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## From 'America first' to striking Syria: The inside story of Trump's decision

Insiders describe the emotion and deliberation leading to Trump's order to strike a Syrian air base. But while the "awful" footage of children suffering played a role in his decision, Trump has been eager for a clear victory more than two months into his tumultuous presidency.

By Ashley Parker, David Nakamura and Dan Lamothe

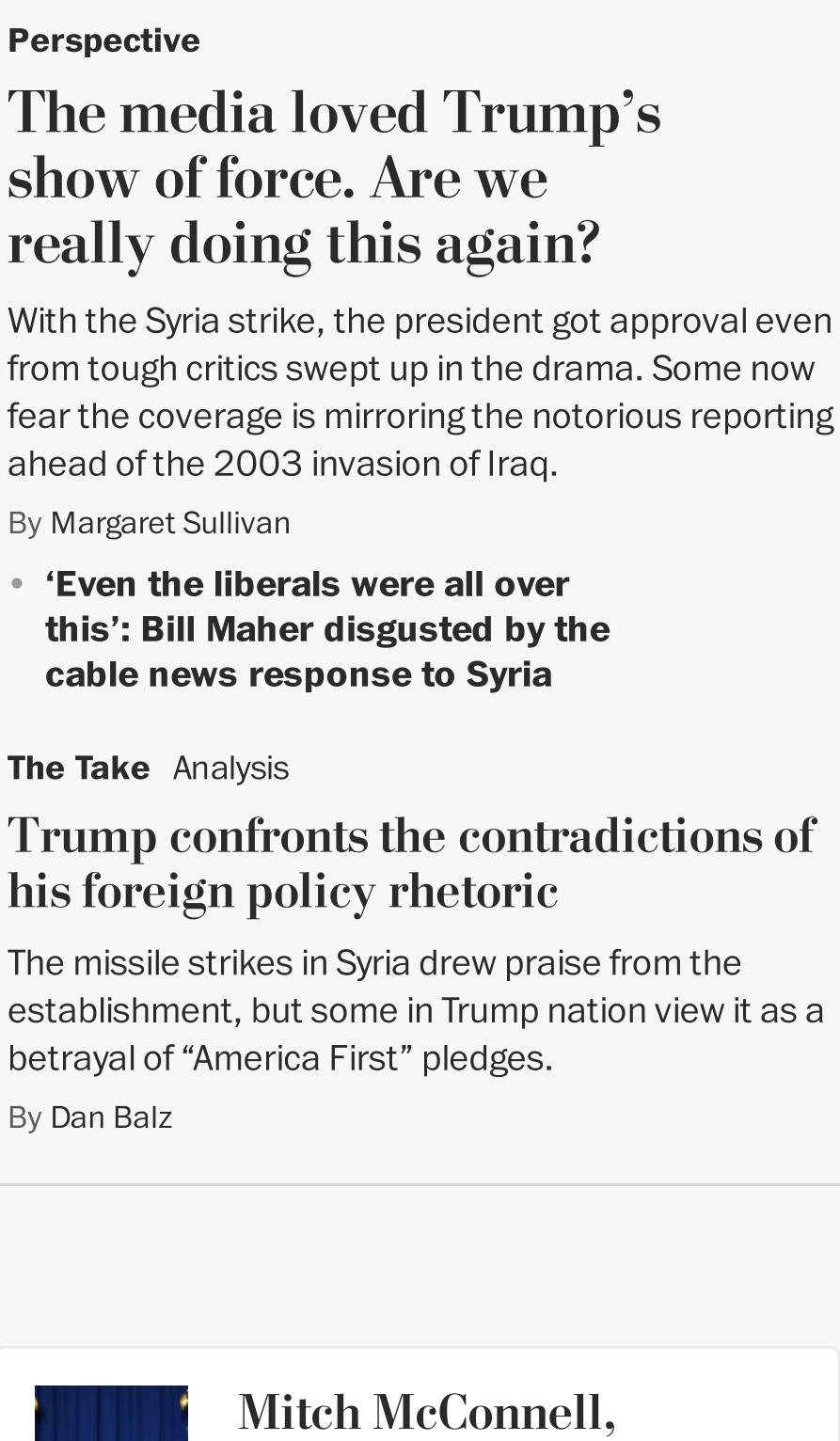
### Despite U.S. missile barrage, Syria continues airstrikes against rebels

Residents of the Syrian town devastated by a chemical weapons attack earlier this week said warplanes had returned to bomb them Saturday. There were also reports of Syrian government and Russian airstrikes across the provinces of Damascus, Aleppo, Idlib and Daraa, all killing civilians.

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Brian Williams reports from Iraq in 2007. The MSNBC anchor was criticized this week for his coverage of the Syrian airstrikes. (NBC)

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### The media loved Trump's show of force. Are we really doing this again?

With the Syria strike, the president got approval even from tough critics swept up in the drama. Some now fear the coverage is mirroring the notorious reporting ahead of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

By Margaret Sullivan

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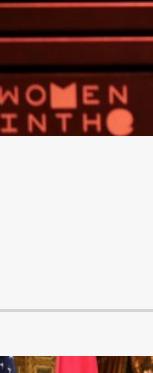
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### Trump confronts the contradictions of his foreign policy rhetoric

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By Dan Balz

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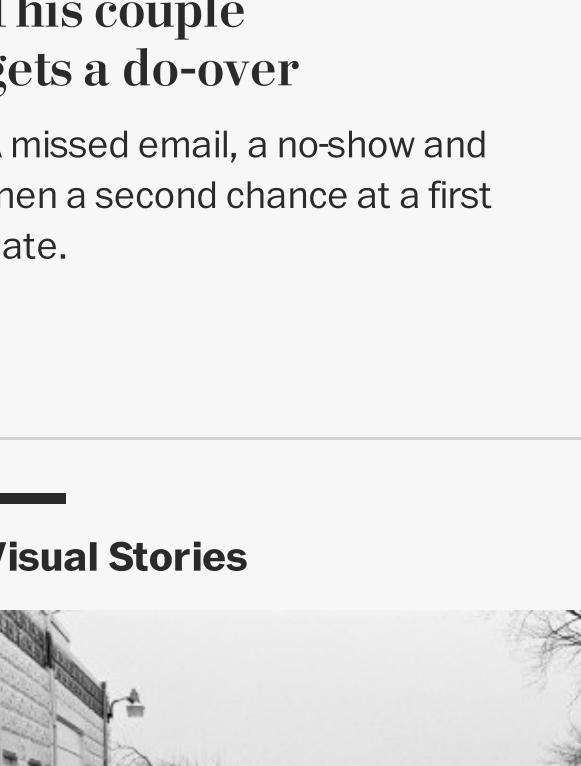
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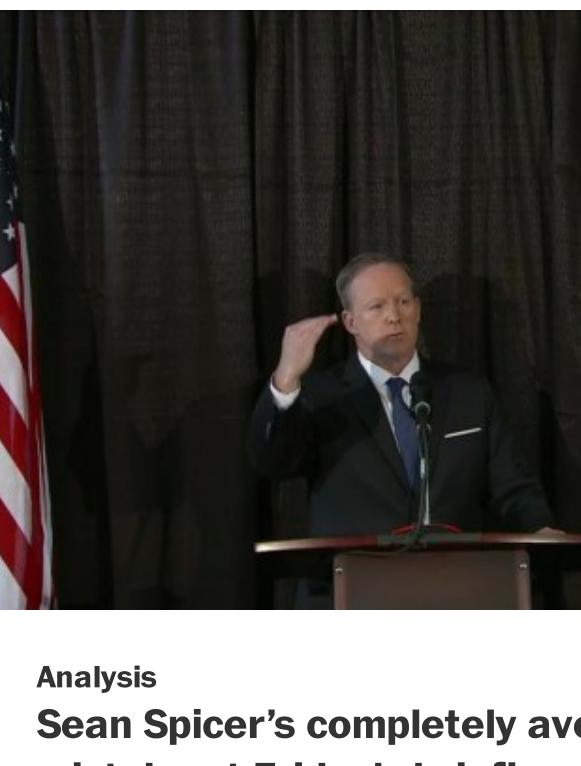
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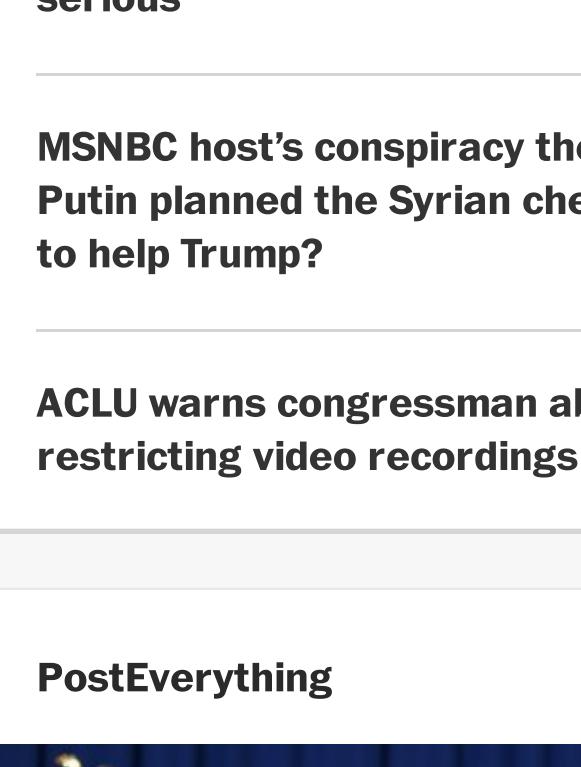
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Three men — one in a lawsuit — have accused Ed Murray of sexually assaulting them about 30 years ago.

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### Hillary Clinton says 'misogyny played a role' in her loss. Research suggests she might be right.

Studies have demonstrated that voters hold female politicians to a different standard: They have to think about what their clothes, hair, smiles and children project to voters in a way that men just don't.

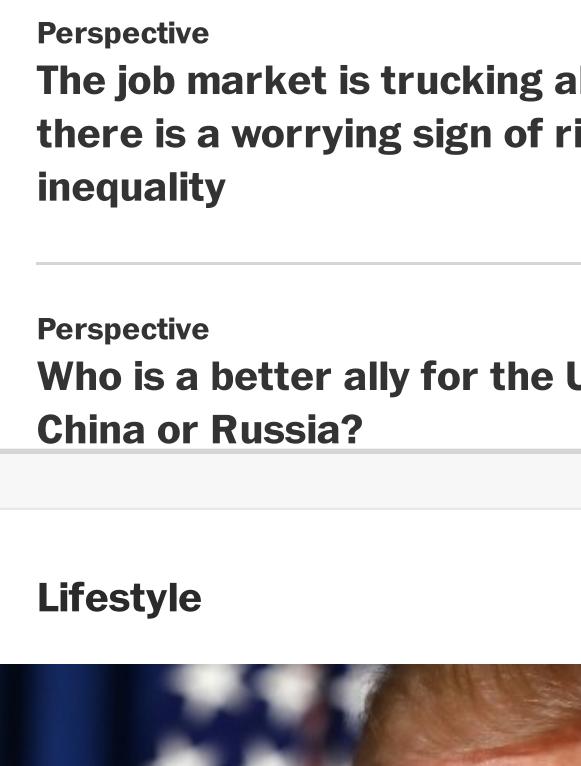
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Today he's at Trump International golf course in West Palm Beach. (At this point, he's golfed every 5.6 days he's been in office.)

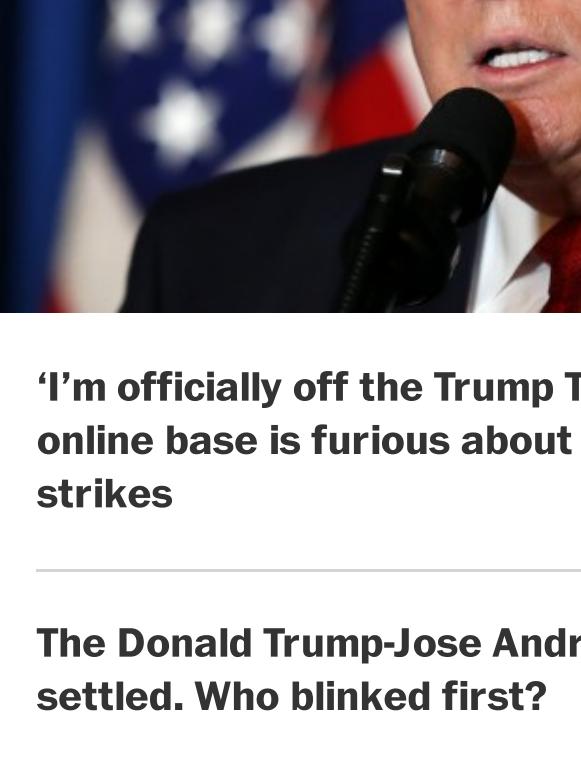
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### 'Masters' green jacket found at Canadian thrift store up for auction

The mystery: How did it get from Augusta National to Ontario, where it was purchased for \$5 by an avid golfer who knew exactly what he was getting.

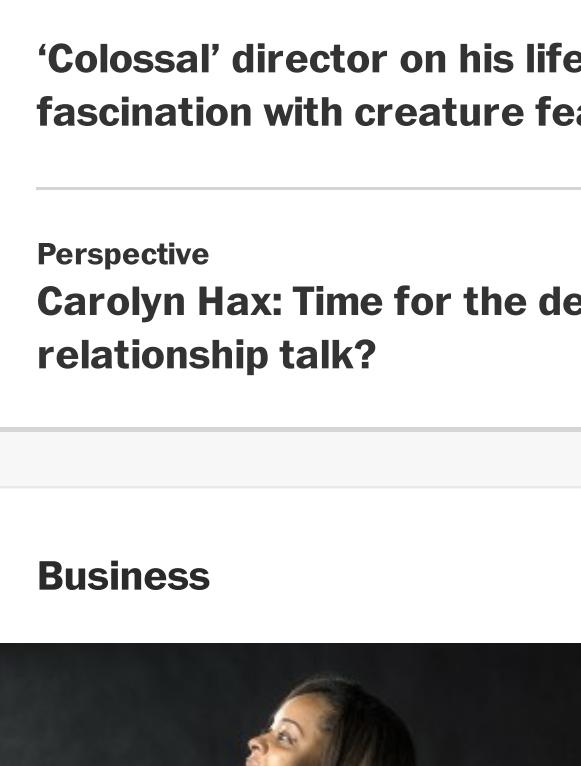
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