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Rice denies ‘unmasking’ Trump officials’ names in intelligence reports

Some Republican lawmakers want former Obama national security adviser Susan E. Rice to testify about claims that she sought to uncover the identities of President Trump campaign or transition officials concealed in intercepts. The allegations — which Rice called “completely false” — quickly overtook the steady drumbeat of revelations about connections to Moscow that have dogged Trump for months.

By Karen DeYoung and Karoun Demirjian

Syria’s ally Russia tries to shift blame for devastating chemical attack

The attack in Syria that killed dozens of people has been widely attributed to Bashar al-Assad's government. Russian officials tried to blame Syrian rebels — a claim strongly denied by a rebel commander.

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The Trump administration’s bizarre line of attack

The Trump administration initially chose to blame its predecessor, another sign the White House is far more comfortable operating as if it's still running an election campaign rather than the world's only superpower.

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GlaxoSmithKline, Allstate and Hyundai are part of an advertiser boycott of Bill O'Reilly's show. (AP, Reuters photos)

Advertisers flee Bill O’Reilly’s Fox News show amid sexual-harassment claims

The retreat represented the most significant threat to O'Reilly seen during his successful and occasionally controversy-riven career.

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Sen. Merkley can talk until he’s blue in the face. But he can’t stop a vote on Gorsuch.

While you slept, for the past 12 hours and counting, Sen. Jeff Merkley has seized the Senate floor in an attempt to launch an old-school filibuster to block Judge Neil Gorsuch from getting on the Supreme Court. But the Democrat's filibuster comes too late.

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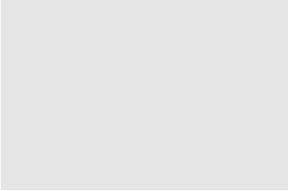
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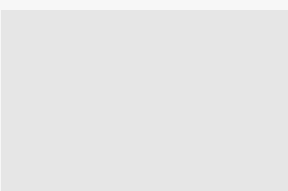


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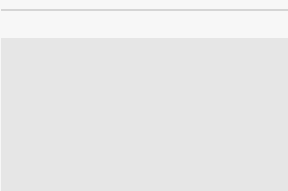
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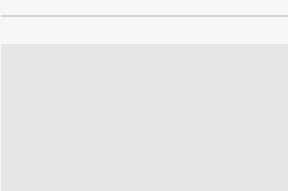
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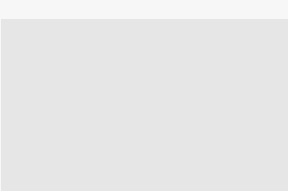


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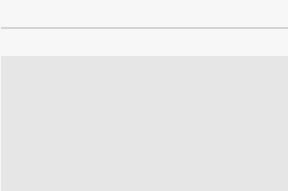


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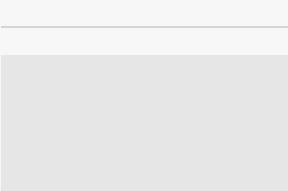


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Ivanka Trump’s answer to critics who want her to keep her father in check: Just trust me

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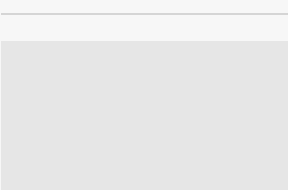
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A maid begged for help before falling from a window in Kuwait. Her boss made a video instead.

Outside, the maid hung on the building by one knuckle, screaming. Inside, her employer held up a camera and casually said in Arabic, “Oh crazy, come here.” The maid finally lost her grip and fell many stories.

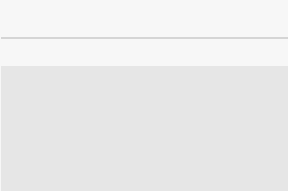
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Accepted, 8 times over: Ohio quadruplets earn spots at Yale, Harvard

Besides Harvard and Yale, the Wade brothers have loads of options. Nick and Aaron got into Stanford. Nigel made the cut with Johns Hopkins, and Zach with Cornell. That list does not cover all the schools offering them admission. But you get the idea.

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Perspective

A second-by-second breakdown of Kendall Jenner’s unspeakably tone-deaf Pepsi ad

Is Kendall proclaiming #BlackLivesMatter? Usurping it? Is this the Resistance? Unclear! But drink Pepsi!

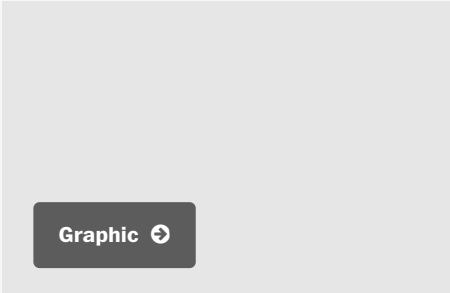
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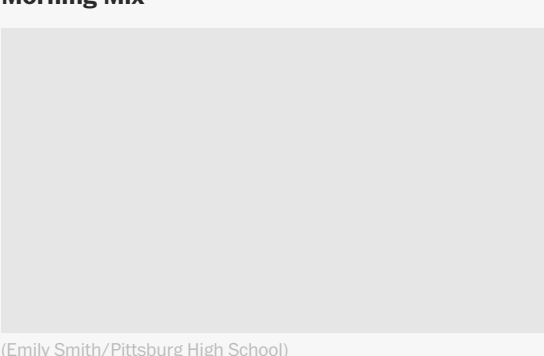
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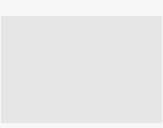
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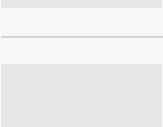
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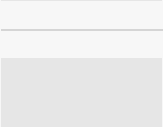
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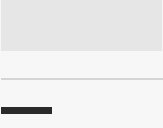
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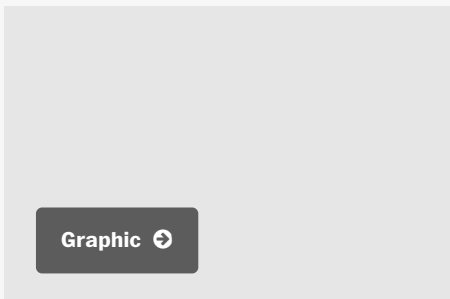
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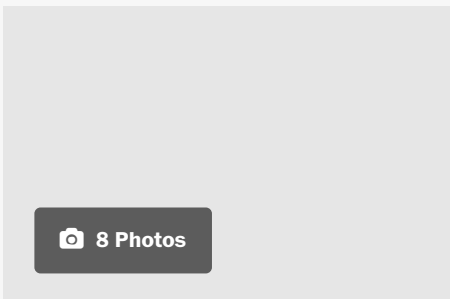
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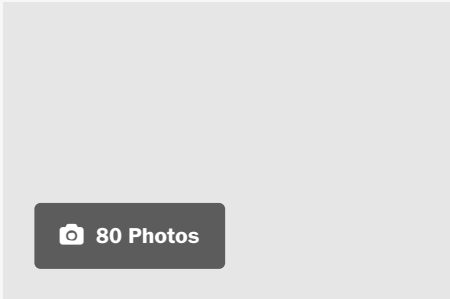
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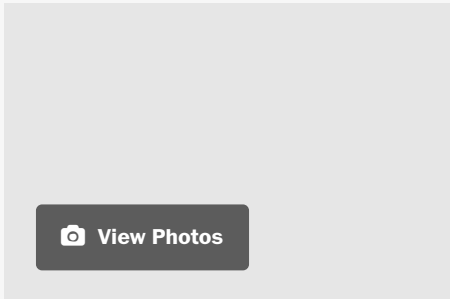
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