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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Showdown looms over money for border wall as budget deadline nears

President Trump and his top aides pressed congressional Republicans to use the threat of a government shutdown to win funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, an effort that could lead to a standoff with lawmakers in both parties ahead of Friday's deadline to pass a spending bill.

Trump's push for fast action on the wall is part of a mounting scramble inside the administration — which is nearing its symbolic 100-day mark — to kick-start the president's agenda, even if it risks dire political consequences.

By Kelsey Snell and Robert Costa



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Warring cousins, a grisly execution: A Tunisian family torn apart by ISIS

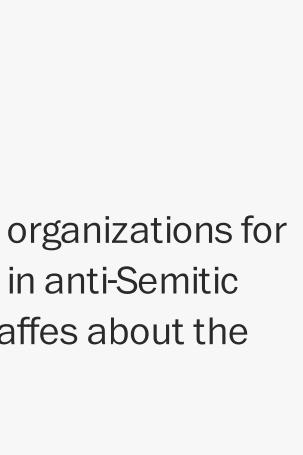
In the mountains of western Tunisia, radical Islamists are seeking to spread their ideology and impose control, sowing chaos and cowing villagers with brute violence in a quest for new territories in the wake of defeats and retreats in Iraq and Syria. One evening last fall, the battle led one man to betray his relative.

By Sudarsan Raghavan

'Everyone tunes in': Inside Trump's obsession with cable TV

For the president — a reality TV star who parlayed his blustery-yet-knowing-on-air persona into a winning political brand — television is often the guiding force of his day, both weapon and scalpel, megaphone and news feed. And his obsession with the tube has upended the traditional rhythms of the White House.

By Ashley Parker and Robert Costa

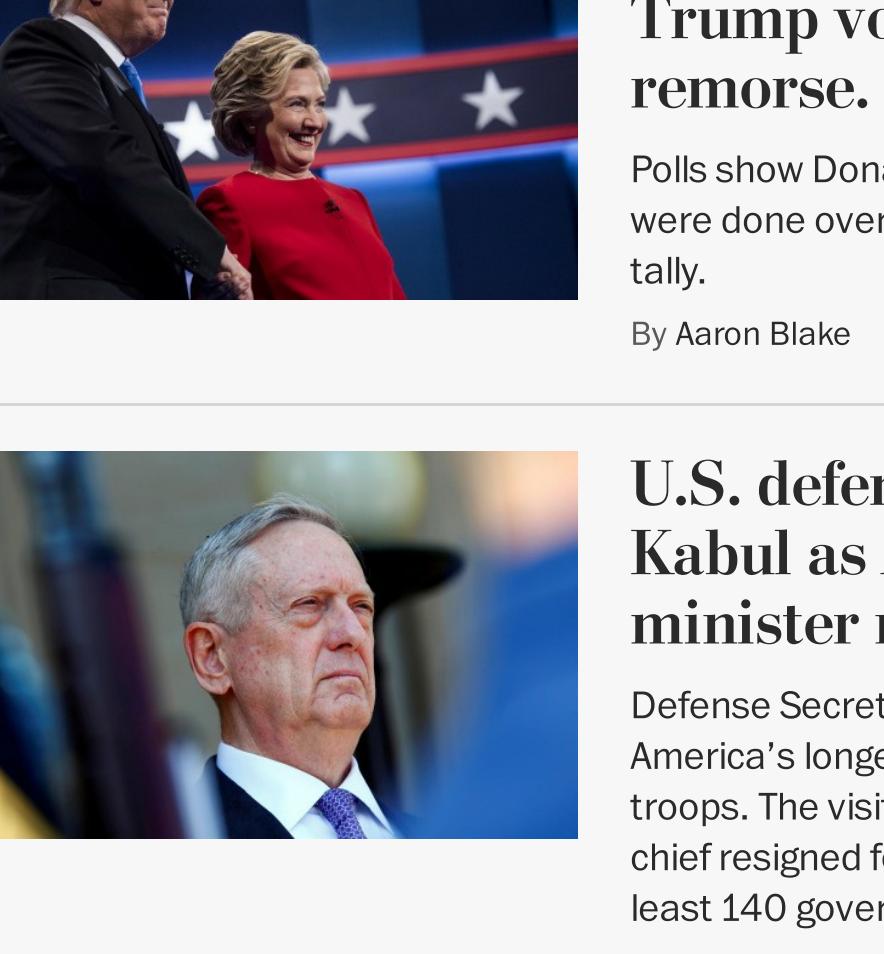


• Video: How Trump's cable news diet leads to tweet after tweet

Macron, Le Pen advance to runoff to lead France as voters reject legacy political parties

The May 7 presidential matchup between far-right anti-immigrant firebrand Marine Le Pen and unconventional centrist Emmanuel Macron sets up a battle between a contender who wants to seal France tight against the tides of globalization and another who seeks to strip away even more barriers with the rest of the world.

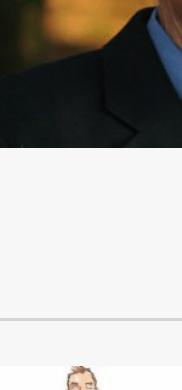
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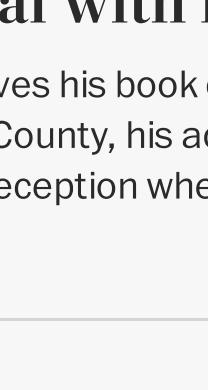
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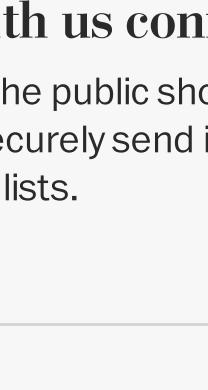


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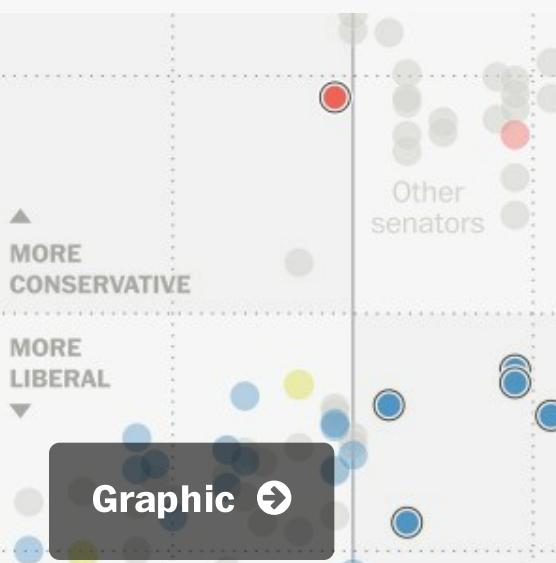
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The Trump team has an opportunity with Japan — if it can pull together a strategy

By Josh Rogin

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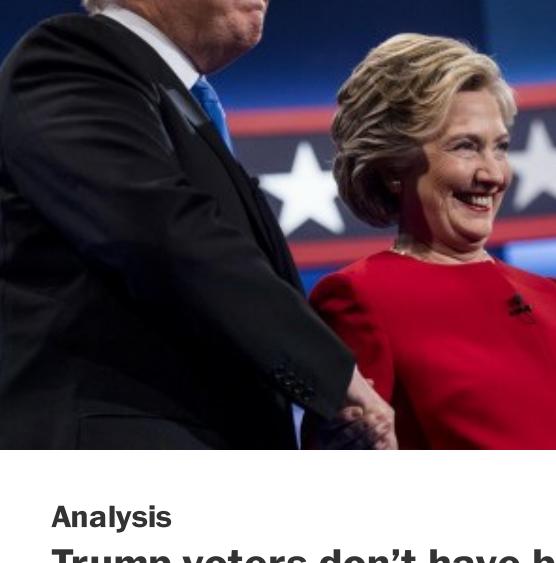
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Under fire for recent Holocaust flubs, Trump will headline Days of Remembrance ceremony

The White House has been widely criticized by Jewish organizations for what they see as a slow response to the recent spike in anti-Semitic incidents across the country and for a pair of verbal gaffes about the Holocaust.

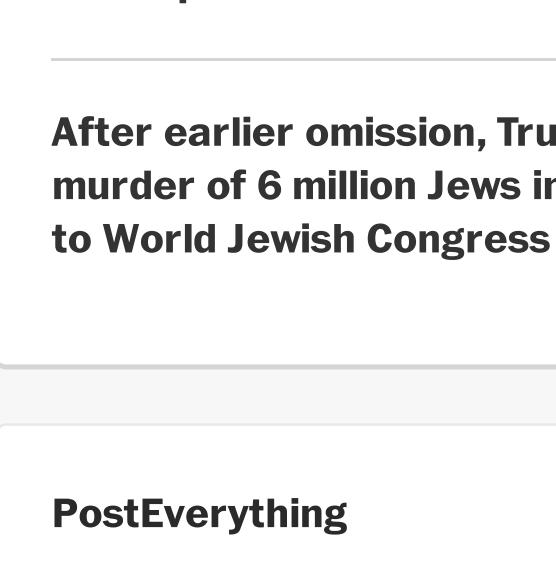
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Trump voters don't have buyer's remorse. But some Clinton voters do.

Polls show Donald Trump would win the popular vote if the 2016 election were done over again, 43 percent to 40 percent, avenging his loss in that tally.

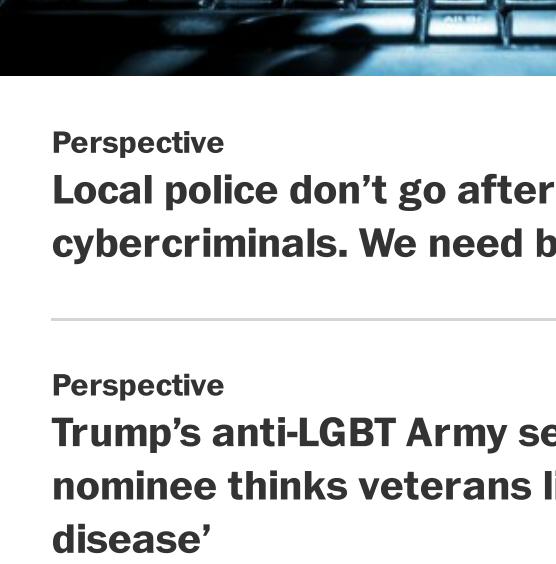
By Aaron Blake



U.S. defense chief arrives in Kabul as Afghan defense minister resigns in disgrace

Defense Secretary James Mattis arrived unannounced Monday to assess America's longest war as the Trump administration weighs sending more troops. The visit occurred as the Afghan defense minister and the army chief resigned following a deadly weekend attack by the Taliban killed at least 140 government troops.

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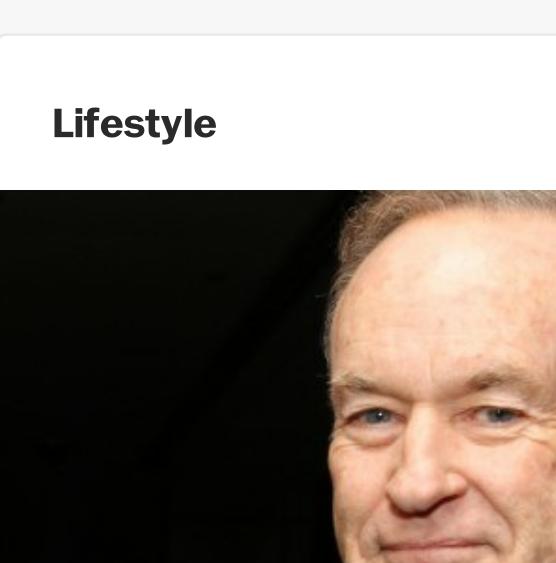


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The facile claim that Obama's Iran negotiator was 'the architect of the North Korean nuclear deal'

A Republican lawmaker has repeated a talking point common in conservative media, but it's wrong and misleading.

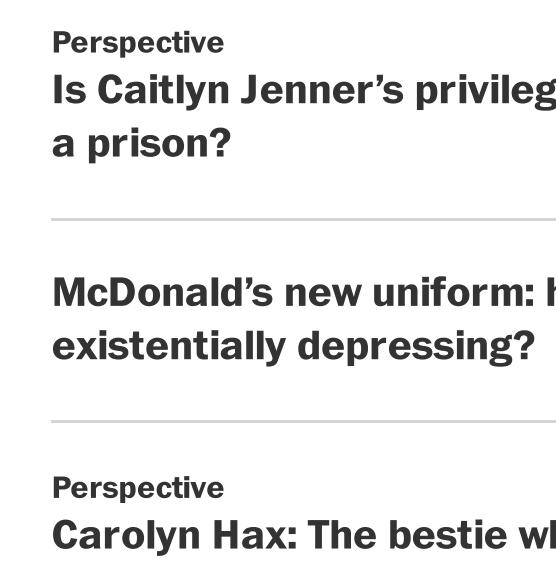
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A black man was lynched in 1932. An author wants the community to finally deal with it.

While Jim Hall believes his book could help heal "an open wound" in Virginia's Fauquier County, his account of the two horrible crimes has gotten a very cool reception where they took place.

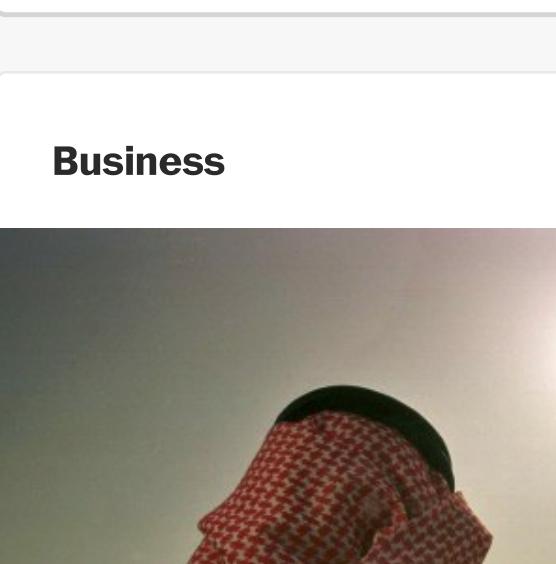
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There's now an even better reason to steal that hotel bathrobe

Hotels are hoping that seersucker and zebra-print robes — all perfectly suited for sharing on social media — will help woo millennials.

By Abha Bhattarai

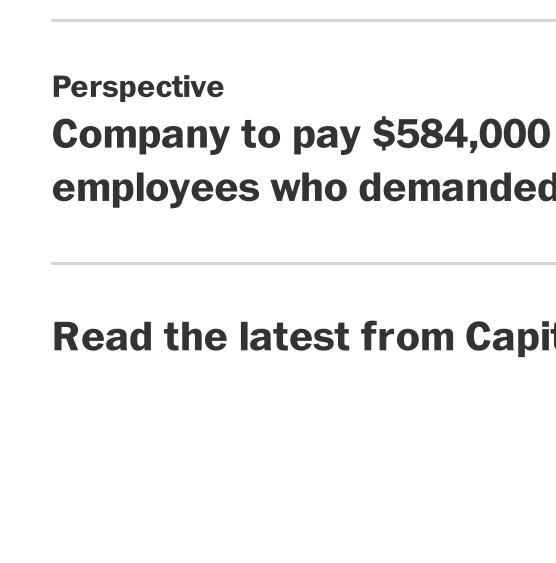


How the Murdochs placed a multimillion-dollar gamble at Fox News — and lost

When Rupert Murdoch and senior executives at the parent company of Fox News signed Bill O'Reilly to a new multiyear contract, they knew about the harassment allegations against him. But, at the cost of a year of his salary, they thought new charges would not surface.

By Paul Farhi

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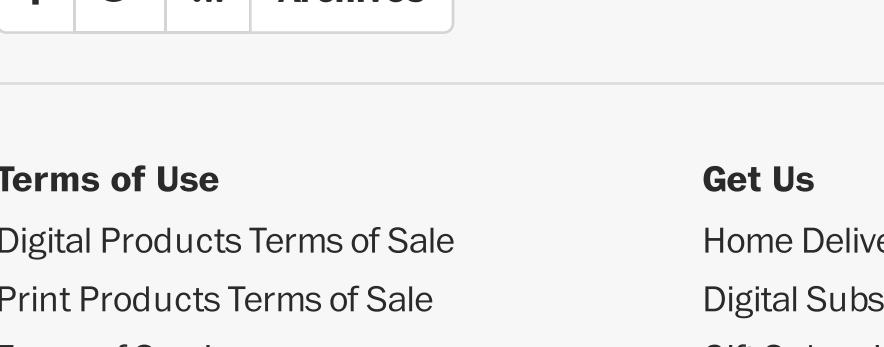


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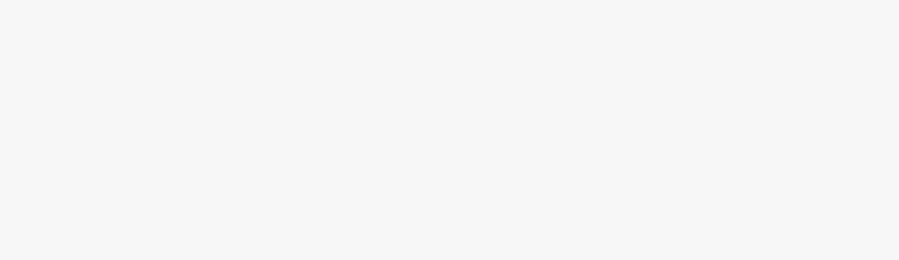
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What's the likelihood of a government shutdown?

(The Washington Post)

Experts say it's 50/50 the government will shut down next week

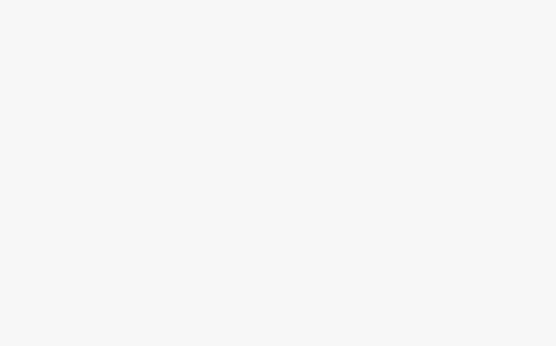


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Here are 20 of the week's best photos

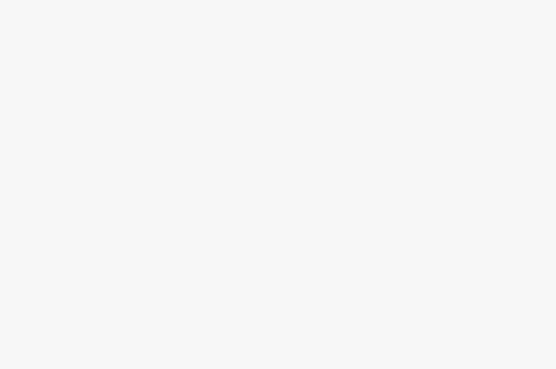


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Chesapeake Bay female crabs at their most plentiful since at least 1990

Robbery at D.C. service station leads to car crash, cash strewn on ground

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These lawmakers might want to consider crossing the aisle in the 115th Congress

Democrats up for reelection in GOP-leaning states

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