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Crises in Syria, North Korea put Trump's 'America First' foreign policy to the test

The Syrian chemical weapons attack seemed to awaken the president's sense of moral responsibility as leader of the world's sole remaining superpower. A president who has often seemed indifferent to suffering in faraway countries — including the plight of Syrian refugees — reacted with a natural revulsion. Less clear was whether that would produce a significant shift in policy.

By Greg Jaffe

Hinting at action, Trump says chemical attack in Syria 'crossed a lot of lines for me'

The president acknowledged that he now bears responsibility for a war his predecessor could not end, but he offered no specifics on what he could do differently.

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'If the world wanted to stop this, they would have done so by now'

In Khan Sheikhoun, Syria, site of a chemical attack that killed scores of civilians, families spoke of grief and a sense of betrayal, as the United States and European allies at the U.N. Security Council demanded an investigation. "My son died yesterday," one woman said. "I have nothing left to say to the world."

By Louisa Loveluck and Zakaria Zakaria



White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon, left, and national security adviser H.R. McMaster. (AP, APF/Getty)

Bannon's removal from NSC reflects growing influence of national security adviser H.R. McMaster

An Army three-star general who took over the post after Michael Flynn was ousted in February, McMaster is increasingly asserting himself over the flow of national security information in the White House. He has become a rising and blunt force who has made clear to several top officials and the president that he does not want the NSC to have any political elements.

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The Senate majority leader believes the GOP's unilateral response to confirm Neil Gorsuch on a simple majority vote will take senators "back to what was the tradition in the Senate" for confirming justices. McCain sees the move as the next step in the slide to crushing the chamber's bipartisan traditions.

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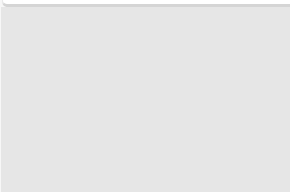
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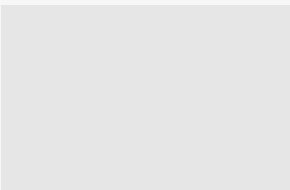
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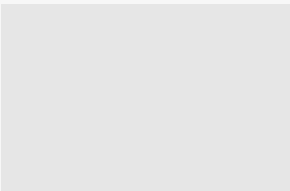
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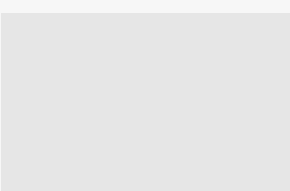
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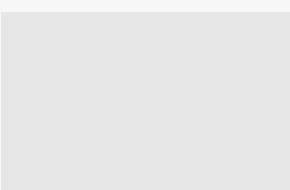
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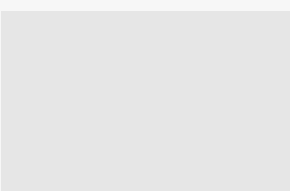
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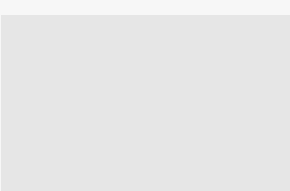


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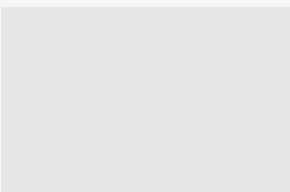


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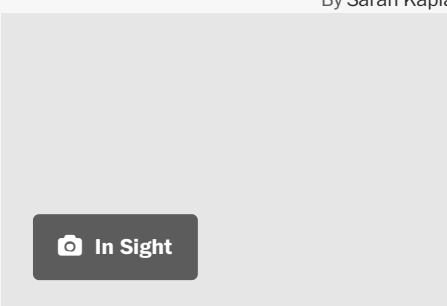
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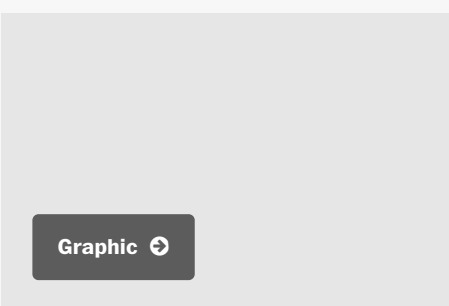
A battalion of scientists working in concert at night observatories on four continents Wednesday night will attempt to capture a silhouette of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way.

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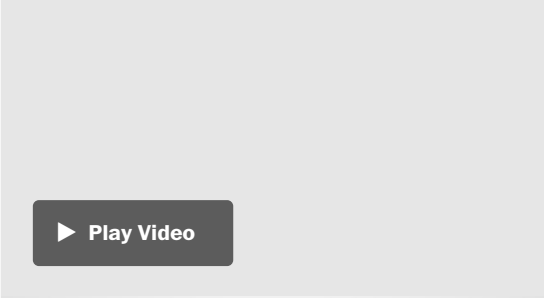


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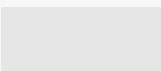
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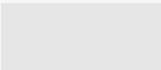
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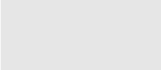
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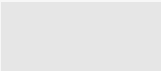
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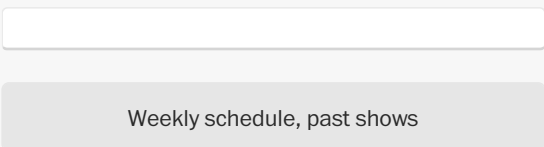
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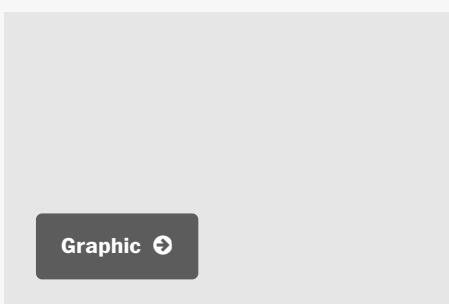
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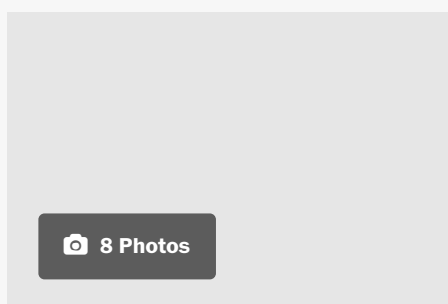
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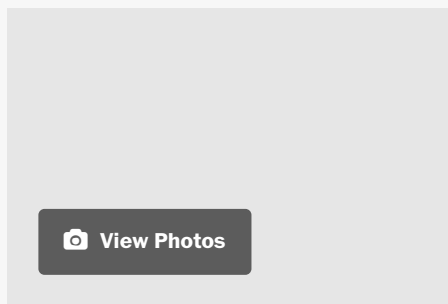
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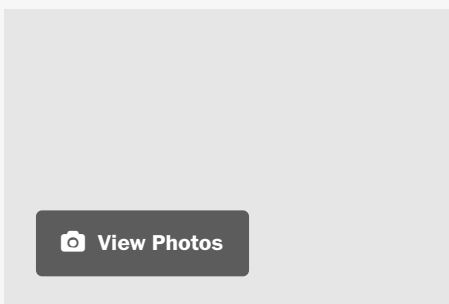
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