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## Explosive device kills 9 on train in St. Petersburg, Russian official says

A large blast tore apart a train as it traveled between two central St. Petersburg metro stations, injuring dozens, officials said. The area's subway system was shut down as a precaution, and security was boosted in the city, where Russian President Vladimir Putin was holding talks. A second explosive device was found at another station but did not detonate.

By David Filipov

### SPECIAL REPORT

## DEA falters in major effort to hold drug company accountable in opioid epidemic

After six years and four investigations that spanned five states, the government has taken no legal action against Mallinckrodt, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of the highly addictive painkiller oxycodone. Instead, the company has reached a tentative settlement with prosecutors in a case that shows how difficult it is to hold a drug maker responsible for the damage done by its product.

By Lenny Bernstein and Scott Higham

## Senate panel considers Gorsuch nomination as threat of filibuster looms

The Republican-controlled Senate is likely to confirm the Supreme Court nominee by Friday, but only if it changes the chamber's rules to prevent a filibuster.

By Elise Viebeck and Ed O'Keefe

- Graphic: How many votes Democrats need to block Gorsuch's nomination



Scenes from Durant, Okla. (Cooper Neill for The Post)

## Trump's budget would hit rural towns especially hard — but they're willing to trust him

In places such as Durant, Okla. — a town of 16,000 where federal funds are vital for programs that serve the poor and working class — excitement for Trump's presidency has been dulled by confusion over an agenda that seems aimed at hurting their community more than helping it.

By Jenna Johnson

- Graphic: What Trump cut in his budget

## ‘The hospitals were slaughterhouses’: A journey into Syria's secret torture wards

More than a dozen survivors and army defectors described the conditions inside the hospital, known as 601, where prisoners were starved, beaten and shackled to beds crammed with other men as corpses piled up. Investigators say that the testimony offers some of the most concrete evidence of crimes against humanity that could one day see senior Syrian government figures tried in court.

By Louisa Loveluck and Zakaria Zakaria



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By Jennifer Rubin

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Ahead of his 100th day in office, President Trump has struggled to build a governing coalition that matches the nontraditional alliance that put him in the Oval Office. And he has turned to making enemies out of former supporters.

By Abby Phillip and Robert Costa

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## How Trump tied his hands on human rights

A lack of moral leadership is making it harder for the United States to criticize Russia, Egypt, China, Syria, Bahrain and more over their abuses.

By James Hohmann

## Jared Kushner travels to Iraq in further expansion of role as shadow diplomat

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By Ashley Parker

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## 2015 Bryce Harper or 2016 Bryce Harper? The best and worst case scenarios for the 2017 Nationals.

As Opening Day dawns, most projections predict that Washington will have the opportunity to play beyond the National League Division Series for the first time.

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- The 'Step Brothers' story of Bryce Harper and Jayson Werth

## Nikki Haley emerges as tough-talking bellwether of Trump's foreign policy

As ambassador to the United Nations, the former South Carolina governor with no prior foreign policy experience has adopted a higher profile than most Cabinet officials, including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

By Anne Gearan

- Haley: Trump is 'not stopping me from beating up on Russia'

## Ecuador on edge as leftist party appears to extend its reign

Lenin Moreno, a prominent leftist, leads with nearly all results tallied in the presidential race. But right-wing challenger Guillermo Lasso said he had proof the vote tallies were doctored in Moreno's favor.

By Nick Miroff

## Records show deep ties between FBI and Best Buy computer technicians looking for child porn

New documents reveal a longstanding relationship between Geek Squad and the FBI, but prosecutors say the FBI did not direct any searches for illegal porn.

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## The Backstreet Boys stole the show at the ACM Awards. Here's why that's good and bad news.

The audience for the Academy of Country Music Awards show appeared to come alive as the band transitioned from their single with Florida Georgia Line to one of their '90s pop hits.

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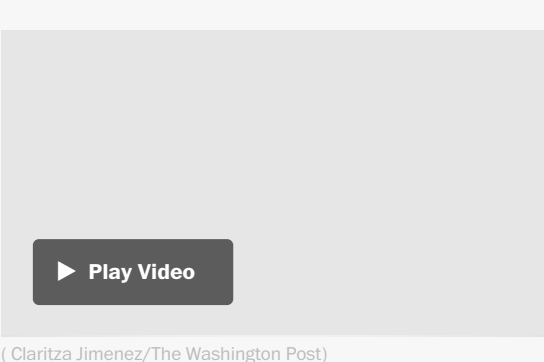
## Roy Williams is finding peace despite strain of UNC's off-court issues

As he prepares for his second consecutive national championship match, Williams hasn't let the ongoing NCAA case regarding academic fraud at North Carolina diminish his enjoyment of coaching.

By Adam Kilgore

- South Carolina women top Mississippi State to claim their first NCAA championship

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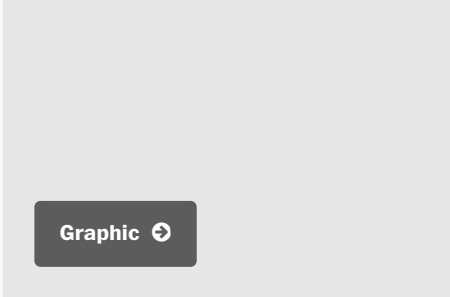
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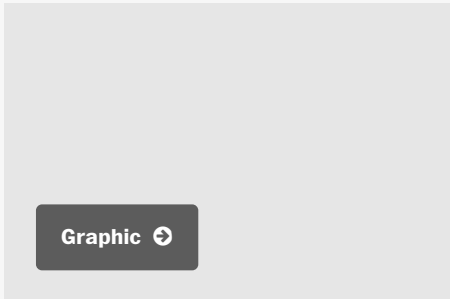
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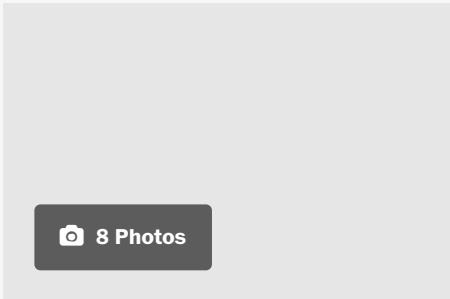
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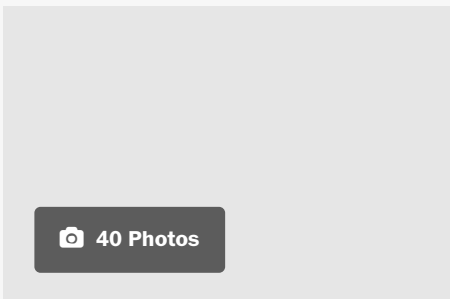
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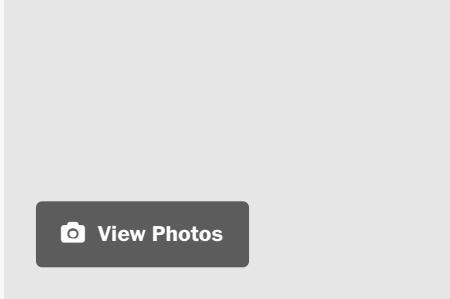
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