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Editor's Note

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LEADING THE NEWS

Obama To Visit Hiroshima, Won't Apologize For Use Of Atomic Weapons.

The White House's announcement that the President will become the first sitting US president to visit Hiroshima on May 27 received extensive media coverage, including a brief story on [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 9, 0:20, Muir, 14.63M). Much of the coverage highlights the President's push for a nuclear-weapons-free world, but the main focus, by far, is a series of claims from White House officials that the President will not apologize for the atomic attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.

[NPR](#) (5/10, Domonoske, 2.27M) reported on its website that the trip will be the first by a sitting US president since the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings at the end of World War II. According to a White House statement, the President's visit will "highlight his continued commitment to pursuing the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons." [Bloomberg Politics](#) (5/10, Olorunnipa, 529K) says while the President "will again call for the world to rid itself of nuclear weapons" during the visit, the "declaration rings hollow to critics who believe Obama's plan to overhaul and upgrade the US nuclear arsenal is sparking a dangerous new arms race with China and Russia." The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says in an editorial that while the President "has fallen well short of his lofty aim of a world 'without nuclear weapons' announced in 2009," he can "justly claim important achievements," including the Iran nuclear deal and the 2010 New Start Treaty. In addition, the President still has "opportunities to improve his credibility," including "a strong speech and even a new initiative" during his visit to Hiroshima.

A brief report on the [BBC News \(UK\)](#) (5/10, 2.09M) said the White House "has ruled out any apology," which is an aspect of the story repeated in nearly all of the coverage. For example, [TIME](#) (5/10, Rhodan, 17.97M) said on its website that while "some historians have argued an apology is overdue," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Tuesday that "while the US bears a 'special responsibility to lead the world in the effort to eliminate' nuclear weapons, Obama's trip will not include one." [Politico](#) (5/10, Mccaskill, 1.93M) said Earnest said "the visit should not be misconstrued as an apology," noting, "If people do interpret it that way, they'll be interpreting it wrongly."

Other Administration officials made similar comments on Tuesday. [USA Today](#) (5/10, Jackson, 6.31M) reports that according to Administration officials, the President "does not plan to apologize for President Harry Truman's decision authorizing the atomic attack." Deputy NSA **Rhodes** wrote in a Medium [post](#) that the President "will not revisit the decision to use the atomic bomb at the end of World War II," adding, "Instead, he will offer a forward-looking vision focused on our shared future."

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 9, 0:20, Muir, 14.63M) reported that the White House said the President "will honor the victims, but he will not apologize for the attack," and while [Reuters](#) (5/10, Cassella, Heavey) describes the visit as historic, its coverage pays particular attention to the White House's claim that the President will not apologize for the US' use of an atomic bomb. Meanwhile, on its website, [Voice of America](#) (5/10, Padden, 74K) said that while "some hope for an official apology," others "would like him to express grief and seek reconciliation."

The [AP](#) (5/10, Benac) describes the President as "eager to heal old wounds and galvanize new generations," but adds that the White House "is going out of its way to stress Obama will not come bearing an apology," calling it "a sign of the extraordinary political sensitivities attached to the gesture." Abe, the AP adds, "said no apology is expected – or necessary." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Lee, Landers, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) quotes Abe as saying, "The leader of the only country in the world to use nuclear weapons and I, the prime minister of the only nation to suffer an atomic bombing in war, will together convey our sincere condolences to the victims. ... I believe this truly will respond to the feelings of those who were victims of the atomic bombings and those who still suffer today."

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Davis, Soble, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says the visit, which was "hotly debated in the White House for months," carries "weighty symbolism for Mr. Obama, who is loath to be seen as apologizing for that chapter in American history." Japanese officials, the Times adds, "avoided any suggestion that they viewed the visit as tantamount to an American apology." The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (5/10, Fedde, 459K) said that during Secretary of State Kerry's visit to the site in April, "Japanese and US officials were careful to sidestep any concerns over an apology," and "the same is expected when Obama visits,"

while the [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/10, Memoli, Parsons, 4.12M) reports that the White House said the President “will pay tribute to the victims of the attack,” but “does not plan to apologize for the deployment of nuclear bombs on either Hiroshima or Nagasaki.” According to aides, the President “doesn’t intend to challenge President Harry S. Truman’s decision to drop the bomb.”

The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Boyer, 269K) says the visit is “sure to raise concerns about a possible apology,” adding that there has been “speculation virtually since Mr. Obama took office in 2009 that he would sooner or later apologize for the bombing.” The Times adds that “many of the president’s critics say a trip to Hiroshima would be viewed symbolically as an apology.” The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Nakamura, 9.23M), which calls the visit “historic,” similarly notes that while the President’s aides “say there will be no presidential apology,” critics, “including many conservative news outlets, have called a visit unnecessary and framed a potential trip by Obama as an apology for an act that helped bring the war started by Japan to a quicker end, saving lives of US service members.” The White House, however, believes the President’s final year in office is the right time “to make a grand symbolic statement toward the president’s disarmament goals that he announced during his first year in office.”

A [McClatchy](#) (5/10, Kumar, 43K) analysis says the President’s decision to visit Hiroshima “may not have been a difficult one” as it “fits both with his push for a world free of nuclear weapons and his desire to fill his final year in office with a series of historic trips.” While he “will probably face criticism from those who question whether he will apologize for the US bombing,” in “his final months in office, that is unlikely to hurt him.”

A [New York Times](#) (5/10, Sanger, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) analysis says there is “an almost universal Japanese view that the city was a victim of unnecessary brutality – parents and children incinerated, thousands killed and a generation poisoned by radiation,” while “Americans of the World War II generation, and many of their children” believe the decision to drop the bomb “saved tens of thousands of American lives that would have been lost in an invasion of Honshu, Japan’s main island.” By simply showing up at Hiroshima, the Times says, the President “will have no choice but to navigate a minefield of conflicting memory, in Japan and in the United States.”

A [USA Today](#) (5/10, Spitzer, 6.31M) analysis says the visit “is creating political controversy for both [the President] and his Japanese host.” US veterans groups have urged him “not to visit Hiroshima until the Japanese apologize for the wartime treatment of American prisoners of war,” and while polls indicate most Japanese do not expect him to apologize

and the White House has said he will not do so, “many Japanese are likely to interpret his mere visit as an apology.”

RCP Average Has Obama Job Approval At 49%. The [RealClearPolitics](#) average of recent polling on President Obama’s job approval was at 49%, and his disapproval at 46.4%. The President’s approval is unchanged since yesterday; his disapproval is up by 0.3.

The latest [Gallup](#) daily tracking poll of 1,500 “adults” (5/7-5/9) shows Obama with a 53% approval rating and 43% disapproval. [Rasmussen](#)’s automated survey of 1,500 “likely voters” (5/5-5/9) finds Obama’s approval at 50%, with 49% disapproving of his performance.

A [PPP \(D\)](#) survey of 1,322 “registered voters” (5/6-5/9), meanwhile, has the President’s job approval at 49%, and his disapproval at 48%.

IRAQ/SYRIA NEWS:

US Has Taken In Less Than One-Fifth Of Pledged 10,000 Syrian Refugees. According to the [New York Times](#) (5/10, Sengupta, Subscription Publication, 14.18M), the Administration’s effort to “step up asylum for Syrian refugees is going so slowly, it may not meet the president’s deadline for accepting at least 10,000 by the end of the fiscal year.” Citing “government figures,” the Times says that “more than seven months since the president” made the pledge, the US has let “in less than a fifth of that number – 1,736 through the end of April.” The Times warns the “slow pace could undermine the administration’s diplomatic push to advance the cause of refugees at a time when other countries are putting up taller barriers to their entry,” but Assistant Secretary of State Anne C. **Richard** said in a statement that the Administration remained committed to its pledge without cutting back on “robust security screening.”

Turkish Border Guards Accused Of Abusing Kurds, Syrian Refugees. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Yeginsu, Shoumali, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Human Rights Watch on Tuesday accused Turkish border guards killing and injuring “more than a dozen Syrian refugees” as they tried to cross into the country. The group said that Turkish border guards had “beaten and shot numerous Syrian migrants” in the last two month, “killing five people and wounding 14 others.” The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Cunningham, 9.23M) reports the UN also accused Turkish security forces Tuesday of committing “serious human rights violations against Turkish civilians and Syrian refugees in recent months.” UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad al-Hussein said Turkish security forces “may have deliberately shot civilians, destroyed infrastructure, carried out

arbitrary arrests,” triggering “a wave of displacement” in its ongoing military campaign against Kurdish separatists.

Turkish Factories Using Syrian Refugee Children For Labor. On the [CBS Evening News](#) (5/10, story 2, 3:25, Pelley, 11.17M), Holly Williams reported that hidden cameras have revealed “scores of factories” using Syrian refugee children for sweatshop labor in Turkey where the children are paid “little more than 50 cents an hour.” Psychologist Leyla Akca, who treats Syrian child refugees and their families, said many factories prefer to hire kids over their parents because children aren’t “going to ask for their rights,” so “it’s easier to keep them as slaves than doing it to an adult.” Williams concluded that the door to Europe has been “slammed shut” for Syrians, but Turkish factors “that prey on them appear to be operating with impunity,” leaving hundreds of thousands of children to grow up “illiterate and powerless to change their fate.”

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Hartocollis, Subscription Publication, 14.18M), meanwhile, updated the story of a 10-year-old Syrian girl whose family’s journey across Europe to Sweden it documented. The girl was told Tuesday that she is “not a full match to donate bone marrow to a younger brother who is sick with leukemia in Turkey.”

Kerry: Syrian Talks To Resume Next Week In Vienna. The [AP](#) (5/10, Lederman) reports Secretary of State Kerry said Tuesday that world powers “working to promote a resolution to Syria’s civil war plan to resume talks next week in Vienna, with UN-led, indirect peace negotiations between Syria’s government and opposition representatives expected to follow some days later.” Speaking at the US Embassy in London, Kerry said the 17-member International Syria Support Group – which includes the US, Russia, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia – will meet on May 17. [Reuters](#) (5/10, Brunnstrom) reports **Kerry** told reporters the group will try to “build on what we did with the Russians in terms of this agreement and to talk about all kinds of things, ranging from duration, to enforcement to the political process,” referring to an agreement reached this week to extend a ceasefire.

[AFP](#) (5/10, Delany) reports the Russian Foreign Ministry said Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov “is planning” to attend next week’s talks and he spoke with take part in the next week’s talks and he spoke with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif about it during a call Tuesday.

Clapper: US Slowly “Degrading” ISIL But Won’t Recapture Mosul This Year. In an interview with [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) columnist David Ignatius, DNI Clapper “offered some surprisingly candid comments – starting with a frank endorsement of President Obama’s view that the United States can’t unilaterally fix the Middle East.” Clapper told Ignatius that the US is slowly “degrading” ISIL,

but probably won’t recapture Mosul from the group this year. “They’ve lost a lot of territory,” **Clapper** said Monday. “We’re killing a lot of their fighters. We will retake Mosul, but it will take a long time and be very messy. I don’t see that happening in this administration.” He also warned that even if the group is defeated, “We’ll be in a perpetual state of suppression for a long time.”

Syria Abandons Fixed Currency Exchange Rate. In a move that means “the Syrian pound is now worth one-thirteenth of its pre-war value on legal markets,” Syria’s Central Bank “ordered money changers to exchange currency at an unprecedented 620 Syrian pounds to the dollar and announced it would reevaluate the rate on a daily basis,” the [AP](#) (5/10, Issa) reports. Economists say the action “amounts to jettisoning the fixed exchange rate that was once the bedrock of the Syrian economy.”

AFPAK NEWS:

Greet Beret Slams Afghan Mission’s Military And Civilian Chiefs. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Scarborough, 269K) reports that an unnamed “combat-hardened Green Beret” offered “a barrage of indictments against the command in Afghanistan and policymakers in Washington” in a sworn statement filed in the investigation into the US airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz. The Green Beret said, “The enemy operates with impunity throughout the country due to our relentless commitment to avoid principled strategy and decision-making processes. ... There is a fine line between not conducting operations to keep people out of harm’s way and not conducting operations in such a fashion that it actually increases overall risk to force and risk to mission.”

Son Of Former Pakistani PM Rescued During Raid By US-Afghan Forces. The [AP](#) (5/10, Shahzad, O'Donnell) reports that Ali Haider Gilani, the son of former Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, was “unexpectedly found and rescued” during a raid conducted by US and Afghan forces near Afghanistan’s eastern border with Pakistan. Gilani, who was “discovered in good health during the raid,” was “being taken to the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul.” The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Olivo, Craig, 9.23M) says Gilani had been kidnapped by al Qaeda-linked militants three years ago.

Cameron Caught Calling Afghanistan, Nigeria “Corrupt.” [Reuters](#) (5/10, Faulconbridge) reports that in remarks caught on camera Tuesday, Prime Minister David Cameron told Queen Elizabeth II that leaders of “fantastically

corrupt” countries, including Nigeria and Afghanistan, would be attending his anti-corruption summit Thursday in London. In a video feed made available to British broadcaster ITN, Cameron was shown saying to the queen at Buckingham Palace: “We have got the Nigerians – actually we have got some leaders of some fantastically corrupt countries coming to Britain. Nigeria and Afghanistan – possibly two of the most corrupt countries in the world.” The queen didn’t respond to Cameron’s comments, Reuters says, adding that the British monarch rarely makes political remarks.

[CNN](#) (5/11, Melvin, 2.4M) reports online that the archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who was part of the conversation between Cameron and the queen, “can be heard saying that the current Nigerian president is not corrupt.” CNN says bloggers “erupted” in criticism over the remarks, calling them undiplomatic. A spokesman for the prime minister’s office indicated Cameron was aware there were multiple cameras in the room. In a statement, the office said Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani “have acknowledged the scale of the corruption challenge they face in their countries.” A Buhari spokesman called Cameron’s remark “embarrassing to us, to us say the least, given the good work that the President is doing” in fighting corruption. “The Prime Minister must be looking at an old snapshot of Nigeria.”

The [AP](#) (5/10) describes the summit as a gathering of “politicians, officials, businesspeople and civil-society groups from around the world” who will discuss “efforts to clamp down on bribery, money-laundering and other forms of wrongdoing.” It notes that the group Transparency International ranked Afghanistan 166th of 168 countries in its 2015 Corruption Perceptions Index, while Nigeria was 136th.

TERRORISM NEWS:

ISIL Distributing “Kill Lists” Containing Names Of Ordinary Americans. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Shallwani, Barrett, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) ISIL has been distributing “kill lists” containing the names of ordinary Americans and urging its followers to target them, sparking a debate among counterterrorism officials over whether the lists represent a genuine threat or a scare tactic.

US Seeks Stronger Intel-Sharing With Belgium.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Barnes, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports senior US officials arrived in Belgium on Tuesday seeking to strengthen intelligence cooperation with their counterparts there amid threats from small terror cells in Europe. White House counterterrorism adviser Lisa Monaco is expected to meet with Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel today. Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, **Monaco** said, “The foreign fighter flow is on a scale

we have not seen before,” and “we know ISIL is intent on conducting attacks in Europe.”

Court Papers Reveal Awlaki’s Work As Trainer, Bomb Expert. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Shane, Weiser, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports new court filings in New York have offered the “most detailed account yet of a hidden side” of Anwar al-Awlaki’s work inside al Qaeda’s branch in Yemen. While the American has long been known for “public oratory on behalf of Al Qaeda before he was killed in a drone strike in 2011,” the documents shed light on his work “as a hands-on trainer who taught recruits how to make bombs, gave them money for missions and offered suggestions about how to carry out suicide attacks.”

Bangladeshi Home Minister: Islamist Party Leader Executed. The [AP](#) (5/10) reports Bangladeshi Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said Jamaat-e-Islami party leader Motiur Rahman Nizami was hung Wednesday morning inside Dhaka central jail for acts of genocide and war crimes during the 1971 independence war against Pakistan. Nizami was convicted in the killings of 480 people during the war, and is also held responsible for the deaths of “dozens of intellectuals, including teachers, journalists and doctors, just two days before Bangladesh gained its independence in 1971.” He becomes the fifth senior official from opposition parties to be executed since 2013 for war crimes stemming from the 1971 war.

DETAINEE ISSUES NEWS:

Classified Information Reportedly Disclosed At Military Commission Hearing. [Politico](#) (5/10, Gerstein, 1.93M) reports that classified information “was inadvertently disclosed at a February Guantanamo military commission hearing for the Sept. 11 defendants and made its way onto computers used by defense lawyers, prosecutors, and the military judge.” Attorneys for defendant Mustafa Al-Hawsawi “disclosed the episode in a submission last month complaining of excessive limitations on classified information in the case.”

Review Board Considers Release Of Kenyan Man Held At Gitmo Since 2007. The [AP](#) (5/10) reports Mohammed Abdul Malik Bajabu, a Kenyan man who has been held by the US at Guantanamo Bay since 2007, “made his first appearance Tuesday before a review board deciding whether he can be released from custody.” According to a Pentagon profile, Abdul Malik “trained with extremists in Somalia and developed a ‘close relationship’ with members of al-Qaida in East Africa.” Since his capture in

March 2007, according to personal representatives appointed by the military, "he has been [a] well-behaved prisoner, serving as a camp cook for other prisoners and reading Dale Carnegie management books in hopes of returning to his work as the owner of a diving and fishing business."

NSA NEWS:

Snowden "Staggered" By Reaction To His Leak. [McClatchy](#) (5/10, Welsh, 43K) reports Edward Snowden told the Columbia Journalism Review he is "staggered" by the reaction to his leak of NSA documents concerning US government surveillance programs. Snowden, who spoke from Russia via a secure channel with journalist Emily Bell, said he "sees himself as having played a minor role in the revelation." Said Snowden, "I'm really optimistic about how things have gone, and I'm staggered by how much more impact there's been as a result of these revelations than I initially presumed." He added, "A lot of people laud me as the sole actor, like I'm this amazing figure who did this. ... I personally see myself as having a quite minor role. I was the mechanism of revelation for a very narrow topic of governments."

HEALTHCARE NEWS:

"Lurching To The Left On Healthcare," Clinton Suggests Medicare Buy-In Option. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Rappeport, Sanger-Katz, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Hillary Clinton is "lurching to the left on health care" as she tries to secure the Democratic presidential nomination, and this week "took a significant step in [Bernie Sanders'] direction, suggesting that she would like to give people the option to buy into Medicare." Speaking at a campaign event in Virginia Monday, Clinton said, "I'm also in favor of what's called the public option, so that people can buy into Medicare at a certain age." Clinton suggested that "younger Americans, 'people 55 or 50 and up,' could voluntarily pay the full cost to join the program."

In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) highlights Clinton's move to the left citing her comments on Medicare as well as her proposal to make child care more affordable and increase the wages of child care workers, and criticizes the costs these and other Clinton proposals will impose on taxpayers.

WPost A1: NIH Overhauling Leadership At Its Flagship Hospital. In the wake of an independent review which concluded that "patient safety had become 'subservient to research demands'" on the NIH's Bethesda campus, the agency announced Tuesday that it is

"overhauling the leadership of its flagship hospital," the NIH Clinical Center, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, A1, Sun, 9.23M) reports in a front-page story. In what will be "the most significant restructuring at the nation's premier biomedical research institution in more than half a century," Director Francis Collins "said he will replace the hospital's longtime leadership with a new management team with experience in oversight and patient safety, similar to the top structure of most hospitals." Collins is "recruiting for three new positions: a chief executive, a chief operating officer and a chief medical officer," all of whom he wants to be physicians, and "he wants them in place by the end of the year."

Florida Keys Residents Strongly Opposed To Genetically Modified Mosquitoes In Zika Fight.

The [Miami Herald](#) (5/10, Klingener, 794K) reports that while the Cayman Islands recently agreed to move forward with releasing genetically modified mosquitoes from the British company Oxitec in an effort to fight the Zika virus, the Florida Keys has strongly opposed releasing Oxitec mosquitoes, which produce offspring with a fatally defective gene. More than 160,000 have signed a petition to bar them from the island chain – more than twice the Keys' population. Opponents have also "filled" recent meetings held by Oxitec and the Florida Keys Mosquito Control Board.

Milbank: Congress Pro-Lifers Hypocritical In Zika Fight. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) columnist Dana Milbank argues that despite the likelihood Zika virus will cause thousands of babies in the western hemisphere to be born with severe birth defects or perhaps be aborted, the "supposedly pro-life majorities in both chambers of Congress have done nothing" with President Obama's \$1.9 billion emergency funding request. Congress' delay will "inevitably" cause more babies to suffer or be aborted, and the few Republicans who have called for action have done so for "close-to-home reasons." Milbank concludes that until action is taken, "Let's hear no more from so-called defenders of the unborn."

New York City Law: Bars Can't Refuse To Serve Alcohol To Pregnant Women.

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 11, 0:15, Muir, 14.63M) briefly reported that new NYC guidelines prohibit bars, nightclubs, and restaurants from refusing to serve alcohol to pregnant women, despite medical experts "repeatedly" warning about the dangers of drinking while expecting.

WPost: FDA Right To Finally Regulate E-Cigarettes.

The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) editorializes the FDA finally decided to begin regulating e-cigarettes, of which use by youth jumped 900% between 2011 and 2015. The new rules ban sales to minors, and the

most controversial measure requires e-cigarette and e-liquid producers to submit their products for FDA review prior to sale. Critics say this will make the products more expensive and less desirable. However, the Post argues that businesses are currently “mixing highly addictive batches of chemicals and selling them with almost no federal oversight,” so finding out what is in the products will provide better understanding about “how dangerous they are – and how to make safer nicotine delivery devices for those trying to quit conventional smoking.”

ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL NEWS:

Some Republicans Oppose Roberts’ Hold On Army Secretary Nominee. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Schmidt, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Sen. Pat Roberts has placed a hold on the nomination of Army secretary-designate Eric Fanning, “insisting that the Obama administration tell him that it will not move any detainees from Guantánamo Bay” to Fort Leavenworth in Robert’s state of Kansas. The Times says “some Senate Republicans have said Mr. Roberts is being unreasonable and should allow Mr. Fanning’s nomination to move forward. In an unusual alliance,” Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain of Arizona, “a longtime Republican adversary” of the President, has fought for Fanning’s confirmation.

NATIONAL POLICING DEBATE NEWS:

Bay Area Deputies Charged In Beating Caught On Video. [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 7, 0:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported two Bay area police officers have been charged in the beating on an auto theft suspect that was caught on video last November. They faces charges including assault with a deadly weapon and battery. Both officers are expected to surrender Wednesday.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/10, Serna, 4.12M) reports Alameda County sheriff’s deputies Luis Santamaria and Paul Wieber were caught repeatedly striking Stanislav Petrov with their batons even though Petrov did not appear to be resisting. Michael Haddad, who is representing Petrov in a legal claim filed against Alameda County, described it as “the worst videotaped beating since Rodney King.” Both deputies were placed on leave after the Nov. 12 arrest, and Sgt. Ray Kelly said a separate, internal probe into their conduct is ongoing. In announcing the charges, San Francisco Dist. Atty. George Gascon said, “Policing that violates our constitutional rights damages the reputation of every person that wears the uniform, and it damages the public’s perception of those that are sworn to serve.”

Experts: New Ferguson Police Chief One Part Of City’s Healing Process. [Christian Science Monitor](#)

(5/10, Gass, 459K) reports new Ferguson police chief Delrish Moss “seems to tick every box in terms of the person the fractured city needs to rebuild,” including a background in public relations that could prove instrumental in helping the department better communicate with the public. He’s also reportedly accepted a \$40,000 pay cut to take the job. However, “experts” say hiring Moss by itself “is not enough,” because the city and the department must also work to implement the reforms cited in the agreement with the Justice Department.

EBOLA NEWS:

Doctor Who Lead Ebola Fight In Liberia Dies At

59. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Macdougall, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Ugandan doctor Anne Deborah Atai-Omoruto, who went to train more than 1,000 Liberian health workers on how to manage Ebola patients in 2014 during the height of the epidemic, died Thursday in Kampala at 59 from pancreatic cancer. Apart from the training, Atai-Omoruto also managed a treatment unit called the Island Clinic under a joint initiative between Liberia and the WHO. The clinic served 1,023 patients; 612 tested positive for Ebola and 250 survived.

OTHER NATIONAL NEWS:

White House Submits Garland Questionnaire To Senate.

The White House on Tuesday submitted Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland’s questionnaire detailing “his most significant case” to Congress, the [AP](#) (5/10, Jalonick, Sherman) reports. While the questionnaire is “a standard early step in the vetting of any judicial nominee,” the submission “isn’t likely to sway many minds in Congress, where Republicans have insisted on delaying the Supreme Court fight until after the presidential election.” Nonetheless, “the White House still had Garland fill out a questionnaire,” saying it is “intended to present ‘an exhaustive picture’ of Garland’s service on the bench and of his ‘impeccable credentials.’” The Senate Judiciary Committee “posted the document online, as is routine with nominations.”

[USA Today](#) (5/10, Wolf, Korte, 6.31M) says the “most telling feature” of the questionnaire was “Garland’s own ‘Top 10’ list of his most significant opinions and dissents,” adding that the 10 cases “likely will appeal to Democrats critical of the GOP’s intransigence.” According to White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, the cases “represent ‘just a small sliver in a tremendous body of work that Chief Judge Garland has assembled during his service on the DC Circuit.’” Calling

“questions about why Garland selected those cases...legitimate,” Earnest said, “These are the questions that Judge Garland is prepared to answer, and he’s prepared to answer them on camera, under oath,” adding, “I think this is precisely why Republicans are blocking a hearing. ... They know he would do an incredible job in helping people understand his approach to the law.”

Senate Republicans Pressure Trump On Supreme Court Nominations. [Politico](#) (5/10, Kim, 1.93M) reported Donald Trump is facing pressure from some of his “toughest GOP critics in the Senate” to “reveal more information about the type of justices he would nominate for the Supreme Court.” This, as Democrats “are increasingly invoking Trump and questioning whether GOP senators are comfortable with allowing the billionaire business mogul to make lifetime Supreme Court appointments.” Sen. Jeff Flake said, “It would help to feel better about where Trump is going,” and Sen. Lindsey Graham, “argued that Trump’s pick would be ‘no worse than that’ of likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton but added: ‘I know Clinton’s gonna pick a liberal. I have no idea who Trump would pick.’”

As Oil Firms Relinquish Leases, Administration Faces Pressure To Reduce Warming In Arctic. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Eilperin, 9.23M) reports as major oil and gas firms, including Royal Dutch Shell, ConocoPhillips, Eni, and Iona Energy relinquished most of their leases in the Arctic this week, the President and others are facing “increased pressure to avert dangerous warming in the region.” The oil and gas companies’ moves come as “many Democratic lawmakers and environmental activists...are pushing for the administration to ban Arctic drilling altogether as part of the next five-year leasing plan, which runs from 2017 to 2022.” A letter from Reps. Robert Dold (R-IL), Jared Huffman (D-CA), and 66 other House Democrats to Interior Secretary Jewell called for the Administration “to revise the leasing plan before it becomes final.”

Lawsuit Accuses Administration Of Illegally Delaying Responses To FOIA Requests. [Politico](#) (5/10, Gerstein, 1.93M) reported in its “Under The Radar” blog the conservative watchdog group the Cause of Action Institute has filed a lawsuit in US District Court in Washington accusing the Administration of “illegally delaying responses to Freedom of Information Act requests by forcing records into an often lengthy review process by White House lawyers.” According to the suit, “agencies across the federal government are interpreting a 2009 memo from then-White House Counsel Greg Craig to send to the White House records sought in FOIA requests on a wide variety of topics, including some where the only obvious interest the White

House would have in the files appears to be political in nature.” While a White House spokeswoman “defended the Obama administration’s overall record on FOIA,” she “declined to comment on the suit.”

NYTimes A1: North Carolina-DOJ Fight Hinges On Interpretation Of 1964 Civil Rights Act. A front-page [New York Times](#) (5/10, A1, Pérez-Peña, Lewin, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) analysis says the legal battle between North Carolina and the Justice Department over the transgender bathroom law hinges on the question of whether the Civil Rights Act of 1964 can “apply to people the drafters never intended to cover.” While the law “prohibits discrimination because of ‘race, color, religion, sex or national origin,’” the word sex was inserted “when the bill went to the House floor.” Gov. Pat McCrory argues that “sex means biological sex, and nothing more,” adding, “The Obama administration is bypassing Congress by attempting to rewrite the law.” The Justice Department, meanwhile, “said the word also covers gender identity, not just anatomy,” and sued, saying the North Carolina law “violates both the 1964 law and a 1972 federal law barring sex discrimination in education.”

North Carolina House Republicans Want Promise Education Funds Won’t Be Cut Over HB2. The 10 Republican members of North Carolina’s House delegation are seeking assurances from the Education Department that officials will not “punish the state for its controversial HB2 law by withholding federal funds from public schools and universities,” and have given the agency until Friday to respond, [McClatchy](#) (5/10, Douglas, 43K) reports. In a letter to Education Secretary King, the GOP lawmakers say they are “troubled by the threat...(to) withhold federal funding from North Carolina in response to the enforcement of House Bill 2,” and argue that the law “does not violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Title IX regulations, which aim to ensure equality in public schools.” The lawmakers ask King “to respond by Friday with ‘immediate assurances that (King is not) directing or otherwise condoning any efforts...to curtail federal funds designated for North Carolina.’”

White House Won’t Criticize West Point Cadets In “Black Pride” Photo. The White House on Tuesday “refused...to criticize black female West Point cadets who posed for a photo giving a black-pride gesture,” the [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Boyer, 269K) reports. While Press Secretary Josh Earnest “acknowledged the photo ‘has generated some discussions about race relations in our country,’” he added that “the real focus should be on the tremendous accomplishments of these cadets. ... I’m not going to try to divine the message that those cadets were attempting to send.” Earnest added that the President “has an enormous amount of pride in the class of 2016,” and is “proud

of the way they [cadets] have prepared themselves to represent our country and serve our country in missions around the world.”

Study: 17.8% Of Young High School Graduates Are Unemployed. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports a new study by the Economic Policy Institute found that “only 10 percent of 17- to 24-year-olds have a college or advanced degree,” and “for young high school graduates, the unemployment rate is disturbingly high: 17.8 percent.” When “those who are underemployed” are added in, “the share jumps to more than 33 percent.”

Baby Lull Could Have Widespread Impact. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Adamy, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports that an ongoing baby lull that began in 2007 could have widespread consequences impacting many businesses, institutions, and government programs. According to Demographic Intelligence, the US fertility rate fell from 2.12 to 1.87 between 2007 and 2015.

Foxx Says He Considered Shutting Down Washington Metro System. The [AP](#) (5/10, Lowy) reports Transportation Secretary Foxx told reporters Tuesday that he “seriously considered ordering a shutdown of the entire Washington Metro subway system last week and may still do that if local officials don’t follow Transportation Department safety directives.” Foxx said, “We have the ability to withhold (federal) funds from Metro. We have the ability to shut Metro down, and we’re not afraid to use the authority we have. ... This is serious business.” Foxx said that local officials have not identified “the root cause of incidents involving electrical arcing, smoke and fire, and so have no plan for how to fix the problem,” adding that it is “clear to DOT officials who watched a video of one recent incident that there is too much electrical power flowing through the subway system.”

In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) says that “Metro’s ‘safety culture’ is in tatters,” and says General Manager Paul J. Wiedefeld “must act in order to send a credible message of accountability to the system’s labor force and passengers.” Arguing that an “overhaul in Metro’s culture” is needed, beginning with “accountability,” the Post says Wiedefeld should “insist on streamlined disciplinary procedures as part of the new contract with Metro’s main transit workers union.”

Media Analyses: West Virginia Results Could Portend General Election Challenges For Clinton. Media reports almost universally say Bernie Sanders’ victory in Tuesday’s West Virginia Democratic

primary keeps him in the Democratic race for now, though – even when combined with expected victories later this month – it will do little to aid in his effort to block Hillary Clinton from securing the nomination. Meanwhile, a number of reports highlight the significance of the West Virginia results to Clinton’s general election chances as Donald Trump attempts to secure the support of working class white voters there and in other Rust Belt states. [Reuters](#) (5/10, Allen) said while Clinton’s loss slowed her approach to the nomination, she is still heavily favored to become the Democratic nominee, and the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Phillip, Wagner, Gearan, 9.23M) calls Sanders’ victory in West Virginia “the first of a string of potentially strong showings this month that may drag out, but not block” Clinton’s march toward the nomination.

In a story posted just after 10 p.m. Tuesday night, [Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) said Sanders “notch[ed] another victory to keep him on a path to the nomination,” but “even that, by Sanders’ own admission, will be a narrow country road to navigate.” While May “has all the markings of a pleasant month for Sanders, with favorable contests in Oregon and Kentucky next Tuesday coming after his upset victory in Indiana on May 3,” at this stage of the race, “Sanders needs more than wins, he needs superdelegate miracles.” The [AP](#) (5/10, Lerer, Thomas) similarly says Sanders’ victory “will do little to slow the former secretary of state’s steady march toward the Democratic presidential nomination.” Clinton, the AP notes, “is 94 percent of the way to winning the nomination – just 145 delegates short of the 2,383 required,” meaning she “could lose all the states left to vote by a landslide and still emerge as the nominee, so long as all her supporters among the party insiders known as superdelegates continue to back her.” [Bloomberg Politics](#) (5/10, Brody, 529K) reports in an email to supporters after the race was called, Sanders wrote, “We fully acknowledge we have an uphill climb ahead of us, but we’re used to that. ... We have been fighting uphill from the day this campaign began, and we’re going to stay in the race until the last vote is cast.”

However, [USA Today](#) (5/10, Przybyla, 6.31M) says although Clinton’s loss in West Virginia will have little impact on her primary battle with Sanders, “it is a powerful reminder of her challenges in a general election matchup with Trump,” who hopes to tap into the “large number of working-class white voters” in West Virginia and other Rust Belt states like Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Ohio in November. Clinton’s showing in West Virginia, USA Today notes, “could point to problems with a critical voting bloc that supported her husband during the more economically prosperous 1990s,” but who “now feel left behind as manufacturing jobs have disappeared and the coal industry has declined.” The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Gabriel, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) similarly says “Clinton’s potential vulnerability was exposed in

her defeats in West Virginia and Indiana, states with many white, working-class voters.”

The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Dinan, 269K) says Clinton’s “inability to put the race away is striking, given her years-long campaign and her formidable political operations,” and [Politico](#) (5/10, Debenedetti, 1.93M) described Clinton as “sputter[ing] toward the finish line, loaded down with the baggage of recent losses in Indiana and West Virginia, and the prospect of a few more losses still to come,” adding that while she “may have turned her focus to presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump,” her campaign “is forced to continue fighting a rear-guard action against Sanders, who shows no sign of surrender.” Clinton, [Politico](#) added, “is forced to reckon with almost weekly results highlighting her relative weaknesses with white men and young voters, and she’s only gradually been able to increase her swing state travel.”

[Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) reported in its “Bernie v. Hillary” blog that Clinton won the Democratic primary in Nebraska but is “not getting any delegates out of it” because delegates were awarded in the state’s caucus on March 5. However, the primary victory “could serve as a boost to the Democratic front-runner’s argument that she is a more electable candidate in open contests, particularly as she looks to pivot to the general election against presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.”

Quinnipiac: Clinton-Trump Dead Heats In Three Large Swing States. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Dinan, McLaughlin, 269K) reports that Donald Trump “has pulled even” with Hillary Clinton in Quinnipiac polls in Florida (Clinton 43%, Trump 42%), Ohio (Trump 43%, Clinton 39%), and Pennsylvania (Clinton 43%, Trump 42%). [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 3, 3:10, Muir, 14.63M) briefly covered the state polls.

Nate Cohn of “The Upshot” at the [New York Times](#) (5/10, Cohn, Monkovic, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) said, “These Quinnipiac polls are among the first since he wrapped up the nomination. We can’t rule out the possibility that there’s some real movement here. ... [But] it’s always better to look at the preponderance of data. There’s a lot of it right now, and it’s consistent with a pretty considerable edge for Clinton nationwide and in the battleground states. A few state polls won’t change that calculus.”

PPP Poll Shows Clinton With Four-Point National Lead Over Trump. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Sherfinski, 269K) reports that in a Public Policy Polling national survey released Tuesday, Clinton “leads...Trump by just 4 points,” 42% to 38%, “with Libertarian Gary Johnson at 4 percent and Green Party candidate Jill Stein at 2 percent.” Sen. Bernie Sanders would lead Trump 47% to 37%, with Johnson and Stein each losing one point off their support. PPP also found

that 72% of Republicans “are comfortable with Mr. Trump as the party’s nominee,” while 21% are not.

Poll Shows Trump Leading Among Small-Business Owners. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Harper, 269K) reports that a poll of 1,000 small-business owners by Guidant Financial and My Corp finds that “the majority of respondents” would vote for Trump, “with only 19 percent voting for” Clinton.

FiveThirtyEight’s Silver Says Polls Meaningless This Early. [Politico](#) (5/10, Gurciullo, 1.93M) reports FiveThirtyEight’s Nate Silver used some explicit language to “rant about general election polls” [on Twitter](#), saying it is far too early for such surveys to have any meaning.

NYTimes Analyses: Clinton-Trump A “Scorched-Earth” Race Between Two Unpopular Candidates. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Gabriel, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) writes that the general election campaign “has quickly deteriorated into a scorched-earth contest about personality and temperament, with each side exploiting voters’ strong dislike of the other candidate.” Republican pollster Ed Goeas said, “We have an explosive environment with two extremely negative candidates. This is going to be a race to the bottom. It’s who can drive up the negatives the most.” The Times says that with polls showing that both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump “are more unpopular than the candidates in any of the past 10 White House matchups, their campaigns are exploiting their rivals’ perceived flaws to appeal to certain demographic groups.”

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Nyhan, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) “The Upshot” says that with Trump’s “unfavorable ratings at record levels,” GOP chances at victory “may be even worse” than it seems. The Times says “the doubts Mr. Trump has raised during his primary campaign also undermine the strongest rationale for any Republican candidate in this election – the need for new leadership after eight years of Democratic control of the White House.”

Biden “Confident” Clinton Will Be Next President. On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 3, 3:10, Muir, 14.63M), Cecilia Vega reported that in “the closest the White House has come to an endorsement,” Vice President Biden said “this election is Hillary Clinton’s to win.” Biden: “I feel confident that Hillary will be the nominee, and I feel confident she’ll be the next president.” Vega: “Until now, the Administration only going as far as a joke about that possibility.” President Obama: “Next year at this time, someone else will be standing here in this very spot, and it’s anyone’s guess who she will be.” [Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) says that “until his remarks to ABC,” Biden “sought to be even-handed in how he assessed Clinton” and Sen. Bernie

Sanders. The [Huffington Post](#) (5/10, Lavender, 367K) briefly reports on Biden's remarks.

FactCheck Says Trump Distorting Clinton's Position On Guns. [FactCheck](#) (5/10, Kiely, 47K) writes that Donald Trump "distorts the facts when he says 'Hillary Clinton wants to take your guns away' and 'abolish the Second Amendment.'" While Clinton's "gun violence prevention proposal would impose restrictions, including a ban on semi-automatic 'assault weapons,'" it "does not call for banning all guns." Trump made the claim at a rally last week, echoing an earlier claim in January.

State-Released Emails Show Sensitive Info Routinely Sent Through Unclassified Systems.

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Myers, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that in March of "2011, the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, Jeffrey D. Feltman, wrote an urgent email to more than two dozen colleagues informing them that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were sending troops into Bahrain to put down antigovernment protests there. Mr. Feltman's email prompted a string of 10 replies and forwards over the next 24 hours, including to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton." That email "chain contained information now declared classified" and also "reveals how routinely sensitive information is emailed on unclassified government servers, reflecting what many officials describe as diplomacy in the age of the Internet, especially in urgent, fast-developing situations. A review of the 30,322 emails from Mrs. Clinton's private server that the State Department has made public" demonstrates "how such sensitive information often looped throughout President Obama's foreign policy apparatus on unclassified systems, from embassies to the United Nations to the White House."

Amid FBI Probe, DOJ Employees Have Donated Over \$73,000 To Clinton. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Ernst, 269K) reports that the ongoing FBI probe into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server during her tenure as secretary of state "has not halted political contributions from the very department that may be tasked with her prosecution. Donations from Department of Justice employees to" Clinton have reached "\$73,437 thus far during the 2016 presidential cycle," compared to \$8,900 for Sen. Bernie Sanders and \$381 for Donald Trump. The Times says that 12 "of the 228 donations by Justice Department employees to Mrs. Clinton reached \$2,700, the maximum individual amount allowed by law." Citizens United President David Bossie "said the hefty donations are further proof that Attorney General Loretta Lynch should appoint a special counsel to determine whether Mrs. Clinton or her aides" mishandled classified information.

Mills Briefly Left FBI Interview When Questioning Ventured Into "Off-Limits" Subject. Citing "several"

unnamed sources, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Zapotosky, 9.23M) reports that in "a recent interview, an FBI investigator broached a topic with longtime Hillary Clinton aide Cheryl Mills that her lawyer and the Justice Department had agreed would be off limits." Consequently, Mills, who was Clinton's chief of staff at State, "and her lawyer left the room – though both returned a short time later – and prosecutors were somewhat taken aback that their FBI colleague had ventured beyond what was anticipated, the people said." The incident "demonstrates some of the tension surrounding the criminal probe into possible mishandling of classified information involving" Clinton during her tenure as secretary of state. The Post adds, "The questions that were considered off limits had to do with the procedure used to produce emails to the State Department so they could possibly be released publicly, the people said."

Leader Of Watchdog Organization Calls For Special Prosecutor. In another report, the [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Sherfinski, 269K) reports that former US Attorney Matthew Whitaker, "who now leads a D.C.-based watchdog" organization, "is calling for a special prosecutor to be appointed to investigate Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton's email server." During an appearance on "Tim Constantine's Capitol Hill Show," Whitaker, executive director of the Foundation for Accountability & Civic Trust, said, "I think the gravity of this case certainly is understood by the FBI," adding, "My group, FACT, has called for a special prosecutor because we just found out this morning that employees of the Justice Department have donated \$75,000 to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign."

Grier: Missing Pagliano Emails Provide GOP "Another Talking Point" In Clinton Controversy. Writing for the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (5/10, Grier, 459K), Peter Grier said that a court filing by the Republican National Committee says that the State Department hasn't been unable to find "e-mails sent or received by [Bryan] Pagliano during his time at the agency," with the exception of one email he sent to Clinton wishing her birthday greetings. Grier said that "Pagliano was a key figure who helped set up Clinton's private e-mail server," and his emails "might shed light on how and why Clinton established the private server in the first place." Grier added, "If nothing else, the State Department's continued struggles to provide Pagliano records give the GOP another talking point as it tries to use the e-mail issue to call Clinton's truthfulness into question."

Trump Video Slams Clinton On Benghazi. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Delreal, 9.23M) reports that Donald Trump on Tuesday slammed Hillary Clinton's "foreign policy judgment in a video ad released on social media that focuses on the Benghazi attacks." The video targets "confusion over what caused the attack on the diplomatic compound in

Benghazi, Libya, which was initially linked by Obama administration officials to rage over an anti-Muslim video released online.” In the video, Clinton is shown saying, “We’ve seen rage and violence directed at American embassies over an awful Internet video,” before the clip pivots to Patricia Smith, “the mother of one of the victims” saying of Clinton in “an interview with Fox Business,” “She lied to me, she told me it was the fault of the video.” Trump posted the video on Instagram, saying, “Hillary has bad judgment!” Trump then tweeted the video “out to his 8 million Twitter followers.”

[The Hill](#) (5/10, Savransky, 884K) reported, “At the end of the video, a clip is shown of Clinton laughing overlaid on burning images, with a voice heard saying: ‘I don’t know why that’s funny.’” The footage “of Clinton laughing is from her testimony last October on Capitol Hill before the House” Select Committee on Benghazi. [Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) also reported on the Trump video.

US Won’t Seek Death Penalty In Case Against Alleged Leader Of Benghazi Attacks. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Hsu, 9.23M) reports that the Justice Department on Tuesday announced “it will not seek the death penalty against Ahmed Abu Khattala, 54, a U.S.-designated terrorist whom prosecutors accuse of leading the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that killed four Americans.” The move “clears the way for a major terrorism trial in the nation’s capital, the first in the U.S. since 2015, barring a plea agreement by Abu Khattala. The decision ended a lengthy review after President Obama aired concerns in October that while he supported capital punishment in theory, he found it ‘deeply troubling’ in practice.” The [AP](#) (5/10, Tucker) reports that the DOJ “revealed its decision in a brief court filing that offered no additional explanation. In a separate statement, spokeswoman Emily Pierce said Attorney General Loretta Lynch made the decision after consulting with prosecutors. Pierce said the department remains ‘committed to ensuring that the defendant is held accountable’ for the 2012 attacks.”

Firm Co-Founded By Clinton Son-In-Law Closing Greece Hedge Fund. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Stevenson, Goldstein, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that “a hedge fund portfolio pitched by Hillary Clinton’s son-in-law, Marc Mezvinsky,” in 2014 as a chance “to bet on a Greek economic” recovery “is shutting down, after losing nearly 90 percent of its value, according to two investors with direct knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Investors were told last month that the fund would close. The fund, Eaglevale Hellenic Opportunity, had raised \$25 million from investors to buy Greek bank stocks and government debt. Eaglevale Partners, a Manhattan hedge fund firm founded by Mr. Mezvinsky and

two former Goldman Sachs colleagues, raised money for the Hellenic fund. ... Mezvinsky is married to Chelsea Clinton.”

Clinton’s Vow To Open UFO Files Appeals To Some Voters. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Chozick, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports on Hillary Clinton’s “unusual knowledge about extraterrestrials,” which “has struck a small but committed cohort of voters.” Clinton, who is “known for her grasp of policy,” has “vowed that barring any threats to national security, she would open up government files on the subject, a shift from President Obama, who typically dismisses the topic as a joke.” Clinton’s campaign chairman, John Podesta, is “a crusader for disclosure of government information on unexplained phenomena that could prove the existence of intelligent life outside Earth.”

Givhan Offers Bill Clinton Fashion Advice. Writing for the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Givhan, 9.23M), Robin Givhan offers former President Bill Clinton advice on what sort of attire he should wear if Hillary Clinton wins the White House.

Thousands Turn Out For Sanders Rally In Oregon. The [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (5/11, Friedman, 107K) reports, “Thousands came out Tuesday night to support Bernie Sanders at a rally in Salem,” Oregon. One day earlier, Sanders “drew an estimated 15,000 attendees to a rally in Sacramento, Calif.”

Media Analyses: Trump’s Victories In Nebraska, West Virginia A “Foregone Conclusion.” Media coverage is Donald Trump’s victories in the West Virginia and Nebraska primaries is markedly lighter than coverage from previous primary election nights. Reports cast Trump’s wins as a foregone conclusion given that he is the only remaining Republican candidate in the race.

The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Phillip, Wagner, Gearan, 9.23M) called Trump’s victories in Nebraska and West Virginia “virtually foregone conclusions given that he was the only Republican remaining in the race.” The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, McLaughlin, 269K) likewise says the results “were basically a foregone conclusion given that they marked the first nomination contests since Mr. Trump became the presumptive nominee.”

[Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) reports on Trump’s victory in West Virginia, noting that he “rallied supporters in Charleston last Thursday,” where he “laid into Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton for her comments in March that she would work to ‘put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business.’” In a separate story, [Politico](#) (5/10, Gass, 1.93M) said Trump “kept up his pace on the

campaign trail” despite being the only GOP contender left standing, adding that his victory in Nebraska “comes despite fierce opposition from freshman Sen. Ben Sasse, one of the first Republicans to come out against the party’s presumptive nominee.” The [AP](#) (5/10, Lerer, Thomas) says Trump’s victories in were not “likely to heal the party’s wounds, as some GOP leaders continue to hold off offering their endorsement of the party’s presumptive nominee.”

Cruz Mused About Possible Re-Entry If He Won Nebraska Tuesday. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Flegenheimer, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that in an interview with Glenn Beck on Tuesday, Sen. Ted Cruz “declined to throw his support” behind Donald Trump, and “also did not entirely rule out re-entering the race ‘if there is a path to victory,’ allowing – perhaps half-jokingly – that he would reassess his plans if he were to somehow prevail in Nebraska’s Republican primary” Tuesday. [Roll Call](#) (5/10, Lesniewski, 61K) reports Cruz told Beck, “We have suspended the campaign because I can see no viable path to victory. If circumstances change, we’ll always assess changed circumstances.”

[McClatchy](#) (5/10, Koh, 43K), the [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Sherfinski, 269K), [Politico](#) (5/10, Everett, 1.93M), [The Hill](#) (5/10, Kamisar, 884K), and the [Huffington Post](#) (5/10, Bobic, 367K) also report on the remarks, but the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (5/10, 459K) writes that “when the subject comes up again” at the end of the interview, Cruz and Beck laughed. Trump received 61% of the vote in Tuesday’s Nebraska primary, to Cruz’s 19%.

Trump Says His Running Mate List Down To “Five Or Six” Experienced Politicians. The [AP](#) (5/10, Pace, Colvin) reports Donald Trump said in an interview that he has “narrowed his list of potential running mates to ‘five or six people,’ all with deep political resumes.” While he did not reveal his list, he “says he has not ruled out New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a former rival who has embraced the billionaire’s campaign with gusto.”

Corker Would Not Rule Out Running With Trump. [Politico](#) (5/10, McCaskill, 1.93M) reports Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Corker said he has “no reason to believe Donald Trump’s presidential campaign is considering naming him as a running mate,” but would not rule out accepting. [Politico](#) (5/10, Everett, 1.93M) reports Corker is among the Republican senators who have “urged the party to keep an open mind on Trump’s candidacy.” Corker said, “When I hear people say never, I say, ‘Look, chill.’”

Carson Leaves Running Mate Search. [The Hill](#) (5/10, Hensch, 884K) reports that Ben Carson “has stepped away” from Trump’s running mate selection committee, “instead focusing his energy on Trump’s meeting” with House Speaker

Ryan on Thursday. Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski will head up the search.

Ryan: It Will “Take More Than A Week” To Unify GOP. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, DeBonis, 9.23M) reports House Speaker Ryan “downplayed expectations for a quick reconciliation” with Donald Trump, “saying it will ‘take more than a week’ to unify the party.” Ryan made the remarks during a conversation with the Wall Street Journal’s Gerald Seib “streamed live on Facebook – his first widely broadcast remarks since withholding his support for Trump” last week. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 6.27M), in a brief front-page item, says Ryan said, “We shouldn’t just pretend our party is unified when we know it is not. We can’t fake it, we can’t pretend. We have to actually unify.”

[The Hill](#) (5/10, Marcos, 884K) reports Ryan “declined to lay out specific areas he wanted to clarify with Trump, citing a desire to speak with the presumptive GOP presidential nominee directly.” [Politico](#) (5/10, Bade, 1.93M) reports Trump, Ryan, and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus will meet Thursday morning at 9 a.m., followed by another meeting with “a larger roster of GOP leadership” including Majority Leader McCarthy, Majority Whip Scalise, Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, and Deputy Whip Patrick McHenry. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Sherfinski, 269K) also reports on Ryan’s remarks and the upcoming meeting.

Trump Says He Would “Love” For Ryan To Remain Convention Chair. [Politico](#) (5/10, Strauss, 1.93M) reports that while Ryan said earlier this week that he would step down as chairman of the Republican National Convention if Trump requested, Trump said on Fox News on Tuesday evening, “I’d love frankly for him to stay and be chairman.”

McConnell: “We Respect The Voices” Of Primary Voters. On the [CBS Evening News](#) (5/10, story 4, 2:00, Pelley, 11.17M), Major Garrett reported, “Trump – whose views on trade, immigration, and raising the minimum wage bucked GOP ideology – can only find lukewarm Republican support on Capitol Hill.” Trump will meet with Ryan, “who has withheld his endorsement,” and will also “talk with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Do you share some of your colleagues’ anxiety about what Donald Trump means to your party as the presumptive nominee?” McConnell: “He’s won the nomination the old-fashioned way. He got more votes than anybody else, and we respect the voices of the Republican primary voters across the country.”

Issa Says Party Should Get Behind Trump. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/10, 4.12M) reports Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), who backed Sen. Marco Rubio for the nomination, “is attempting to push back against party elites and movement conservatives...who are holding back support” for Trump. He

wrote in The Hill, “Whatever direction a President Trump would take, it’s a different and better one than the course we are certain Hillary Clinton will travel every day.” The Times says it was “not a ringing endorsement of Trump.”

Harwood: GOP Leaders’ “Misgivings” Sign Of Larger Party Problem For Trump. John Harwood of the [New York Times](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) writes that “misgivings among Republican leaders dominated Mr. Trump’s first week as his party’s presumptive nominee,” and “their objections merely represent symptoms of Mr. Trump’s potentially crippling ailment: Though he managed to knock out all his primary rivals, he hasn’t won over enough rank-and-file Republicans” to be elected.

GOP Voters “Decidedly Cool” To Third-Party Idea. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Miller, Richardson, 269K) writes that “outside of Washington, Republican voters” are “warming to Mr. Trump, and are decidedly cool to calls to recruit a third-party alternative.”

Rubio Says He Will “Support The Republican Nominee.” [The Hill](#) (5/10, Byrnes, 884K) reports Sen. Marco Rubio said on CNN Tuesday that “he will support the Republican presidential nominee – but tried to avoid saying presumptive nominee Donald Trump’s name.” He told CNN’s Jake Tapper, “I’m going to support the Republican nominee. ... I’m not voting for Hillary Clinton.”

Trump Finance Chairman Mnuchin Has Unusual Background For Job. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Ballhaus, Ensign, Fritz, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) profiles Steven Mnuchin, Donald Trump’s new national finance chairman, saying he has an unusual background for the post. He is a Goldman Sachs veteran who more recently has focused on movie studio financing, and he has little background in political fundraising.

WPost A1 Feature: Trump Trying To Overcome Past Salacious Talk On Stern Show. On its front page, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, A1, Jordan, 9.23M) looks back at Donald Trump’s “past crude sex talk” over 15 years of appearances on Howard Stern’s radio show, writing that the appearances from 1990 through 2015 were “part of an image he cultivated as a Manhattan playboy who had so many women that he barely had time to sleep.” While that reputation “was useful as Trump, in his 40s and 50s, built a brand designed to equate his name with success and the high life,” it is “problematic as Trump, 69, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, tries to wash away his tabloid past and fashion a more dignified persona.”

White Nationalist Leader Selected As California Trump Delegate. [Mother Jones](#) (5/10, 1.04M) reports

that William Johnson, “one of the country’s most prominent white nationalists,” has been selected as a Donald Trump delegate in California’s upcoming Republican primary. Johnson is the leader of the American Freedom Party, “a group that ‘exists to represent the political interests of White Americans’” and that “aims to preserve ‘the customs and heritage of the European American people.’” Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center calls the group “arguably the most important white nationalist group in the country.” Johnson told Mother Jones, “I can be a white nationalist and be a strong supporter of Donald Trump and be a good example to everybody.” On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 3, 3:10, Muir, 14.63M), Cecilia Vega said the Trump campaign is “blaming it on a computer error, saying they didn’t mean to submit Johnson’s name to the convention.”

With Trump’s Rise, Democrats See Blunt As Vulnerable. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, A1, DeBonis, 9.23M) reports on its front page that Democrats see Missouri Republican Sen. Roy Blunt as vulnerable, especially given the emergence of Donald Trump as the GOP presidential nominee. Blunt has “pledged to support” the party’s “eventual nominee,” but has tried to distance himself from Trump. His Democratic rival, Secretary of State Jason Kander, “narrowly outraised Blunt in the most recent fundraising quarter.”

Thune Asks Facebook About Allegations It Suppressed Conservative News. In the wake of a Gizmodo [report](#) (5/9, Nunez, 1.97M) which cited a former Facebook contractor who said the site’s news curators routinely prevented stories of conservative news from appearing in its “trending topics” section, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John Thune has written to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg seeking “information about his the company selects which new stories” to feature in the section, the [Huffington Post](#) (5/10, Reilly, 367K) reported. Thune’s letter “contains a series of questions for Zuckerberg regarding how Facebook’s trending news is curated,” including who approves the content, whether the curators “had ‘manipulated’ the ‘trending topics’ section by excluding conservative-leaning stories and what steps the site will take to investigate the claims of bias.” The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Corasaniti, Isaac, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says Thune “asked directly whether the curators had ‘in fact manipulated the content,’ something Facebook denied in a statement on Monday.” Thune told reporters, “If there’s any level of subjectivity associated with it, or if, as reports have suggested that there might have been, an attempt to suppress conservative stories or keep them from trending and get other stories out there, I think it’s important for people to know that. ... That’s just a matter of transparency and

honesty, and there shouldn't be any attempt to mislead the American public."

[Politico](#) (5/10, Romm, 1.93M) quoted a statement from Thune which said Facebook "must answer these serious allegations...and hold those responsible to account if there has been political bias in the dissemination of trending news," and the [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Dinan, 269K) says Thune "said if Facebook presents its news section as neutral, but in fact does suppress conservative news, it would be misleading the public."

Facebook, meanwhile, denied the former worker's allegations, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Jamerson, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports. Facebook's vice president for search Tom Stocky, who is responsible for the "trending topics" feature, said the company found "no evidence that the anonymous allegations are true." A [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorial says if Facebook is not suppressing conservative content, it should demonstrate that by providing a detailed accounting of its policies and standards. Failure to do so, the Journal argues, would call into question the company's professed commitment to openness and transparency.

Harvard Professor: Conservatives, Christians Should Be Treated Like Nazis. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Richardson, 269K) reports Harvard law professor Mark Tushnet has called on liberals to begin treating people with Christian or conservative beliefs "like Nazis," writing in a blog [post](#) at Balkinization that "conservatives and Christians have lost the culture wars, and now the question is 'how to deal with the losers.'" Tushnet added, "My own judgment is that taking a hard line ('You lost, live with it') is better than trying to accommodate the losers. ... Trying to be nice to the losers didn't work well after the Civil War, nor after Brown [v. Board of Education of Topeka]. ... And taking a hard line seemed to work reasonably well in Germany and Japan after 1945."

Lawmakers Paved Way For Larger Donations To Party Committees. [McClatchy](#) (5/10, Goldstein, 43K) analysis reports that political donors are no longer "bound by the strict contribution limits of just two years ago," as "new rules enable high rollers...to boost party coffers." The change is a result of Congress' 2014 elimination of the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, which meant the parties "needed to tap another source of cash." So, Congress "tucked a few paragraphs into the final pages" of an annual government spending bill "to allow the parties to create three additional federal campaign accounts: one to help finance their conventions, another for headquarters' costs and a third to pay for recounts and other legal steps." As a result, both parties' 2016 convention accounts show donors have "either

kicked in the max – \$200,400 over a two-year campaign cycle – or close to it." As of the end of March, "Republicans had raised more than \$10 million in their convention account; Democrats, \$3 million."

Bera's Father Pleads Guilty To Illegal Campaign Contributions. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/10, Myers, 4.12M) reports that Babual Bera, father of Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA), "pleaded guilty Tuesday to illegally funneling more than a quarter of a million dollars to his son's campaigns in 2010 and 2012." Prosecutors say the elder Bera and his wife "asked 'relatives, friends and acquaintances to make the maximum allowable federal campaign contributions' in 2009 and again in 2011." According to prosecutors, "there were more than 130 improper campaign contributions reported from approximately 90 individuals," of which Bera's father "repaid at least portions." Prosecutors are "recommending up to 30 months in prison," when Bera is sentenced in August.

Judge: List Of Names Tied To George Washington Bridge Scandal Must Be Released. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Rojas, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports US District Court Judge Susan Wigenton on Tuesday ruled in favor of a request from news organization calling for prosecutors to release a list of people who, while not charged, are believed to be linked to plans to cause major traffic congestion in Fort Lee, New Jersey, by closing "New Jersey approach lanes to the George Washington Bridge in 2013." Wigenton agreed that the public has the right to know of those involved in the scandal that has "hung over" Gov. Chris Christie, but the Times says its unclear when the names will be released. A lawyer representing the news organizations called for the names to be provided immediately.

NYTimes Analysis: Many US Cities Could Soon Face Same Fiscal Problems As Puerto Rico. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Walsh, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that many cities, counties, and states across the US may face a fate similar to Puerto Rico, which likely will not be able to pay "an unfathomable \$2 billion to bondholders on July 1," even as pension obligations to its workers grow and public works lapse. Places like Illinois, New Jersey, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Jacksonville, Florida all face "slowly unspooling financial disasters" tied to deferred costs. In some cases, like Illinois, the costs come from pension promises made decades ago that weren't properly funded and now face reckoning as baby boomers retire. In other places, like Washington's metro or Flint's water crisis, bonds issued for infrastructure projects "must be paid – even as the

projects themselves could by now use expensive makeovers.”

Maryland AG Sues Over Duped Lead Poisoning Victims. The [CBS Evening News](#) (5/10, story 6, 3:05, Pelley, 11.17M) reported Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh has filed lawsuits against several access funding and related entities that he claims tricked at least 74 victims of lead paint poisoning out of \$17 million in settlement payments. Frosh told Anna Werner that a seventh-month investigation has shown that “sophisticated and very aggressive folks targeting the most vulnerable people in our society, people who are poor, people who are cognitively impaired, and people who are young and unsophisticated.” He said he would be “astonished if it were only happening” in Maryland. When asked by Warner what he would say to those who argue that those who lost money are adults who made their own decisions, Frosh responded, “Sadly, that may end up being the case for many of these people.”

Cliven Bundy Sues Obama, Reid, Federal Judge Over Criminal Charges. The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (5/10, German, 464K) reports that Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against President Obama, Senate Minority Leader Reid and the federal judge who is presiding over his criminal case “on grounds they violated his constitutional rights to a speedy trial and attorney of his choice.” The lawsuit seeks to remove Chief US District Judge Gloria Navarro from the case, an order allowing attorney Larry Klayman to join Bundy’s defense team, and more than \$50 million in damages, as well as Bundy’s release from federal custody. Attorney Joel Hansen alleges in the complaint, “In short, defendant Navarro has shown her true intentions and bias and prejudice, rising to the level of denying Sixth Amendment right of counsel and to a speedy trial to plaintiff Bundy, following the ‘marching orders’ of her benefactors, defendants Harry Reid and Obama.”

The [AP](#) (5/10) reports that Klayman “heads the Washington, D.C.-based interest groups Judicial Watch and Freedom Watch, and is outspoken on conservative and libertarian positions.” Judge Navarro “refuses to let Klayman lead Bundy’s defense,” citing “ongoing disciplinary proceedings against Klayman in Washington.”

WPost A1: Madison Replaces All 8,000 Lead Pipes. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Fears, Dennis, 9.23M) reports that Madison, Wisconsin responded to lead contamination in its water by replacing all 8,000 of its lead pipes between 2001 and 2011 after “lead in their water had been measured at 16 parts per billion – one part per billion over the Environmental Protection Agency’s standard.”

Instead of going with the “easy fix recommended by the EPA regulations,” Madison’s responded “so aggressive[ly]” that the city has been called the “anti-Flint.” The steps the city took “could help guide cities across the country as they consider taking action to protect public health.”

Cuomo Denies Close Ties To Officials At Center Of Federal Probe. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Mckinley, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday sought to distance himself from Todd Howe and Joseph Percoco, two men at the center of federal probes into fraud and improper lobbying. Howe worked for Cuomo when he was HUD Secretary, and worked as an aide for Mario Cuomo when he was governor. How was close to Percoco, Cuomo’s former executive deputy secretary and campaign manager. Politico reported Monday that Howe worked as an unpaid consultant under Percoco during Cuomo’s 2014 re-election campaign. Despite these connections, Cuomo said Howe was only a casual acquaintance, and that he had no knowledge of whether Howe had assisted Percoco. Cuomo also denied asking Percoco about consulting deals that he took while on leave from the administration as he ran the re-election campaign. Cuomo stated, “The state has tens of thousands of employees. ... They’re not supposed to be cross-examined to make sure they’re following the rules.”

Cuomo Supports New York Farmworkers’ Right To Organize. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Santora, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced he supported New York farmworkers’ collective bargaining rights and was “renouncing a loophole” in federal labor laws that has left farmworkers “unprotected and marginalized for more than seven decades,” just hours after the New York Civil Liberties Union named the state and Cuomo as defendants in a complaint that said “preventing farmworkers from organizing was a violation of the state Constitution.” Cuomo said his administration won’t defend the lawsuit in court, stating, “We will not tolerate the abuse or exploitation of workers in any industry. This clear and undeniable injustice must be corrected.”

Ex-Rep. Reynolds Says He Wants To Plead Guilty In Tax Case. The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (5/10, Seidel, 930K) reports that Mel Reynolds, “the defiant former congressman who vowed to fight misdemeanor tax charges at trial later this year, has informed a federal judge he has no choice but to plead guilty,” but “that came as a surprise Tuesday to Richard Kling, Reynolds’ former lawyer, who said Reynolds told him in a more recent conversation he still wants to go to trial.” Reynolds asked US District Judge John

Darrah “in a handwritten motion entered on the court docket Tuesday to let him come to court ‘at the earliest time possible’ to plead guilty to failing to file tax returns.” Judge Darrah “threw Reynolds behind bars last month after Reynolds failed to return to Chicago on time from South Africa, where he said he had been tending to his ailing daughter.”

Adviser To Ex-District Of Columbia Mayor Gray Sentenced To Six Months For 2010 Mayoral “Shadow” Campaign. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Hsu, Marimow, 9.23M) reports that a senior political adviser to former District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray was sentenced to six months in prison on Tuesday “after a judge said his obstruction of the federal investigation into the illegal financing of Gray’s successful 2010 mayoral campaign struck ‘at the core of our democracy.’” Vernon E. Hawkins, 77, “a longtime friend of Gray’s who helped manage off-the-books voter-turnout efforts,” pleaded guilty in August of 2013 “to making a false statement to investigators when he denied paying a key aide to leave town to avoid the probe.” US District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly “told Hawkins that he had ‘stepped to the dark side’ when he ‘participated in the corruption of a fair election process.’”

The Citadel Denies Newly Accepted Student’s Request To Wear Hijab. The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Richardson, 269K) reports South Carolina military college The Citadel on Tuesday “denied a newly accepted Muslim student’s request to wear a hijab with the school’s standard cadet uniform. Now, she and her family are considering suing the college.” Citadel President Lt. Gen. John Rosa said in a statement “that uniformity in appearance is the ‘cornerstone’ of the school’s leadership development model,” and he said “he still hopes the student, who was admitted as a part of The Citadel class of 2020, will decide to attend the college.” Ibrahim Hooper, communications director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations and a spokesman for the family, said the student “will not enroll unless the school’s policies on uniformity of dress are changed,” and that the student’s family “is considering its legal options.”

UConn Women’s Basketball Team Once Again Honored At White House. The [Hartford \(CT\) Courant](#) (5/11, 493K) reports that for the sixth time during his presidency and for the fourth year in a row, President Obama greeted the national champion UConn women’s basketball team to the White House. Obama “had nothing but praise” for coach Geno Auriemma, an 11-time champion. The President said he “will miss the visits.” UConn gifted Obama with an engraved chair during the visit, which lasted more than 13 minutes.

African American Museum On Track To Be Ready For Sept. 24 Opening. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Mcglone, 9.23M) reports phase one of a 12-phase installation plan was completed Tuesday at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which “promises to become an instant favorite” when it opens Sept. 24. Museum officials offered a first-look tour Tuesday of the “inspiring interior.” While there is still “much to be done” in terms of installing exhibits, security, and staff, progress “is on track” at the 400,000 square-foot museum, according to Charles Yetter, a senior project manager with construction consultant McKissack & McKissack who has been working on the building for six years.

Manhattan Institute Fellow: St. Louis School Desegregation Policy Actually Segregates. In an op-ed for the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M), Jason L. Riley, a Manhattan Institute senior fellow, writes about the case of La’Shieka White and her 9-year-old son Edmund, who is a third-grader at Gateway Science Academy, a charter school in south St. Louis. White moved out of her crime-riddled neighborhood in February and requested inclusion in a school-transfer program with the city to keep Edmund at Gateway, but Riley writes that the request was denied due to the fact that White and her son are African-American, and that the transfer program was designed to maintain racial balance. The White family last week sued the organization of superintendents that administers the transfer program, alleging that the race-based transfer restrictions amount to unconstitutional discrimination.

USA Today: Trump’s Unrealistic Fiscal Policies Would Torpedo Economy. [USA Today](#) (5/10, 6.31M) editorializes that Trump’s fiscal proposals “seem less like inspired financial engineering than something scribbled on the back of a bar napkin just before closing time.” His “you-can-have-it-all” approach to the budget “would balloon annual deficits and render his promise to pay off the \$19 trillion national debt in eight years simply ridiculous.” Furthermore, when called out on his proposals, Trump has repeatedly changed the details. USA Today says if such proposals came from one of his own employees, Trump “wouldn’t hesitate to say, ‘You’re fired!’”

In a contrasting [USA Today](#) (5/10, 6.31M) op-ed, Stephen Moore, an economist with FreedomWorks and an informal economic adviser to the Trump campaign, argues Trump’s plan to cut business tax rates will bring back corporations that have “have been stampeding out of America” and allow small firms to “invest more and hire more workers here at home.” Moore adds that Trump’s “aggressive government downsizing plan,” which includes eliminating Obamacare and cutting one cent of every dollar from federal

programs other than Social Security and interest payments “will save trillions” over the next 10 years.

NYTimes Says Pay Gaps Hurt Profitability. The [New York Times](#) (5/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorializes, “The strong case for the rule requiring companies to report the gap between the pay of the chief executive and everyone else keeps getting stronger.” The “original rationale for the rule...was that excessive executive pay encouraged corporate recklessness, fostered economic instability and deepened income inequality.” But large pay gaps also “hurt profitability” because they “generally reflect short-term, corporate get-rich-quick tactics and strategies that crash in the end.”

NYTimes Decries Corporate Funding Of Conventions. The [New York Times](#) (5/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorializes, “This year the Republican and Democratic nominating conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia will be bankrolled entirely with money from corporations and wealthy individuals” for the first time in four decades. The Times says “convention spending is part and parcel of the creeping corporate buyout of America’s political system. ... As with all political spending, the tendency is always toward more, not less. That publicly held companies seeking favors from the government will underwrite this excess is offensive, and entirely legal.”

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Kerry: Businesses Using US Sanctions As Excuse To Avoid Iran. The [AP](#) (5/10, Lederman) reports Secretary of State Kerry on Tuesday said businesses around the world are using US sanctions as an excuse to avoid doing business with Iran, as he declared the country “open for business” for European banks. Ahead of a London meeting on Iran with European bankers, Kerry “said it was unfair and inaccurate for businesses to blame US sanctions for their decision to stay away.” Said **Kerry**, “If they don’t want to do business or they don’t see a good business deal, they shouldn’t say, ‘Oh, we can’t do it because of the United States.’ We sometimes get used as an excuse in this process.”

[Reuters](#) (5/10, Brunnstrom) reports Kerry is set to meet with European bankers in London on Thursday to address their concerns about conducting business with Iran in the wake of the nuclear deal. “It’s important to have clarity and the clarity is that European banks, as long as it’s not a designated entity, are absolutely free to open accounts for Iran, trade, exchange money, facilitate a legitimate business agreement, bankroll it, lend money – all those things are absolutely open,” **Kerry** said. Kerry, the [New York Times](#)

(5/10, Gladstone, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports, acknowledged “some confusion” about the rules under the agreement, but said the US is happy to explain them. “Iran has a right to the benefits of the agreement they signed up to, and if people by confusion or misinterpretation or, in some cases, disinformation are being misled, it’s appropriate for us to try to clarify that,” **Kerry** told reporters.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) notes that during talks in New York last month, Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif pressed Kerry and other US officials to do more to reassure other countries that they could do business with Iran without penalty. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Morello, 9.23M), meanwhile, reports that according to “current and former US officials and Iran scholars,” it is Iran’s “long isolation from the global financial system, continuing sanctions and its own practices, such as arresting foreign businessmen as suspected spies,” that are “hampering its ability to benefit more” from last year’s nuclear deal.

Iran Says Russia Has Delivered S-300 Missile Defense System. The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Roth, 9.23M) reports Iranian Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehghan on Tuesday announced the delivery of a S-300 air-defense missile system from Russia. Gen. Dehghan said “at least one S-300 system...has been delivered to the Khatam al-Anbiya base,” Iranian state news reported. Russian officials have indicated they plan to deliver at least four of the missile defense systems by the end of the year.

London Mayor Rejects Trump’s Claim That He Would Be Exception To Ban On Muslims.

London’s newly-elected Mayor Sadiq Khan rejected Donald Trump’s claim that he could be an exception to his proposed ban on Muslims entering the US. Khan, [Politico Europe](#) (5/10, Johnston, 24K) reports, told BuzzFeed, “This isn’t just about me. ... It’s about my friends, my family, and everyone who comes from a background similar to mine, anywhere in the world.” Khan continued, “Donald Trump’s ignorant view of Islam could make both our countries less safe,” adding that Trump “risks alienating mainstream Muslims around the world and plays into the hands of the extremists.”

Mark Phillips said on the [CBS Evening News](#) (5/10, story 3, 2:00, Pelley, 11.17M) that Khan “has now told Donald Trump what to do with his exception,” adding that while foreign politicians normally “stay out of American domestic politics,” Khan “has made an exception,” saying that in a “presumed contest between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton...he hopes she thrashes him.”

China Scrambles Fighter Jets As US Destroyer Sails Past Disputed Island. Calling it “part of a continuing effort by the Pentagon to demonstrate that the

United States remains undeterred by the rapid Chinese military buildup in the South China Sea,” the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Denyer, Gibbons-Neff, 9.23M) reports a US warship sailed within 12 miles of one China’s largest artificial islands Tuesday, prompting the Chinese military to scramble three fighter jets. Pentagon spokesman Cmdr. Bill Urban said the ship was not conducting military maneuvers and was allowed to sail near the reef under international maritime law, but the Chinese Foreign Ministry said the US destroyer entered the area without its permission. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Perlez, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) quotes Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang as saying, “This action by the US side threatened China’s sovereignty and security interests, endangered the staff and facilities on the reef, and damaged regional peace and stability.”

[USA Today](#) (5/10, Spitzer, 6.31M) reports Urban said the operation by the USS Lawrence was intended to “uphold the rights and freedoms of all states under international law and to challenge excessive maritime claims of some claimants in the South China Sea.” The [Washington Times](#) (5/10, Muñoz, 269K) reports Lu called the maneuver a “simple act of provocation” designed to further inflame regional tensions.

Think Tank: No “Imminent” Signs Of North Korean Nuclear Test. [AFP](#) (5/11) reports that according to the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University, recent satellite images show “no imminent signs” of a fifth North Korean nuclear test amid concerns that leader Kim Jong-un may seek to mark the end of this week’s Worker’s Party congress “with an atomic detonation.” Images dated May 8 show “low-level activity at the underground test site at Punggye-ri...and vehicles previously observed at the site...were ‘no longer present,’” the group said.

[NBC Nightly News](#) (5/10, story 7, 1:40, Holt, 16.61M), meanwhile, reported North Korea instead marked the end of the congress with a “massive” parade that included tens of thousands of citizens shouting “live forever” to Kim Jong-un. NBC said the congress was “all about him showcasing his control, his power, his image.” [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 6, 1:20, Muir, 14.63M) reported that participation in rallies such as the one held Tuesday is “mandatory” and was “intensely choreographed.” While the show was meant to “glorify” Kim, it masked the “grim” fact that nearly half of North Koreans live in “extreme poverty” and constantly face food shortages.

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Choe, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that when North Korean state news media on Tuesday published “lists of officials newly selected for senior posts, at least one name came as a surprise: Ri Yong-gil, a prominent general” whom South Korean officials said in February had been executed on

corruption charges. According to the North Korean reports Tuesday, he is “not only alive but a member of the Central Committee of the North’s ruling Workers’ Party, as well as its Central Military Commission.”

Kerry: EU Stronger With Britain As Member.

[Reuters](#) (5/10) reports Secretary of State Kerry said Tuesday that both Britain and the Eu are stronger when they work together. “A strong and united Europe that includes Great Britain is a stronger Europe and a stronger partner,” **Kerry** told reporters in London. “President Obama and I are both convinced that there is a great strength for Great Britain to be able to continue its role of leadership,” Kerry added, but stressed that the US would not interfere in next month’s referendum in Britain.

Yemeni Factions Agree On Prisoner Swap. [AFP](#)

(5/10, Hasan) reports Yemen and Houthi rebels agreed Tuesday to release “half of the prisoners and detainees held by both sides, in the first breakthrough in peace talks that began last month.” Officials from the two delegations told AFP that a working group formed by the UN special envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed “had reached an agreement to release the prisoners and detainees within 20 days,” but [Reuters](#) (5/10) reports the Houthis denied that such a deal had been reached.

French PM To Visit Israel In Bid To Relaunch Peace Process. [AFP](#) (5/10) reports French Prime Minister Manuel Valls will visit Israel and the Palestinian territories this month in a bid to relaunch the peace process.

His visit from May 21-24 will take place ahead of a May 30 meeting organized by France for ministers from 20 countries “to try and relaunch the Israel-Palestinian peace process.”

Palestinian Teen Convicted Of Attempted Murder In Stabbing Attack. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Kershner,

Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports an Israeli court on Tuesday convicted a Palestinian teenager “of two counts of attempted murder for his role in a stabbing attack that critically injured an Israeli teenager and wounded an Israeli man” in East Jerusalem in October. The stabbings, notes the Times, “shocked Israelis because of the ages of those involved: The teenager, Ahmad Manasra, and the victim, Naor Ben-Ezra...were both 13 at the time.”

New Political Party Makes Gains In Local Lebanese Elections. The [New York Times](#) (5/10,

Cambanis, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that a group of Lebanese “professors, architects and filmmakers have fashioned an unlikely alternative to the bickering feudal political bosses who for decades have kept their country mired in stalemate.” While their bid for power “seemed

quixotic at first,” the group gained “unexpected traction” in Beirut’s municipal elections this week. The group, called Beirut, My City, won “about 40 percent of the vote, just a few points behind the establishment slate” in Sunday’s election.

Erdogan’s Bid To Silence German Publisher Fails. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Eddy, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan “tried again to silence one of his German critics, but failed this time when a court denied his request on Tuesday to block an open letter by the head of one of Germany’s most powerful media companies expressing support for a comedian who lampooned the Turkish leader.” The court’s decision to deny Erdogan an injunction against Mathias Döpfner, the chief executive of the media firm Axel Springer, is “the latest round in a fight over free expression in Germany that began when the comedian, Jan Böhmermann, read on television a crude, satirical poem he has said was intended to insult” the Turkish leader.

Duterte Set To Become Filipino President As Rivals Concede. There was widespread coverage of the Filipino election, with the US media often comparing Davao Mayor Rodrigo Duterte – the presumptive president-elect – with Donald Trump. Under the headline “Filipino ‘Trump’ claims victory for president,” [USA Today](#) (5/10, Maresca, Hjelmgard, 6.31M) reports outspoken Davao Mayor Rodrigo Duterte became the Philippines’ “de facto president-elect” Tuesday, holding 38.7 percent of the vote with 90 percent of precincts reporting. His lead was enough to force concessions from competitors Manuel “Mar” Roxas and Grace Poe. Roxas, the former interior minister, stated, “Your victory is the victory of our people and our country.” The race for vice president – a separate contest – was too close to call, with lawyer and activist Leni Robredo holding 35 percent of the vote to 34.6 percent held by Ferdinand Marcos Jr., “son of the infamous former dictator.”

The [AP](#) (5/10, Gomez, Cerojano) reports Duterte’s “harshest critic,” Sen. Antonio Trillanes, also conceded that the mayor had emerged as the “unquestioned winner,” but told the AP, “This time we don’t expect a stand-up comedy act but a president who will address the nation.” US officials “parried questions” about whether they were concerned about Duterte, whose “propensity for inflammable statements” has led to Trump comparisons. State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said “Washington respects the choice of the Philippines’ people. We will gladly work with the leader they’ve selected,” while White House press secretary Josh Earnest added that the US looks forward to “strengthening and deepening” ties with the Philippines, which he described as a “vibrant democracy” that helps the US on maritime security.

Meanwhile, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Rauhal, 9.23M) reports that to Duterte’s domestic and foreign critics, including the US, his victory is “worrisome.” They question “how the man Human Rights Watch dubbed ‘the death squad mayor’ will handle domestic and international policy and are concerned about the return of strongman politics.” However, China, which is in a dispute with the Philippines over contested islands in the South China Sea, ran an editorial in the Communist Party-controlled Global Times that blasted departing President Benigno Aquino III “but expressed optimism about Duterte’s ability to change Manila’s ‘unscrupulous policy toward China.’” The Post adds that Duterte’s “challenge” will be working with China “without alienating” the US.

The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Paddock, Whaley, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that while Duterte is known for his “disregard for civil rights,” his hands-on leadership style has “endeared him to many Filipinos and helps to explain his success in the Monday election.” He responded to early results on Tuesday by telling AFP, “It’s with...extreme humility, that I accept this, the mandate of the people,” adding, “I feel a sense of gratitude to the Filipino people.” According to the Times, Peter Lavina, a spokesman for Duterte, said the new president would try to reform the constitution by shifting “power to the regions while trying to negotiate peace with rebel groups that have long battled the central government.”

WSJournal: Duterte Chosen In Rebuke Of Established Elite. Under the headline “The Philippines Elects Its Trump,” the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorializes that Filipinos turned out in record numbers to elect Duterte, an anti-establishment outsider, as a way to show their frustration with the cronyism of the ruling elites. The problem with Duterte, the Journal says, is that he has very few democratic credentials. He has campaigned on vows to install death squads, told voters to forget human rights laws, and has declared himself a dictator, all while providing few details on the policies he will pursue. The Journal says that support for candidates like Duterte are springing up all around the world, but it remains unclear if that is a smart choice.

Brazil’s Senate To Vote On Impeachment After Annulment Reversal. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Romero, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that in a “stunning twist,” Waldir Maranhao, the new speaker of Brazil’s lower house of Congress, reversed his annulment of the chamber’s decision to impeach President Dilma Rousseff on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after he was “widely ridiculed” for attempting to upend the impeachment process. It is the latest move in a political crisis that has “bewildered” the country. Brazil’s former chief justice Joaquim Barbosa

reacted on Twitter by saying that much of the world must see the nation as a “laughingstock.” The Times says the “practical significance” of the reversal is that it increases the chances Rousseff will be ousted this week.

Prior to his change of heart, the [AP](#) (5/10, Barchfield, Savarese) reports Marahnao “received extreme pressure from members of his Progressive Party,” and leaders of several parties on Tuesday were discussing how to remove him from his post, “underscoring the cutthroat nature of Brazilian politics and high emotions over the potential ouster of Rousseff.”

Brazil’s government responded the news by asking the Supreme Court to annul the impeachment process in what [Bloomberg News](#) (5/10, Galvao, Edgerton, 2.07M) calls “a last-minute effort to salvage” Rousseff’s presidency. Attorney General Jose Eduardo Cardozo, who filed the request, argued that former lower house speaker Eduardo Cunha “shouldn’t have been able to open impeachment proceedings last year because he was unfit to serve” in the position. Cardozo cited the high court’s decision last week to suspend Cunha due to allegations that he used his position of power to “intimidate legislators and defendants in a corruption probe against him.”

With the Senate scheduled to vote Wednesday evening, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, Miroff, Phillips, 9.23M) reports Rousseff’s impeachment looks “all but certain.” If the Senate decides to put her on trial, she would be suspended, and Vice President Michel Temer would replace her. [Reuters](#) (5/10, Cascione, Goy) adds that Temer could be in power for up to 180 days if Rousseff is put on trial, and would stay in the post until 2018 elections if Rousseff is convicted and permanently removed. Reflecting the potential of the market-friendly Temer’s imminent takeover, the real strengthened one percent and the Bovespa stock index rose two percent. Meanwhile, anti-impeachment protesters responded to the prospect of the end to the 13 years of rule by Rousseff’s Workers Party (PT) by burning tires in demonstrations in Sao Paulo and other cities. The party and labor unions have also called for a national strike in protest of what they see as a coup against democracy.

PT lawmaker Jose Guimaraes said the party would fight all 180 days to get the Senate to change their minds if they vote to move forward with impeachment, the [AFP](#) (5/10, Wroclavsky) adds. Guimaraes also warned that “our main fight today will be in the streets.” Police are responding to the rising tensions by building “a huge metal barricade” outside Congress to separate rival groups of protesters during the Senate vote. An 80-yard-wide corridor that will extend half a mile will also be enforced.

Mexico Reportedly Has Failed To Keep Promises On “Forgotten Children.” [ABC World](#)

[News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 8, 4:35, Muir, 14.63M) reported on a follow-up investigation into Mexico City’s “forgotten children.” Last year, ABC uncovered facilities in which disabled children were kept in cages and held in restraints. After that visit, the government vowed to implement major changes. However, when the ABC crew attempted to go back this year to the facilities where this was taking place, they weren’t allowed inside by those running the facilities or by the government. On Tuesday afternoon, Disability Rights International revealed it was filing an international lawsuit over the unkept promises.

Scientists: Global Warming Suspected Culprit Of Wildfire Increase In Boreal Forest. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Gillis, Fountain, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports scientists suspect global warming is a “prime culprit” in the recent increase in fires in the boreal forest, which “encircles the Northern Hemisphere in a band near and just below the Arctic Circle, through Alaska, Canada, Scandinavia and Russia.” Climatologists predicted this would happen and warn that further destruction of these forces will lead to a release of carbon dioxide, which the forests have long helped keep in check. This would accelerate the pace of global warming and create a “dangerous feedback loop.” Experts fear “more fires, and more soot, could further accelerate the melting of the ice sheet,” which could potentially raise the global sea level by more than 20 feet.

Ex-Mayors Go On Trial For Roles In Rwanda Genocide. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Breeden, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports former Kabarondo mayors Tito Barahira and Octavien went on trial in Paris Tuesday for their suspected orchestration and participation in the mass killing of Tutsi refugees and moderate Hutu who had sought refuge at a local Rwandan church on April 13, 1994. Both men, who deny the charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, could face life in prison if convicted. In an interview with France 24, Marie-Thérèse Mukamwezi, a survivor of the massacre, claimed Ngenzi, who was mayor at the time, rounded up Tutsi at the church, where militias and Rwandan government forces began an attack. Mukamwezi added that Barahira “was there with a spear” and supervised the killings. The men are being tried in France because they were arrested there.

Romanian Legislation Puts Holocaust Survivors Closer To Restitution. The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Gillet, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports the Romanian government on Tuesday approved legislation that would give Holocaust survivors priority to restitution claims for property lost during WWII and under Communist rule. More than 40,000 claims remain today, and most of

those affected by the legislation “are in their 80s and 90s, and have been trying to recover their property” since at least 2003.

Knife Attack In Germany Sparks Terror Fears.

[ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/10, story 5, 0:20, Muir, 14.63M) reported a man shouting “God is great” in Arabic attacked passengers with a knife on a train near Munich Tuesday a knife attack, “triggering terror fears.” One of the victims has died. The attacker surrendered peacefully, and authorities say there was “no apparent tie to Islamic extremists.” [Fox News’ Special Report](#) (5/10, 1.53M) said the German man also yelled “that infidels must die” during the attack, in which he stabbed four people. Investigators say the suspect “appears to be psychologically disturbed.”

Grunwald: Rhodes’ Foreign Policy Ideas “Truly Important” Because Of His Influence.

In a 2,000-word [Politico Magazine](#) (5/10) piece in the wake of Deputy NSA Rhodes’ profile in the New York Times Magazine, Michael Grunwald writes that when he interviewed Rhodes himself earlier this year, “he was a bit less impolitic, but just as contemptuous. His main thesis was that Obama has struggled to communicate about global affairs because elites and reporters cling to outdated bumper-sticker ideas about American power, ignoring the lessons of the disastrous Iraq War.” Grunwald says that while “the furor over the weird Rhodes profile is inside-Beltway-baseball,” his “foreign policy ideas are truly important” because of his influence inside the White House “despite his remarkably thin foreign policy credentials.”

Former WSJournal Publisher: Saudi Arabia In State Of Transition.

Former publisher of the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) Karen Elliott House writes in the newspaper that Saudi Arabia is currently in a period of transition as Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman undertakes a significant reform of the nation’s economy. House identifies three groups she says he will need the support of to ensure his plans success: the royal and religious elite; influential Saudis; and the youth.

WPost: Countries Should Heed World Bank’s Water Scarcity Warning.

In light of a World Bank report warning that water scarcity created by climate change could reduce economic growth by an “astonishing 6 percent by 2050” in Africa, the Middle East, central and east Asia, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) editorializes that countries must work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions “responsible for driving up global temperatures.” Countries must also implement more rational water use management by creating a “fair and transparent market.” In addition, governments

should also “invest in water storage and gird their infrastructure against floods and other extreme weather events.” Failing to improve climate conditions would lead to water stresses disproportionately affecting poor populations in a way that “could encourage other sorts of conflict and dislocation, such as civil wars.”

EDITORIAL WRAP-UP:

New York Times. “*What Mr. Obama Can Say At Hiroshima.*” The [New York Times](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says in an editorial that while the President “has fallen well short of his lofty aim of a world ‘without nuclear weapons’ announced in 2009,” he can “justly claim important achievements,” including the Iran nuclear deal and the 2101 New Start Treaty. In addition, the President still has “opportunities to improve his credibility,” including “a strong speech and even a new initiative” during his visit to Hiroshima.

After Conventions, A Debt To Donors. The [New York Times](#) (5/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorializes, “This year the Republican and Democratic nominating conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia will be bankrolled entirely with money from corporations and wealthy individuals” for the first time in four decades. The Times says “convention spending is part and parcel of the creeping corporate buyout of America’s political system. ... As with all political spending, the tendency is always toward more, not less. That publicly held companies seeking favors from the government will underwrite this excess is offensive, and entirely legal.”

Pressure To Close The Pay Gap. The [New York Times](#) (5/11, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorializes, “The strong case for the rule requiring companies to report the gap between the pay of the chief executive and everyone else keeps getting stronger.” The “original rationale for the rule...was that excessive executive pay encouraged corporate recklessness, fostered economic instability and deepened income inequality.” But large pay gaps also “hurt profitability” because they “generally reflect short-term, corporate get-rich-quick tactics and strategies that crash in the end.”

Washington Post. “*Metro’s Dangerous Complicity.*”

In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) says that “Metro’s ‘safety culture’ is in tatters,” and says General Manager Paul J. Wiedefeld “must act in order to send a credible message of accountability to the system’s labor force and passengers.” Arguing that an “overhaul in Metro’s culture” is needed, beginning with “accountability,” the Post says Wiedefeld should “insist on streamlined disciplinary procedures as part of the new contract with Metro’s main transit workers union.”

“The Growing Stress On The World’s Water.” In light of a World Bank report warning that water scarcity created by climate change could reduce economic growth by an “astonishing 6 percent by 2050” in Africa, the Middle East, central and east Asia, the [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) editorializes that countries must work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions “responsible for driving up global temperatures.” Countries must also implement more rational water use management by creating a “fair and transparent market.” In addition, governments should also “invest in water storage and gird their infrastructure against floods and other extreme weather events.” Failing to improve climate conditions would lead to water stresses disproportionately affecting poor populations in a way that “could encourage other sorts of conflict and dislocation, such as civil wars.”

“The FDA Finally Steps Up On E-Cigarettes.” The [Washington Post](#) (5/10, 9.23M) editorializes the FDA finally decided to begin regulating e-cigarettes, of which use by youth jumped 900% between 2011 and 2015. The new rules ban sales to minors, and the most controversial measure requires e-cigarette and e-liquid producers to submit their products for FDA review prior to sale. Critics say this will make the products more expensive and less desirable. However, the Post argues that businesses are currently “mixing highly addictive batches of chemicals and selling them with almost no federal oversight,” so finding out what is in the products will give better understand to “how dangerous they are – and how to make safer nicotine delivery devices for those trying to quit conventional smoking.”

Wall Street Journal. ***“It Takes A Government To Raise A Child.”*** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) highlights what it says is Hillary Clinton’s move to the left, citing her comments on Medicare as well as her proposal to make child care more affordable and increase the wages of child care workers, and criticizes the costs these and other Clinton proposals will impose on taxpayers.

“Share This On Facebook.” A [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/10, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorial says if Facebook is not suppressing conservative content, it should demonstrate that by providing a detailed accounting of its policies and standards. Failure to do so, the Journal argues, would call into question the company’s professed commitment to openness and transparency.

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THE BIG PICTURE:

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

LOS ANGELES TIMES:

[Obama’s Trip To Hiroshima Is No Apology](#)
[Is Quinoa Taking Root As Next Niche Crop?](#)
[Bay Area Deputies Charged Over Use Of Force](#)
[Sanders Starts Climbing ‘Steep Hill’ For California](#)
[Amazon’s Man In Hollywood--And At Cannes](#)

WALL STREET JOURNAL:

[Paul Ryan Plans To Talk With Donald Trump On How To Unify GOP](#)
[Judge Blocks Staples-Office Depot Merger](#)
[Oil Bust Gives Billionaire Deal-Maker Buyer’s Remorse](#)
[Uproar Over Bias Claim Ignites Fears Over Facebook’s Influence](#)

NEW YORK TIMES:

[Hillary Clinton Takes A Step To The Left On Health Care](#)
[Global Warming Cited As Wildfires Increase In Fragile Boreal Forest](#)
[Released Emails Show Use Of Unclassified Systems Was Routine](#)
[Obama’s Visit Raises Ghosts Of Hiroshima](#)
[Rodrigo Duterte’s Allies In Philippines Urge Critics To Take A Deeper Look](#)
[Transgender Fight In North Carolina May Hinge On 1964 Law](#)
[Stephen Curry Is MVP, And This Time It’s Unanimous](#)

WASHINGTON POST:

[Patient Safety Issues Spur NIH Shake-Up](#)
[Obama To Visit Hiroshima Site](#)
[Before Candidate Trump, There Was Playboy Trump](#)
[GOP Sen Roy Blunt Faces Tough Post-Trump Reality: No Seat Is Safe](#)
[In Madison, “Safe Level Of Lead Is Zero”](#)

FINANCIAL TIMES:

[Saudi Arabia Raising Oil Output Ahead Of IPO](#)
[Cameron Calls Nigeria And Afghanistan “Corrupt”](#)
[Barack Obama To Make Historic Trip To Hiroshima](#)

WASHINGTON TIMES:

[Trump Gains Support Of Top GOP Officials](#)
[Trump Closes Gap With Clinton In Swing States](#)

[Waste-Watch List Hits Studies On Bee Stings, Cheerleaders](#)
[Chinese Fighter Jets Track U.S. Warship](#)
[Green Beret Says Afghan Strategy Doomed To Fail](#)
[Student Weighting Legal Action After The Citadel Denies Hijab](#)

STORY LINEUP FROM LAST NIGHT'S NETWORK NEWS:

ABC: Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; 2016 Politics-VP Comments; Jetblue Flight-Extreme Turbulence; Germany-Knife Attack; North Korea-Conference; Bay Area Police Incident-Officer Indicted; Mexico City-Forgotten Children Investigation; President Obama-Hiroshima Visit; Ohio-Fugitive Mother; New York City Law-Pregnant Women Alcohol Serving; Prince Death Investigation.

CBS: Severe Weather; Syrian Refugee Child Labor Investigation; Donald Trump Muslim Ban-London Mayor; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Lead Poisoning Victims-Maryland Attorney General Lawsuit; Legal Marijuana-Driving Dangers; Prince Death Investigation; World Anti-Doping Agency-Olympics.

NBC: Severe Weather; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-Democrats/VP Comments; Facebook New Reporting-South Dakota Senator; TSA Wait Times Controversy; Prince Death Investigation; North Korea-Conference; Legal Marijuana-Driving Dangers; President Obama-Hiroshima Visit; Budweiser-Temporary Name Change.

NETWORK TV AT A GLANCE:

2016 Politics – 11 minutes, 20 seconds

Severe Weather – 7 minutes, 40 seconds

Prince Death Investigation – 2 minutes, 25 minutes

STORY LINEUP FROM THIS MORNING'S RADIO NEWS

BROADCASTS:

ABC: 2016 Politics-Sanders West Virginia Victory; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Primary Victories; Steph Curry-NBA Record; Walt Disney Earnings-Lower.

CBS: 2016 Politics-Sanders West Virginia Victory; 2016 Politics-Trump v Clinton; Massachusetts-Mall Violence Rampage; Accused Benghazi Mastermind-Justice Department Charges; Prince Death Investigation.

NPR: 2016 Politics-Sanders West Virginia Victory; 2016 Politics- Hillary Clinton Campaign; Ted Cruz-Senate Return; President Obama-Hiroshima Visit; International Markets; Angola-Yellow Fever Outbreak Deaths; Severe Weather-Southern Plains.

FOX: Massachusetts-Mall Violence Rampage; 2016 Politics-Sanders West Virginia Victory; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Primary Victories; 2016 Politics-Poll Numbers.

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE:

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Receives the Presidential Daily Briefing; meets with Secretary of the Treasury Lew; signs S. 1890 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — Speaks in Florida on his vision for US policy in the Western Hemisphere.

US Senate: 2:45 PM Democratic Sen. Tom Carper meets U.S. Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland on Capitol Hill Location: Rm 513, Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC carper.senate.gov <https://twitter.com/SenatorCarper>

9:30 AM Closed markup hearing on 'National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017' Location: Rm 222, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Senate Finance Committee hearing on CBP oversight – Hearing on 'Oversight of the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency', with testimony from CBP Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske Location: Rm 215, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://finance.senate.gov>

10:00 AM Senate Small Business Committee hearing on the Administration's overtime rule – Hearing on 'An Examination of the Administration's Overtime Rule and the Rising Costs of Doing Business', with testimony from Littler Mendelson Principal Tammy McCutchen; Jobs With Justice Executive Director Sarita Gupta; Besh Restaurant Group co-owner Octavio Mantilla; Economic Policy Institute Vice President Ross Eisenbrey; and Operation Smile Associate Vice President of Human Resources Nancy Duncan Location: Rm 428A, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://sbc.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Senate Science Committee hearing on 'Leveraging the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise' – Hearing on 'Leveraging the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise', with testimony from National Science Board Vice Chair Dr Kelvin Droegemeier; Microsoft Corporate Vice President for Research Dr Jeannette Wing; Information Technology and Innovation Foundation President Dr Robert Atkinson; and University of Michigan College of Engineering Dean Dr David Munson Location: Rm 253, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://commerce.senate.gov>

11:30 AM Dem Sen. Al Franken hosts 6th annual Minnesota Congressional Delegation Hotdish Competition – Democratic Sen. Al Franken hosts his sixth annual bipartisan Minnesota Congressional Delegation Hotdish Competition, to determine which member of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation makes the best hotdish casserole. The Delegation also makes a donation to Second Harvest Heartland, a Minnesota-based food bank that helps stock more than 1,000

food shelves, soup kitchens, senior centers, and homeless shelters throughout the state. * The competition was originally scheduled for Mar 16 but was postponed due to President Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court Location: Rm 430, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC [franken.senate.gov](https://twitter.com/senfranken)
<https://twitter.com/senfranken>

2:15 PM Senate Indian Affairs Committee legislative hearing – Legislative hearing on 'S. 2417, to amend the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes' and 'S. 2842, a bill to amend and reform the Johnson-O'Malley Act to award contracts to certain tribal organizations, Indian corporations, school districts, States, and consortia of tribal organizations, and for other purposes', with testimony from Bureau of Indian Affairs Director Michael Black; Santee Sioux Nation Chairman Roger Trudell; and National Johnson-O'Malley Association President Carla Mann Location: Rm 628, Dirksen House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://indian.senate.gov>
<https://twitter.com/IndianCommittee>

2:15 PM Senate Indian Affairs Committee Business Meeting – Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of 'S. 1163, a bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American Languages', 'S. 2580, a bill to establish the Indian Education Agency to streamline the administration of Indian education, and for other purposes', and 'S. 2739, a bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes' Location: Rm 628, Dirksen House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://indian.senate.gov>
<https://twitter.com/IndianCommittee>

2:30 PM Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing on FCC's proposed privacy rules – Privacy, Technology and the Law Subcommittee hearing on 'Examining the Proposed FCC Privacy Rules', with testimony from Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler, and Commissioner Ajit Pai; and Federal Trade Commission Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, and Commissioner Maureen Ohlhausen Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

3:00 PM Senate Finance Committee nominations hearing – Nominations hearing considers Charles Blahous III and Robert Reischauer to be Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund Board of Trustees members, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund Board of Trustees members, and Federal Old-Age and Survivors

Insurance Trust Fund and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund Board of Trustees members (reappointments) Location: Rm 215, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://finance.senate.gov>

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Annual Meeting – Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors 2016 Annual Meeting. Speakers include Democratic Reps. Peter DeFazio and Alan Lowenthal, and Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe (invited) * Day one events held in Rm B339, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, and Capitol Hill Club, 300 1st St SE. Day two is open to members only Location: Washington, DC <http://www.tradecorridors.org/> <https://twitter.com/CAGTC>

US House: 10:00 AM House Speaker Ryan, GOP leaders media availability – Media Availability – Time Approx – Speaker Ryan, GOP leaders hold post-Conference meeting media avail (Closed meeting begins at 9 am in HC-5). Location: HC-8 www.speaker.gov
<https://twitter.com/SpeakerRyan>

10:00 AM House Floor Schedule – The House meets at 10 am for morning hour debate and 12 noon for legislative business. Location: House Floor.

10:00 AM House Commerce subcommittee hearing on increasing patient choice and plan innovation – Health Subcommittee hearing on 'Healthcare Solutions: Increasing Patient Choice and Plan Innovation', with testimony from American Enterprise Institute Resident Fellow Dr Scott Gottlieb; Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow Avik Roy; and Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reforms Research Professor Sabrina Corlette Location: Rm 2322, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>
<https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

10:00 AM House Government Reform Committee hearing on USPS reform – Hearing on 'Reforming the Postal Service: Finding a Viable Solution', with testimony from U.S. Postmaster General Megan Brennan; U.S. Postal Regulatory Commission Acting Chairman Robert Taub; Government Accountability Office Director of Physical Infrastructure Issues Lori Rectanus; Association for Postal Commerce Executive Vice President Jessica Lowrance; National Association of Letter Carriers President Fredric Rolando Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

10:00 AM House Ways and Means Committee markup hearing – Markup hearing on 'H.R. 5170, Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act', 'H.R. 2990, Accelerating Individuals Into the Workforce Act', 'H.R. 5169, What Works to Move Welfare Recipients Into Jobs Act', 'H.R. 2959, TANF Accountability and Integrity Improvement Act', 'H.R. 2966, Reducing Poverty Through Employment Act', and 'H.R. 2952, Improving Employment Outcomes of TANF Recipients Act'

Location: Rm 1100, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/WaysandMeansGOP>

10:00 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on DoD and foreign military sales – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on ‘U.S. Industry Perspectives on the Department of Defense’s Policies, Roles and Responsibilities for Foreign Military Sales’, with testimony from Aerospace Industries Association Vice President for International Affairs Remy Nathan; and National Defense Industrial Association’s M. Thomas Davis Location: Rm 2212, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC www.armedservices.house.gov <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>

10:00 AM House Technology subcommittee hearing on DOE Office of Fossil Energy oversight – Energy Subcommittee hearing on ‘Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Fossil Energy’, with testimony from Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy Chris Smith Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://science.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HouseScience>

10:15 AM House Commerce subcommittee hearing on daily fantasy sports – Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee hearing on ‘Daily Fantasy Sports: Issues and Perspectives’, with testimony from Small Business Fantasy Sports Trade Association Executive Director Steve Brubaker; Chapman University Fowler School of Law Professor Kurt Eggert; Scientific Games Senior Vice President for Strategic Business Development Jordan Gnat; Genius Sports CEO Mark Locke; MGM Resorts International Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary John McManus; Florida State University Department of Sport Management Assistant Professor Ryan Rodenberg; Fantasy Sports Trade Association Chairman Peter Schoenke; and GeoComply Operations Manager Lindsay Slader Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

10:15 AM Markup hearing on ‘H.R. 5063, the Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016’ Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

11:00 AM House Veterans’ Affairs subcommittee markup hearing – Economic Opportunity Subcommittee markup hearing, on legislation including draft bills entitled the ‘Veterans Education Enhancement Act of 2016’, the ‘Veterans Success on Campus Act of 2016’, ‘To direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of Transition Assistance Program in addressing needs of certain minority veterans’, and the ‘GI Bill Oversight Act of 2016’ Location: Rm 334, Cannon House

Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://veterans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs>

11:00 AM House Small Business Committee hearing on ‘inspiring entrepreneurs’ – Hearing on ‘Inspiring Entrepreneurs: Learning from the Experts’, with testimony from Smart Hustle Magazine Editor Ramon Ray; MSNBC’s ‘Your Business’ host JJ Ramberg; ‘THE Small Business Expert and Advocate’ Susan Solovic; and Quintessence Group founder and CEO Melinda Emerson Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

12:00 PM House debates bill on creating a pain medication task force – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including ‘H.R. 4641 – To provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes’, plus consideration of H.R. 4843 – Infant Plan of Safe Care Improvement Act’, ‘H.R. 4978 – NAS Healthy Babies Act’, as amended, ‘H.R. 3680 – Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2016’, as amended, ‘H.R. 3691 – Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 1818 – Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4969 – John Thomas Decker Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4586 – Lali’s Law’, ‘H.R. 4599 – Reducing Unused Medication Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4976 – Opioid Review Modernization Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4982 – Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016’, and ‘H.R. 4981 – Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act’ under suspension of the rules Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

10:00 a.m. for Morning Hour debate and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business

12:30 PM Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus delivers special Asian Pacific American Heritage Month message – Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, led by Chairwoman Rep. Judy Chu, and other Asian American and Pacific Islander advocates deliver special message to the AAPI communities on civic engagement and voting rights, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Other participants in press conference include CAPAC members including Reps. Grace Meng, Mark Takano, and Ted Lieu Location: House Triangle, Washington, DC <http://capac-chu.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/CAPAC>

1:00 PM Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee markup hearing Location: Rm 334, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://veterans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs>

1:30 PM House Dems introduce religious liberty bill – Democratic Reps. Don Beyer, Joe Crowley, Mike Honda, Betty McCollum, Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Andre Carson

introduce the Freedom of Religion Act via press conference with co-leads and stakeholder groups. The legislation would ensure there are no religious litmus tests used to prohibit the acceptance of immigrants, refugees, and international travelers seeking to enter the U.S. Location: House Triangle, Washington, DC <https://beyer.house.gov/>

2:00 PM House Ways and Means subcommittee hearing on MACRA implementation – Health Subcommittee hearing on ‘Implementation of Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)’, with testimony from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt Location: Rm 1100, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/WaysandMeansGOP>

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on budget priorities for South Asia – Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee hearing on ‘FY 2017 Budget Priorities for South Asia: Recovery, Development, and Engagement’, with testimony from Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal; and USAID Assistant Administrator for Asia Jonathan Stivers Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>

2:30 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on Nigeria – Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations Subcommittee hearing on ‘The U.S. Role in Helping Nigeria Confront Boko Haram and Other Threats in Northern Nigeria’, with testimony from 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative Distinguished Senior Fellow Frank Wolf; Justice for Jos Project Special Counsel Emmanuel Ogebe; Chibok schoolgirl ‘Sa’a’; and National Democratic Institute Senior Associate and Regional Director for Central and West Africa Dr Christopher Fomunyoh Location: Rm 2255, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>

5:00 PM House Energy subcommittee markup hearing begins – Energy and Power Subcommittee markup hearing begins on ‘H.R. 4775, the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016’ and ‘H.R. 4979, the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2016’ * Concludes tomorrow Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

5:30 PM Defense Subcommittee closed markup hearing on FY 2017 Appropriations Bill Location: H-140, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

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Other: Secretaries Moniz and Castro keynote DOE annual Better Buildings Summit – Department of Energy Better Buildings Summit, giving participants an opportunity to engage with state, local, and education leaders and decision-makers on successful approaches to achieving the benefits of energy efficiency in public buildings and local communities. Final day begins with keynote from Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro Location: The Washington Hilton, Washington, DC <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/betterbuildings/summit/> <https://twitter.com/ENERGY>

10:00 AM U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, FreeEnterprise.com, and 1776 release ‘Innovation That Matters 2016’ – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, FreeEnterprise.com, and 1776 release findings from their ‘Innovation That Matters 2016’ report – a study outlining which American cities are the strongest drivers of the innovation economy – via press conference call. Researchers visited Atlanta, Denver, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Raleigh-Durham, Salt Lake City, and Seattle, meeting public and private sector leaders in each to develop recommendations for how cities can evolve their startup communities, in order to compile the report, with those anecdotal findings paired with the results of a 25-city index. U.S. Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President for Communications and Strategy, U.S. Chamber Foundation Board Member Tom Collamore, and 1776 cofounder and Co-CEO Donna Harris lead the discussion Location: TBD www.uschamber.com <https://twitter.com/USChamber>

8:00 AM Dulles Matters II Summit – Dulles Matters II Summit, to provide an update on the importance of Dulles International to the economy of the National Capital Region, steps taken to strengthen the airport's competitive position in light of recent changes to flights, and shared opportunities to partner with the airport. Event features keynote speaker Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne Location: Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA www.metwashairports.com #DullesMatters

8:45 AM Agriculture Secretary Vilsack speaks at Food Waste Summit – 2016 Food Waste Summit, hosted by the Keystone Policy Center and National Consumers League, exploring strategies to empower consumers to confront the national problem of food waste, focusing on steps consumers and others can take over the next 24 months to make a

difference. Speakers/participants include Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree, Environmental Protection Agency Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg, Walmart's Tres Bailey, NPR's Allison Aubrey, Johns Hopkins University's Roni Neff, Grocery Manufacturers Association's Meghan Stasz, World Wildlife Fund's Pete Pearson, and The Ad Council's Cece Wedell. At the Summit, National Consumers League also unveils new research about consumer confusion around date labeling language on food Location: Pew Conference Center, 901 E St NW, Washington, DC www.keystone.org/ <https://twitter.com/TheKeystoneCtr>

9:00 AM GOP Rep. Jim Bridenstine speaks at event on 'The National Security Implications of Rapid Access to Space' – 'The National Security Implications of Rapid Access to Space' Heritage Foundation / Air University event, featuring opening remarks from Republican Rep. Jim Bridenstine – who recently introduced the America Space Renaissance Act – followed by a panel discussion on 'the strategic importance and technology challenges of rapid access to space' featuring Commercial Spaceflight Federation President Eric Stallmer, U.S. Air Force Air University Professor Dr Everett Dolman; and Heritage Foundation Asian Studies Center Senior Research Fellow Dean Cheng Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC www.heritage.org <https://twitter.com/Heritage>

9:00 AM Peter G. Peterson Foundation 2016 Fiscal Summit – Peter G. Peterson Foundation seventh annual Fiscal Summit, 'Leadership for a Secure Future', bringing together leaders from govt, policy, academia, and the media to discuss America's long-term fiscal challenges. Speakers include House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, bipartisan Sens. Joe Manchin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Mike Enzi, and Lindsey Graham, Congressional Budget Office Director Keith Hall, former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, former Sen. Sam Nunn, former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Michael Mullen, and former CBO Directors Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Robert Reischauer * Invitation only Location: Andrew W Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.fiscalsummit.org> [#FiscalSummit](https://twitter.com/fiscalsummit)

10:30 AM ITIC host STEM Show for Washington area students – Information Technology Industry Council host STEM Show or Washington, D.C., area high school students in an effort to improve diversity and encourage students to pursue STEM education and professional opportunities through interactions with cutting edge technologies and industry professionals Location: Carnegie Library, 801 K Street NW, Washington, DC <http://www.itic.org/> https://twitter.com/iti_techtweets

2:30 PM National Virtual Town Hall with Transportation Secretary Foxx – Department of Transportation holds

National Virtual Town Hall featuring Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, who discusses 'the integral role that transportation plays in connecting people to opportunity', shares his vision for transforming communities in the 21st century, and highlights elements of the Ladders of Opportunity Every Place Counts Design Challenge Location: TBD <http://www.dot.gov/index.cfm> [#DOTConnects](https://twitter.com/usdot)

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