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Scores killed in one of Syria's deadliest chemical attacks in years

Activists said airstrikes in the northwest delivered an unidentified chemical agent that killed at least 58 people and filled clinics across the area with patients foaming at the mouth or struggling to breathe. President Trump called the attack "reprehensible" but blamed the Syrian regime's "heinous actions" on the Obama administration's "weakness and irresolution."

By Louisa Loveluck • 2 hours ago

Blackwater founder held secret meeting to establish Trump-Putin back channel

The United Arab Emirates arranged the meeting — nine days before the inauguration — between Blackwater founder Erik Prince and a Russian close to President Vladimir Putin in an apparent effort to establish a back-channel line of communication between Moscow and Trump, 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

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Ryan says rekindled health-care talks in 'conceptual stage'

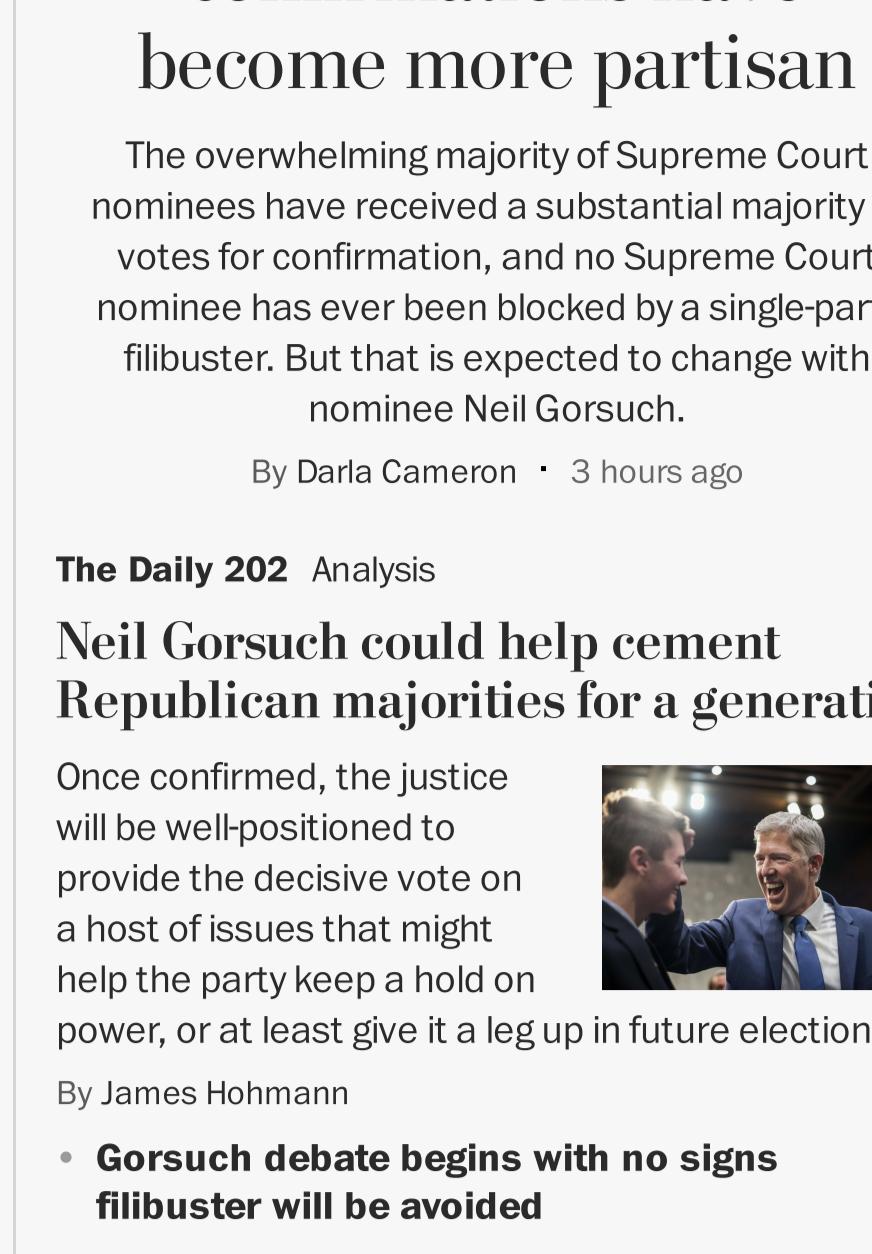
House Speaker Paul Ryan's comments came as White House officials jump-started the repeal process with a new proposal that they were expected to detail later today.

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How Supreme Court confirmations have become more partisan

The overwhelming majority of Supreme Court nominees have received a substantial majority of votes for confirmation, and no Supreme Court nominee has ever been blocked by a single-party filibuster. But that is expected to change with nominee Neil Gorsuch.

By Darla Cameron • 3 hours ago

The Daily 202 Analysis

Neil Gorsuch could help cement Republican majorities for a generation

Once confirmed, the justice will be well-positioned to provide the decisive vote on a host of issues that might help the party keep a hold on power, or at least give it a leg up in future elections.

By James Hohmann



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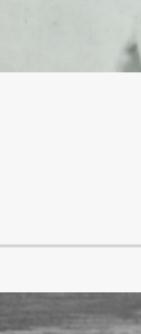
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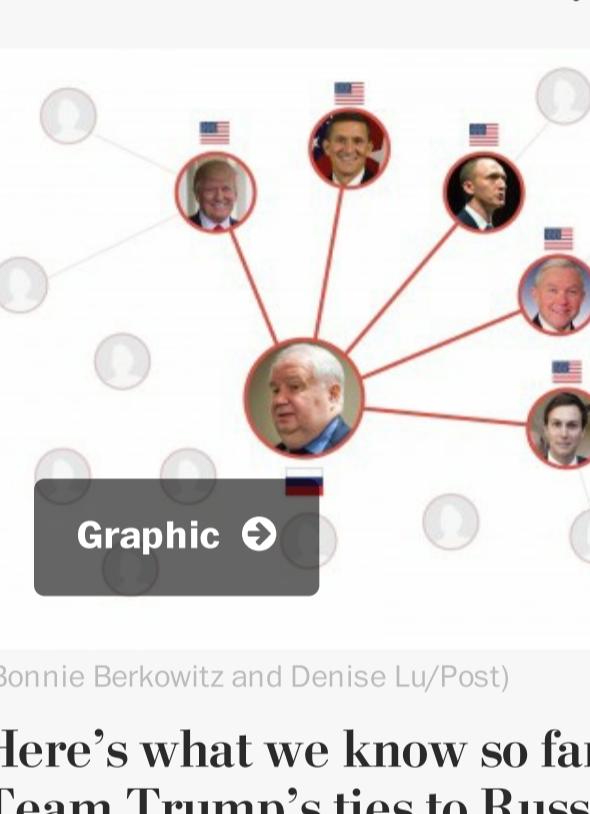
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No transition goes exactly as planned, but Trump's proved messier than most, and that has carried over into the first months of his presidency.

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White House explores two new tax ideas as leading proposal to raise revenue falters

The Trump administration is exploring the creation of two new taxes — a value-added tax and a carbon tax — as part of a broad overhaul of the tax code, according to an administration official and one other person briefed on the process.

By Damian Paletta and Max Ehrenfreund



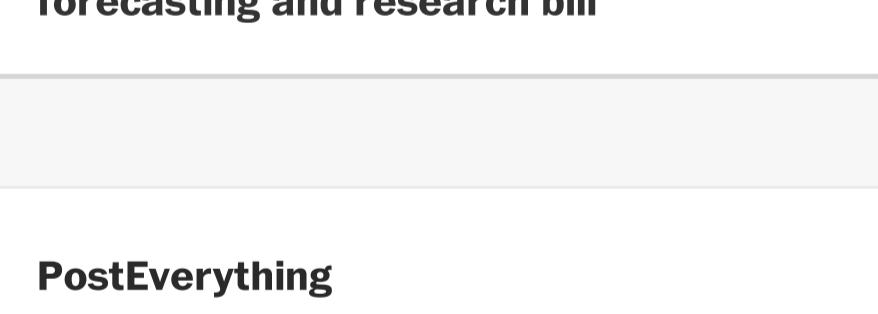
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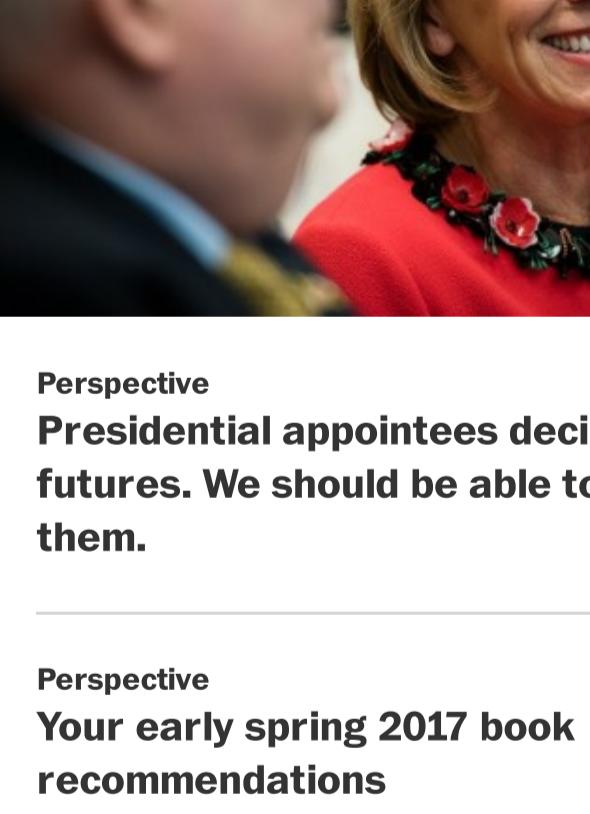
— Rosa Ortega



She voted illegally. But was the 8-year prison sentence fair?

Rosa Ortega, an immigrant mother of four, is not a U.S. citizen, but she voted in Texas anyway. Her case rippled across a country divided over the scale and impact of voter fraud and the assertions of opinion over facts. Did her harsh sentence help to deter a societal problem, or was it the consequence of some modern-day myth?

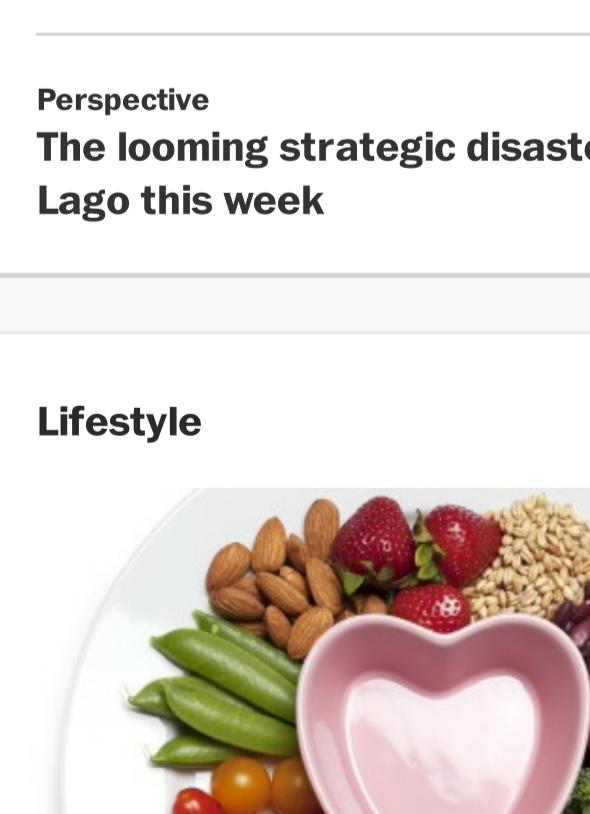
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Meet Miss Stanley, the forgotten 'Buffalo beauty' who first introduced equal pay legislation in Congress

Overshadowed by Lilly Ledbetter and others, Winifred C. Stanley, a Republican from Buffalo, N.Y., was a key figure in the equal pay movement.

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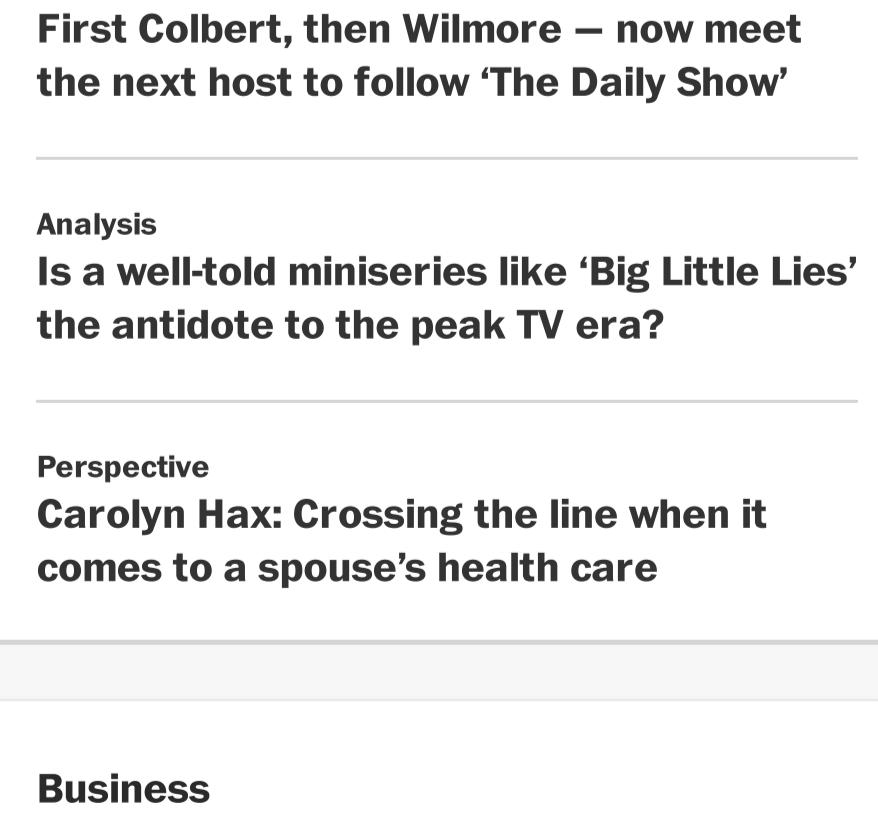


This \$26 sandwich — literally ham, butter and bread — says everything about D.C. dining

In a city where craft cocktails and small plates have made it easy to drop \$100 on dinner, Mirabelle's sandwich is yet another example of skyrocketing restaurant prices.

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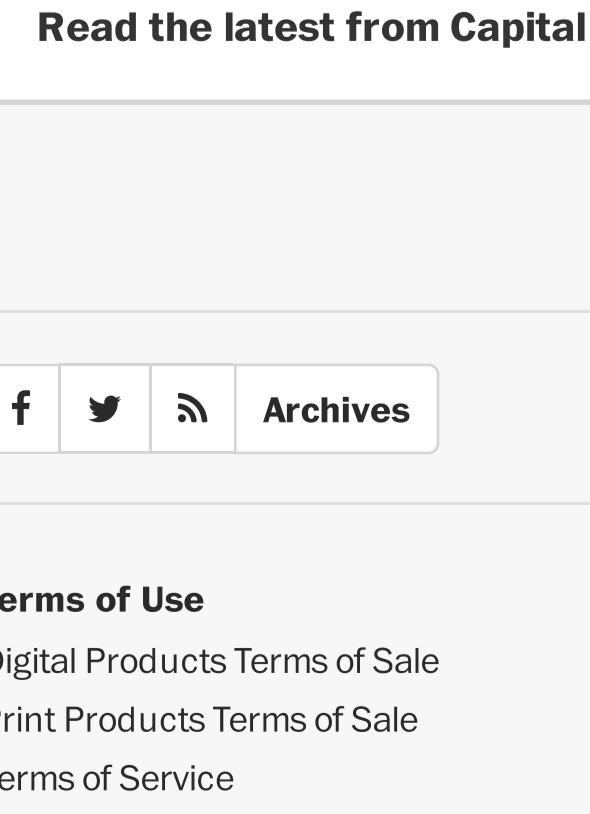


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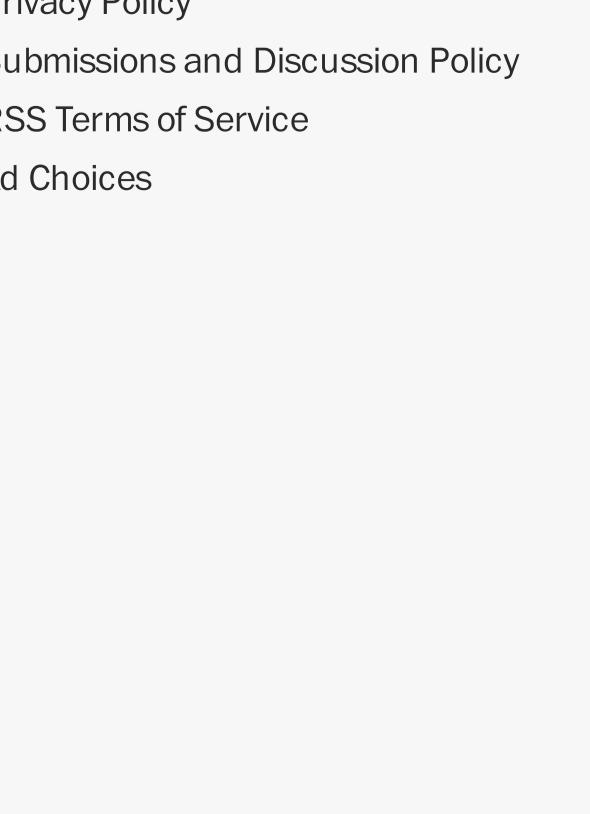
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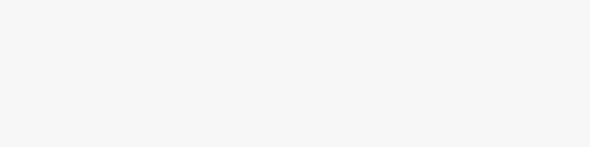
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