

Comey's ouster raises questions about Russia probe

Trump responds to Democrats outraged by firing of FBI director

The startling shakeup comes as James B. Comey was leading a counterintelligence investigation to determine whether associates of President Trump may have coordinated with Russia to interfere with the U.S. presidential election last year. It wasn't immediately clear how Comey's firing will affect the Russia investigation, but Democrats said they were concerned that the development could derail the investigation.

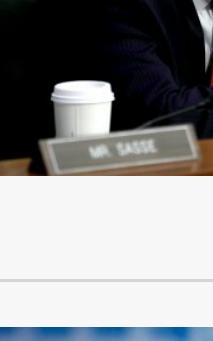
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Lawmakers fear Comey's removal might upend or stall Russia probe

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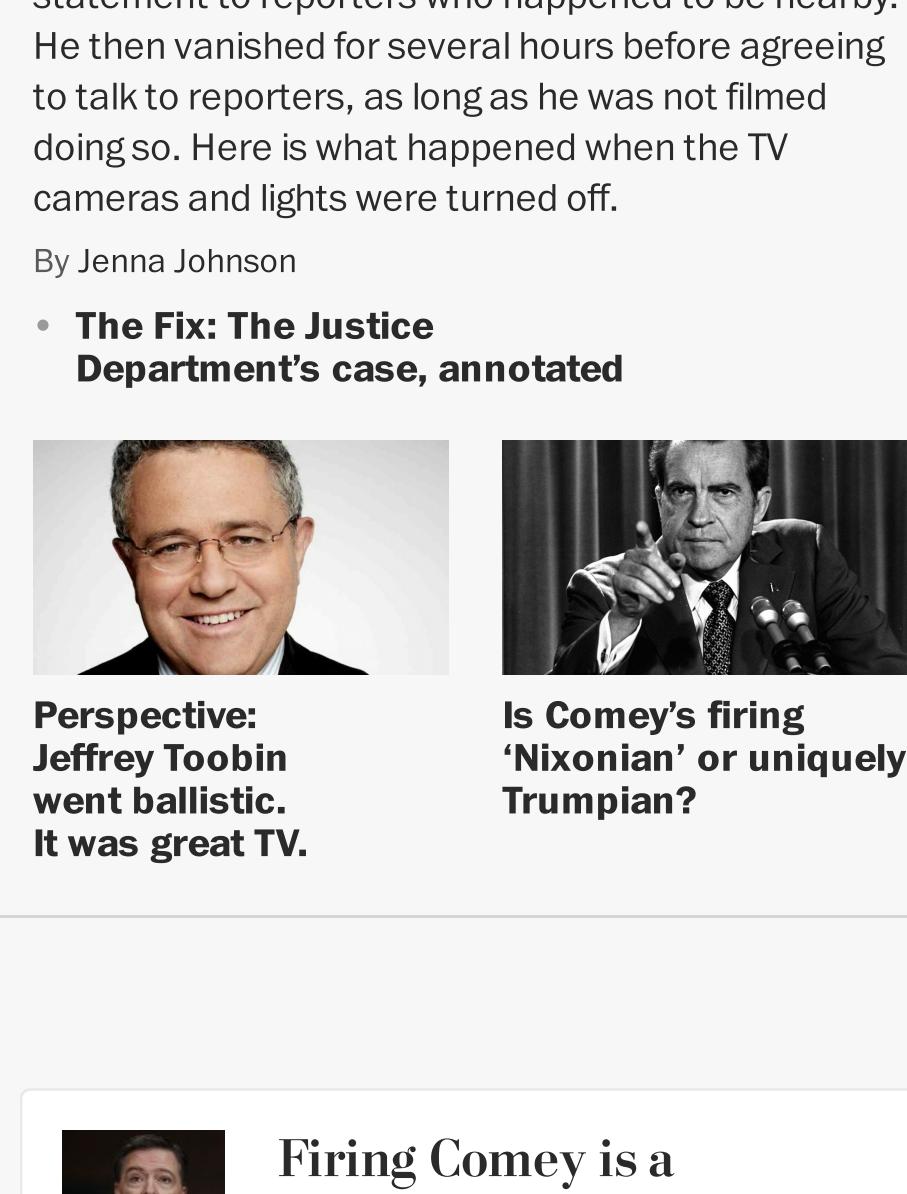
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By Dan Balz

White House staff scrambled to explain the bombshell news

Sean Spicer had wanted to announce the news in an emailed statement but it was not transmitting quickly enough. So he shouted a statement to reporters who happened to be nearby. He then vanished for several hours before agreeing to talk to reporters, as long as he was not filmed doing so. Here is what happened when the TV cameras and lights were turned off.

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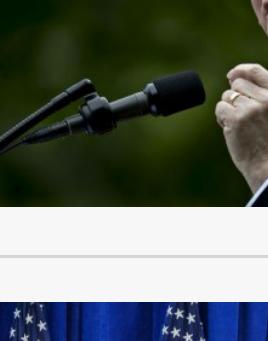
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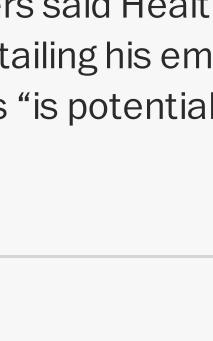
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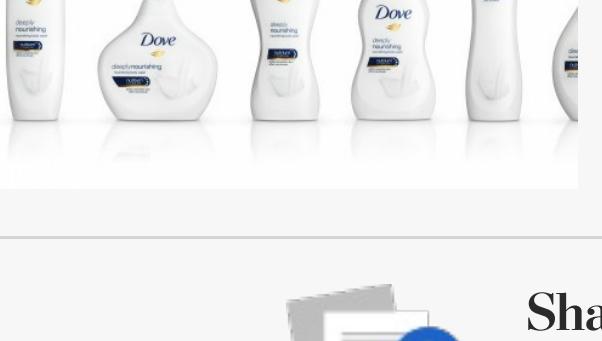
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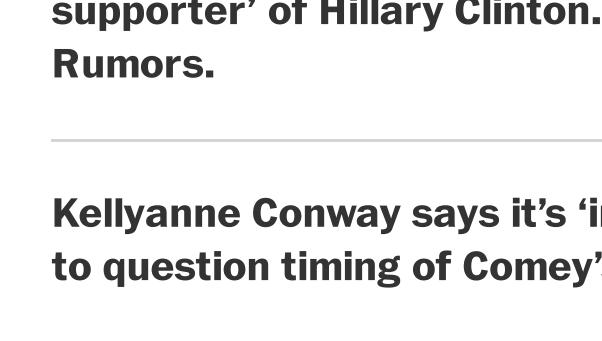
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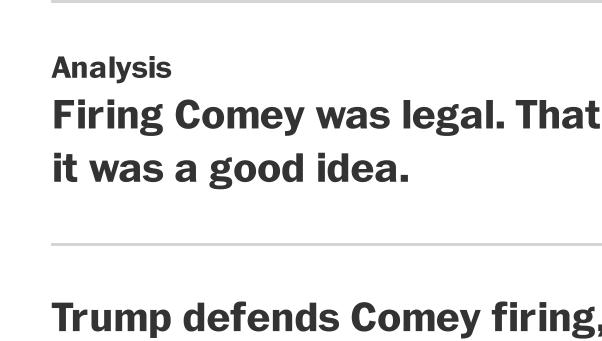
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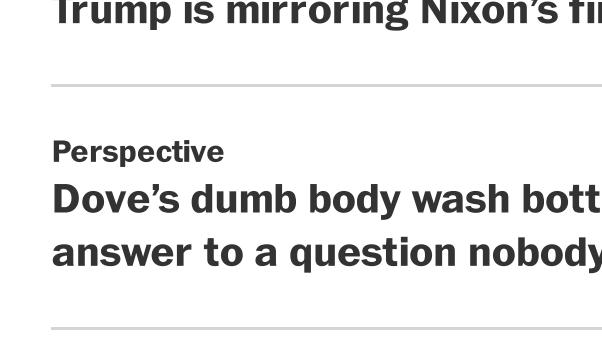
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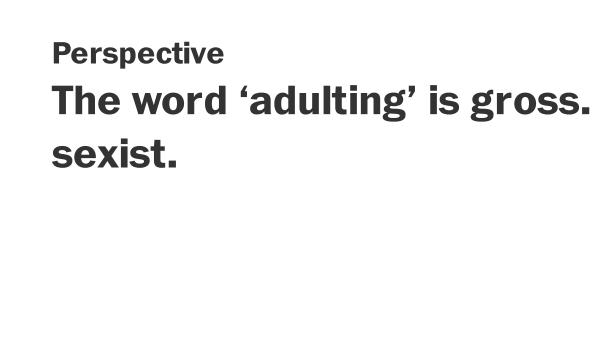
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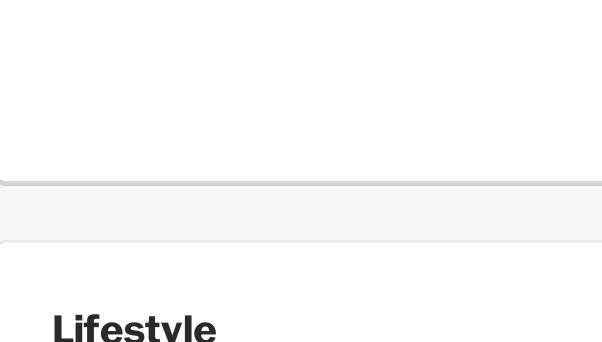
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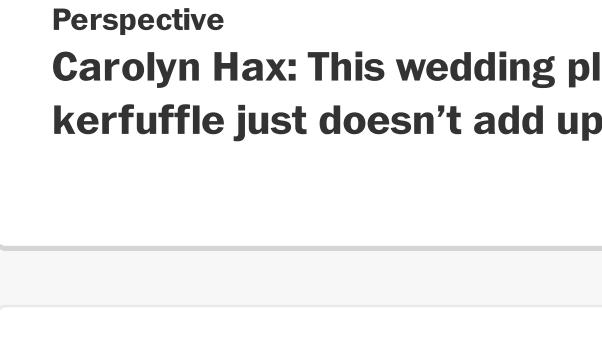
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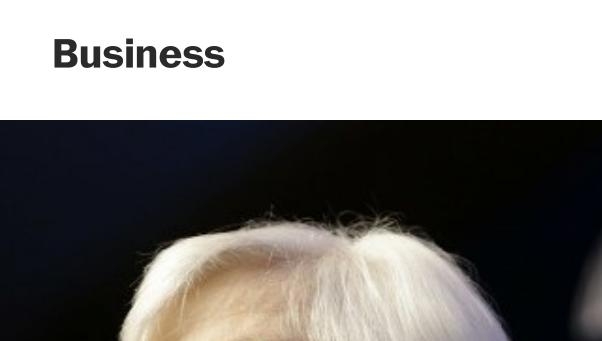
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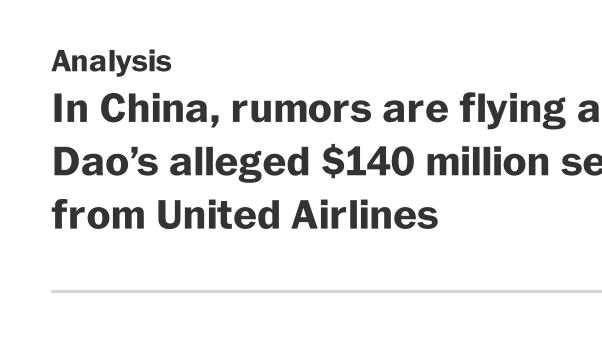
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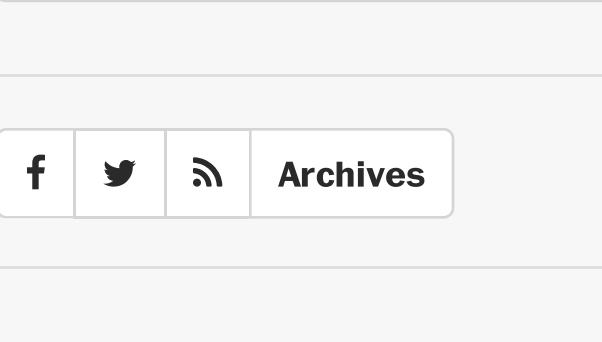
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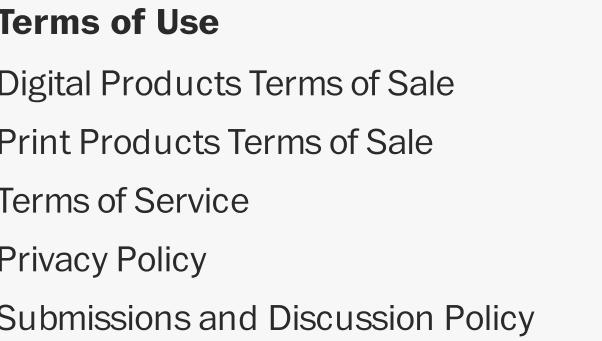
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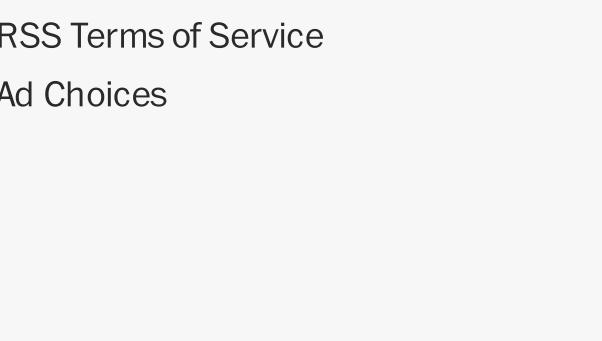
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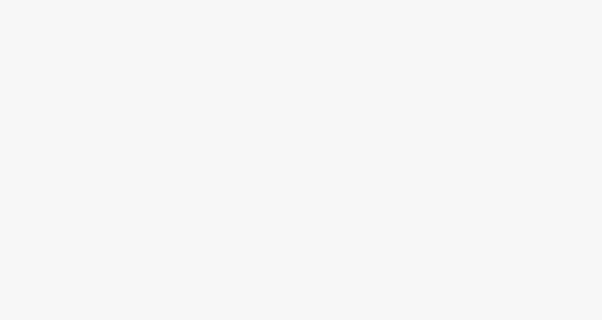
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