ROSSELLÓ . . . said that the private chat—
the same private chat in which he threat-
ened former New York City Council
speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and called
her a “whore” in Spanish and also joked
about a threat against the mayor of San
Juan, Carmen Yulín Cruz—was just a way
to relieve stress.
—WASHINGTON POST, JULY 18, 2019

WHY BE IN CONGRESS, THEN?
While some Senate Republicans warned
the administration this week that at least
20 GOP senators may defy Trump on Mex-
ico tariffs if it comes to a vote, other Texas
lawmakers weren’t willing to go that far.
“[I’m not going to vote on a disapproval
of the president’s actions. That’s a long-
time policy of mine],” Rep. Kenny
Marchant (R-Texas), even as he expressed
some reticence over Trump’s tariff threat.
“I never voted against the governor when
I was in the statehouse.”
—WASHINGTON POST, JUNE 6, 2019

WILL THEY ARREST OTHER
DRUG USERS?
Of the 10 candidates [for UK prime minis-
ter], eight have admitted to doing drugs . . .
[Boris] Johnson admitted to trying co-
caine and cannabis in his younger days,
but he told GQ in 2007 that the drugs
“achieved no pharmacological, psy-
chotropic or any other effect on me
whatsoever.”
—WASHINGTON POST, JUNE 11, 2019

DID THE SAME WEATHER CAUSE
STARVATION IN SOUTH KOREA?
The survey found that abnormally high
temperatures, drought in some areas and
flooding in others severely reduced the
2018 fall harvest of grains including rice,
wheat and soybeans, leading to food inse-
curity for 10.1 million of North Korea’s
25.5 million people.
—NPR, JUNE 9, 2019

CENTRAL PLANNING FOR
AGRICULTURE
MEXICO HAS AGREED TO IMME-
DIATELY BEGIN BUYING LARGE
QUANTITIES OF AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCT FROM OUR GREAT
PATRIOT FARMERS!
—PRESIDENT TRUMP ON TWITTER, JUNE 8, 2019

PARTY TIME ON K STREET
Faced with the growing possibility of antitrust actions and legislation to curb
their power, four of the biggest technol-
yogy companies are amassing an army of
lobbyists as they prepare for what could
be an epic fight over their futures . . .
The industry’s troubles mean big pay-
days for the lawyers, political operatives
and public relations experts hired to
ward off regulations, investigations and
lawsuits that could curtail the companies’
huge profits.
—NEW YORK TIMES, JUNE 5, 2019

SOCIALISM
Yolanda will only give her first name and
won’t talk politics. She doesn’t want to
jeopardize a resource that her family de-
pends on: A food box provided to the
poor by the government of [Venezuelan] President Nicolas Maduro. Distribution
is controlled by local officials from the
ruling Socialist Party. Rights groups say
these officials monitor people and strike
them off the list if they criticize the gov-
erment.
—NPR, JULY 18, 2019