesday. The plan projects that \$82 billion in anticipated federal disaster funds will bolster the island's economy, better positioning it to pay off debts in the future. ‘The president is confusing the oversight board's position with that of the government of Puerto Rico,’ said Sergio Marxuach of the Center for a New Economy, the leading think tank on the island.”

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

The Saudi crown prince participated in this apparently staged moment with Khashoggi's son:



Tom Gara ✓
@tomgara



Spare a thought for Khashoggi's son, banned from leaving Saudi Arabia, who had to go and do this today

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Once again, Trump appeared to leave his advisers in the lurch. From a Post reporter:



From a New York Times reporter:



Trump also appeared to contradict himself on immigration:



Maggie Haberman 
@maggieNYT



Just tossing this out there - doesn't this undermine your repeated claim that Dems are for open borders and crime?

Donald J. Trump  @realDonaldTrump

I agree with President Obama 100%!

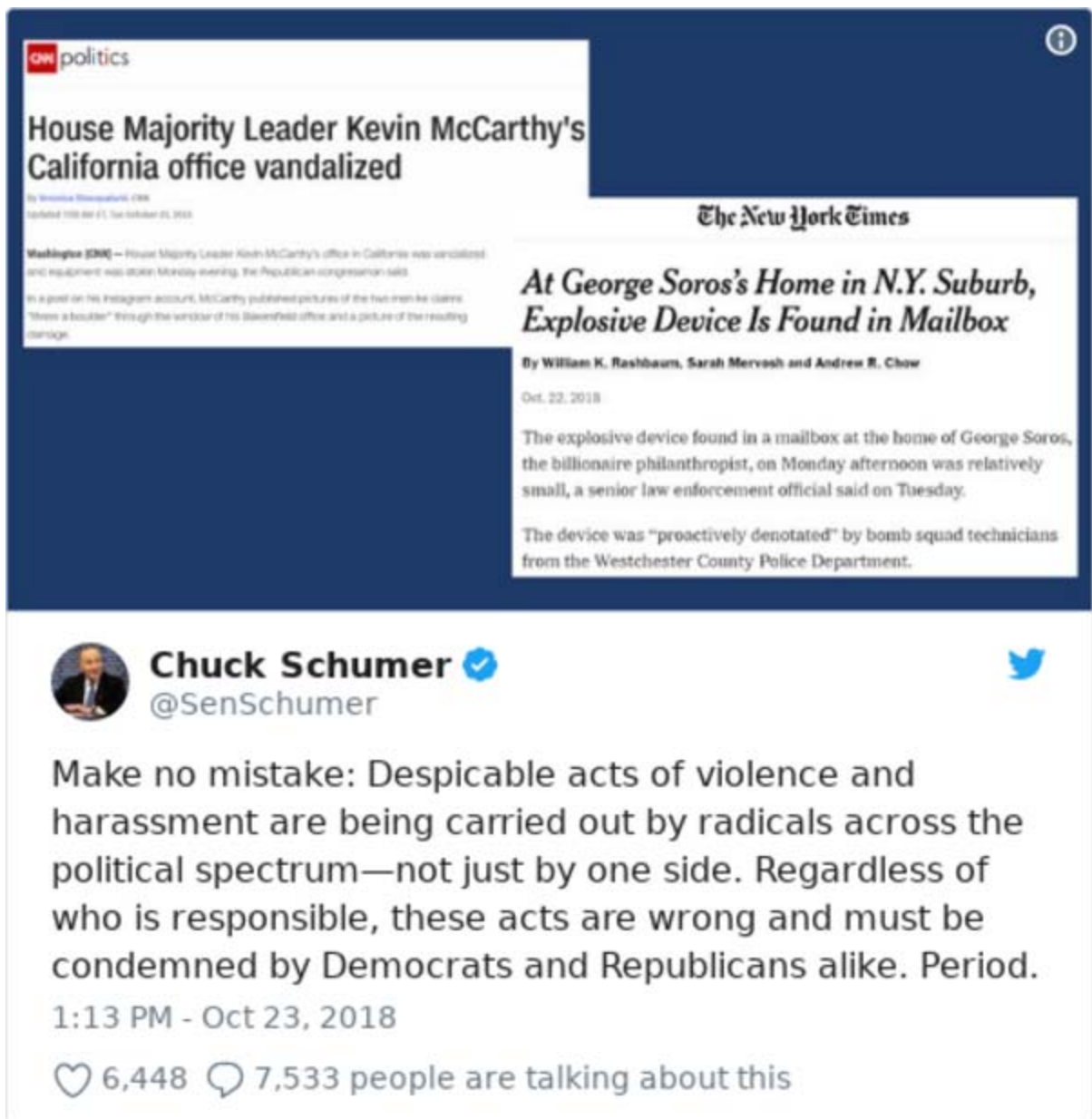


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The Senate minority leader condemned violence committed “across the political spectrum”:



The communications director for Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) shared this photo:



Matt Whitlock
@mattdizwhitlock

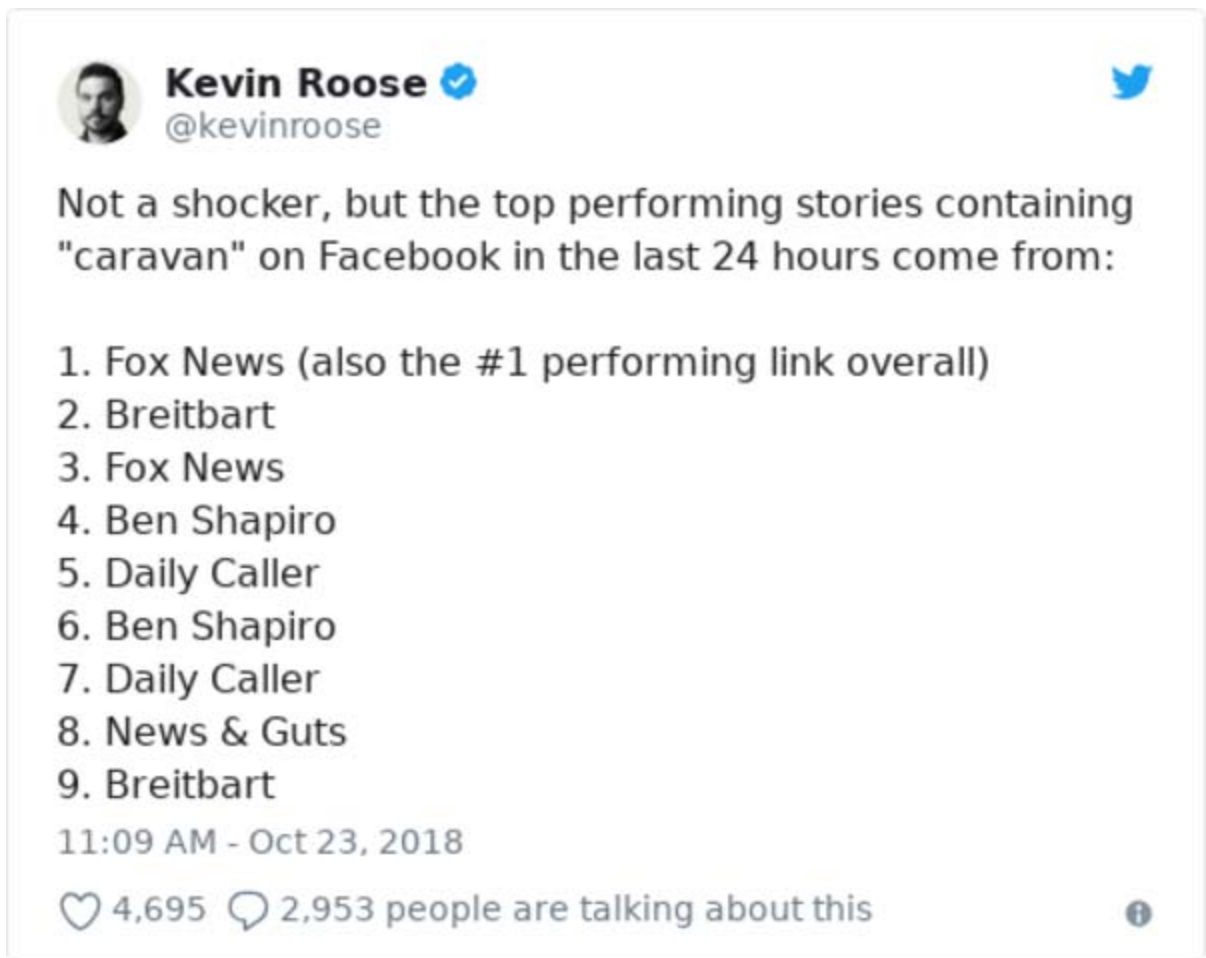


Senator Hatch got a new T-shirt to wear to the gymnasium for sport.

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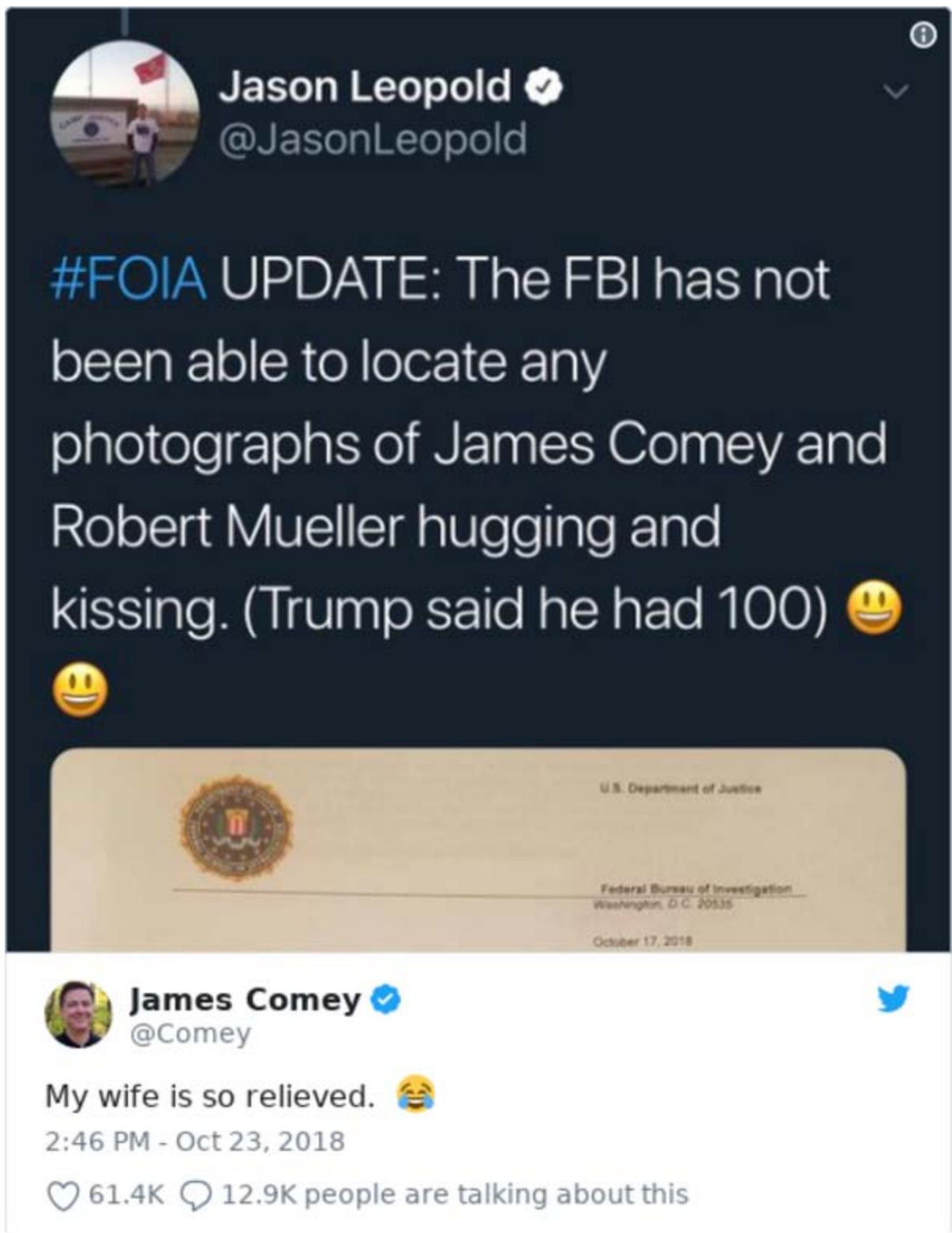
A New York Times reporter commented on the top caravan-related stories on Facebook:



A veteran NBC News reporter provided this important reminder:



Jim Comey reacted to a FOIA request about photos of him and Bob Mueller:



California's senators proposed a World Series bet against their colleagues from Massachusetts:



Kamala Harris ✓
@SenKamalaHarris



Hey, @SenWarren and @SenMarkey: @SenFeinstein and I are ready to make you a World Series bet. Looking forward to a @Dodgers victory and a bowl of clam chowder! #LADetermined

Sen Dianne Feinstein ✓ @SenFeinstein

Proud to join @SenKamalaHarris in a #WorldSeries wager against @SenWarren and @SenMarkey. Dodger Dogs and LA's famous guacamole against Boston clam chowder. Let's go @Dodgers! #LADetermined

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But Sen. Kamala Harris's communication director broke with her boss:



GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

- BuzzFeed News, "[Top Obama Allies Are Ready To Support A Deval Patrick Presidential Campaign](#)" by Darren Sands: "The perils of the road to the presidency — and a life and business he loves — may ultimately keep Deval Patrick away from the Democratic primary. It's just that he's running into an awful lot of reasons to think that maybe they shouldn't."
- New York Times, "[#MeToo Brought Down 201 Powerful Men. Nearly Half of Their Replacements Are Women](#)," by Audrey Carlsen, Maya Salam, Claire Cain Miller, Denise Lu, Ash Ngu, Jugal K. Patel and Zach Wichter: "A New York Times analysis has found that, since the publishing of the [Weinstein exposés], at least 200 prominent men have lost their jobs after public allegations of sexual harassment. ... In the year preceding the Weinstein report, by contrast, fewer than 30 high-profile people made the

news for resigning or being fired after public accusations of sexual misconduct. The downfall of the Fox host Bill O'Reilly in April 2017 turned out to have been just a foreshock of the changes to come."

HOT ON THE LEFT:

"Megyn Kelly apologizes for blackface comments," from Politico: "NBC host Megyn Kelly apologized to colleagues Tuesday for questioning on her show why dressing up in blackface for Halloween would be considered racist. ... 'What is racist? You do get in trouble if you are a white person who puts on blackface for Halloween, or a black person who puts on whiteface for Halloween. Back when I was a kid, that was OK as long as you were dressing up as a character.' Despite the panelists on her show gently pushing back, Kelly returned to the topic later, referencing an incident from last year in which a *Real Housewives* [star] was accused of darkening her skin as part of a Diana Ross costume. 'I don't know, I thought, like, 'Who doesn't love

HOT ON THE RIGHT:

"Texas Republicans offer all-expenses-paid trip for Pelosi to campaign for Dems," from Fox News: "The campaign for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott poked fun at the state's Democratic Party Tuesday, offering to pay for a visit by [Nancy Pelosi] so she can 'witness firsthand' the success Republican policies have had under Abbott. Texans for Greg Abbott sent the letter offering an all-expenses-paid trip for Pelosi. ... 'This campaign visit would provide Leader Pelosi with the opportunity to witness firsthand how our commitment to freedom and limited government has resulted in tremendous success and prosperity for the people of Texas,' the letter read."

Diana Ross?’ She wants to look like Diana Ross for one day. I don’t know how that got racist on Halloween.”

DAYBOOK:

Trump will deliver a speech at the White House on the opioid crisis. He will then travel for a campaign rally in Mosinee, Wis.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“[T]he President of the United States says it’s ok to grab women by their private parts.” — Bruce Michael Alexander, who was arrested for allegedly groping a woman on a Southwest Airlines flight. ([Allyson Chiu](#))

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

- It will be noticeably cooler and breezier than yesterday in Washington. [The Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#): “Temperatures swing back lower today with a wind chill as well. We’ll start in the 40s this morning, reaching highs in the mid-50s this afternoon under mostly to partly sunny skies. Winds gust from the north-northwest to near 30 mph.”
- A fellow Republican intends to challenge Virginia Senate candidate Corey Stewart next year for chair of the Prince William Board of County

Supervisors. [Antonio Olivo reports](#): “Martin E. Nohe, a veteran supervisor who also chairs the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, said Tuesday he will run for Stewart’s seat regardless of the outcome of the Senate race. Nohe, who was first elected in 2003, said Stewart’s larger political ambitions in recent years have been a distraction for Virginia’s second-most populous jurisdiction.”

-- D.C. officials are considering measures to crack down on traffic law violators following a recent increase in fatal collisions. [Luz Lazo reports](#): “The District is shaking up its Vision Zero strategy following a rash of fatal collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists since the summer — and mounting criticism from residents and advocates who say the city’s commitment to the program started three years ago with a goal to end traffic deaths by 2024, is failing. As an immediate measure, D.C. police are readying a three-day citywide safety blitz starting Thursday, during which they will target speeding and impaired drivers at multiple locations. ... The city also is considering banning right turns on red at 100 locations[.]”

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Stephen Colbert criticized Trump for calling himself a “nationalist”:



Oh Boy, He Broke Out The 'Nationalist' Word

Jimmy Kimmel introduced the “Trump Tell-All Book of the Month Club”:



Trump Tell-All Book of the Month Club

The Democratic super PAC Priorities USA Action [launched](#) a \$2 million ad campaign highlighting Mitch McConnell's comments blaming entitlement campaigns for the rising federal debt:



Mitch McConnell Calls For Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid Cuts

Newsweek, 10/16/18

Big Cuts

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) launched a new campaign ad with his mother:

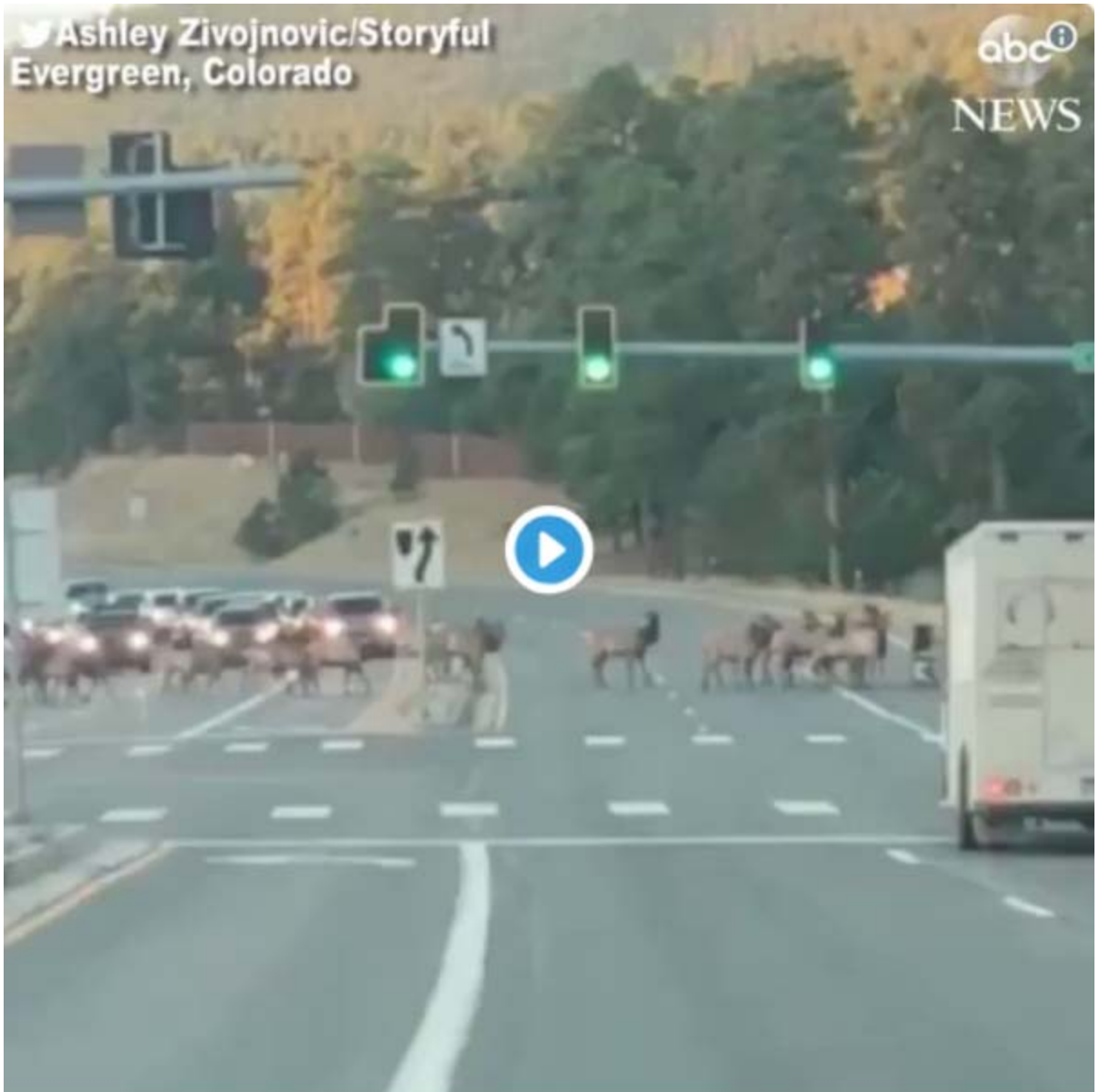


Good Job

And Colorado residents encountered a surprising traffic jam:

Ashley Zivojnovic/Storyful
Evergreen, Colorado

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TRAFFIC JAM: Residents of Evergreen, Colorado hit some morning traffic after encountering a herd of elk crossing the interstate. abcn.ws/2D25OoD

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webinars each of 120 minutes.

Description:

In order to keep up with the changing healthcare infrastructure and deliver quality service, CMS frequently updates the CAH Conditions of Participations (CoPs). This 4-part series will deliver the current state and the proposed changes in the CAH CoPs. The series will detail every tag section in the manual and highlight important hospital memos, including privacy and confidentiality, CRE, EMTATLA, telemedicine, Ebola, safe injection practices, and much more.

During the series, your staff will learn the foundation of CoPs and recognize top deficiencies CAHs face so they are prepared for CMS surveyors.

Overview of CAH Interpretive Guidelines, CMS Memos, Advance Directives, Emergency Department, Observation & Staffing 11/21/18 (120 Minutes)

This program will set the foundation of CAH CoPs. The webinar will summarize CAH regulations and interpretive guidelines and focus on CoP sections of the emergency department, survey process, licensure, telemedicine services, and medical staff. The presenter will also outline CMS memos and provide recommendations on creating gap analysis to ensure compliance with the hospital CoPs.

Pharmacy, Drug & Medication Standards in CAH 11/22/18 (120 Minutes)

This program will cover CAH interpretive guidelines on drugs and biologicals, pharmacy, and dietary policies. In order to prevent medication errors, CMS requires pharmacists to develop, supervise, and coordinate all pharmacy activities. CMS also requires hospitals to monitor outdated drugs to ensure they are not available for patients. Do you know your medication policies and procedures?

CAH Nursing, Infection Control & Antibiotic Stewardship 11/28/18 (120 Minutes)

This program will summarize CoPs on nursing and infection control, and highlight recent policy changes. The webinar will provide national guidelines and standards on infection control and address four challenges in infection control: MDRO, ambulatory care, communicable disease, and bioterrorism. The webinar will also examine different types of nursing services, from safe injection practices to medication administration.

Overview of CAH Medical Records, Radiology, Surgical Services, Anesthesia Services & Swing Beds 11/29/18 (120 Minutes)

This program will discuss standards and procedures for medical records, including a list of procedures for consent, discharge summaries, and the right to confidentiality. The presenter will define special requirements for long-term care providers like swing bed services. Finally, the speaker will explain CoPs changes to radiology, surgical services, and anesthesia services.

After this webinar participants will be able to:

1. Explain why hospitals that want to enter into a telemedicine service must have their board enter into a written agreement.
2. List emergency drugs and equipment that CAHs need to have..
3. Discuss gap analysis recommendations to ensure compliance with hospital CoPs.
4. Describe pharmacist's responsibilities in a hospital.
5. List CAH requirements to monitor and inspect outdated drugs.
6. Define storage requirements for medications, medication carts, and anesthesia carts.
7. Summarize changes to nursing, infection control, and pharmacy sections in the manual.
8. Explain why infection control worksheet is beneficial to CAHs.
9. Identify three-time frames where medication can be administered.
10. Explain CMS requirement for informed consent.
11. Describe what must be contained in an operative report.
12. Discuss patient rights given to patients in swing beds

Target Audience:

Anyone involved with or interested in case management, including but not limited to: CEOs, CFOs, COOs, CMOs, CNOs, CE Directors, Department Directors, Quality Improvement Staff, Physicians, Nurses (all levels), Compliance Officers, Educators, Health Attorneys, Director of Rehab, OR Supervisor, OR Staff, Anesthesia Providers, Radiology Staff, CMS Liaisons, TJC Liaisons, Registration Staff, Safety Officers and Staff, Pharmacy Staff, Ethics Committee Members, Consumer Advocates, Risk Managers, Legal Counsel, Behavioral Health Staff, Psychiatry Staff, Social Workers, Discharge Planners, Case Managers, Hospice Staff and Regulatory Affairs Staff.

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BIO-key Extends Internet-of-Things Security to Bicycles and E-Bikes with U.S. Debut of its Fingerprint Biometric/ Bluetooth Controlled TouchLock™ Bike Locks on Amazon.com

WALL, N.J., Oct. 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [BIO-key International, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: [BKYI](#)), an innovative provider of biometric authentication and security solutions, today announced that it will debut its fingerprint biometric and Bluetooth-enabled bicycle lock – TouchLock Bike – in the U.S. via [Amazon.com](#) before being made available through broader retail distribution.

TouchLock Bike was created in response to the growing need for robust yet convenient security options for bikes. According to [World Bank estimates](#), there are over two billion bicycles around the world today. With population increases plus the advent of electric-assist and e-bikes, by 2050 bicycles and e-bikes could reach five billion. Unfortunately, theft is a prevalent problem plaguing bike owners worldwide.

TouchLock Bike is offered in three versions; [fingerprint \(FP\)](#); [Bluetooth only \(BT\)](#); and [fingerprint plus Bluetooth \(Pro\)](#). Each version is durable, weather resistant, and sharable amongst friends and family.

TouchLock Bike extends BIO-keys TouchLock series of designer locks, padlocks and TSA-approved travel locks, all of which are available through Amazon, Best Buy and other partners and retailers.

TouchLock BT (Bluetooth) allows users to unlock their bike using facial recognition, a fingerprint, or a PIN number by using the TouchLock app on their smartphone.

Mike DePasquale, Chairman and CEO, BIO-key, commented, “BIO-key’s TouchLock Bike locks are sturdy, intelligent and easy to use, leveraging the security and convenience of our biometric technology as well as Bluetooth communications. The user-friendly nature of our TouchLock Bike series makes it more likely that owners will lock their bikes at every opportunity, and by removing keys and combinations that can be lost or forgotten, we believe TouchLock provides greater protection against theft. Further, the flexibility of our solution enables users to enroll friends, colleagues and family for convenient TouchLock access wherever your bicycle may be.”

"The U.S. launch of our TouchLock Bike padlock line via Amazon builds upon the excitement and sales momentum we have already initiated in Asia. We are excited to extend the reach of this product into the U.S. where we are optimistic about the sales prospects for the upcoming holiday season," added Mr. DePasquale.

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.bio-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with [biometric solutions](#) that enable convenient and secure access to information and high-stakes transactions. We offer alternatives to passwords, PINs, tokens, and cards to make it easy for enterprises and consumers to secure their devices as well as information in the cloud. Our premium [finger scanning devices](#) offer market-leading quality, performance and price. BIO-key also brings the power and ease of use of biometric technology to its [TouchLock line](#) of biometric and Bluetooth enabled padlocks – providing even more ways to BIO-key your world!

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Thursday, October 25, 2018



TOP NEWS

Manager Warned HR To 'Be Careful' With Trans Worker: Docs

A California federal jury got an inside look Wednesday into an educational technology company's firing of a transgender worker, reading emails from a manager warning her HR colleagues to "be careful" with a work-from-home request from the employee, saying "he's one of the only employees we've had that actually has done their research." [Read full article »](#)

Analysis

Gig Worker Suits On Thin Ice After Arbitration Pacts Upheld

A California federal judge's determination that a DoorDash driver suing the app-based food delivery service must fight it out in individual arbitration suggests the dominoes are falling for collective wage-and-hour suits from so-called gig-economy workers after a recent Ninth Circuit ruling, experts say. [Read full article »](#)

IRS Fires Back At Cisco In Altera Cost-Sharing Suit In 9th Circ.

The Internal Revenue Service hit back Wednesday at Cisco Systems Inc.'s argument that cost-sharing arrangements don't involve a transfer of intangibles between related parties, in the latest round of arguments in the government's appeal of its case against chipmaker Altera Corp. in the Ninth Circuit. [Read full article »](#)

ACLU Presses Gov't On Amazon Face-Recognition Plans

The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday sought records on the federal government's efforts to obtain Amazon-developed facial recognition technology so agents can use it in immigration enforcement activities, arguing that Congress should first determine the limits of the technology's use. [Read full article »](#)

Car Dealers, Data Mgt. Co. Reach \$29.5M Partial Settlement

Car dealerships filing a class action over two companies' alleged monopoly over the dealer data management systems market have reached a \$29.5 million settlement to resolve claims against one of those two companies, Reynolds and Reynolds. [Read full article »](#)

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German Industry Group Pushes Back Against EU Digital Tax



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A key German industry group has sent a personal appeal to the European Commission's top tax official, Pierre Moscovici, urging him to reject the European Union's proposed digital tax, a letter seen by Law360 shows. [Read full article »](#)

NTCA Says Smart Cities Must Partner With Cable Operators

Municipalities aiming to become so-called smart cities should seek to form partnerships with cable operators, which could help drive innovation and increase services, according to an NCTA-The Internet and Television Association white paper released Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

FCC To Tackle Satellite Approvals, Space Debris Rules In Nov.

The Federal Communications Commission aims to approve several satellite use plans submitted by operators like SpaceX seeking to expand wireless broadband technology, and to tackle other space-related regulations in November, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

LITIGATION

In Cambridge Analytica Bankruptcy, Responsive Party Elusive

The director of bankrupt and scandalized political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica LLC has put the company's U.S. bankruptcy attorneys, who are seeking to withdraw as counsel, in a difficult position after failing to respond to efforts to designate him as a responsible party for the company. [Read full article »](#)

Google Nixes One AdWords Class Rep, But Another Survives

A California federal judge has killed one plaintiff's class claims alleging he was overcharged by Google LLC, finding once again that his relationship to class counsel presents a conflict, but allowed another plaintiff's claims to proceed. [Read full article »](#)

Take-Two Again Blasts IP Suit Over Tattoo In WWE Game

Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. moved Tuesday to shut down a tattoo artist's suit in Illinois federal court alleging it infringed her copyrights by depicting designs she inked on wrestler Randy Orton in its WWE 2K video games, saying her "vague, conclusory allegations fall short." [Read full article »](#)

Bose Headphones Don't Resist Sweat, Buyers Say In Suit

A proposed consumer class sued Bose Corp. in Massachusetts federal court Wednesday, saying that despite the company's promotional material showing images of "sweat-drenched athletes" wearing its wireless Bluetooth headphones, the products are not sweat-resistant as advertised and have insufficient battery life. [Read full article »](#)

Disputers Of Google Privacy Deal Cite 9th Circ. Award Ruling

Challengers to Google's \$8.5 million privacy settlement, the fairness of which the U.S. Supreme Court will consider next week, have cited a recent Ninth Circuit approval of a "cy pres" deal distributing class action awards to third parties and not consumers as reason for the high court to wade into the issue. [Read full article »](#)

Backpage Fee Row Sent Back To Del. Chancery Court

The former owner of Backpage.com won its bid Tuesday to remand back to Delaware Chancery Court its suit seeking legal fees from the embattled advertising website for costs incurred in litigation surrounding Backpage's alleged facilitation of sex trafficking. [Read full article »](#)

EHealthline's Ex-JV Partners Beat Trade Secrets Suit

McDonald's Corporation
McKinsey & Company
NASDAQ OMX Group Inc.
National Basketball Association
National Congress of American Indians
National Employment Law Project
Pew Charitable Trusts
Snap Inc.
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Keller Rohrback
Kessler Topaz
Kirkland & Ellis
Krevolin & Horst
LaMonica Herbst
Labaton Sucharow
Latham & Watkins
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Lowenstein Sandler

A California federal judge on Tuesday tossed EHealthline.com's suit alleging two former joint venture partners used its confidential and proprietary information when they separately agreed to build a Saudi Arabian pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, a project that was never completed. [Read full article »](#)

Investors Urge Exchanges To Phase Out Dual-Class Voting

An investor group on Wednesday petitioned both major stock exchanges to require issuers that use so-called dual-class share structures, which grant outsize voting power to company founders, to phase out such arrangements within seven years after the initial public offering, arguing that unequal voting systems deprive shareholders of a say in corporate affairs. [Read full article »](#)

Ga. Judge Pauses Electronic Voting Suit For Appeal

The Georgia federal judge overseeing litigation challenging the state's allegedly insecure electronic voting system granted a bid by election officials to pause the proceedings while they appeal her decision declining to toss the suit, holding that the move is warranted because of the important election integrity issues involved. [Read full article »](#)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

JAMS Inks New Partnership With Chinese Arbitration Forum

Arbitration and mediation provider JAMS said Wednesday that it's teaming up with the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration to create a new panel to solve disputes between U.S. and Chinese companies, giving the internationally known arbitration brands a deeper roster of panelists to pull from for clients' high-value disputes. [Read full article »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

From Medicine To Sexbots, AI Raises Liability Questions

Artificial intelligence is already in use for applications like calculating drug dosages for cancer patients. But future uses of AI could range much further, perhaps even as depicted in TV shows like "Westworld." We are only beginning to grapple with how the law will treat liability issues raised by such technological advances, says Ileana Blanco of DLA Piper LLP. [Read full article »](#)

Opinion

Time For Regulators To Embrace Earned Wage Access

A wave of fintech providers are offering earned wage access services, which enable employees to access a portion of their wages before their next scheduled payday. While regulators have taken notice, they have yet to clarify existing rules or explicitly endorse such programs, say attorneys with McGuireWoods LLP. [Read full article »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

9th Circ. Nominee Pushes Back On Tribal Record Criticisms

Perkins Coie LLP's Eric Miller on Wednesday pushed back against criticisms of his record on tribal sovereignty issues during a brief but controversial Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on his nomination to the Ninth Circuit, with no Democrats in attendance. [Read full article »](#)

Analysis

State St. Row Shows Flip Side Of ABA's Special Masters Push

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The Trump administration on Wednesday asked the D.C. Circuit to affirm a lower court's dismissal of an Egyptian woman's suit alleging that the federal government violated several statutes by including false information in her record that led her to fail to obtain entry visas. [Read full article »](#)

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Challengers to Google's \$8.5 million privacy settlement, the fairness of which the U.S. Supreme Court will consider next week, have cited a recent Ninth Circuit approval of a "cy pres" deal distributing class action awards to third parties and not consumers as reason for the high court to wade into the issue. [Read full article »](#)

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In Cambridge Analytica Bankruptcy, Responsive Party Elusive

The director of bankrupt and scandalized political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica LLC has put the company's U.S. bankruptcy attorneys, who are seeking to withdraw as counsel, in a difficult position after failing to respond to efforts to designate him as a responsible party for the company. [Read full article »](#)

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Chatterjee Replaces Ailing McIntyre As FERC Chairman

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chair Kevin McIntyre said late Wednesday that he was relinquishing his chairmanship due to health problems and will simply serve as a commissioner, and President Donald Trump tapped Commissioner Neil Chatterjee to take McIntyre's place leading the agency. [Read full article »](#)

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What To Know About Building In Tax 'Opportunity Zones'

Certain low-income areas designated as "opportunity zones" are likely to see new buildings rise and old buildings get made over in the next year, now that recently proposed federal regulations clarify the tax incentives and breaks due to those who invest in such projects. [Read full article »](#)

Sanctuary City Order Can't Stop Seattle From Getting Funds

A Washington federal judge on Wednesday ruled that in light of a Ninth Circuit decision holding that President Donald Trump exceeded his constitutional authority by issuing an executive order that cut off certain grants from sanctuary cities, the administration can't withhold that funding from Seattle and Portland. [Read full article »](#)

Offshore Oil And Gas Drilling In Alaska Gets OK From DOI

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke said Wednesday that oil and gas drilling in the federal waters off Alaska can move forward following conditional approval by the department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to Hilcorp Alaska LLC for its Liberty Project development and production plan. [Read full article »](#)

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An investor group on Wednesday petitioned both major stock exchanges to require issuers that use so-called dual-class share structures, which grant outsize voting power to company founders, to phase out such arrangements within seven years after the initial public offering, arguing that unequal voting systems deprive shareholders of a say in corporate affairs. [Read full article »](#)

Bank Misinterpreted Overdraft Fee Rules, 1st Circ. Told

Citizens Financial Group Inc.'s banking unit misread the federal regulations it cited in arguing that sustained overdraft fees are not interest, a bank customer told a First Circuit panel in her fight to revive a proposed class action challenging the legality of the fees. [Read full article »](#)

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Acting EPA Boss Touts Deregulatory Push At Gas Conference

Speaking to a room full of oil and gas industry boosters in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, the Environmental Protection Agency's acting administrator said that President Donald Trump's push to roll back regulations would help companies shift financial resources into developing new technologies to independently curb carbon dioxide and other emissions. [Read full article »](#)

Wash. Official Ducks Coal Permit Suit On Immunity Grounds

Washington's commissioner of public lands on Tuesday escaped a federal lawsuit over the decision to deny permits Lighthouse Resources Inc. needed for a planned coal export facility, after a Washington federal judge found the court lacked jurisdiction because of the state's sovereign right to control its own lands. [Read full article »](#)

Enviros Ask High Court Not To Take Up CWA Authority Fight

A coalition of environmental groups has asked the Supreme Court not to accept a petition from Hawaii's Maui County to review a Ninth Circuit decision that said wastewater injection wells that discharged pollution into groundwater that then reached U.S. waters were subject to Clean Water Act permitting rules. [Read full article »](#)

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Trump Signs Vast Opioid Legislation Into Law

President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed into law far-reaching legislation to ease the opioid crisis, marking one of his administration's most significant bipartisan achievements. [Read full article »](#)

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New 'ABC' Test Limited To Wage Orders, Calif. Court Says

The so-called ABC test, a newly adopted employment-classification test in California that presumes workers are employees rather than independent contractors, applies only to claims brought under wage orders, a state appeals court said in an order reviving parts of a cab driver's wage suit. [Read full article »](#)

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IRS Fires Back At Cisco In Altera Cost-Sharing Suit In 9th Circ.

The Internal Revenue Service hit back Wednesday at Cisco Systems Inc.'s argument that cost-sharing arrangements don't involve a transfer of intangibles between related parties, in the latest round of arguments in the government's appeal of its case against chipmaker Altera Corp. in the Ninth Circuit. [Read full article »](#)

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NY Wheel Developer Reconsiders After Funding Shortfall

Challenger Acquisitions Ltd., which owns a minority stake in the incomplete observation wheel in New York City, said Wednesday that it is seeking alternatives to the project after it became apparent there was not enough funding to finish it. [Read full article »](#)

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Immigrant Class May Proceed With Mandatory Detention Suit

A Massachusetts federal judge on Tuesday maintained a class of detained immigrants with criminal histories, allowing the class to proceed with its claims that the immigrants have the constitutional right to some type of review after prolonged periods of mandatory detention. [Read full article »](#)

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SBA Taps Okla. Tribe Member To Lead Native American Office

The U.S. Small Business Administration said Tuesday it has appointed an Oklahoma tribe member as its new assistant administrator for its Office of Native American Affairs. [Read full article »](#)

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NTCA Says Smart Cities Must Partner With Cable Operators

Municipalities aiming to become so-called smart cities should seek to form partnerships with cable operators, which could help drive innovation and increase services, according to an NCTA-The Internet and Television Association white paper released Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

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Ex-NY Senate Leader Gets 4 Years For 2nd Graft Conviction

Former New York State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos was sentenced Wednesday to four years and three months in prison, following his second corruption conviction for coercing businesses into directing payments to his son, Adam. [Read full article »](#)

Ex-NY Legislator Gets 6 Months For Frauds, Obstruction

Former New York State Assemblywoman Pamela Harris was sentenced to six months in prison on Wednesday after she admitted to lying to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the New York City Council to get government money and then pressuring her sister to lie to the FBI about it. [Read full article »](#)

Newark Mayor's Ex-Treasurer Gets 30 Months For \$220K Theft

A New Jersey federal judge on Wednesday handed down a 30-month prison sentence to a former campaign treasurer for Newark Democratic Mayor Ras J. Baraka for embezzling about \$223,000 in campaign funds by cashing bogus checks, saying the crime "tarnishes the public trust in the electoral system." [Read full article »](#)

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Federal Anti-Bias Law Doesn't Protect Trans Workers: DOJ

Federal law does not prohibit businesses from discriminating against employees based on their gender identity, the U.S. Department of Justice told the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday in a legal battle over a transgender funeral home worker's firing. [Read full article »](#)

Judge Queries Bias Data As Ex-Harvard Researcher Testifies

The federal judge tasked with deciding whether Harvard University intentionally discriminates against Asian-American applicants questioned a university researcher on whether a 2013 internal report showed a negative effect for being Asian in the Ivy League school's admissions process, as the potentially wide-ranging affirmative action trial continued Wednesday. [Read full article »](#)

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How Florida's Proposed Amendments Would Affect Taxpayers

On the Nov. 6 ballot, three of the 12 proposed Florida Constitution amendments deal directly with taxation. French Brown of Dean Mead Egerton Bloodworth Capouano & Bozarth PA discusses the background and potential fiscal repercussions of Amendments One, Two and Five. [Read full article »](#)

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services last week proposed a rule that would require disclosure of list prices in ads for prescription drugs. However, a number of questions remain regarding the proposed rule's impact, say attorneys at Ropes & Gray LLP. [Read full article »](#)

New Sexual Harassment Laws Calif. Employers Should Know

California Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed into law a number of bills addressing workplace sexual harassment that take effect in January. The new laws make it much more difficult for businesses to defend and even settle sexual harassment suits alleged against them, says Lindsay Ayers of Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP. [Read full article »](#)

Decoding DHS' Nonimmigrant Worker 60-Day Grace Period

Last year the U.S. Department of Homeland Security introduced a 60-day grace period for certain nonimmigrants to maintain their status in the U.S. following the cessation of employment. However, more than a year after its implementation, there is still uncertainty as to how the rule applies in varying situations, say Allison Terry and Aron Finkelstein of Murthy Law Firm. [Read full article »](#)

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does—but with a display. Unfortunately, according to PCMag's [Will Greenwald](#), this doesn't necessarily make it better. Check out our full review and then see if you prefer the [JBL Link View](#) like we do.

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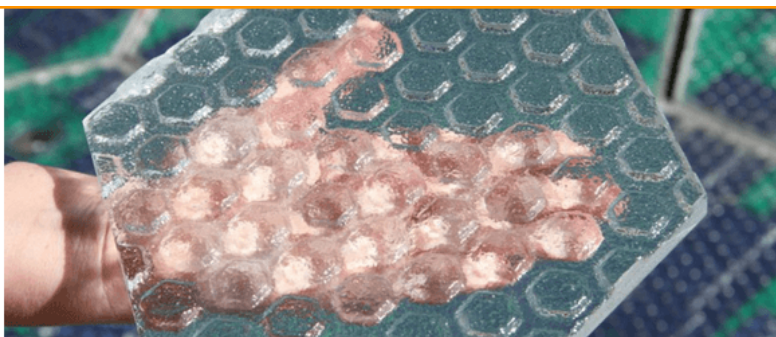
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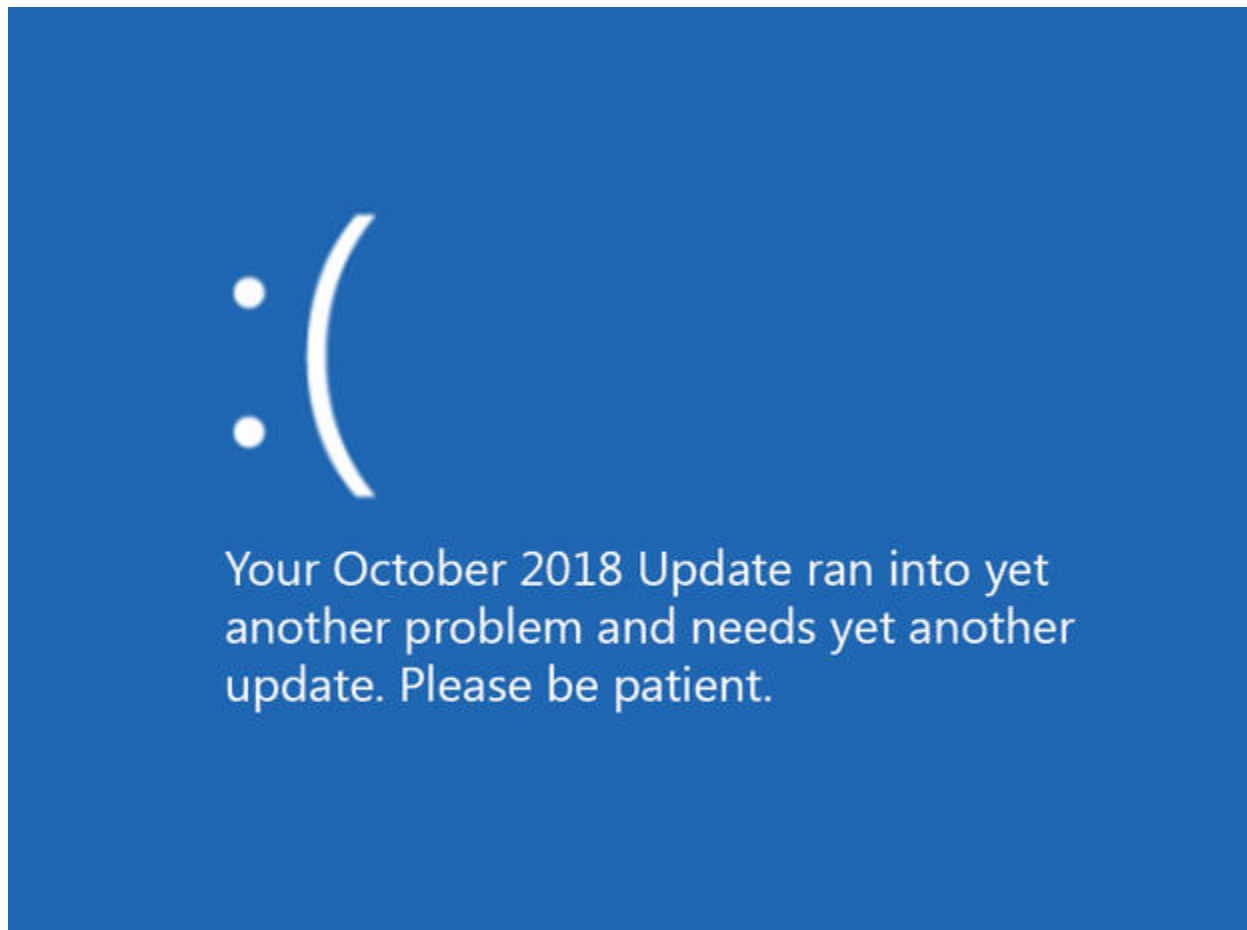
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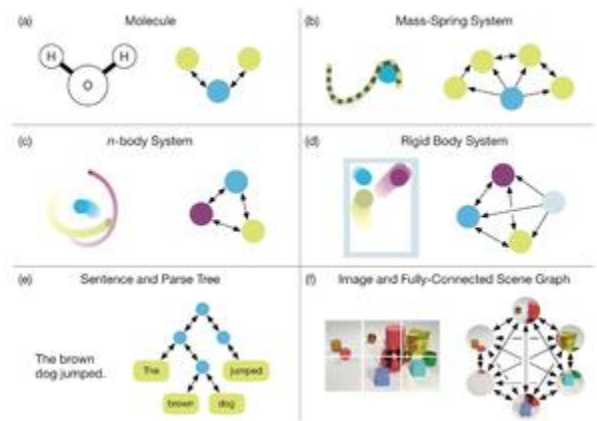
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