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New & Notable Sources of Government Information
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<p>H.R. 990 (115th Congress) – Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement <i>(Introduced in the House on July 11, 2018)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-resolution/990/text</p>	<p>Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement The House placed a non-binding resolution backing ICE; votes 244-35, 133 voting Democrats</p>	
<p>H.R. 5428 (115th Congress) – Stand with UK against Russia Violations Act <i>(Introduced in the House on April 5, 2018)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5428/text</p>	<p>On March 4, 2018 Sergei Skripal and his daughter were found unconscious on a park bench in Salisbury, England; it was determined that they were poisoned and that Russia was responsible for the attack. The United States stands in strong solidarity with the British government and its people as they respond to this violation and any future Russian attacks on dissidents, expatriates, and democratic activists.</p>	

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<p>Climate Change Analysis https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-223</p>	<p>Reported federal funding to the Chairman of the Committee on Science Space, and Technology, House of Representatives</p>	
<p>H.R. 535 - An Act to Encourage Visits Between Taiwan and the United States at All Levels <i>(Introduced on January 13, 2017; Became Public Law on March 16, 2018)</i> https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/535</p>	<p>Many countries do not recognize Taiwan as a country</p>	
<p>S. Hrg. 114-778 - Central America and the Alliance for Prosperity: Identifying U.S. Priorities and Assessing Progress https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CHRG-114shrg30258/CHRG-114shrg30258</p>	<p>With U.S. support, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador have launched the Partnership for Prosperity. There are a myriad of issues that these countries are dealing with, among them, low job growth and high crime rates which lead to emigration to Mexico and the United States, to escape living in poverty and insecurity.</p>	

H. Hrg. 115-16 - Challenges Facing Law Enforcement in the 21st Century

<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CHRG-115hrg30234/CHRG-115hrg30234>

Each of us knows that our law enforcement officers across the Nation dedicate our lives and their lives to the precept which undergirds our country, and that is respect for, and adherence to, the rule of law. Policing in America has never been more complex, because law enforcement officers are the first responders to some of America's more complex and greatest social challenges, whether it is the growing opioid epidemic, the emerging threat of cyber terrorism, homegrown extremism, or the growing prevalence of mental illness across our nation. These are the 21st Century challenges that we must meet together.

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Peter Strzok's Testimony on Capitol Hill

<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CREC-2018-07-12/CREC-2018-07-12-pt1-PgH6166>

Peter Strzok, the FBI's former head of counter-espionage, owed the American public explanations about the messages he sent on his work devices while investigating Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

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Today in History

July 1, 1847

U.S. Post Office Issues First Postage Stamps

<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-01?loclr=eato#u-s-post-office-issues-first-stamps>

The first postage stamps issued featured Benjamin Franklin, the first Postmaster General, on the 5 cent and George Washington on the 10 cent.

July 1, 1863

Battle of Gettysburg

<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-01?loclr=eatod#the-battle-of-gettysburg>

Both armies suffered devastating losses on the first day of battle, but Union losses proved much greater. While the first day of the battle was counted a Confederate victory, the tide turned on July 2 and came to be viewed as a turning point to the Civil War.

*So it ends, this lesser battle of the first day,
Starkly disputed and piecemeal won and lost
By corps-commanders who carried no magic plans
Stowed in their sleeves, but fought and held as they
could.*

*It is past. The board is staked for the greater game
Which is to follow...*

John Brown's Body, by Stephen Vincent Benet.
(Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Doran, 1928), 294.

<p><i>July 2, 1863</i> Battle of Gettysburg https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-02?loclr=eatod</p>	<p>This day, tragic for both sides, ended with Union victory.</p> <p><i>They say the noise was incessant as the sound Of all wolves howling, when that attack came on. They say, when the guns all spoke, that the solid ground Of the rocky ridges trembled like a sick child. John Brown's Body, by Stephen Vincent Benet. (Garden City, New York: Doubleday, Doran, 1928), 299-300.</i></p>
<p><i>July 2, 1881</i> President Garfield Assassinated https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-02?loclr=eatod</p>	<p>Charles Guiteau shoots newly inaugurated U.S. President James Garfield. Guiteau blamed Garfield for not selecting him for a job at the U.S. Consulate in Paris. His trial was the first to use insanity as a defense in criminal court. Nevertheless, he was found guilty and hanged on June 30, 1882.</p>
<p><i>July 3, 1863</i> Pickett's Charge https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-03/</p>	<p>The attack, commonly known as Pickett's Charge or Longstreet's Assault, was an attempt to penetrate the center of Union forces on Cemetery Ridge. During the attack, only one Confederate brigade temporarily reached the top of the ridge—afterwards called the high watermark of the Confederacy—led by Brigadier General Lewis Armistead who, just before being shot, yelled, "Give them cold steel, boys!" The charge ultimately proved disastrous for the Confederates, with casualties approaching 60 percent. As a consequence, Confederate General Robert E. Lee was forced to retreat and ultimately abandon his attempt to reach Washington, D.C. via Pennsylvania.</p>
<p><i>July 11, 1804</i> A Tragic Duel https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-11/</p>	<p>Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr met to settle their longstanding differences with a duel. Hamilton was fatally wounded. This tragically extreme incident reflected the depth of animosity aroused by the first emergence of the nation's political party system.</p>
<p><i>July 17, 1754</i> The Founding of Columbia University https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-17?loclr=eatod</p>	<p>King's College opened in New York City. The Anglican academy would later grow into the venerable Columbia University. During the American Revolution, the college was closed, but when peace was declared, it reopened under a new name, Columbia College, in honor of the new nation.</p>
<p><i>July 23, 1904</i> Invention of the Ice Cream Cone https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-23/</p>	<p>Charles E. Menches conceived the idea of filling a pastry with two scoops of ice cream, and thereby invented the ice cream cone. Albeit, more than one person claims to have invented the ice cream cone. At the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, a cone made from a rolled waffle, vaulted into popularity in the United States.</p>
<p><i>July 27, 1946</i> Gertrude Stein Dies https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/july-27</p>	<p>Avant-garde writer and art connoisseur Gertrude Stein died in France. Stein enjoyed a reputation both as a cultural figure and for her circle of friends, among them, Hemingway, Picasso, Matisse, John Dos Passos, F. Scott Fitzgerald. She observed to Hemingway, "you are all a lost generation".</p>

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Leonard Bernstein Centennial https://www.loc.gov/collections/leonard-bernstein/about-this-collection/	May/June 2018 - This year the world is celebrating the centennial of Leonard Bernstein, whose papers reveal the extraordinary depths of the American composer, conductor, pianist, educator and social activist. This page gives links to a short biography of Bernstein, and the famous people and <i>causes célèbres</i> of his life.

Centers for Disease Control	
	
Skin Cancer is the most common cancer in America, even though most cases can be prevented https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/what_cdc_is_doing/progress_report.htm	Includes the Fourth Annual Skin Cancer prevention report and success stories.

National Park Service	
	
The summer's not over yet! Consider visiting one of our National Parks. They are our crown jewels which preserve and protect our national heritage and values. Check out our brochures on the second floor!	
National Scenic and Wildlife Parks	
The Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio https://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm	Hiking, biking, and wildlife watching. CVNP is part of the Ohio & Erie Canalway, a National Heritage Area.
Muir Woods, California https://www.nps.gov/muwo/index.htm	Coast redwoods are the tallest living things on Earth. Most of the redwoods here are 500 to 800 years old, some maybe over 1,000 years old. <i>Reservations required.</i>
Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado & Utah https://www.nps.gov/dino/index.htm	This monument includes one of Earth's richest known dinosaur fossil beds. These remains are from the Jurassic period 150 million years ago.
Devil's Tower, Wyoming https://www.nps.gov/deto/index.htm	In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed Devil's Tower the first national monument under the new Antiquities Act. His action made Wyoming the home of both our first national park - Yellowstone - and our first national monument. Today this park protects a broad range of natural and cultural resources.
National Historic Parks	
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Maryland/Washington D.C./West Virginia https://www.nps.gov/choh/index.htm	The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal began as a dream of passage to western wealth. It endures as a national historic park today - a pathway into history, nature, and recreation.

Manassas National Battlefield, Virginia https://www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm	Much of the remains of these battlefields of the Civil War remain. You can drive through it, or park rangers can guide you through on foot.
Vicksburg, Louisiana/Mississippi https://www.nps.gov/vick/index.htm	The nation was divided in the Civil War, but both sides agreed that Vicksburg was vital to victory.