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- A series of class actions argue that cosmetology schools 10 owe student workers at least the minimum wage.
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- LITIGATION FINANCING Crowdfunding can be a great way to finance your case-or destroy it.
- 33 TECH A Harvard hackathon brings practicality to political causes.