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Trump and 'America First' foreign policy face first moral quandary in Syria

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

By Greg Jaffe

The Fix Analysis**Some Senate Republicans fret over Trump's handling of Syria**

This week's criticism from powerful lawmakers in the Senate over President Trump's response to his first major international test suggests that in the eyes of these GOP foreign-policy leaders, he has failed in a dangerous way.

By Amber Phillips

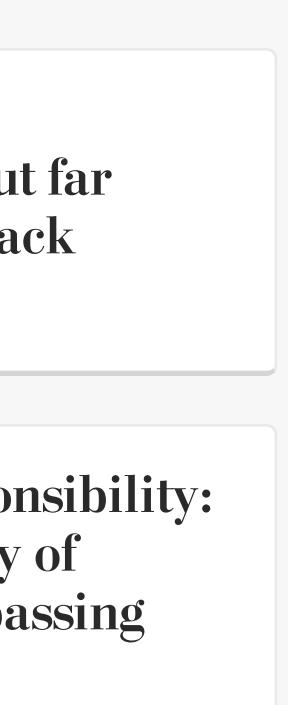
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'If the world wanted to stop this, they would have done so by now'

In Khan Sheikoun, Syria, the 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

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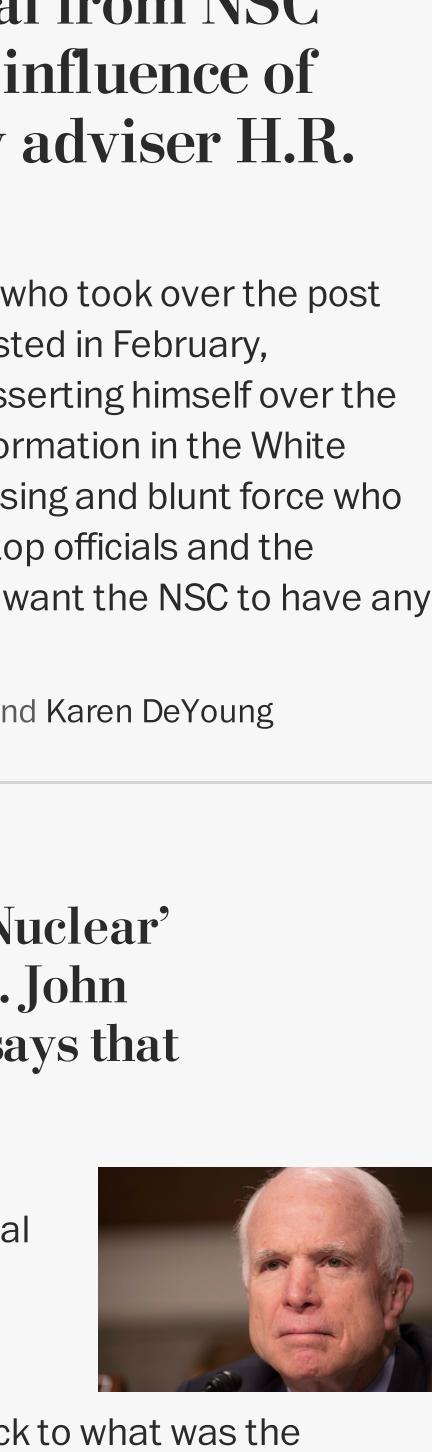
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Mitch McConnell: 'Nuclear' option helps Senate. John McCain: 'Whoever says that is a stupid idiot.'

The Senate majority leader believes the GOP's unilateral response to confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court on a simple majority vote will take senators "back to what was the tradition in the Senate" for confirming justices.

By Paul Kane

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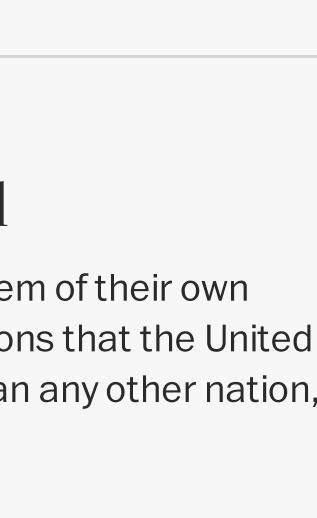


White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon, left, and national security adviser H.R. McMaster. (AP/AF/Getty)

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.

By Robert Costa, Abby Phillip and Karen DeYoung



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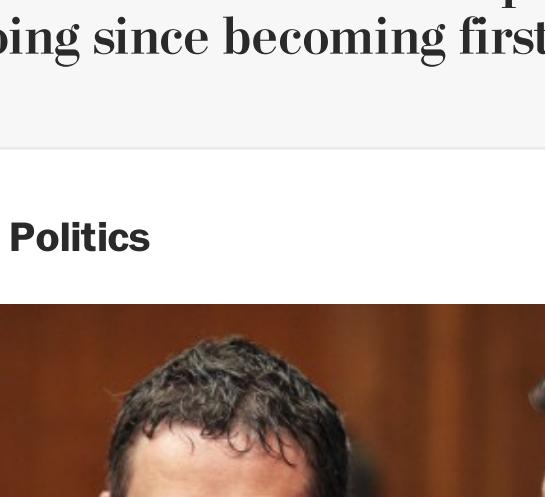
**The Syrian genocide is now Trump's problem**

By Jennifer Rubin

**At Trump's request, House may tweak health-care bill before recess**

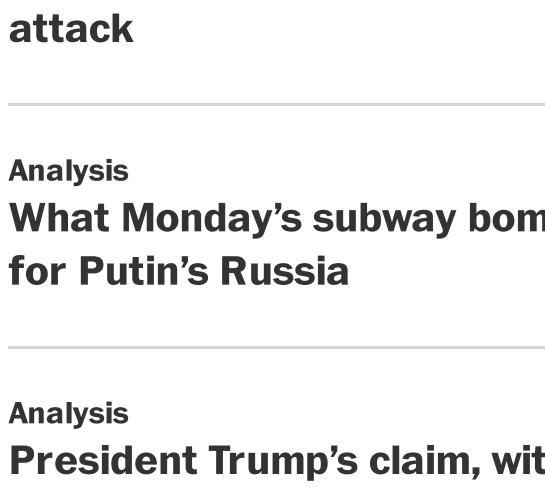
Lawmakers have discussed tentative plans to amend the health-care bill to add "high-risk pools" — a mechanism to subsidize insurance coverage for the seriously ill.

By Paige Winfield Cunningham, Juliet Eilperin and Mike DeBonis

**Retail apocalypse: Troubles at the American mall come to a boil**

Many major chains find themselves victims of a problem of their own making, having elbowed their way into so many locations that the United States, with more retail square footage per capita than any other nation, is "overstored."

By Sarah Halzack

**More than 1 in 5 U.S. adults infected by high-risk HPV, report says**

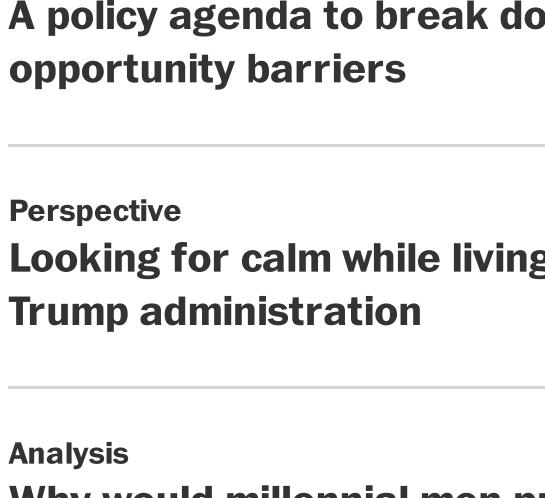
During a recent two-year period, almost 23 percent of U.S. adults ages 18 to 59 had a type of genital human papillomavirus that put them at high risk of certain cancers, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

By Jia Naqvi

**IRS took millions of dollars from innocent people, inspector general finds**

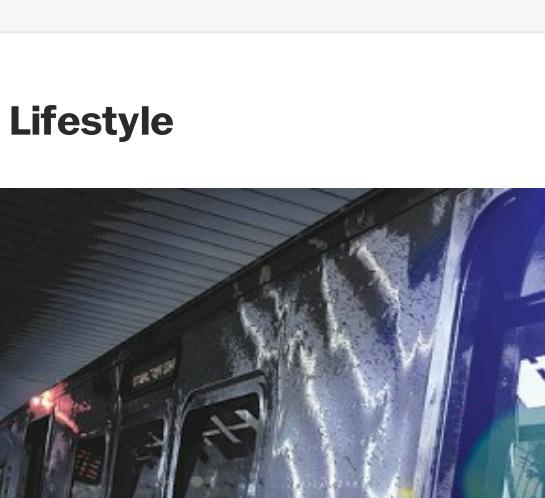
While enforcing a transparency rule on large-sum bank deposits, the IRS confiscated legally obtained money more than 90 percent of the time, according to the Treasury Department report.

By Christopher Ingraham

**Susan Rice may have committed a crime, Trump says without providing evidence**

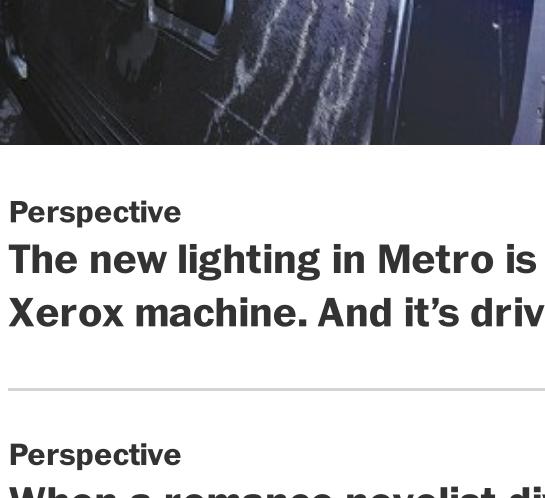
"I think it's going to be the biggest story," the president told the New York Times about his suggestion that Obama's former national security adviser requested the identities of Trump campaign associates contained in classified intelligence reports for political purposes.

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**Secret Service agent on Pence's detail suspended after meeting prostitute**

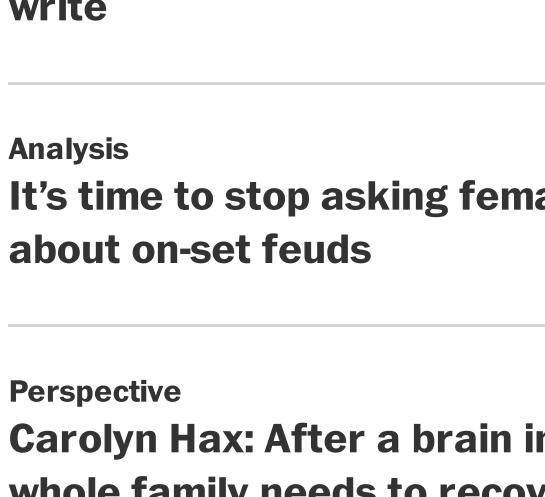
The Secret Service agent was off-duty when the incident reportedly occurred late last week at a Maryland hotel.

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**Long shadow cast by psychiatrist on transgender issues finally recedes at Johns Hopkins**

The institution will come full circle on transgender medicine as it resumes surgeries this summer after abruptly halting them in 1979 when its then-chief of psychiatry Paul McHugh declared transgender people needed psychological, not surgical, help.

By Amy Ellis Nutt

**Is this the end of Bill O'Reilly? That's a complicated question.**

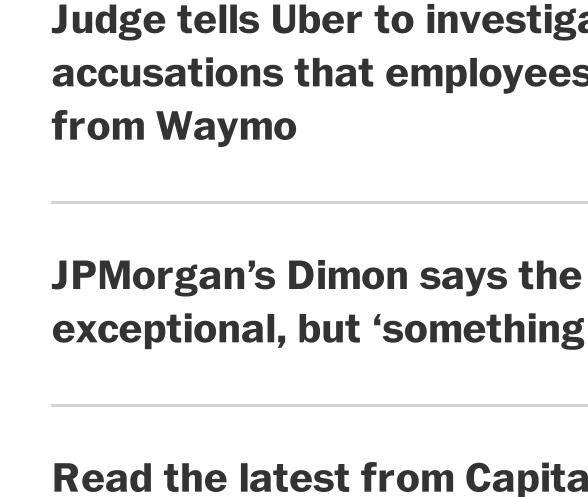
Yes, advertisers are defecting over sexual-harassment allegations, but O'Reilly's fate ultimately lies with Fox News co-founder and acting chief executive Rupert Murdoch and his sons, James and Lachlan.

By Paul Farhi

- **Perspective: Fox and O'Reilly's feeble line of defense**

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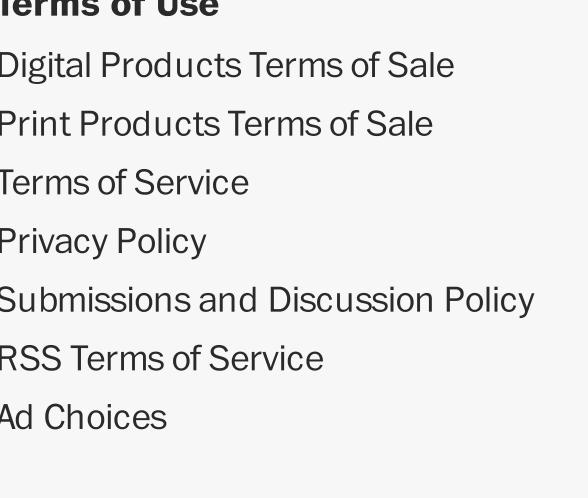
These photos show what it's like being a child bride in the country of Georgia



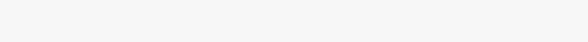
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Confirmation for the sitting Supreme Court justices were not nearly as partisan as Judge Gorsuch's



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