The Washington Post The Washington Post DXC.technology THRIVE ON CHANGE. DXC.technology THRIVE ON CHANGE. Democracy Dies in Darkness **April 3, 2017** Edition: U.S. & World | Regional In the News Trump 'incitement' Rachel Dolezal Scott Pruitt Neil deGrasse Tyson Death penalty April the giraffe Tina Fey Shia LaBeouf ACM Awards **EXCLUSIVE** Blackwater founder held secret meeting to establish Trump-Secret meeting 2:21 Putin back channel (Video: Sarah Parnass/Post; wire photos) The United Arab Emirates arranged the meeting — nine days before Donald Trump's inauguration — between Blackwater founder Erik Prince and a Russian close to President Vladimir Putin as part of an apparent effort to establish a back-channel line of communication between Moscow and the president-elect, according to U.S., European and Arab officials. The White House said it was not aware of any meetings and Prince had no role in Trump's transition. By Adam Entous, Greg Miller, Kevin Sieff and Karen DeYoung The Fix: The White House is a smoke machine when it comes to Russia Graphic: Here's what we know so far about Team Trump's ties to Russian interests Sessions orders review of all reform agreements with troubled police forces • In a memo, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the review is necessary to ensure the reform agreements do not work against the Trump administration's goals of promoting officer safety and morale while fighting violent crime. All pacts reached previously between the Justice Department's civil rights division and local police Trump senior adviser Jared Kushner in Baghdad. departments — a key legacy of the Obama (Reuters) administration — will be subject to review, throwing into question whether some of the agreements will Kushner trip to Iraq stay in place. underscores his singular role in By Sari Horwitz, Mark Berman and Wesley Lowery Trump's White House 12 minutes ago Read the Sessions memo The portfolio of Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, has grown to encompass slices of everything from foreign policy to Trump can quietly draw money domestic issues to serving as the in-house mediator from trust whenever he wants, for the various feuding camps within the West Wing. new documents show But Kushner's outsize role has led to larger-than-life sniping and resentments. 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By Mike DeBonis and John Wagner 45 minutes ago NCAA Tournament North Carolina, after heartbreak a year ago, beats Gonzaga, 71-65, for school's sixth NCAA title In an instant classic, the Tar Heels battled back from a rough first half to claim victory over the Bulldogs, as Coach Roy Williams and his team that fell short of the championship a year (Tom Pennington/Getty Images) ago were on the right side of a narrow win Monday. By Washington Post Staff • 19 minutes ago Share news tips with us confidentially Do you have information the public should know? 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