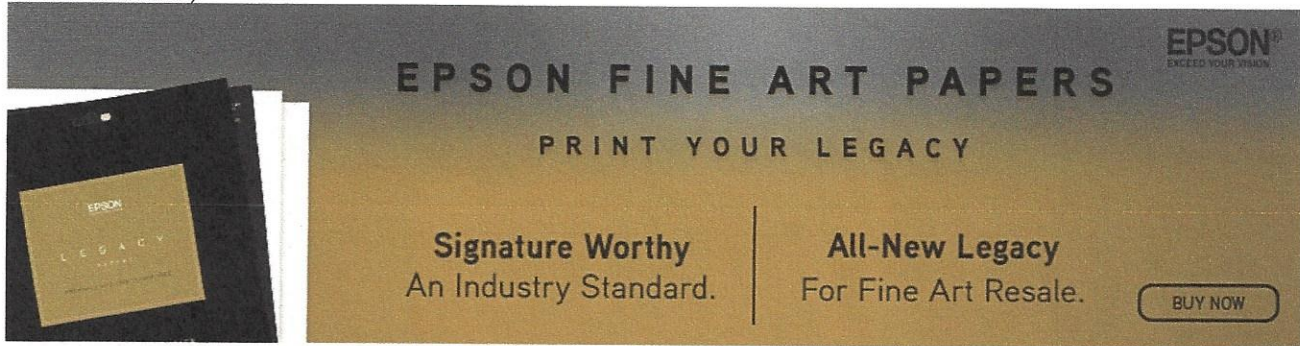


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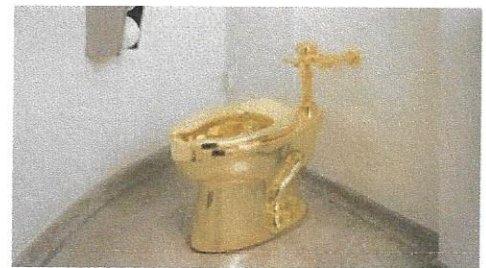
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## New Jersey

Cross the Hudson to check out the home of the artist Cai Guo-Qiang, which was designed by Frank Gehry. It's a twisty wood-and-metal structure on the site of a former horse farm. [[T: The New York Times Style Magazine](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/t-magazine/cai-guo-qiang-house-frank-gehry.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Ft-magazine&action=click&contentCollection=t-magazine&region=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=sectionfront) ([https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/t-magazine/cai-guo-qiang-house-frank-gehry.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Ft-magazine&action=click&contentCollection=t-](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/t-magazine/cai-guo-qiang-house-frank-gehry.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Ft-magazine&action=click&contentCollection=t-magazine&region=rank&module=package&version=highlights&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=sectionfront)



Maurizio Cattelan, "America."  
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## Museum Oddities

The Guggenheim's chief curator, Nancy Spector, has penned a blog post about Maurizio Cattelan's "America"—the 18-karat gold toilet that so excited the city it ended up on the cover of the *New York Post*—and revealed that it will leave the museum September 15, a year to the day after its installation. You have until then to find which bathroom the work inhabits, and, um, activate it. [[Guggenheim](https://www.guggenheim.org/blogs/checklist/maurizio-cattelans-golden-toilet-in-the-time-of-trump) (<https://www.guggenheim.org/blogs/checklist/maurizio-cattelans-golden-toilet-in-the-time-of-trump>)]

The SFO Museum lets those passing through the San Francisco airport to check out an exhibition before they catch their flights. [[SFGate](http://www.sfgate.com/travel/article/SFO-Museum-a-good-place-to-land-for-art-on-the-fly-11823767.php) (<http://www.sfgate.com/travel/article/SFO-Museum-a-good-place-to-land-for-art-on-the-fly-11823767.php>)]

## Removing Statues

As the president rails against the removal of statues erected to honor figures of the Confederacy, there is a great deal of debate about how such works should be displayed. Christopher Knight says that while "many should just be bulldozed or melted down," others should be placed in museums as an example of our "ugly history." [[The Los Angeles Times](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-et-cm-confederate-monuments-20170818-htmlstory.html) (<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-et-cm-confederate-monuments-20170818-htmlstory.html>)]

"These are not works of art, they're propaganda," Adam Pendleton said. "To equate them with how a work of art exists in the world is a false equation. They're instruments of a political agenda and it would be real folly to suggest that there is any kind of ambiguity." [[The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/arts/design/confederate-statues-artists-preservationists-trump.html) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/18/arts/design/confederate-statues-artists-preservationists-trump.html>)]

Meanwhile, administrators at Duke University have removed a bust of Robert E. Lee from outside the Duke Chapel. The statue had been vandalized following the events in Charlottesville, and Duke alumni had called for its removal. [[The Duke Chronicle](http://www.dukechronicle.com/article/2017/08/robert-e-lee-statue-removed-from-campus/) (<http://www.dukechronicle.com/article/2017/08/robert-e-lee-statue-removed-from-campus/>)]

## Remembering Picasso

Here's a nice interview with the artist Françoise Gilot, who began a relationship with Pablo Picasso after he painted her portrait. She's still exhibiting work, and from how this is shown she is 100 years old. [CBS News (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/artist-francoise-gilot-on-life-with-and-after-picasso/>)]

## In Washington

Here's a look at the double dates of two art-collecting power couples: Dasha Zhukova and Roman Abramovich, and Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump. Zhukova and Abramovich, who separated earlier this month, invited Kushner and Trump to Moscow in 2013. The story goes on to look at the many ways Abramovich and his business associates are connected to Vladimir Putin. [Bloomberg (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-18/billionaire-ally-of-putin-socialized-with-kushner-ivanka-trump>)]

What going on in the Washington, D.C. gallery scene? Well, it's showcasing more and more politically charged work, a rarity in such spaces until the election. [The Washington Post ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/in-the-galleries-the-art-of-politics-has-exploded-in-washington/2017/08/18/4da90e5a-80aa-11e7-9c7a-20fa8d7a0db6\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.c262126ad94f](https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/in-the-galleries-the-art-of-politics-has-exploded-in-washington/2017/08/18/4da90e5a-80aa-11e7-9c7a-20fa8d7a0db6_story.html?utm_term=.c262126ad94f))]

The president and first lady will not attend this year's Kennedy Center Honors. After some of the recipients announced plans to boycott a related gala at the White House, the Kennedy Center canceled that part of the programming. But it will be able to go ahead with the main awards ceremony without Donald Trump, and in a statement, board chair David M. Rubenstein and president Karen Rutter both seem pretty psyched about that. "In choosing not to participate in this year's Honors activities, the administration has graciously signaled its respect for the Kennedy Center and ensures the Honors gala remains a deserving special moment for the honorees," the statement reads. [The New York Times ([https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/19/us/politics/donald-and-melania-trump-to-skip-kennedy-center-honors.html?ref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Farts&action=click&contentCollection=arts&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=7&](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/19/us/politics/donald-and-melania-trump-to-skip-kennedy-center-honors.html?ref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Farts&action=click&contentCollection=arts&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=7&))]

The National Museum of African American History and Culture director issued a statement about the tragedy in Charlottesville. "The violent displays of racism and anti-Semitism are reprehensible," the statement reads. "These heinous acts are an assault on our nation's values and threaten to move our country backward to a time when many had little regard for the principles of fairness, liberty and equality." [Smithsonian Magazine (<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/director-smithsonians-african-american-history-museum-releases-statement-charlottesville-180964576/>)]

## R.I.P.

The comedian and filmmaker Jerry Lewis has died. He was 91. [Variety (<http://variety.com/2017/film/people-news/jerry-lewis-dies-dead-nutty-professor-1202533899/>)]

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