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## DOI in the News:

**SECRETARY JEWELL URGES TRIBES TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF PROGRESS AFTER OBAMA LEAVES.** The [AP](#) (6/29, 104K) reports that the Obama Administration has “made great progress on issues important to Native Americans, and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell on Wednesday encouraged tribes to keep the pressure on Washington, D.C., after a new president is sworn in next year.” Speaking at a conference of the National Congress of American Indians, Jewell “urged tribal leaders to make sure their voices are heard.” She said, “We have done a lot, but we have a lot to do. We need to prepare the next lesson plans for the administration that will take over.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (6/29, Geranios, Press, 2.13M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (6/29, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (6/29, 731K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (6/29, Nicholas K. Geranios |, Ap, 9.18M), the [Lewiston \(ID\) Tribune](#) (6/30, 48K), the [Peninsula \(WA\) Daily News](#) (6/30, 41K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K), [ABC News](#) (6/29, 4.15M), the [Daily Mail](#) (6/29, Press, 4.57M), and [WTOP-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (6/29, 273K).

**NPS Allows Native American Tribes To Collect Plants From Parks.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (6/29, 195K) reports that “the gathering and removal of plants or plant parts for traditional purposes will now be allowed in national parks by members of federally recognized Indian tribes.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell on Wednesday announced the rule change at the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference. NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis in a press release, “The changes to the gathering rule support continuation of unique cultural traditions of American Indians and support the mission of the National Park Service.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (6/30, 106K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (6/29, 6K), [Boise \(ID\) State Public Radio](#) (6/29), [Northwest Public Radio](#) (6/29), the [National Parks Traveler](#) (6/29, 989), and [KLCC-FM Eugene \(OR\)](#) Eugene, OR (6/29, 671).

**CHARLOTTE CHOSEN FOR “LET’S MOVE OUTSIDE” PROGRAM.** [WCNC-TV](#) Charlotte, NC (6/29, 106K) reports that Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior “joined other officials and local partners to announce ‘Let’s Move Outside’ along the Little Sugar Creek Greenway Wednesday.” Being selected “means federal funds will be given for outdoor youth activities and programs.”

**SECRETARY JEWELL TALKED ABOUT NATIONAL PARKS ON RADIO SHOW.** On [Peter Greenberg Travel Detective](#) (6/29), Interior Secretary Sally Jewell talked “about the role of national parks and the care the government puts into those parks.”

**THE NORTH FACE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2016 EXPLORE FUND.** In a press release distributed by the [Business Wire](#) (6/29), The North Face “announced the winners of the 2016 Explore Fund grant-giving program, recognizing 45 nonprofit organizations that are working in powerful and creative ways to encourage participants to experience outdoor activities and develop an enduring appreciation of the outdoors.” To celebrate the NPS Centennial, The North Face, “in collaboration with the National Park Foundation, gave special consideration to organizations that activate their programs in national parks and federally managed lands with the goal of encouraging organizations to bring people to play, learn, serve and work in these spaces.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, “We are thankful for The North Face’s support of our shared goal of preparing the next generation of outdoor stewards and enthusiasts. For three years now, they have partnered with the Department of the Interior and invested in our efforts to provide more opportunities for young people to play, learn, serve and work outdoors.”

**SENATE PANEL TO CONSIDER SLEW OF PUBLIC LANDS BILLS.** [E&E Daily](#) (6/29, Subscription

Publication) reports that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will meet Thursday “to consider a roster of more than 40 bills, including several measures to adjust national park boundaries and acquire new federal lands.” Sen. Ron Wyden’s S. 1448 would “designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary, while his S. 1699 would allocate certain tracts held by the Bureau of Land Management to create national recreation areas.” Members will also “take up S. 1167, a controversial measure from Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), which would modify the boundaries of the Pole Creek, Owyhee River and North Fork Owyhee wilderness areas and seek to continue allowing the use of motorized vehicles for livestock herding in certain Idaho wilderness areas.”

**SEN. MURKOWSKI URGED TO REVISE FIRE BUDGET PROPOSAL.** [Greenwire](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication) reports that “a Senate proposal to change the way the federal government pays to fight forest fires won’t ease the financial stress on other programs that keep forests healthy, a forest conservation group said.” The American Forest Foundation, “which represents family forest owners, is urging Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) to take a harder look at the overall budgeting strategy for the Forest Service, to keep the climbing cost of wildfires from eating away at other aspects of forest maintenance.”

**REPUBLICANS BLAST FEDERAL SAGE GROUSE PLANS.** [E&E Daily](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication) reports that “Republican lawmakers railed against the federal greater sage grouse strategy at a Senate oversight hearing” on Tuesday, “accusing the Interior Department of ignoring state grouse protection plans in favor of a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach that unnecessarily restricts the use of public land.” Also, Idaho Sen. James Risch “defended ongoing efforts in Congress to slow implementation of the sage grouse plans, which call for amending 98 Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service land-use plans to incorporate grouse protections across tens of millions of acres in 10 Western states.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [High Plains and Midwest AG \(KS\) Journal](#) (6/28), the [Northwest Ag Information Network](#) (6/29), [Feedstuffs](#) (6/29), [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication), [Agri-Pulse](#) (6/29), and [World Coal](#) (6/29).

**RESIDENTS CALL FOR ACTION TO FIX LAKE OKEECHOBEE DISCHARGE PROBLEMS.** [WPBF-TV](#) West Palm Beach, FL (6/29, 49K) reports that “as members of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force gave project updates Wednesday, dozens of concerned people waited to comment on toxic algae blooms from the Treasure Coast to the Keys and the West Coast, stemming from pesticide-laden fresh water runoff released from Lake Okeechobee.” According to the article, “people spoke about stinking, algae-covered canals and marinas, fears of touching toxic algae and businesses closing because of polluted waterways.” The article says that “the task force did not directly address the concerns raised by the public speakers, but most officials who gave a public update touched on ongoing projects surrounding Lake Okeechobee, its rivers and estuaries and water flow problems.”

**WILDFIRES FANNED BY WIND, HEAT IN THE WEST.** The [AP](#) (6/29, 1.27M) reports that “fast-moving wildfires fanned by strong, erratic winds and high temperatures are burning in California and Arizona.” The AP provides “a look at fires across the West.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (6/29, 731K), [US News & World Report](#) (6/29, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (6/29, Press, 9.18M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), the [Daily Mail](#) (6/29, Press, 4.57M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (6/30, 6.66M).

Also providing coverage of wildfires are the [Rapid City \(SD\) Journal](#) (6/29, 119K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (6/29, 1.05M), [Tucson News Now \(AZ\)](#) (6/28, 48K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), the [East Idaho News](#) (6/29), [Yahoo! News](#) (6/30, 6.66M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (6/29, 234K), the [Daily Mail](#) (6/29, Press, 4.57M), [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (6/29, 489K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (6/29, 2.13M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (6/29, Press, 9.18M), the [Arizona Republic](#) (6/29, 1.05M), the [Havasui \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (6/29, 27K), the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (6/29, 42K), [KPHO-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (6/28, 5K), [KMOV-TV St. Louis \(MO\)](#) St. Louis (6/28, 213K), [KTVN-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (6/29, 25K), [Fire Engineering](#) (6/29, 170K), the [Payson \(AZ\) Roundup](#) (6/29, 21K), the [Fredericksburg \(VA\) Free Lance-Star](#) (6/28, 105K), [KOLO-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (6/29, 41K), [Yahoo! News](#) (6/29, 6.66M), [KIII-TV Corpus Christi \(TX\)](#) Corpus Christi, TX (6/29, 17K), and the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (6/28, 543K).

**CONSERVATION GROUP SAYS BATTLE OVER PUBLIC LANDS WILL BE ELECTION ISSUE.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (6/29, 195K) reports that “pressure is building in Western states to transfer ownership of the federal lands to state governments, ultimately resulting in a selloff, according to the Center for Western Priorities.” The Center cited “an armed militia’s takeover last winter of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon as a cautionary tale of a Western movement to take control of federal land.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MOUNT HOWARD-EAST PEAK NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK.** Additional coverage of the designation of the Mount Howard-East Peak National Natural Landmark was provided by the [La Grande \(OR\) Observer](#) (6/28, 2K), the [Wallowa County \(OR\) Chieftain](#) (6/29, 9K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K), and [KOBP-FM](#) Portland, OR (6/29).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF DESIGNATION OF STONEWALL INN NATIONAL MONUMENT.** Additional coverage of the designation of the Stonewall Inn as a national monument was provided by the [Daily Intelligencer \(NY\)](#) (6/27, 671K), the [Manchester \(UK\) CBSport](#) (6/29), [Abruzzo TV \(ITA\)](#) (6/28), [Skift](#) (6/29), and [Towleroad](#) (6/27, 54K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ALASKA NATIVES, ENVIRONMENTALISTS PUSH FOR ACTION ON NEARBY CANADIAN MINING.** Additional coverage that “a coalition of conservation groups and Alaskan First Nations” are pushing the Interior Department to investigate the threat of B.C. mines was provided by [DeSmogBlog](#) (6/29, 343).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF OBAMA FAMILY’S TRIP TO NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the Obama family’s trip to national parks was provided by [Inside Korea](#) (6/29).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF PILT PAYMENTS.** Additional coverage of PILT payments was provided by the [Columbia Falls \(MT\) Hungry Horse News](#) (6/29) and the [Charlotte County Florida Weekly](#) (6/30).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**INTERIOR RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT CSKT SETTLEMENT IN MONTANA.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (6/29, 92K) reports that “the White House expressed concern Wednesday about the cost of a \$2.3 billion deal to settle claims by Montana’s Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes against the federal government.” Alletta Belin, senior counselor to the deputy secretary at the Interior Department, “told the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs that while the administration believes the settlement is ‘an excellent framework for an overall solution’ and a better option than litigation, it would not support the plan.” Belin told lawmakers, “The department has significant concerns about the federal cost of the settlement ... and we have not yet completed a full and robust analysis and discussion of all aspects and ramifications of this substantial settlement. It’s a significantly higher price tag than any enacted water settlement to date.”

**INTERIOR MANDATES KIOWA TRIBAL ELECTION.** The [Lawton \(OK\) Constitution](#) (6/30, 60K) reports that the Interior Department has “issued a mandate to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Kiowa Tribal election by Sept. 30.” According to a memo issued Friday by Larry Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, “the action is following a provision in the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma’s constitution that allows for the BIA to call an election in limited situations.” Roberts wrote, “I am hesitant to exercise such authority; however, the fact the Kiowa Tribe has been embroiled in a leadership dispute since 2011 and the tribal constitution provides for the Department to take action, I am taking such action.”

**JUDGE NARROWS FOCUS OF LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY TAUNTON CASINO FOES.** The [Cape Cod \(MA\) Times](#) (6/29, 78K) reports that “arguments over dismissing parts of the federal lawsuit brought by East Taunton neighbors against the U.S. Department of the Interior are on hold and, instead, a federal judge will narrow his focus to one key issue that paved the way for a Mashpee Wampanoag casino.” On July 11, U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young will “consider dueling summary judgment motions having to do with how the tribe’s land application was approved given a 2009 U.S. Supreme Court ruling,



known as the Carcieri decision.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Taunton \(MA\) Daily Gazette](#) (6/29, 52K).

**BILLINGS CONTRACTOR INDICTED IN CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE CORRUPTION CASE.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (6/29, Johnson, 195K) reports contractor Kevin David McGovern and his construction company CMG Construction have “denied corruption charges alleging they defrauded the Chippewa Cree Tribe and bribed tribal officials” to receive preferential treatment that led to awards of \$2.5 million in federal contracts. The Gazette says the indictment is the “latest in a string of corruption charges” against McGovern, and is part of “a massive and ongoing corruption probe” by the Department of Interior’s Office of Inspector General that has already led to the convictions of “numerous tribal and nontribal members.”

**LANDERS: BIA UNRESPONSIVE REGARDING LAKE ROOSEVELT FISHING AUTHORITY.** In a [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K) blogpost, Rich Landers writes on a “behind-our-backs” proposal that would give Colville and Spokane tribes authority over fishing at Lake Roosevelt, reporting that Bureau of Indian Affairs isn’t responding to his queries. Landers provides a list of questions he sent to the Bureau, and publishes a response from the Department of Interior, which said has “not yet determined exactly how it will respond to the tribes’ proposal.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K).

## **Office of Insular Affairs:**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIAAINA DEFENDS LALIHI AID PROGRAM.** [iUnknown Source](#) (6/29, Blair) reports an op-ed by in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser published in May criticized the Kalihi program that “helps Micronesians connect to health, social, education and employment services,” and which is supported by \$500,000 in federal funding. In the piece, former Peace Corps volunteer Neil Mellen faults the US Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs for micromanaging aid money, and says the program’s “One-Stop Centers” are “training migrants to maximize their dependency on taxpayer-funded services in Guam and Hawaii.” Civilbeat quotes Office of Insular Affairs chief Esther Kiaaina, who said, she was “saddened” that Mellen criticized the agency publicly “as opposed to having the common courtesy and decency to come and say, ‘Is there any way that I could help?’”

**EXXONMOBIL “WINS A ROUND” AS US VIRGIN ISLANDS DROPS CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION.** The [AP](#) (6/29, Koenig) reports ExxonMobil “won an early round Wednesday in its fight against regulators over whether the oil giant covered up what it knew about climate change,” when the US Virgin Islands attorney general retracted its subpoena for company documents. In exchange, the company dropped a counter-lawsuit that it had filed in March against the US Virgin Islands. New York and Massachusetts officials also issued subpoenas and ExxonMobil is working to have the Massachusetts subpoena “thrown out but has not yet challenged New York’s.” New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and other states’ officials “are pressing ahead, claiming that Exxon knew the risks posed by climate change but tried to undermine the scientific consensus about the role of fossil fuel.” [Reuters](#) (6/29, Wade) reports similarly, adding that, “After conferring on the matter, the parties mutually agreed that Attorney General Walker will withdraw the subpoena and Exxon Mobil will stipulate to the dismissal without prejudice of this action,” according to a US district court filing signed by both sides. When issued, US Virgin Islands’ Attorney General Claude Walker subpoena was “notably bold because it tried to invoke the territory’s anti-racketeering laws.” But after Walker filed the subpoena in March, ExxonMobil began “filing a series of motions to have it thrown out on April 13,” and then “both sides entered talks.”

**Subpoena Withdrawal Is “An Ominous Sign.”** The [Washington Times](#) (6/29, Richardson, 257K) calls the move “an ominous sign for AGs United for Clean Power, a coalition of 17 attorneys general, including Mr. Walker, formed in March to pursue the fossil fuel industry and others that challenge the catastrophic climate change narrative for ‘fraud.’” [The Hill](#) (6/29, Cama, 884K) reports similarly, saying the withdrawal “closes a major chapter in the drive by liberals and environmentalists to punish Exxon” over allegations of withholding information about climate change. The court filing Wednesday “does not necessarily completely end” the US Virgin Islands investigation, however, the Hill reports.

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**GROUP SUES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO FORCE POLLUTION DISCLOSURE AT GRAND COULEE DAM.** The [AP](#) (6/29, Le) reports the nonprofit Columbia Riverkeeper sued the Bureau of Reclamation Wednesday, saying the agency should get a pollution permit for operations at the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state. The group says the agency should also disclose and reduce "the amount of oil, greases and other pollutants in the dam" sends into the Columbia River. According to the AP, facilities that release pollutants into waterways like manufacturing plants and water treatment plants must obtain permission from state and federal governments. A Bureau of Reclamation spokesman "said he couldn't comment on pending legislation."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (6/29, 51K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), [ABC News](#) (6/29, 4.15M), the [Daily Mail](#) (6/29, Press, 4.57M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (6/29, Le, Press, 2.13M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (6/29, 1.27M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (6/29, 731K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (6/29, 746K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K), the [Portland \(OR\) Business Journal](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 23K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (6/29, 163K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (6/29, 6K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (6/29, 6K), the [Willamette \(OR\) Week](#) (6/29, 162K), [Law360](#) (6/29, 41K), and [KCPQ-TV Seattle \(WA\)](#) Seattle (6/29, 88K).

**SHASTA WATER RELEASE PLAN ANNOUNCED.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (6/29, 481K) reports that "after weeks of uncertainty and pressure from members of Congress, federal officials on Wednesday announced a plan for managing water releases from California's largest reservoir this summer in a manner that will not involve cutbacks in farm water deliveries – at least if all goes as hoped." According to the article, "the Shasta plan released Wednesday marked a victory for farm interests and a significant about-face for fisheries officials." The article says that "rather than the more drastic proposal under discussion, the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reverted to a model for operating Shasta Dam that stays the course for giving farmers more water deliveries than in recent years."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (6/29, 278K) and the [Modesto \(CA\) Bee](#) (6/29, 168K).

**NAVY BAND PLAYS AT GRAND COULEE DAM VISITOR CENTER.** The [Star of Grand Coulee \(WA\)](#) (6/29, 41) reports that "'Four Star Brass,' a brass quartet from Navy Band Northwest, provided a 45-minute concert Sunday night at the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee Dam Visitor Center."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR, USDA ANNOUNCE MORE THAN \$47 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS.** Additional coverage that "the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior said they will invest more than \$47 million toward the conservation of water" was provided by [Baking Business](#) (6/29, 103).

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**INTERIOR DOESN'T OBJECT TO DISMISSAL OF FRACKING RULE INJUNCTION APPEAL.** [E&E Publishing](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that "government lawyers are prepared to walk away from a challenge to a federal court's decision last fall to freeze the Obama administration's hydraulic fracturing rule now that broader litigation is heading for appeal." Justice Department attorneys representing Interior on Tuesday "told the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that it had no objection to state and industry requests to dismiss the injunction appeal." They said, "BLM does not oppose the motion because the preliminary injunction is of no further force or effect, having been superseded by the district court's final judgment on the merits, which 'set aside' the rule."

**BLM PLAN INCORPORATES ROAN PROTECTIONS.** [Greenwire](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication) reports that the BLM on Tuesday “advanced a pact between environmentalists and drilling companies to scale back oil and gas development atop a scenic and biologically rich plateau in western Colorado.” The bureau’s “release of a final environmental impact statement for the Roan Plateau marks one of the final steps in implementing the settlement agreement that litigants struck in 2014.” BLM Director Neil Kornze said, “The release of the Final EIS puts us one step closer to finally resolving the controversy surrounding the Roan Plateau. It implements the vision put forward in 2014 by a group of local, state and industry leaders, as well as sportsmen and conservationists, by protecting some of Colorado’s most important fish and wildlife habitat while also allowing for the responsible development of the oil and gas resources in the areas where it makes the most sense.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), the [Aspen \(CO\) Daily News](#) (6/29, 27), [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication), [KMGH-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (6/29, 114K), and [KCNC-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (6/29, 77K).

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CALL FOR COAL ASH DUMPING REGULATION FROM DOI.** The [Huffington Post](#) (6/30, Lombardi, 367K) reports on the dumping of coal ash, a toxic byproduct of burning coal for electricity, the dust from which has been escaping from a disposal pit since the 1990’s to coat the nearby town of Bokoche, and says the Bokoche ash is a “microcosm” of a policy battle over the Environmental Protection Agency’s regulation of industrial waste, and its “so-called beneficial uses.” The Post reports the Department of Interior, which has been handed over authority for regulating coal ash “recycling,” has been studying the issue for nearly a decade, and says last year a coalition of 14 environmental advocacy groups petitioned the Interior’s Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to issue a rule that closes the regulatory gap allowing coal ash dumping.

**COAL INDUSTRY TO LOSE POWERFUL ADVOCATE WHEN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR STEPS DOWN.** [The Hill](#) (6/29, Cama, 884K) reports the coal industry will be hurt when Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY) will be forced by term limits to turn over the gavel of the House Appropriations Committee in January after chairing it for six years. Rogers’ home district “relies on coal for jobs, cheap electricity, tax revenue, and more,” and he has criticized President Obama for the loss of miners’ jobs in his district since 2008. Under Rogers’ tenure, bills from the committee have proposed “large funding cuts” to the EPA and included “riders to stop contentious rules from the EPA and the Interior Department that would hurt coal interests.” According to The Hill, industry representatives said that Rogers “goes above and beyond” fighting for coal, “and the sector will miss having him atop the Appropriations panel.”

**ALASKA GOV. WALKER TO CONTINUE PUSH FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Alaska Journal of Commerce](#) (6/28, 14K) reports that on Tuesday, “Alaskans heard directly from new Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Andy Mack, who is taking over for acting DNR Commissioner Marty Rutherford, who is stepping down June 30.” According to Gov. Bill Walker, “Mack has served as a behind-the-scenes consultant on oil and gas issues to the administration and has accompanied the governor in several meetings with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.” Walker has “said repeatedly that he intends to continue pushing for exploration and development of oil resources in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a goal that is the opposite of the Obama administration’s view of the refuge.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Alaska Star](#) (6/29, 14K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF RULING TO HALT FRACKING RULES.** Additional coverage of the recent ruling striking down BLM “rules to regulate hydraulic fracturing” was provided by [Inside Climate News](#) (6/29) and the [National Law Review](#) (6/29).

**SQUILLACE: DOI SHOULD REQUIRE RECLAMATION PLANS FROM COAL COMPANIES.** In a post in [The Hill](#)’s (6/29, Squillace, 884K) “Congress Blog,” University of Colorado law professor Mark Squillace writes “The coal industry is in a crisis largely of its own making,” and says the Interior Department is able to shut down mines operating without “full reclamation bonds” in violation of federal law if state law enforcement fails to act. Squillace says DOI should “demand that companies file a plan within 90 days to step up reclamation and reduce their reclamation liability as a condition for keeping their permit,” with



consequences for failure to meet set milestones. Squillace says such enforcement would not only “reduce the risk that companies might walk away from reclamation responsibilities,” it would also “put many people to work.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**SEN. MURKOWSKI RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT DRILLING PLAN AND DELAY IN OFFSHORE DRILLING REGULATIONS.** [Politico Pro](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication) reports that “the Interior Department’s delay in finalizing safety regulations for offshore drilling is raising alarms among Alaskans about the removal of Arctic offshore leases from the Obama administration’s next coastal development plan,” Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski said Wednesday. Murkowski “addressed the still-pending safety regulations after telling a Capitol Hill Arctic forum that she is ‘worried’ the administration plans to ‘hit the delete button’ on proposed lease sales in her state’s Beaufort Sea in 2020 and the Chukchi Sea in 2022.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Greenwire](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication) and the [Morning Consult](#) (6/29).

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP UPSET OVER FEDERAL APPROVAL OF FRACKING IN GULF OF MEXICO.** [E&E Publishing](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that “an environmental group is upset that federal officials permitted hydraulic fracturing treatments at more than 600 oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico.” Kristen Monsell, attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, said, “Every offshore frack increases the risk to wildlife and coastal communities, yet federal officials have been just rubber-stamping this toxic practice in the Gulf of Mexico for years.” The group “obtained documents in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit documenting more than 1,200 treatments or ‘frack jobs’ off the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama from 2010 to 2014.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Global Research](#) (6/29, 7K), [WaterOnline](#) (6/29), the [Daily Kos](#) (6/28, 399K), and [RT](#) (6/29, 307K).

**REPUBLICAN SENATORS PROPOSE BILL TO INCREASE OFFSHORE DRILLING REVENUE SHARING FOR STATES.** [The Hill](#) (6/29, 884K) reports Republican senators from coastal states proposed a bill Wednesday to increase the revenue sharing from offshore drilling, after years of advocacy. The bill would increase the amount of money from revenue sharing in the Gulf and “apply it to the Atlantic and Arctic oceans, where there is currently no drilling in federal waters.” Senator Thom Tillis said the legislation “ensures equitable distribution of revenues derived from energy exploration, equity that is long overdue.” Senator Lisa Murkowski is “also on board as a sponsor and said she’s committed to bringing the bill up for a vote in her committee.” Democrats and President Obama have largely opposed revenue sharing, “saying that the offshore oil and gas belong to all Americans, so it should go into national, not local, coffers.”

**ALASKA OIL ADVOCATES PRESS OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO LEAVE ARCTIC DRILLING OPTIONS OPEN .** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (6/29, 214K) reports that “Alaskans who don’t want to give up on Arctic offshore oil pressed the outgoing Obama administration this week to leave options open.” The article says that “this week a half-dozen Alaskans connected to the oil industry traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge administration officials to keep the Alaska lease sales on the agenda — in the Beaufort in 2020 and Chukchi in 2022.” Kevin Durling, president of Petroleum Equipment & Services, “and others met with several senators and top staffers with the Interior Department, who they said seemed ‘receptive’ to their arguments.”

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM SEEKS TO REMOVE FOREST SERVICE LAND FROM MINING CLAIMS.** The [AP](#) (6/29, 257K) reports that “officials want to withdraw 107 acres of public land in east-central Idaho from new mining

claims for 20 years to preserve restoration work in two tributaries of the Salmon River used by federally protected chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout.” The BLM “on Friday published a notice in the federal register seeking comments on the plan through Sept. 22.” According to the article, “the notice prevents for the next two years any new mining claims on the land managed by the U.S. Forest Service.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Idaho Statesman](#) (6/29, 210K).

**TAOS COUNTY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Taos \(NM\) News](#) (6/29, Latham, 31K) reports on a program for Taos County elementary school students to hike and raft in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument through the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative. During outings, Bureau of Land Management rangers teach “leave no trace” wilderness ethics to students. Río Grande del Norte National Monument manager John Bailey is quoted saying, “This fourth-grade adventure program is just what the BLM aspires to see more of in the future for local youth. We look forward to supporting this again next year.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS DIRECTOR ASHE URGES ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO STAND TOGETHER FOR CONSERVATION.** The [Daily Caller](#) (6/29, Bastasch, 800K) reports that FWS Director Dan Ashe “recently gave a speech in front of environmental activists where he went on a rant against the those who want to put ‘economic development, private use, and corporate profit’ above conservation.” Ashe’s “speech called on environmentalists to unite and fight back against attempts from lawmakers (mostly Republican, but Ashe avoids saying this) who want ‘the federal government to divest hundreds of millions of acres of public land.’” He said, “Across the West, the very concept of public lands are under sustained assault from federal, state and local politicians and the special interests who fund them.” Ashe continued, “We need all the help we can get, because these ideologues are waging a relentless campaign to undermine the legitimacy of public lands, public resources, and wildlife held in trust for the public. They want the federal government to divest hundreds of millions of acres of public land—not for sportsmen or women—but for economic development, private use, and corporate profit.”

**BUNDY BODYGUARD PLEADS GUILTY IN MALHEUR CASE.** The [AP](#) (6/29, Dubois, Press, 2.13M) reports that “an Arizona tattoo artist pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges in the Oregon’s ranching standoff case.” Brian Cavalier, “a bodyguard for standoff leader Ammon Bundy and his father Cliven Bundy, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and possessing a gun in a federal facility.” According to the article, “Cavalier admitted in federal court in Portland that he conspired with others to impede Interior Department employees from doing their jobs at the refuge near Burns.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (6/29, Dubois, Press, 2.13M), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (6/29, 3.42M), the [Oregonian](#) (6/29, 823K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (6/30, 98K), and the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (6/29, 446K).

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP THREATENS LAWSUIT OVER ROSEMONT BIOLOGICAL OPINION.** The [Arizona Daily Star](#) (6/29, 227K) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity “gave formal notice Wednesday that it may sue to overturn a recent federal biological opinion that could clear the way for construction of the Rosemont Mine.” According to the article, “in a 12-page written notice, the group warned Wednesday it will sue in 60 days if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service doesn’t reverse what the center contends is an illegal and biologically flawed opinion on the mine.” The group says that “if the U.S. Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rely on the opinion to approve the mine in the meantime, they too would be violating federal law.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (6/29, 1.05M).

**IDAHO DEVELOPING RESPONSE PLAN FOR FUNGAL INFECTION IN BATS.** The [Idaho Mountain Express](#) (6/29, 1K) reports that “following a nationwide conference about white-nose syndrome in bats held in Denver in early June, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is coordinating with other agencies to develop a response plan to combat the fungal infection if—and more likely when—it appears in Idaho.” According to Rita Dixon, state wildlife action plan coordinator with the Idaho Department of Fish, “the

Denver conference provided new information to help toward that end.” The National White Nose Syndrome Workshop was “hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from June 6-10 and attended by bat researchers from around the country.”

**RESEARCHERS TO TRAP BEARS IN YELLOWSTONE POPULATION MONITORING PROJECT.** The [AP](#) (6/29, 257K) reports that “researchers plan to start trapping grizzly bears in parts of Montana’s Gallatin National Forest over the next month as part of a project to monitor the bear population in and around Yellowstone National Park.” According to wildlife officials, “biologists with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team will begin baiting and trapping Friday on federal land and adjacent private land at the southern end of the Gallatin Crest and in the Northern Absaroka Range.”

**COALITION OF TRIBAL NATIONS OPPOSES GRIZZLY DELISTING.** The [Cody \(WY\) Enterprise](#) (6/29, 20K) reports that Guardians of Our Ancestors Legacy, “a coalition of 39 tribal nations,” is “voicing strong opposition” to the proposal to delist the Yellowstone grizzly bear. GOAL Chairman David Bearshield explained the group’s “objectives and its position on grizzly bear delisting and hunting in general.”

**CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS PROPOSED GRIZZLY HUNTING OUTSIDE YELLOWSTONE.** The [Missoula \(MT\) Independent](#) (6/30, Sakariassen, 65K) reports that well-known Yellowstone grizzly bear known as “Scarface” was shot dead in November 2015 in an incident being investigated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the protections extended to grizzlies under the Endangered Species Act. The Independent says a proposed framework for grizzly bear hunting outside Yellowstone, is “fast becoming the most controversial and talked-about facet of the federal government’s effort to delist Yellowstone grizzlies,” and reports the death of Scarface has become a face for the anti-hunting cause.

**ABERNATHY FISH TECHNOLOGY CENTER SPOTLIGHTED.** The [Wahkiakum County \(WA\) Eagle](#) (6/30) reports on the Abernathy Fish Technology Center, “one of only seven technology centers in the US,” and “an applied science arm of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.” According to the article, “the staff works to provide answers for tribes, power companies, universities, non-profits and others in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Idaho.” Patty Crandall, the deputy center director, said, “A lot of places have a lab, a hatchery, or a creek, but we have all three and that’s part of the reason why this facility has survived.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS DIRECTOR ASHE APPOINTS TERESA R. CHRISTOPHER AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.** Additional coverage of the appointment of Teresa R. Christopher as the FWS’ new Associate Director was provided by [The Gun Page](#) (6/29).

**MITCHELL: ESA CONSERVATION EFFORTS A “SPECTACULAR AND EXPENSIVE FAILURE.”** In an [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (6/29, 22K) op-ed, Thomas Mitchell reports that since 1973, 2,000 species have been listed by the DoI under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as endangered or threatened, of which only 20 species have recovered and been delisting. Mitchell says nearly \$2 billion is being spent on conservation efforts, and calling the efforts a “spectacular and expensive failure.”

### ***National Park Service:***

**BILL COULD DERAIL MARINE PRESERVE AT BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK.** The [Miami Herald](#) (6/29, 762K) reports that “a marine preserve in Biscayne National Park — a key piece of a new management plan 15 years in the making and designed to protect Florida’s dwindling reef tract — may be derailed by a new bill proposed by Florida Sens. Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio.” The legislation, “proposed Friday and fast-tracked through a committee hearing, would undo the preserve and require the National Park Service to consult with Florida wildlife managers, who opposed the preserve.” Rubio called the bill, entitled the Access to Sportsfishing Act of 2016, a “model to address the proposed closure.” However, “environmentalists say the rare move by Congress sets a dangerous precedent ‘that would block the National Park Service from doing its legal authority to protect America’s national park,’ said Caroline McLaughlin, Biscayne program manager for the National Parks Conservation Association.”

**NPS LOOKS TO PRESERVE NEW DEAL HISTORY.** The [AP](#) (6/29, Lee) reports the National Park Service centennial is “igniting new interest” in the adobe-block Old Santa Fe Trail Building built in New

Mexico by Civilian Conservation Corps workers, and says preservationist are working to make New Deal-era public works to the public through a crowdsourced online archive. The Bandelier National Monument outside Santa Fe houses ancestral Native American cliff dwellings, as well as “a cluster of 31 support buildings created by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.” NPS cultural preservation official Jerry Rogers says “it is time for a special Park Service unit devoted solely to New Deal preservation.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (6/29, 1.27M), the [Olympian \(WA\)](#) (6/30, 74K), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (6/29, 731K), [US News & World Report](#) (6/30, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (6/30, Morgan Lee |, Ap, 9.18M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (6/30, Press, 4.57M).

**NPS GRAPPLES WITH INCREASING NUMBER OF ENERGY PROPOSALS.** [Midwest Energy News](#) (6/29, 75) reports that the NPS is “grappling more and more’ with energy-development pressures from outside sources.”

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK CONSIDERING CROWD MEASURES.** The [Fort Collins \(CO\) Coloradoan](#) (6/29, 59K) reports that “record interest in Rocky Mountain National Park has park officials grappling with how to manage the attention.” According to the article, “officials with the park, making an annual status report to Larimer County commissioners on Tuesday, noted that problems brought by Rocky’s popularity are better than a those of a park that’s met with public apathy, but things need to be addressed nonetheless.”

**GRAND CANYON VISITORS COULD FACE CITATION FOR PICKING UP DEER.** The [AP](#) (6/29, 2.13M) reports that “Grand Canyon officials say they’ll likely cite visitors who thought they were rescuing a baby deer by wrapping it in a T-shirt and bringing it to rangers — another instance of well-meaning tourists putting wildlife at risk.” According to park ranger Della Yurcik, “the couple who picked up the fawn last week said it walked up to them near a creek and its mother was nowhere in sight.” Yurcik, “fearing for its survival, took the deer back to the creek.” She says “rangers saw its mother return, and they were seen together again two days later.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (6/29, Press, 9.18M), [US News & World Report](#) (6/29, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (6/29, 257K), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (6/29, 731K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (6/29, 1.05M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (6/29, Press, 4.57M).

**NPS DIVE TEAM TEACHES KIDS WATER SAFETY.** The [Southern Utah News](#) (6/30) reports that “a team of National Park Service scuba divers partnered with community members in Fredonia to teach the town’s children about water safety, while completing annual recertification training on June 14, 2016.” According to the article, “the dive team conducted training in front of an audience of children ranging in age from six to 13, provided a water safety talk, and introduced the kids to the team’s underwater recovery robot, providing a hands-on learning environment to emphasize the importance of safety around water.” The dive team is the Glen Canyon Underwater Recovery Unit.

**YOSEMITE PARK CREATED ON JUNE 30, 1864.** [Politico](#) (6/30, Glass, 1.96M) reports that on June 30, “in 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation giving the Yosemite Valley and the nearby Mariposa Big Tree Grove to the state of California ‘upon the express conditions that the premises shall be held for public use, resort and recreation.’”

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF NPS CENTENNIAL.** Continuing coverage of the NPS Centennial was provided by the [Montana Standard](#) (6/29, 37K), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (6/29, 195K), the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (6/29, 1.28M), the [University Chronicle](#) (6/29), [KNAU-FM Flagstaff \(AZ\)](#) Flagstaff, AZ (6/29, 2K), [KIII-TV Corpus Christi \(TX\)](#) Corpus Christi, TX (6/29, 17K), and [KARK-TV](#) Little Rock, AR (6/29, 2K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NATIONAL PARKS VISITORS CAN USE BATHROOMS THAT “ALIGN WITH THEIR GENDER IDENTITY”.** Additional coverage that the Interior Department “confirmed this week that it allows visitors to America’s national parks to use restrooms that correspond with their gender identity” was provided by the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (6/29, 543K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: YELLOWSTONE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT IOBST RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.** Additional coverage that Yellowstone National Park Deputy Superintendent Steve Iobst recently was honored with the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service award was provided by the [Cody \(WY\) Enterprise](#) (6/29, 20K), the [Jackson Hole \(WY\) News & Guide](#) (6/30, 1K), and the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (6/29, 195K).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

#### **USGS OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR EPA DAYS BEFORE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT RELEASED.**

The [Washington Free Beacon](#) (6/27, Markay, 112K) reports on the departure of Dr. Alan Thornhill from his position as director of the US Geological Survey's office of scientific quality and integrity (OSQI) for a position as director of the Environmental Protection Agency's western ecology division. The Free Beacon says Thornhill left "just three days before the Interior Department's inspector general...released a report that criticized the scientific integrity of work at one of the agency's labs." An agency spokesperson said there was no connection between Thornhill's departure and the report.

### **Top National News:**

#### **"THREE AMIGOS" WARN AGAINST NATIVISM AND PROTECTIONISM AT OTTAWA SUMMIT.**

Coverage of President Obama's Ottawa summit meeting with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau focuses less on the agreements the so-called "Three Amigos" announced, instead highlighting comments they made that alluded to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and to growing protectionism in the wake of the Brexit vote. [NBC Nightly News](#) (6/29, story 4, 2:20, Holt, 16.61M) reported the President was "at a summit of North American leaders in Canada, where much of the focus was on a politician here at home." NBC's Hallie Jackson said "all three North American leaders were peppered with questions" about Trump. Obama: "That's nativism or xenophobia... or worse, or it's just cynicism." Trudeau: "The relationship between our three countries goes far deeper than any individual leaders."

On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/29, story 4, 2:15, 14.63M), anchor George Stephanopoulos said Obama "went on what he called a 'rant' against Donald Trump today, he called Trump a demagogue, saying his rhetoric isn't populism but actually, quote, 'nativism or xenophobia or worse.'"

The [AP](#) (6/29, Gillies, Freking) reports the three "convened a summit Wednesday intended to reaffirm their close cooperation on security, the environment and trade" despite "isolationist calls in the American presidential campaign" and rising extremism around the world. [Fox News Special Report](#) (6/29, 1.53M) reported that they "continued to build on their model of political and economic unity, announcing today, for example, a goal to achieve 50% clean power generation across North America by 2025."

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (6/29, Wingrove, 529K) reports that the leaders at the so-called "Three Amigos" summit announced the North American Climate, Clean Energy and Environment Partnership, which "will cut greenhouse gas emissions from the oil and gas sector, boost the development of clean power and build new cross-border transmission lines." In a joint statement, they said, "The Paris Agreement was a turning point for our planet. Our actions to align climate and energy policies will protect human health and help level the playing field for our businesses, households and workers." They also announced changes to NAFTA to liberalize "rules of origin for a range of products."

The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Eilperin, 9.18M) reports that the summit "offered the three men a chance to forge a handful of agreements, primarily on energy and the environment, as well as tout the importance of integrated economic markets." Obama later "received an effusive welcome at Canada's House of Commons, where Trudeau joked they had developed such a rapport that 'this house gets to see a bromance up close.'"

The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Landler, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) writes that for Trudeau, "who has inherited Mr. Obama's mantle as a change agent, the meeting was a sort of debut on the global stage," while for Obama, "the visit was a chance to galvanize three major economies behind the advances made



in the Paris climate-change accord,” at a time when the Brexit vote “has clouded the prospects for multilateral cooperation and the durability of international agreements.” In his remarks to the Parliament, Obama said, “While the circumstances of Brexit may be unique to the United Kingdom, the frustrations that people feel are not.” He said more trade agreements, not fewer, were the solution. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Tau, Vierira, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) also says the three leaders focused on expanding free trade in a response both to the Brexit vote and to the anti-trade tone of much of the US political debate.

The [Toronto Star](#) (6/29, King, 141K) says “the three leaders reiterated the importance of cooperation, in light of Donald Trump’s divisive campaign and the results of Brexit.” The [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) (6/29, Fife, 1.17M) also says the threesome “spoke out forcefully against divisive politics and demagoguery built on isolationism and fear of immigrants.”

**Trump’s “Presence Hung Over” Summit.** [USA Today](#) (6/29, Korte, 6.31M) reports that Trump was not at the summit, “but his presence hung over the continental conference anyway. ... In what he himself called a press conference-ending ‘rant,’ President Obama took a whack at Trump’s populist credentials, painting the billionaire real estate mogul as part of the global elite.” Obama said, “Now somebody else who has never shown any regard for workers, who has never fought on behalf of social justice issues, they don’t suddenly become a populist because they say something controversial in order to win votes. That’s not the measure of populism. That’s nativism or xenophobia or worse. Or it’s just cynicism.”

[Politico](#) (6/29, McCaskill, 1.96M) reports Obama “took not-so-subtle swipes” at Trump’s trade views, “suggesting that the real estate mogul’s anti-trade views would make America poor.” Obama said of Trump’s call for withdrawing from trade agreements, “First of all because it’s not feasible, because our auto plants, for example, would shut down if we didn’t have access to some parts in other parts of the world. ... Secondly, we’d become less efficient. Costs of our goods in our own countries would become much more expensive.”

[Reuters](#) (6/29, Rampton, Ljunggren) reports that Obama also said the summit “comes at ‘a time when we are all too often hearing rhetoric that ignores the enormous contributions that have been made by Mexican Americans, and the enormous strengths that we draw from the relationship with our good neighbors to the south.’” The [Washington Times](#) (6/29, Boyer, 257K) reports Trump’s “rhetoric about Mexican rapists and border walls” was “obviously on [the] minds” of Obama and Peña Nieto. The Mexican president said, “Isolationism cannot bring prosperity to a society. We have to be very clear about the benefits of being an integrated region. Isolationism is not a road towards progress. We are neighbors, we are friends.”

The [Washington Times](#) (6/29, Boyer, 257K) reports that White House press secretary Josh Earnest also criticized Trump, saying, “Are you just going to bemoan the impact of globalization on the US economy, on some US workers, and on some US communities? Or are you actually going to do something about it?”

**McLarty: Nativism And Protectionism Could End North American Economic Dominance.** In a [Washington Post](#) (6/29, 9.18M) op-ed, Mack McLarty of global business consulting firm McLarty Associates, a former chief of staff to President Clinton, writes, “But North America the economic powerhouse has reigned supreme for nearly a century, becoming the largest and strongest in the world, an industrial dynamo, a commodities cornucopia and a magnet for millions upon millions of immigrants seeking a better life.” But the US resurgence of “protectionism and isolationism, nativism and xenophobia” could bring about “the end of the supremacy of that North American economy.”

**BRENNAN: ISTANBUL ATTACK “BEARS HALLMARKS” OF ISIL.** [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/29, story 2, 1:05, Stephanopoulos, 14.63M) reported there is still no claim of responsibility for Tuesday’s attack in Istanbul, but CIA Director Brennan said Wednesday the bombings have all the hallmarks of an ISIL attack, “and he warned...that ISIS is trying to strike here in America, too.” However, counterterrorism officials believe a coordinated attack is less likely to happen in the US “because it would be much more difficult to form and maintain an operating cell.”

In its lead story, the [CBS Evening News](#) (6/29, lead story, 3:15, Elliott, 11.17M) said Turkey is blaming ISIL for the attack. US officials say the evidence “leans” toward ISIL being the culprit, based on the “terrorists’ weapons and method of attack.” In a follow-up story, the [CBS Evening News](#) (6/29, story 2, 2:25, Elliott, 11.17M) reported that Brennan said, “The despicable attack...certainly bears the hallmarks of ISIL’s depravity.” According to correspondent Margaret Brennan, “The working theory is that the attackers may have been Chechen jihadists from Southwest Russia who could have links to ISIS.”

[NBC Nightly News](#) (6/29, story 2, 2:15, Holt, 16.61M) reported that ISIL’s shrinking territory, two years after it proclaimed its global caliphate, is “precisely the reason we could see more attacks around the world,” according to security officials. Brennan said, “If anybody here believes the US homeland is hermetically sealed and that ISIL would not consider that, I think I would guard against that.”

Brennan on Wednesday told the Council on Foreign Relations that “he would be surprised if Islamic State was not plotting attacks within the United States and against US targets abroad,” [Reuters](#) (6/29, Landay, Strobel) reports. According to the [AP](#) (6/29, Dodds), Brennan told Yahoo! News, “I am worried from the standpoint of an intelligence professional who looks at the capabilities of Daesh and their determination to kill as many people as possible and to carry out attacks abroad.” While he “credited effective homeland security measures and intelligence for the fact that the Islamic State group has been unable to attack America directly,” he “believes the group will keep trying to penetrate American defenses.”

In its lead story, [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/29, lead story, 4:00, Stephanopoulos, 14.63M) reported on details of the attack, saying that the three accomplices arrived at an airport in a taxi. They “were spotted and scattered,” with one heading for the first layer of security, opening fire, and detonating his explosive. Another attacker blew himself up after reaching a terminal. The third detonated his explosives in an area where people were waiting for rides. Video surveillance shows the bravery of one police officer, who was able to shoot a gunman as he chased after families. The gunman lost his gun and collapsed, allowing civilians to flee the area before he blew himself up.

In its lead story, [NBC Nightly News](#) (6/29, lead story, 3:10, Holt, 16.61M) also reported on the surveillance video details, adding that the footage “is helping officials in Turkey piece together how last night’s triple suicide bombings unfolded.” Meanwhile, Turkey is “showing resilience,” as the airport has already reopened, even amid the cleanup and investigation.

***US Increasing Airport Security After Attack.*** [Reuters](#) (6/29, Chiacu) reports a DHS spokeswoman said department officials “are monitoring the situation after attacks at Turkey’s main Istanbul airport and have been in touch with US and international counterparts.” Spokeswoman Marsha Catron said DHS “and its partners ‘routinely adapt both seen and unseen security measures in order to counter evolving threats.’”

[NBC Nightly News](#) (6/29, story 3, 1:25, Holt, 16.61M) reported the TSA hasn’t changed its security posture following the Istanbul attack, but several big cities did deploy their tactical police units “in a show of force” on Wednesday. [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/29, story 3, 2:10, Stephanopoulos, 14.63M) reported there have been almost 60 airport attacks in the past year, but none have occurred in North America. Still, some security experts worry that the recent attacks in Brussels and Istanbul the US should “at least...harden the front of the airport[s], physically and with personnel.” Former TSA Administrator John Pistole told [CBS Evening News](#) (6/29, story 3, 2:00, Elliott, 11.17M) that what is “concerning” is that the Istanbul attackers “appear to have built on the quote, ‘success’ of the Brussels attack. We always have to stay at least a half-step ahead of what the terrorists are plotting and planning, so how do you plan and prepare for that in the best way? That is the challenge.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/28, Wall, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says the attack underscored the need to secure the areas where people gather before and after flights. While airports have, since the 9/11 attacks, moved to prevent attempts to smuggle weapons and explosives aboard planes, safety experts say those efforts have made these so-called landslide areas attack targets.

The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Halsey, 9.18M) reports that Rafi Ron, a former security chief at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport who now works as an airport security consultant, says airports “will remain vulnerable to attacks” until “security forces develop the ability to react to terrorists within seconds.” Ron

said, “If you look at the tactics used by the terrorists in Istanbul, they started by shooting. If the response would have come in a matter of seconds and was effective enough, they probably would have been dead before they detonated their devices and before they managed to cause a large number of casualties.”

**Trump Renews Call For Waterboarding, Blames Clinton For ISIL’s Rise.** [ABC World News Tonight](#) (6/29, story 4, 2:15, 14.63M) said the Istanbul attack “is prompting tough talk from Donald Trump.” ABC (Llamas) added that Trump is “renewing his call to waterboard terror suspects.” Hallie Jackson reported on [NBC Nightly News](#) (6/29, story 4, 2:20, Holt, 16.61M) that Trump’s “renewed call for torture against terrorists,” has prompted “new backlash from within his own party.” Sen. John McCain: “It’s not the United States of America, it’s not what we are all about. It’s not what we are.”

During a campaign stop in Maine on Wednesday, Trump “blamed Hillary Clinton for the growth of the Islamic State,” citing the Istanbul attack, the [Washington Post](#) (6/29, Hannon, 9.18M) reports. Trump argued, “I’ve been watching her for so many years. She has been in that position for so long in one way or another. She hasn’t done anything about what’s going on. ISIS was formed during her tenure. ... ISIS is now worse than ever. You see what happened yesterday, you see what’s going on generally.”

**HOUSE DEMOCRATS TRY TO MAINTAIN GUN CONTROL MOMENTUM WITH EVENTS ACROSS US.** The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Huetteman, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports House Democrats are trying to keep up their push for gun control legislation, even though it is highly unlikely they could pass anything this session. They “hosted 40 events across the country on Wednesday, with more than 60 members participating, trying to maintain the momentum created by their more than 25-hour sit-in” on the House floor last week.

The [New York Times](#) (6/29, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says in another story that “the fact that a legislative response remains elusive does not mean there has been no movement on the issue. Members of both parties say they sensed a shift in the gun debate” after the Orlando shootings, with “incremental steps” on regulation emerging as a possibility that could be accepted by some Republicans.

**American Gun Ownership At 38-Year Low.** Christopher Ingraham writes in the [Washington Post](#) (6/29, 9.18M) “Wonkblog” that the percentage of US households owning guns is at its lowest since 1978, according to a recent CBS News poll. The survey found that 36% of US adults “either own a firearm personally, or live with someone who does,” down from the high of 53% in 1994 and down nearly 10 points from just four years ago.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES.** “*Behind The Cruel Attack On Turkey.*” On its editorial page, the [New York Times](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) calls the Istanbul attack the “latest evidence of how the chaos in the Middle East, in particular the Syrian war, has metastasized, spilling over borders and rattling countries that are crucial to regional stability.”

**“Congress’s Failure To Fund Zika Response.”** A [New York Times](#) (6/30, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) editorial says Congress “has yet to provide money for a serious response” to the Zika virus. The Times argues that “given the urgency of the matter, it is not asking too much” of House Speaker Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell “to agree on a generous bill without unjustifiable restrictions. Allowing the crusade against Planned Parenthood to get in the way of protecting the public is inexcusable.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** “*What The Horror In Istanbul Reveals About The Fight Against The Islamic State.*” The [Washington Post](#) (6/29, 9.18M) says in an editorial that the Istanbul attack shows ISIL’s “capacity to mount major raids on strategic international targets remains robust in spite of its losses of territory and key operatives in Iraq and Syria.”

**“Mr. Trump’s Gibberish On Muslims.”** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (6/29, 9.18M) says that Donald Trump, “who in December proposed an unequivocal ‘shutdown’ on Muslims entering the United

States, even as visitors, has suddenly gone squishy,” as he “and his campaign now propose a ban – temporary, they say, but of indeterminate length – based on a geographic test rather than a religious one.” The Post says “Trump suggests different things on different days, according to his whim, or the exertions of his advisers, or the questioner, or his polling numbers,” so “how could any voter believe that today’s pivot won’t be supplanted tomorrow by another?”

**“The District Will Miss You, Ms. Henderson.”** A [Washington Post](#) editorial.

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “Donald Trump’s Tariff Party.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says in an editorial that in a major speech on Tuesday, Donald Trump offered the most detailed and vocal attack on free trade of any major party presidential candidate in memory, and says Trump hopes to remake the GOP as the party of tariffs.

**“GE Is Free.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/29, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) calls the Financial Stability Oversight Council’s ruling that GE Capital is no longer “too big to fail” good news for GE and for taxpayers, and expresses hope that the FSOC will abandon its appeal of a judge’s ruling rescinding insurer MetLife’s designation as systemically important.

**“Jihad In Istanbul.”** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/30, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) editorial says the Istanbul attacks are a reminder that the war in Syria and Iraq against ISIL is less and less likely to be contained to the two countries.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Stocks Rebound, But Brexit Jitters Linger](#)  
[Fed Clears Most Big Banks’ Capital Plans](#)  
[Puerto Rico’s Rapid Population Loss Deepens Economic Crisis](#)  
[Fallujah’s Importance To Islamic State Helped Iraq Retake It](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[Turkey, A Conduit For Fighters Joining ISIS, Begins To Feel Its Wrath](#)  
[A Slow, Steady Siege On An ISIS Stronghold In Libya](#)  
[The EU Is Democratic. It Just Doesn’t Feel That Way.](#)  
[Film Academy Broadens Voting Pool After Oscars Criticism](#)  
[Trump Institute Offered Get-Rich Schemes With Plagiarized Lessons](#)  
[Obama, Justin Trudeau And Enrique Peña Nieto Focus On Climate, Both Political And Global](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[List Of No-Shows Growing For GOP](#)  
[Desperation, Violence As Supplies Dwindle In Venezuela](#)  
[In The Debate Surrounding Pit Bulls, An Author Encounters Vicious Attacks](#)  
[‘You Are Not Going To Die Out Here’](#)  
[DC Schools Chancellor, Key To Reform Efforts, Is Leaving](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

[Brussels Hardens UK Exit Stance](#)  
[Turkey Grieves For Victims Of Bomb Attacks](#)  
[US Urges Europe To Contain Populism By Taking Foot Off The Austerity Pedal](#)

#### **Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:**

**ABC:** Istanbul Terror Attack; Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Istanbul Terror Attack-Airport Security; 2016 Politics-Terrorism; Hillary Clinton-Emails; New Video-White House Gunman; Freight Train Crash-Bodies Recovered; EgyptAir 804-Possible Causes; Severe Weather-Storms; Video-Officer Body

Slams Man; Low-Flying French Jets; Hand Sanitizers; Oscars-Diversity.

**CBS:** Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Istanbul Terror Attack-Attackers; Istanbul Terror Attack-Airport Security; Loretta Lynch-Bill Clinton; 2016 Politics-Running Mates; Rio Olympics-Lab Suspended; Drug Treatment-Heroin; Hand Sanitizers; Oscars-Diversity.

**NBC:** Istanbul Terror Attack; Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Istanbul Terror Attack-Airport Security; 2016 Politics-Terrorism; EgyptAir 804-Possible Causes; Freight Train Crash-Bodies Recovered; Joe Biden-Cancer Moonshot; Hand Sanitizers; Tangled Blue Whale-California; Marine Corps-Terminology Changes.

***Network TV At A Glance:***

Istanbul Terror Attack – 7 minutes, 10 seconds

Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected – 6 minutes, 35 seconds

Istanbul Terror Attack-Airport Security – 5 minutes, 35 seconds

2016 Politics-Terrorism – 4 minutes, 35 seconds

Hand Sanitizers – 2 minutes, 40 seconds

Oscars-Diversity – 40 seconds

Freight Train Crash-Bodies Recovered – 40 seconds

EgyptAir 804-Possible Causes – 35 seconds

***Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:***

**ABC:** Istanbul Terror Attack-Attackers; 2016 Politics-Terrorism; Obama-Ottawa Speech; Bill Cosby-Honorary Degree Revoked; Montana-Grizzly Bear Attack.

**CBS:** Congress-Puerto Rico Debt Bill Passed; Loretta Lynch-Bill Clinton; Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Fallujah-US Air Strikes; Turkish Border-ISIL Data Found; Severe Weather-Fires.

**FOX:** Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Istanbul Terror Attack-Airport Security; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton; Congress-Puerto Rico Debt Bill Passed; Severe Weather-Fires; Wall Street; Pentagon-Transgender Troops; California-\$1bn Dollar Homelessness Package; California-Undocumented Immigrant Healthcare; Michigan-Water Contamination Spending Bill.

**NPR:** Istanbul Terror Attack-Obama's Reaction; Istanbul Terror Attack-ISIL Suspected; Orlando Massacre-Sheriff Dispatch Logs; Montana-Grizzly Bear Attack; Federal Reserve-Dividends; 2016 Politics-Voting Form; Oscars-Diversity.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Unavailable.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — Vice President Biden speaks at Langston Hughes Community Health and Education Center in Cleveland.

**US Senate:** 9:00 AM Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee latest hearing on agency regulatory guidance – Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management Subcommittee hearing on 'Examining the Use of Agency Regulatory Guidance, Part II', with testimony from Competitive Enterprise Institute Vice President for Policy Clyde Wayne Crews; American Forest & Paper Association and American Wood Council Vice President for Public Policy Paul Noe; and Public Citizen Regulatory Policy Advocate Amit Narang.

Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://hsgac.senate.gov/>

<https://twitter.com/SenateHSGAC>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Homeland Security 1 202 224 2627.

9:30 AM NSA Director Rogers testifies to Senate Armed Services Committee closed hearing – Closed hearing on 'National Security Cyber and Encryption Challenges', with testimony from National Security Agency Director / US Cyber Command Commander / Central Security Services Chief Adm. Michael Rogers. Location: SVC-217, US Capitol, Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Armed Services Committee 1 202 224 3871.

9:30 AM Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with



agenda including 'S. 247, Expatriate Terrorist Act', plus consideration of nomination of Carole Schwartz Rendon to be US Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Judiciary Committee press 1 202 224 7703.

9:30 AM Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Business Meeting – Business Meeting, to consider legislation including 'S. 651. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes', 'S. 718. To modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes', 'S. 814. To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians', 'S. 815. To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians', and 'S. 1007. To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park'. Location: Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov). Contacts: Senate Energy Committee 1 202 224 4971.

9:45 AM DHS Secretary Johnson testifies to Senate Judiciary Committee on Department oversight – Hearing on 'Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security', with testimony from Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson. Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Judiciary Committee press 1 202 224 7703.

10:00 AM Senate Small Business Committee hearing on flood insurance rate increases – Hearing on 'No More Hikes: Small Business Survival Amidst Unaffordable Flood Insurance Rate Increases', with testimony from Federal Emergency Management Agency Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation Roy Wright; Domain Homes CEO Kevin Robles; Association of State Floodplain Managers Chair Ceil Strauss; and Coldwell Banker One broker and owner David McKey. Location: Rm 428A, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://sbc.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship 1 202 224 5175.

10:30 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on corruption – Hearing on 'Corruption: Violent Extremism, Kleptocracy, and the Dangers of Failing Governance', with testimony from USAID Administrator Gayle Smith; Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Tomasz Malinowski; National Endowment for Democracy Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy Carl Gershman; and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Democracy and Rule of Law Program Senior Associate Sarah Chayes. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651.

2:00 PM Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters. Location: Rm 219, Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://intelligence.senate.gov>. Contacts: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence 1 202 224 1700  
**US House:** On Recess.

**Other:** 8:30 AM American Gaming Association Gaming Experts Forum – American Gaming Association Gaming Experts Forum on the future of sports betting and legalization nationwide. Speakers include AGA Senior VP of Public Affairs Sara Rayne, South Point Sports Book Director Jimmy Vaccaro, Boyd Gaming Sports Book Director Bob Scucci, and Nevada state Sen. Mark Lipparelli. Location: AGA HQ, 799 9th St., Washington, DC <http://www.americangaming.org/> <https://twitter.com/AGAUupdate>. Contacts: Chris Moyer AGA press [press@americangaming.org](mailto:press@americangaming.org) 1 603 479 1402.

9:00 AM USTR Froman discusses the TPP at Cato Institute – Cato Institute policy forum on 'Should Free Traders Support the Trans-Pacific Partnership?', with US Trade Representative Amb. Mike Froman presenting his case for the TPP, followed by panel discussions featuring American Enterprise Institute Resident Scholar Derek Scissors, JTI International Director of International Trade Geir Ulle, and Cato Institute Trade Policy Analyst Simon Lester, Senior Fellow in Trade Policy Studies Daniel Pearson, and Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies Director Daniel Ikenson. Location: Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.cato.org/> <https://twitter.com/CatoInstitute>. Contacts: Cato Institute [pr@cato.org](mailto:pr@cato.org) 1 202 789 5200 CatoPress.

9:30 AM Community of Democracies launch 'Democracy and Security Dialogue' initiative – Community of

Democracies launch 'Democracy and Security Dialogue', a year-long security initiative chaired by former Tunisian Prime Minister Mehdi Jomaa and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, to will identify best practices for governments to counter terrorism and violent extremism while collaborating on efforts to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. Speakers include Albright, Community of Democracies Sec Gen Maria Leissner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Tom Malinowski, USIP President Nancy Lindborg, Institute of Security Studies (South Africa) Head of Transnational Threats and International Crime Division Cheryl Frank, and European Centre for Not-for-Profit-Law (Hungary) Exec Dir Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans. Location: US Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave., Washington, DC <http://www.community-democracies.org/> <https://twitter.com/CommunityofDem>. Contacts: Community of Democracies [media@community-democracies.org](mailto:media@community-democracies.org).

10:00 AM Dem Sen. Ron Wyden speaks at New America 'Hacking America' discussion – New America 'Hacking America' discussion, on the proposed changes to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which could 'significantly expand the use of government hacking in FBI investigations, including allowing it to hack into innocent Americans' computers'. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden delivers opening remarks, with other speakers including Columbia University Professor of Computer Science Steven Bellovin, Flowers Law PLLC Partner Kobie Flowers, George Washington University Law School Fred C. Stevenson Research Professor Orin Kerr, Monument Policy Group Principal Stephanie Martz, and Access now US Policy Manager and Global Policy Counsel Amie Stepanovich. Location: New America, 740 15th St., NW, Washington, DC <http://www.newamerica.org/> <https://twitter.com/NewAmerica>. Contacts: New America Events@NewAmerica.org. 1 202 986 2700.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Kimmel:** [Referring to a Quinnipiac University poll on the Hillary Clinton-Donald Trump presidential race] "Quinnipiac University poll, the new poll, has them almost tied. Hillary is up 42 to 40 percent over Trump, and the other 18 percent polled said they're going to kill themselves in November."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** [Referring to the poll] "With the margin of error, they're in a virtual tie, which is a big deal. This is the first tie for Donald Trump that wasn't manufactured in China."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** [Referring to the poll] "When you break the numbers down, Clinton got the support of 91 percent of black voters, while Trump took just one. Not one percent. Literally one black voter. His name is Leonard, don't call him Leon. Leonard."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** [Referring to the poll] "Among Hispanic voters, Clinton leads Trump 50 percent to 33 percent, which surprised me. After all the things he's said, you'd think he'd have more support from African Americans than Mexican Americans. But then you remember, you know, if you cross the border to move to another country, there's a good chance that one of the reasons you did that is to get away from your family back home."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "I'll tell you something, when I'm vice president, there won't be any emails to read, because I will communicate exclusively through Snapchat. That will be the only way."

**Stephen Colbert:** "It is really hard to believe that there are only seven months left in the Obama presidency. You never know how much you're going to miss a guy until you see the options."

**Stephen Colbert:** "A lot of people are wondering what Barack Obama will do after he's president. There's a lot of speculation. And today, I read today that he is thinking about becoming a venture capitalist in Silicon Valley. Obama's a perfect fit for Silicon Valley. He's a nerd who got way more powerful than anyone in high school ever imagined."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Now, compare Obama's post-presidential plans to Jimmy Carter, who famously took a

low-paying construction job. I can't believe they're still making that man work. He's 91 years old! Let him retire, poor people. Sub-Saharan Africa is so selfish."

**Stephen Colbert:** "[Donald] Trump is making a real effort to appear more presidential these days. Yesterday, he went to a Pennsylvania recycling plant, where he unveiled part of his economic platform. And instead of wearing his trademark baseball cap, he stood in front of a giant pile of garbage."

**Trevor Noah:** "The Brexit fallout continues in Europe this week, particularly for Boris Johnson, the former London mayor who looks like Donald Trump had an allergic reaction to a bee sting."

**Conan O'Brien:** "I read that a record number of Americans are expected to travel this Fourth of July. A new record. Yeah. True story. And if [Donald] Trump wins the presidency, twice as many Americans are expected to travel this fourth of November."

**Conan O'Brien:** "Yesterday, Donald Trump gave a speech – did you see this? He gave a speech at an industrial plant while standing in front of a giant wall of trash. Yeah. Before the speech, Trump welcomed his new campaign manager, Mike Metaphor."

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