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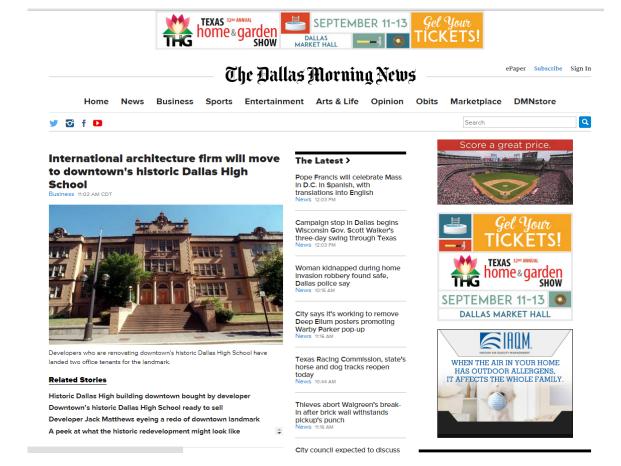
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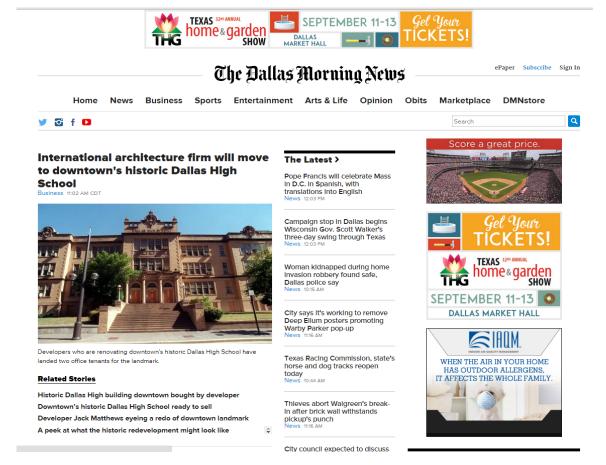
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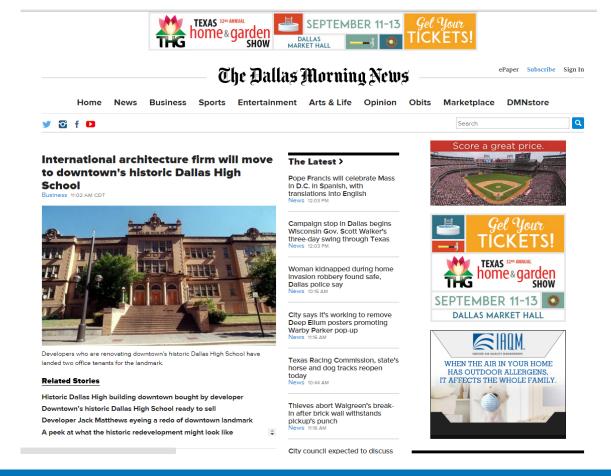


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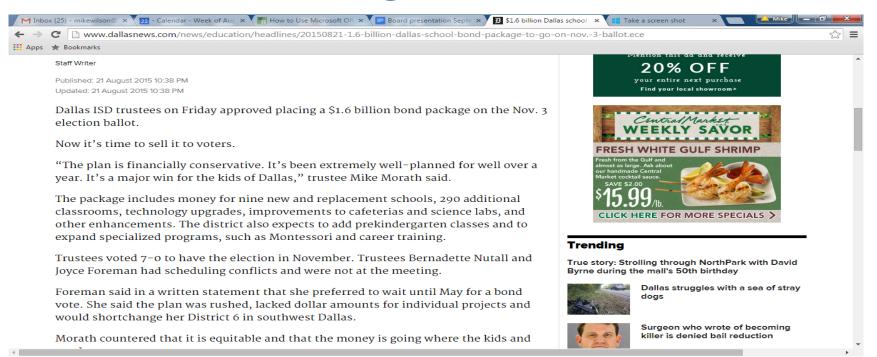
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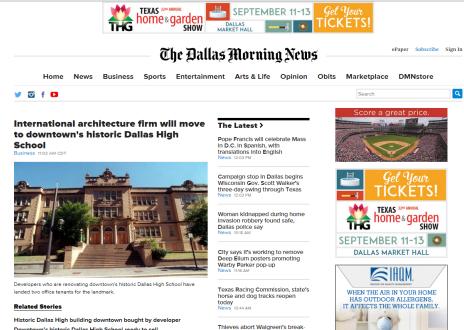
## That thinking carried over to article



"Imagine a newsroom where we think of the DMN first as a digital news organization. ... A newsroom where we are driven much more by what the audience needs and much less by what we're used to doing. "

Mike Wilson, May 18, 2015

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Downtown's historic Dallas High School ready to sell Developer Jack Matthews eveing a redo of downtown landmark A peek at what the historic redevelopment might look like

City council expected to discuss

#### "We'll think of ourselves as a website that produces a great American newspaper."



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CAPABILITIES	<ul> <li>What skills must the newsroom have to produce desired content across platforms</li> <li>What roles and resources are needed and in what numbers</li> </ul>
ORGANIZATION AND WORK PROCESS	<ul> <li>How should the newsroom be organized</li> <li>What are the workflows to produce content and engage readers</li> <li>What tech tools are needed and how should they be used</li> </ul>



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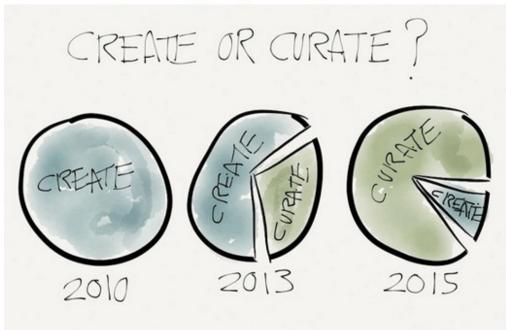
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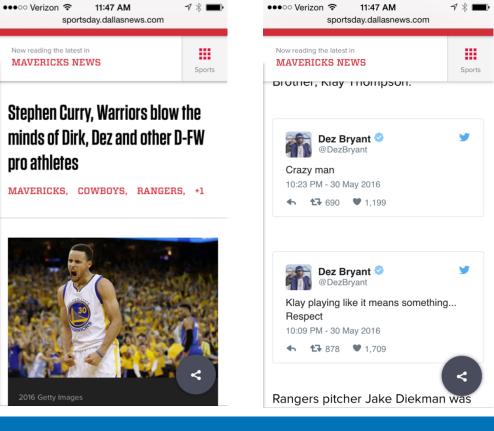
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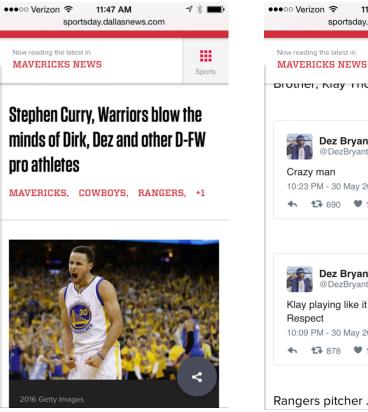
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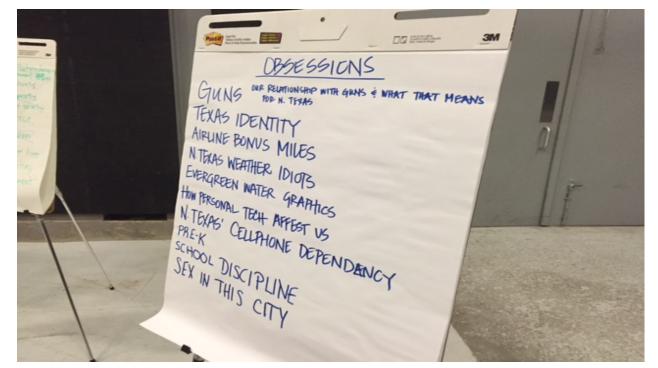
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### The obsessions model



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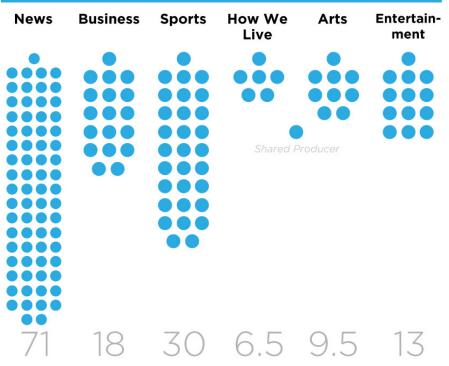


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#### EMPHASIS ON CURATION DRIVES BIG AUDIENCES

- ✓ What we've accomplished so far:
  - Breaking News Team launched in March focused on smart, valueadd aggregation
  - Team uniques grew +84% from March-April (3.9 million-7.1million)
  - Three producers focused on curation accounted for nearly 4 million (23%) of April's unique visitors and increased uniques +267% in one month.



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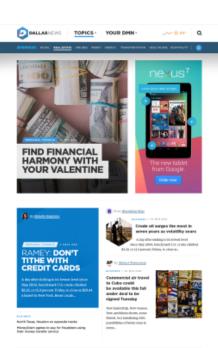
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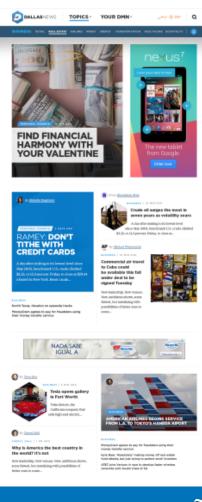
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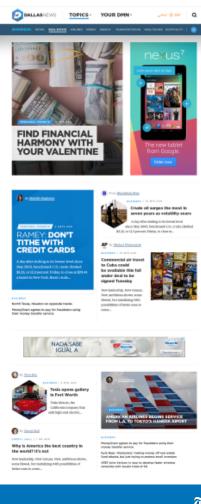
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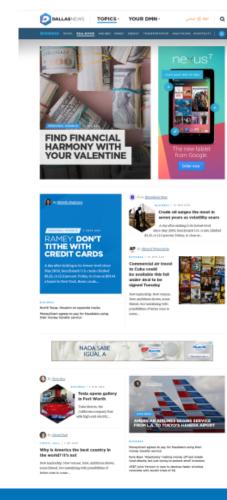
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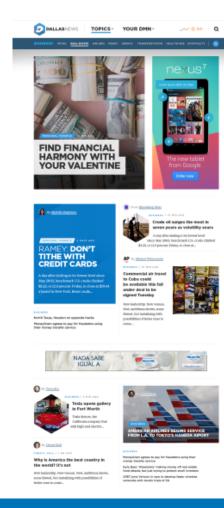
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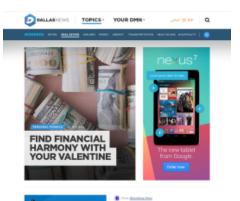
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