

Trump Fires Comey as FBI Chief

President Donald Trump unexpectedly fired FBI Director James Comey, citing his handling of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's email server. [🗞️ 2911](#)

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WSJ's Gerald F. Seib examines how Comey's exit affects investigations into possible ties between the Trump team and Russia. Photo: Getty

Before Comey's Dismissal, a Growing Frustration at White House

In the months before Comey's dismissal, frustration was growing among top associates of President Trump that the FBI director wouldn't publicly tamp down questions about possible collusion with Russian interference in the 2016 presidential race.

Abrupt Termination Upends Probes of Trump Campaign Ties to Russia

President Trump's decision to fire the head of the FBI in the midst of the bureau's probe into possible links between his presidential campaign and Russia added impetus to calls for a special counsel to handle the case. [🗞️ 144](#)

Trump Set to Arm Kurds in ISIS Fight, Angering Turkey

President Donald Trump approved plans to directly arm Kurdish fighters battling Islamic State in Syria, U.S. officials said Tuesday, paving the way for an offensive against the extremist group's de facto capital. [🗞️ 236](#)

- Turkey, U.S. at Odds Over Force to Fight ISIS

Apple Reaches \$800 Billion Market Cap, a First for Any U.S. Company

Shares of Apple rose to an all-time high, sending its market capitalization above \$800 billion. The milestone is sure to stoke speculation about whether it will be the first public company to eventually be worth \$1 trillion.

- Apple's Market Cap Is Now Bigger Than...
- Apple's Big Day By the Numbers

Ford's Board Pressures CEO

Ford's board of directors is extending its scheduled meetings this week so it can press Chief Executive Mark Fields to clarify his strategy as the company's stock price languishes and its U.S. market share recedes. [🗞️ 55](#)

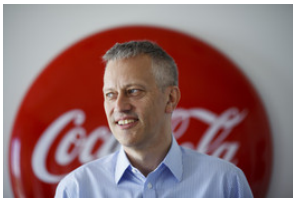
- Ford Stays Focused, Despite Tesla (April)
- Fields Sets Ford on Dual Track (October)

Medicaid Expansion Transformed a Community—Now the Bill Is Due

The Senate is set to take up the GOP's health-care overhaul, where debate over the Medicaid program, which was expanded dramatically under the Affordable Care Act, will be central. The experience of Klamath Falls, Ore., shows both sides. [🗞️ 797](#)



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- News Corp Beats Revenue Estimates

Senate Confirms Scott Gottlieb to Lead FDA

The U.S. Senate voted Tuesday in a 57-42 mostly party-line vote to confirm Scott Gottlieb as the new commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

U.S. Asks Wal-Mart to Pay \$300 Million to Settle Probe

U.S. authorities have asked Wal-Mart Stores to pay \$300 million to settle a five-year investigation into foreign bribery, according to a person familiar with the talks, a penalty far less than what the Obama administration had sought.

Trump vs. Obama: What Companies Tell Investors

Companies invoked President Donald Trump in nearly 700 filings over his first 100 days in office, more than triple the number of times Barack Obama was cited in a similar period and a reflection in part of heightened expectations for change in tax laws, trade policies and other areas.

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The \$8.9 Trillion Question: What Happens When Central Banks Exit Bond Markets?

Central banks have been the world's biggest buyers of government bonds and may soon turn into sellers—a tidal shift for global markets. Yet investors can't agree on what that shift will mean.

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Judge Vacates Aaron Hernandez's Murder Conviction

A Massachusetts judge tossed out the murder conviction of Aaron Hernandez under a state legal principle triggered after the former New England Patriots player killed himself in prison last month.

Nafta Revamp Is Slowed by Senate Maneuvering

The U.S. won't be able to start renegotiating the Nafta trade deal until late summer at the earliest, as congressional delays bog down one of President Donald Trump's top priorities.

Trump Administration Revives Nevada Plan as Nuclear Waste Piles Up

Communities across the country are rallying behind the Trump administration's push for a nuclear repository in Yucca Mountain, hoping their decades-old wait to ship radioactive material could be coming to an end. [🗞️ 102](#)

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Russian domestic politics are being influenced by hacking tactics similar to ones Russia is accused of using to try to weaken its foreign opponents.

Germany Faces a North Korea Sanctions Violation in Berlin

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea for years has been leasing an annex of its embassy in downtown Berlin to a hostel, a deal that became a violation of U.N. sanctions passed in November.

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