

isn't dead and neither is Biden's political career. In fact, in Biden's essay, and in other little-noticed public pronouncements, you can see him sculpting a role for in the 2020 presidential campaign that perhaps only he could get away with playing: the voice of anti-populism. Though Biden's essay was largely ignored amid the constant hum of Trump-related stories, it made a bit of news in wonk circles because Biden used it to announce his opposition to a 'universal basic income,' that newly vogue policy proposal in which every American would receive a periodic check from the government regardless of their work status." <http://politi.co/2hLYjiF> ... **Biden's post**
<http://bit.ly/2fihRQF>

RUSSIA WATCH -- "Wisconsin, Ohio, California among states targeted by Russian hackers in 2016 race," by Reuters' David Shepardson and Dustin Volz: "Wisconsin, Ohio, California and 10 other states said on Friday they were among 21 states that Russian government hackers targeted in an effort to sway the 2016 presidential election in favor of Donald Trump though no votes were changed. The Department of Homeland Security confirmed it had notified the states of the activity but declined to identify them. ...

"Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota, Texas and Washington state also confirmed they were targeted by Russian hackers but said they were not successful. Arizona and Illinois confirmed last year that they were targets. The Associated Press confirmed Iowa, Maryland, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Oregon, Oklahoma and Virginia were also targets, bringing the total states identified to 21. Those states did not immediately return messages seeking comment late Friday." <http://reut.rs/2xqsNnX>

OBAMA ALUMNI -- "Pod Payoff: Crooked Media's Jon Favreau Buys L.A. Bungalow for \$1.9M," by Realtor's Claudine Zap: "Jon Favreau, a former speechwriter for President Barack Obama, finally has a place for his Sonos speakers, Parachute sheets, and Blue Apron meals. Those are some of the sponsors he enthusiastically hawks on the popular podcast 'Pod Save America.' ... The Crooked Media co-founder and his wife, Emily Black, have settled in SoCal, where they purchased a Spanish-style bungalow in L.A. for \$1.9 million in early August. The three-bedroom, three-bath home was built in the 1920s and comes 'beautifully updated,' according to the listing." **With 8 pix on one page** <http://bit.ly/2wMJQOM>

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environmental health is the best way to advance the health of all creatures great and small. Using this "One Health" approach to problem solving, our research - much of which is federally funded - is resulting in cost-saving, translatable treatments for cancer, breakthroughs in stem cell therapy, increased awareness and management of emerging zoonotic diseases, better protection for endangered species, and comprehensive responses to environmental crises like oil spills and floods. Learn more about UC Davis health innovation at 21stcentury.ucdavis.edu. *****

MEDIAWATCH - "The mysterious group that's picking Breitbart apart, one tweet at a time," by WaPo's Paul Farhi: "Hardly anyone paid attention last November when a strangely named Twitter account, Sleeping Giants, sent its first tweet into the digisphere. 'Are you aware that you're advertising on Breitbart, the alt-right's biggest champion, today?' read the tweet, aimed at a consumer lending outfit called Social Finance. 'Are you supporting them publicly?' Within 30 minutes, Social Finance replied, tweeting that it would stop running ads on Breitbart. It was, it turns out, the start of an odd, and oddly effective, social media campaign against Breitbart ...

"Sleeping Giants is a mysterious group that has no address, no organizational structure and no officers. At least none that are publicly known. All of its leaders are anonymous, and much of what it claims is difficult to independently verify. A spokesman for the group wouldn't identify himself in interviews for this article. But the group does have a singular purpose, pursued as relentlessly as Ahab chasing a whale: It aims to drive advertisers away from Breitbart." <http://wapo.st/2fnUNDM>

-- **JIM WINDOLF** has been named NYT's new media editor. He previously edited Men's Style. <http://bit.ly/2fgZThD>

GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman, filing from NYC:

--**"She told them she was Hugo Chavez's ex-wife and worked in the White House. And she'd make them rich,"** by WaPo's Manuel Roig-Franzia: "Madame Giselle ... is forever boasting of being the secret wife of Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al-Sissi, even saying she facilitated the first phone call between the Middle Eastern leader and President Trump ... Over homemade Turkish coffee in her lavishly appointed apartment or across the table at pricey restaurants, the neighbors say, she has shared in a confiding tone that she occupies a prime White House office next to Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump." <http://wapo.st/2xsTJVs> (h/t Longform.org)

--**"Is Trump mentally ill? Or is America? Psychiatrists weigh in,"** by Carlos Lozada