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THE YOUNGEST CHILDREN ARE FALLING OUT OF HEALTH INSURANCE – (Stateline)
The first years of life are foundational to the development of the brain and the cardiovascular, immune and metabolic systems. Early childhood is when medical interventions to correct problems in any of those areas are most likely to succeed. Unfortunately, the number of children under the age of 6 without health insurance has recently been increasing. More.

MIDDLE CLASS INCOMES HAVE FALLEN BEHIND AND NOT SET TO CATCH UP SAYS CBO – (Brookings)
Cumulative average income growth from 1979 to 2016 has been much faster for households in the top 1% of the distribution than for those in other income brackets. Incomes for the other 99% have been growing slowly. More concerning, is that there are no indications that the growth rate will pick up. Income inequality will continue to be an issue in the near future. More.

WOMEN’S GAINS IN THE WORK FORCE CONCEAL A PROBLEM – (NYTimes)
American women have just achieved a significant milestone: They hold more payroll jobs than men. But this isn’t entirely good news for workers, whether they’re men or women. Jobs traditionally viewed as female still don’t pay well, and still don’t appeal to men. Fixing one of these things would fix the other. More.

HOW DOG PARKS TOOK OVER THE URBAN LANDSCAPE – (The Smithsonian)
Birthed from the counterculture of the ‘60s, the pet playground has witnessed a major shift in how Americans relate to their canines. Urban planning, metropolitan identity, gentrification. “When you start unpacking what a dog park means, you really open a Pandora’s box.” More.