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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 drugmaker responsible for the damage done by its product.

By Lenny Bernstein and Scott Higham

Trump remains the center of attention, but he's increasingly isolated politically

Ahead of his 100th day in office later this month, 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 among Republicans in Congress, even as Democrats keep him at arm's length.

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Home stretch for Gorsuch's Supreme Court nomination could forever alter the Senate

Lawmakers will embark on a final, and perhaps bitter, round of debate this week, and the GOP-controlled Senate will likely confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch — but only if it changes the chamber's rules to end filibusters for high court selections.

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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.

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'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.

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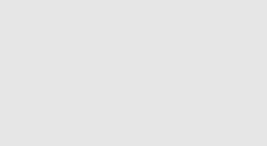
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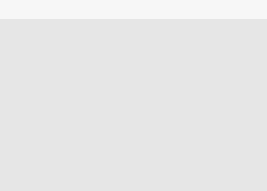
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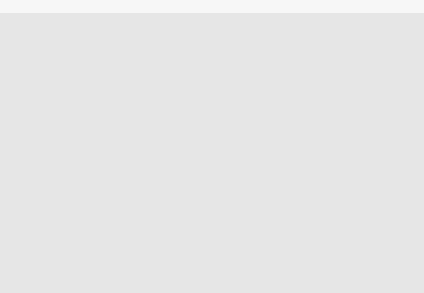
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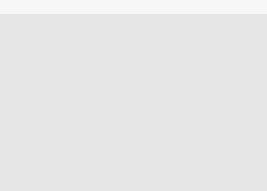


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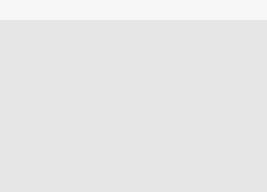
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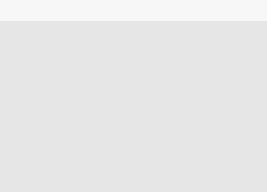
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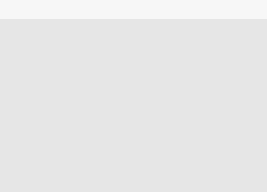


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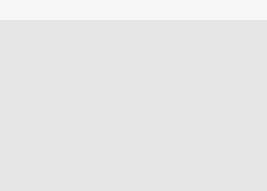
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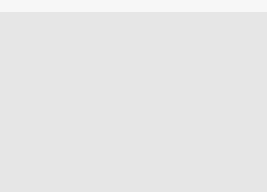


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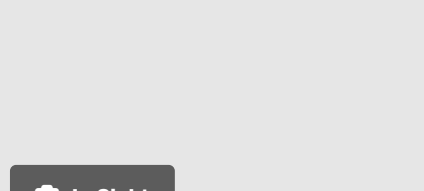


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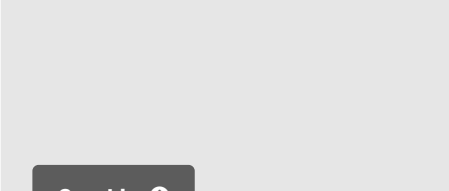
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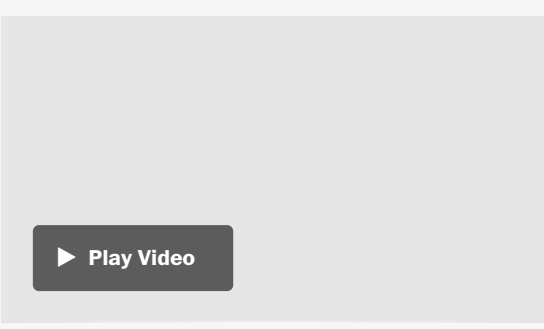
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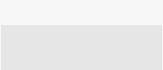
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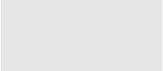
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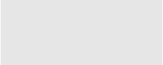
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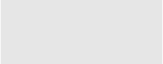
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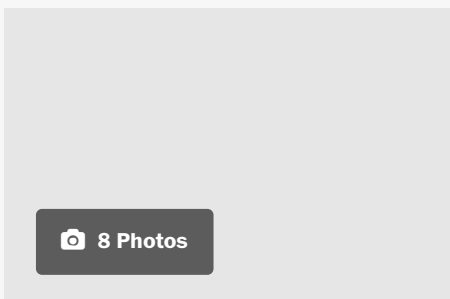
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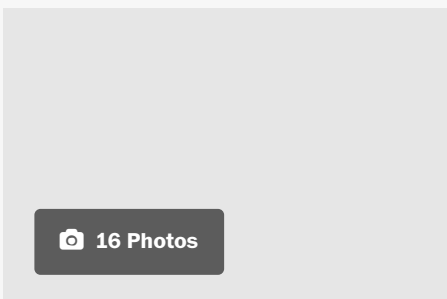
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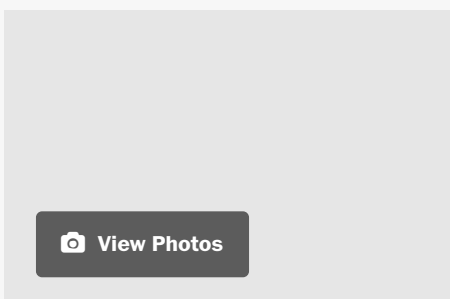
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