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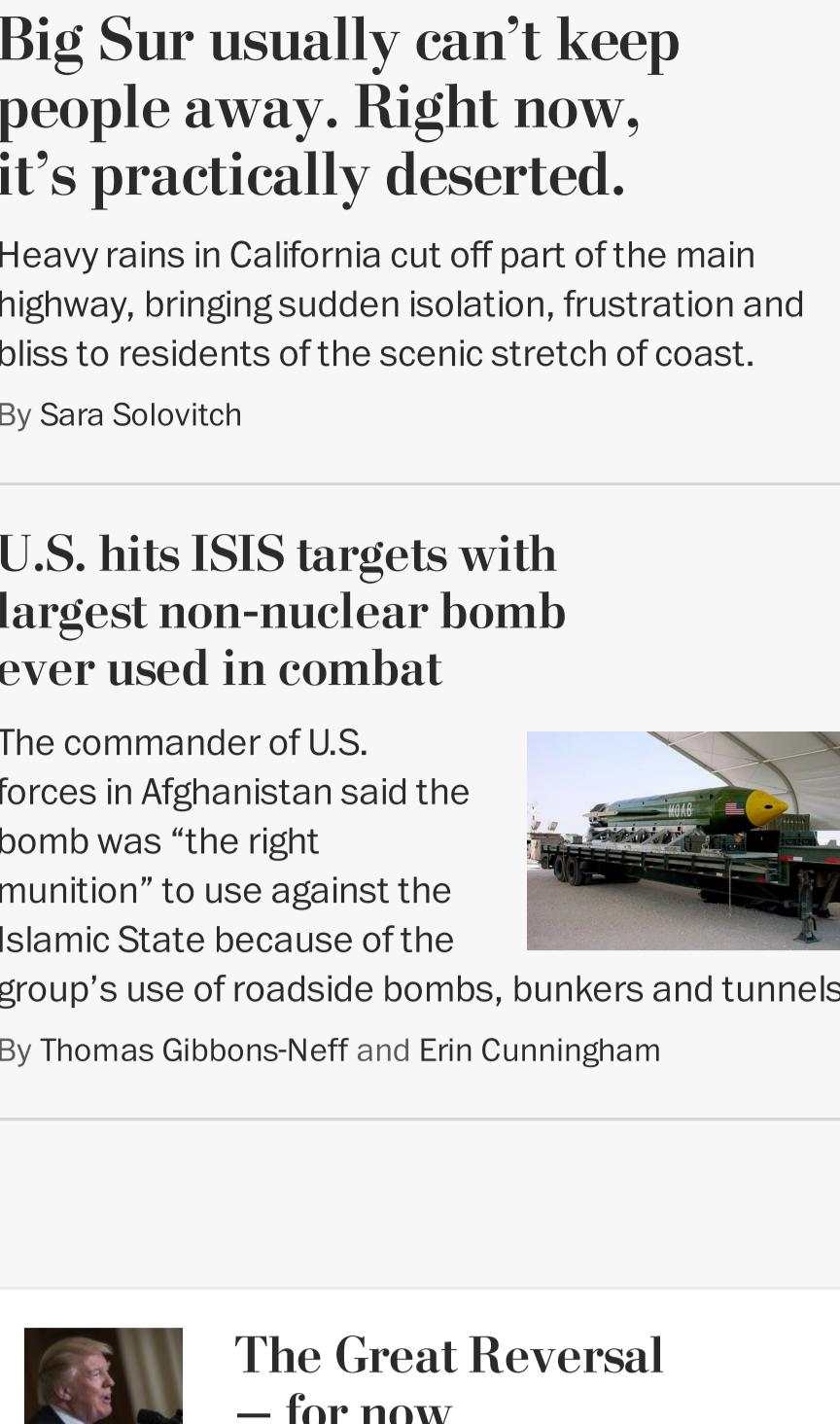
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Within Trump's inner circle, a moderate voice captures the president's ear

Gary Cohn, director of the National Economic Council and former president of Goldman Sachs, raises his profile by strengthening his reputation as a dealmaker.

By Damian Paletta

* Establishment says Trump becoming a 'conventional Republican'



Maria Placencia, her husband, Jesus Mora, and their children bring groceries across the storm-damaged Highway 1 Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge on the way to their home in Big Sur, Calif. (AP)

Big Sur usually can't keep people away. Right now, it's practically deserted.

Heavy rains in California cut off part of the main highway, bringing sudden isolation, frustration and bliss to residents of the scenic stretch of coast.

By Sara Solovitch

Trump signs bill allowing states to strip federal family-planning funds from abortion providers

Abortion-rights advocates said the rule would deny many as 4 million Americans access to birth control and other family-planning services.

By Juliet Eilperin

EPA halts Obama-era rule aimed at curbing toxic wastewater from coal plants

The regulation went into effect in 2015, but the energy industry has appealed to the Trump administration to revisit it.

By Brady Dennis

* Obama's 'clean coal' investments help Trump officials push fossil fuels

U.S. hits ISIS targets with largest non-nuclear bomb ever used in combat

The commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan said the bomb was "the right munition" to use against the Islamic State because of the group's use of roadside bombs, bunkers and tunnels.

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Erin Cunningham

Opinions



We don't know where Trump stands. Neither does he.

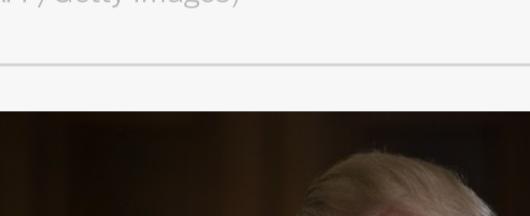
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The Great Reversal — for now

By Charles Krauthammer

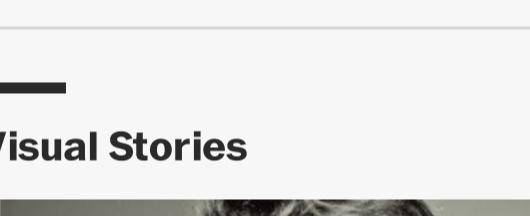
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Republican House leader avoids selling GOP health-care plan at home

When faced with a crowd of angry constituents in his district this week, Rep. Greg Walden of Oregon seemed reluctant to claim the legislation as his own. Instead, he stressed parts of the Affordable Care Act that he'd kept.

By Paige Winfield Cunningham



United passenger: Dragging incident more horrifying than fleeing Vietnam

David Dao will need reconstructive surgery after suffering a serious concussion, broken nose, two missing teeth and other injuries when he was dragged off a United flight at O'Hare International Airport on Sunday, his lawyer said.

By Lori Aratani

* Lawyer says passenger will 'probably' sue



Canada poised to legalize recreational marijuana use nationwide

A plan to legalize marijuana by July 2018 is widely expected to become law, but it would leave the details of implementation, including commercial regulations, to individual provinces.

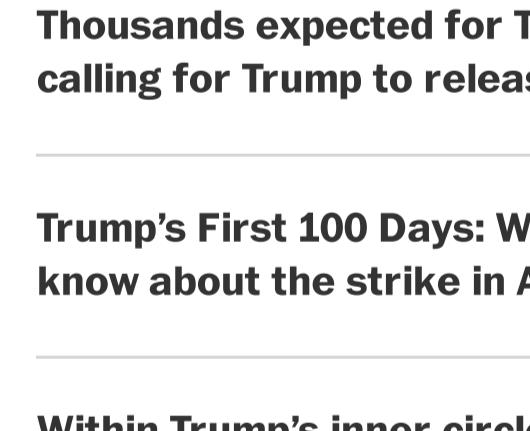
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Perspective Mary Magdalene has spent two millennia maligned as a prostitute. It's time for that myth to end.

In some ways, Mary Magdalene's story is that of modern women everywhere who dare to work among men as equals and are then sexualized and marginalized. Now there's a social media campaign to end the shaming.

By Petula Dvorak



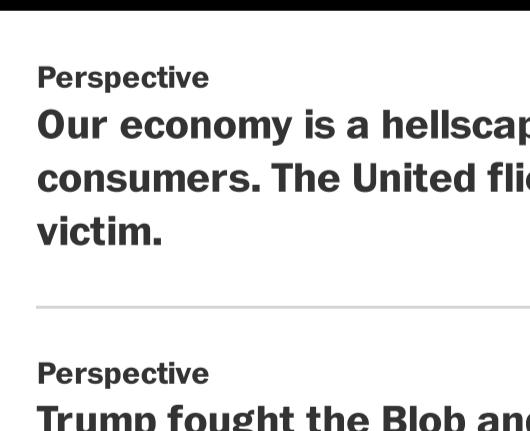
'Ready to pay': Marine taken away in shackles after pleading guilty to lying in sexual misconduct case

Maj. Mark Thompson falsely claimed for years that he did not have sex with two students at the Naval Academy. "I should have faced the entire truth," he said Thursday. "I'm exhausted, broken in spirit and ready to pay what I owe."

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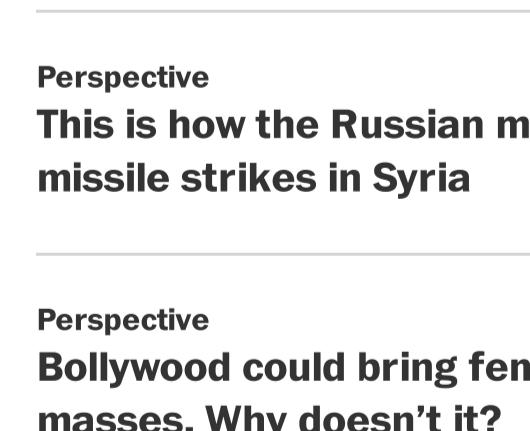


How Erdogan has reshaped Turkey, as told by readers

On Sunday, voters in Turkey will decide whether to give President Recep Tayyip Erdogan sweeping new powers. We asked readers around the globe how Turkey has changed since Erdogan came to power.

By Washington Post Staff

* Türkçe oku



Thousands expected in D.C. for Tax Day protest calling for Trump to release his personal returns

Saturday's Tax March on the Mall — which falls on the nation's traditional April 15 deadline to file taxes — is expected to be the largest of more than 100 affiliated protests planned across the country.

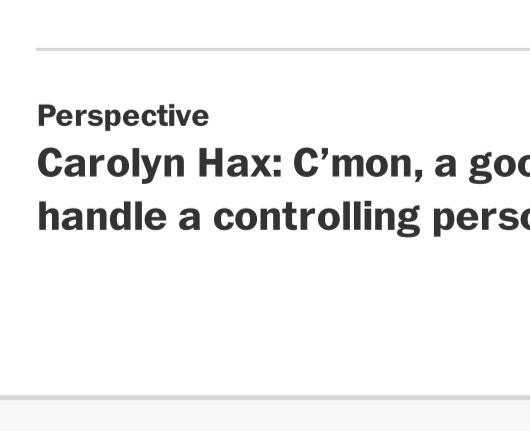
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Georgia county fires officer captured on video kicking handcuffed man in the head

Robert McDonald — who was responding to a call to assist another officer in a struggle — "just got tunnel vision," Gwinnett County Police Chief Butch Ayers said Thursday.

By Peter Holley and Lindsey Bever



GAO launches probe of Trump transition's spending, fundraising and foreign communications

Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Elijah E. Cummings had asked the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office to review the transition's practices in late November, citing rising concerns about conflicts of interest between Donald Trump's about-to-be leadership of the government and his private business activities.

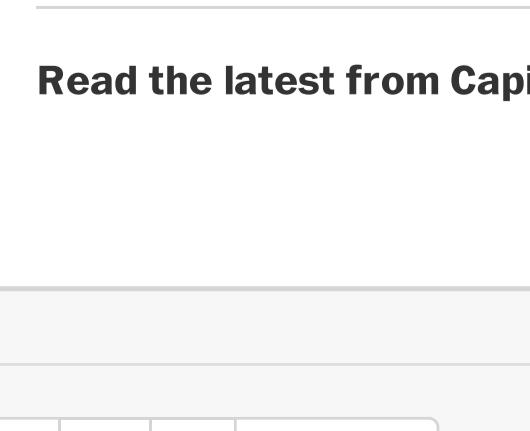
By Elise Viebeck



U.S.-led coalition accidentally bombs Syrian allies, killing 18

The airstrike earlier this week marks the worst confirmed friendly-fire incident in the nearly three-year-old war against the terrorist group. The coalition said in a statement that the strike was requested by "partnered forces" near the town of Tabqa who accidentally targeted a group of Kurdish and Arab fighters.

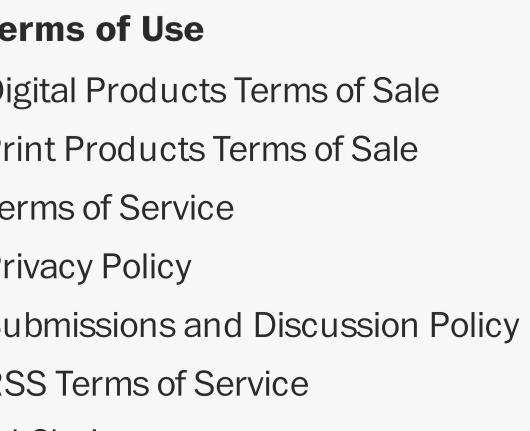
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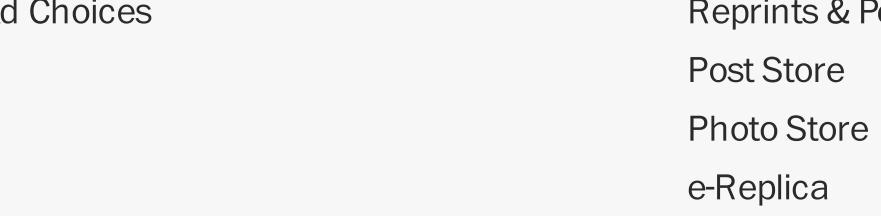
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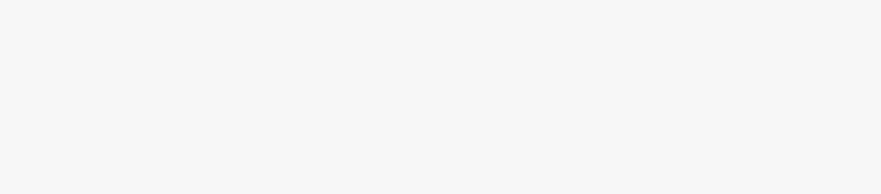
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