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## North Korea's nuclear-tipped bargaining chip

North Korea's growing nuclear capabilities are expected to cast a long shadow over the forthcoming summit between President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

- Factbox: North Korea's missile and nuclear tests
- Summit priorities: Trade and North Korea
- Reuters TV: Human rights slides down the agenda

## Thursday Morning Briefing

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## U.S. weekly jobless claims post largest drop in almost two years

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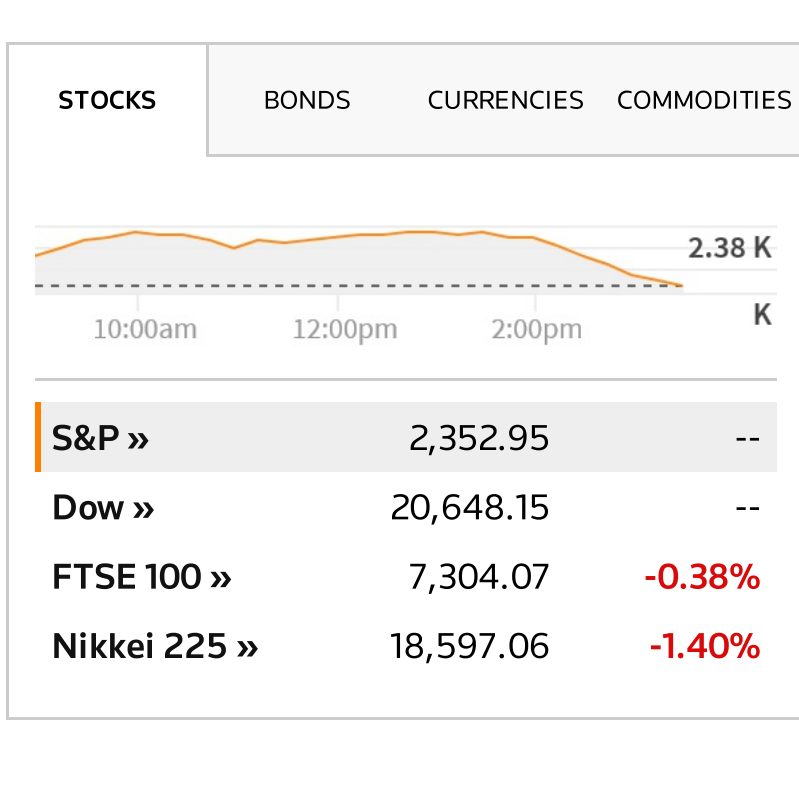
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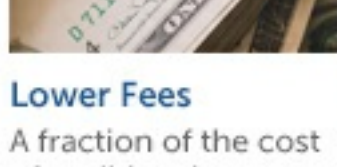
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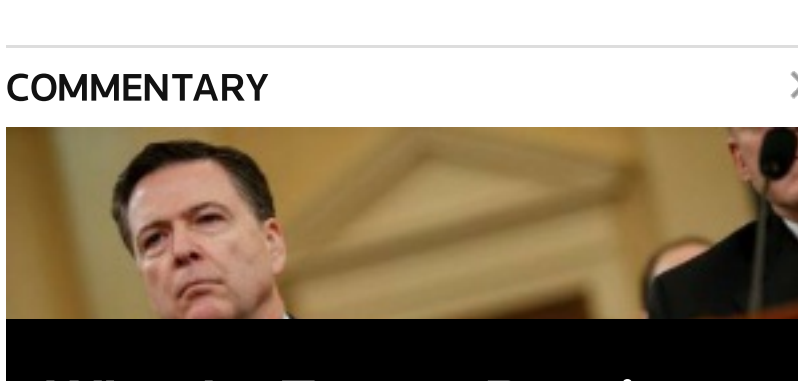
## Commentary: The point of chemical weapons



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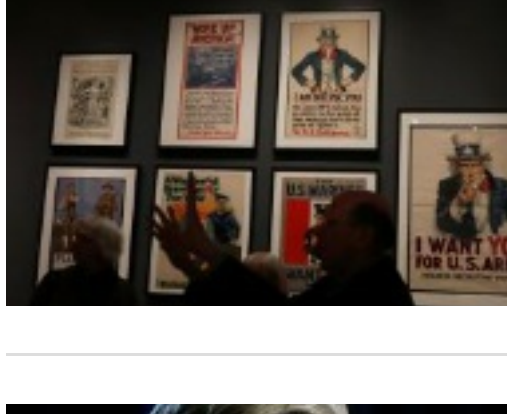
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## 'Nuclear option' fallout? More extreme U.S. justices, experts say

A Republican-backed Senate rule change expected on Thursday could make it more likely that presidents will pick ideologically extreme U.S. Supreme Court nominees with little incentive to choose centrist justices, experts said.

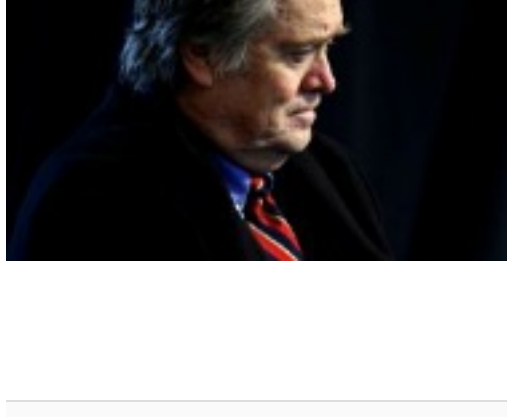
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## Century-old posters of U.S. WWI entry are timely in Trump's America

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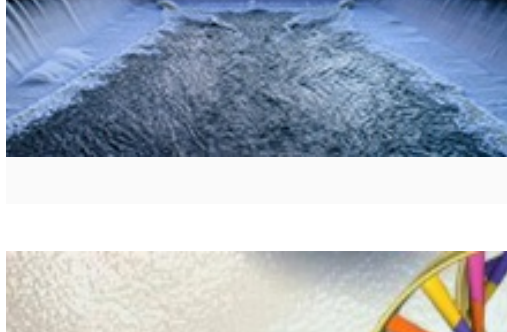
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## Trump drops Steve Bannon from National Security Council

U.S. President Donald Trump removed his chief strategist Steve Bannon from the National Security Council on Wednesday, reversing his controversial decision early this year to give a political adviser an unprecedented role in security discussions.

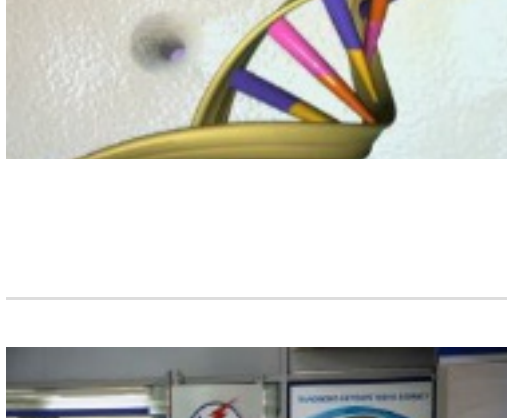
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## Rising to the water challenge

Water is essential for humans to survive and businesses to function. Today's water shortages will only grow worse, unless energy companies work alongside government and society to improve the ways, they use and reuse water. Barclays' new report offers solutions.

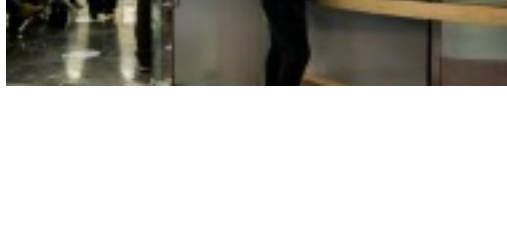
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## How artificial life spawned a billion-dollar industry

Scientists are getting closer to building life from scratch and technology pioneers are taking notice, with record sums moving into a field that could deliver novel drugs, materials, chemicals and even perfumes.

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## Greece's dark age: how austerity turned off the lights

Kostas Argyros's unpaid electricity bills are piling up, among a mountain of debt owed to Greece's biggest power utility. His family owe 850 euros to the Public Power Corporation (PPC), a tiny fraction of the state-controlled firm's 2.6 billion euros (\$2.8 billion) in unpaid bills.

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## REUTERS PICTURES



## BUSINESS



## Stock futures edge up day after Fed-sparked Wall St. reversal

Twitter creates 'lite' version for data-starved users

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## Fed and Trump signals give stocks double trouble

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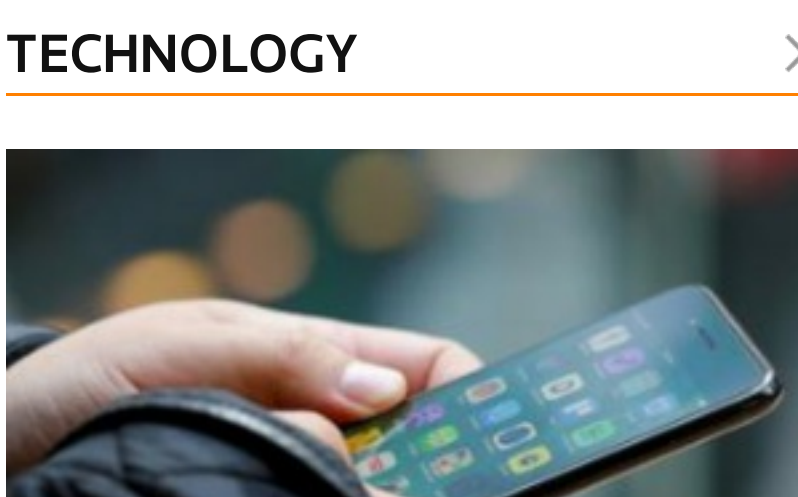
## WORLD



## Trump says chemical attack in Syria crossed many lines

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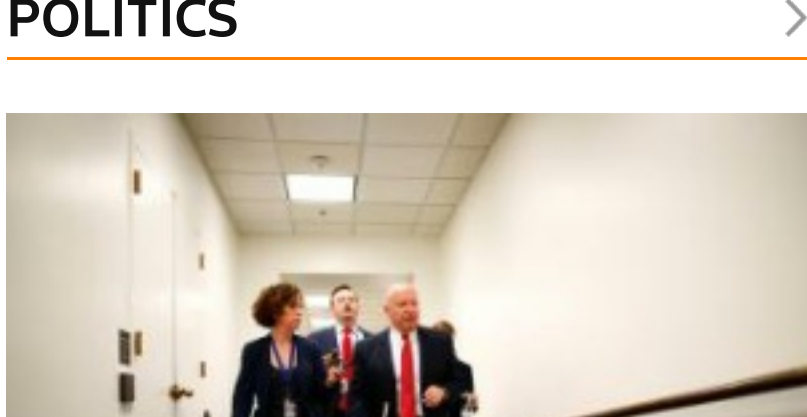


## Australian regulator sues Apple alleging iPhone 'bricking'

China court orders Samsung units to pay \$11.6 million to Huawei over patent case

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## POLITICS



## House tax committee plans public hearings on tax overhaul

For Trump, Mar-a-Lago is place to break the ice with China's Xi

House will not reach healthcare deal before two-week break

## DEALS



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## Bannon booted from National Security Council

President Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, has been removed from a role as a permanent member of the National Security Council, in what is being seen as a major victory for National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster.

## Trump on Syria chemical attack: "Crosses many, many lines"

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## A U.S. conservation program hurts farmers in Iowa

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## Study reveals Britain's ice age "Brexit" from Europe

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## Rome residents fear new lights may dim city's romance

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