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Trump softens border wall demands in bid to calm shutdown jitters

The White House said the president was open to delaying funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border until September as the administration sought to project confidence that a new spending bill would be passed by the Friday deadline and a government shutdown would be avoided.

By Philip Rucker, Robert Costa and David Weigel

President seeks 15 percent corporate tax rate, even if it swells the national debt

Sticking to one of his campaign pledges but shattering another, President Trump instructed advisers to drastically cut the corporate tax rate from 35 percent. By doing so — but not committing to measures that would offset the revenue loss — Trump is making clear he is putting a priority on cutting taxes over the national debt.

By Damian Paletta and Robert Costa

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By Mark Berman



Rep. Will Hurd, R-Tex., answers questions at the U.S.-Mexico border in Tornillo, Tex. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

This congressman's reelection challenge is (almost) as big as Texas

As Democrats try for an anti-Trump wave in next year's midterm elections, break-the-mold Republican Will Hurd is fighting to hold a vast, politically volatile district along the U.S.-Mexico border with a battle plan that includes being one of the harshest GOP critics of the president's push to build a wall along that border.

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U.S. to launch punitive tariffs on Canadian lumber

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the administration is planning to impose a roughly 20 percent tariff on softwood lumber imported from Canada, in what may be the biggest trade dispute between the U.S. and its northern neighbor in over a decade.



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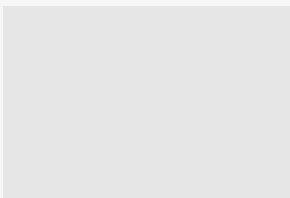
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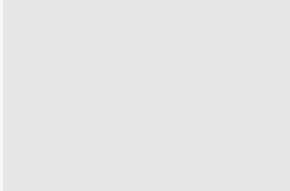


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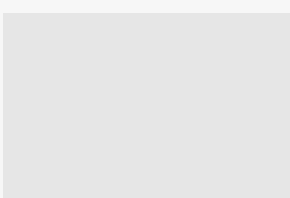
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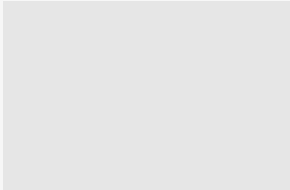
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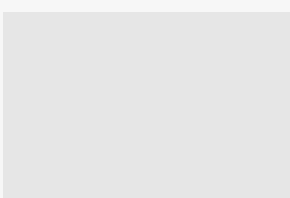


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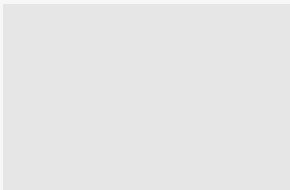


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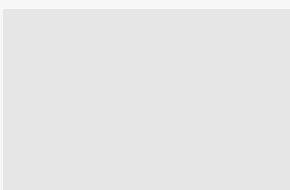
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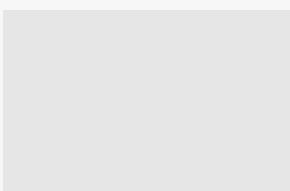
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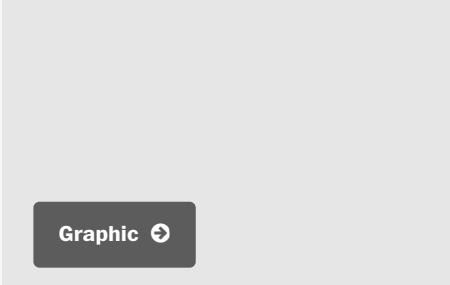
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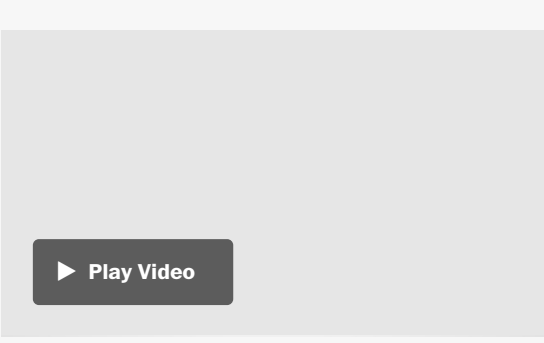
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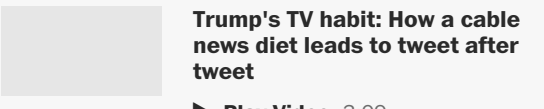
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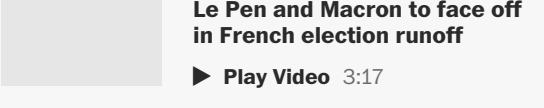
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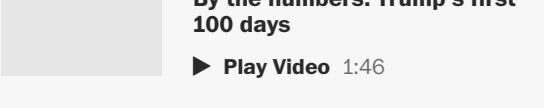
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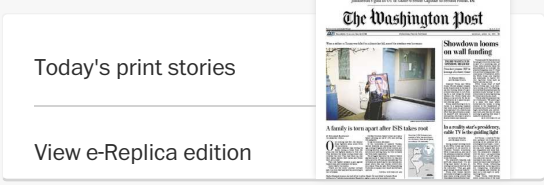
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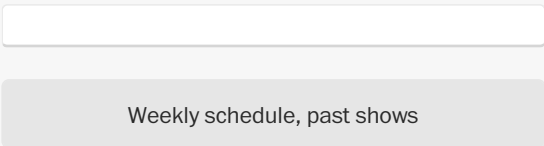
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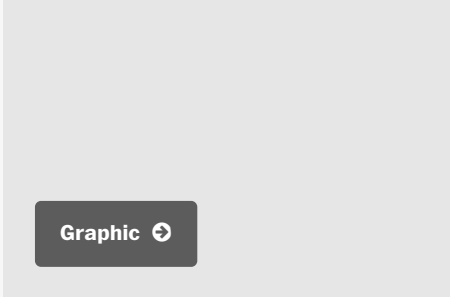
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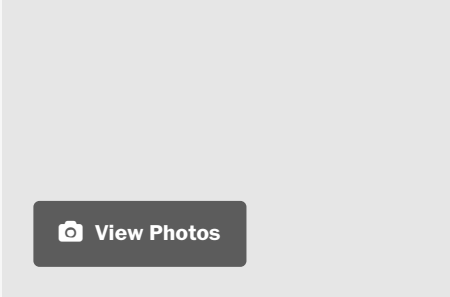
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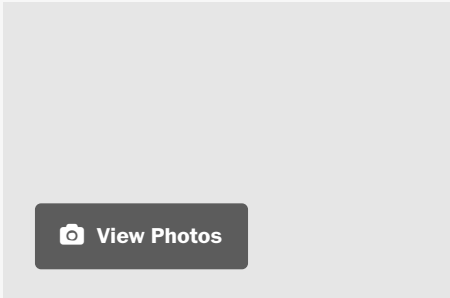
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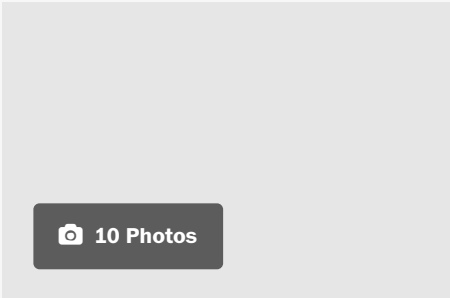
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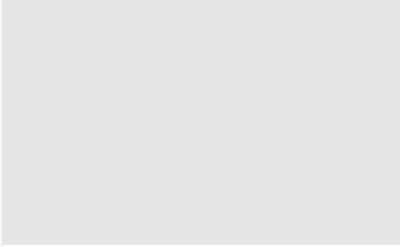
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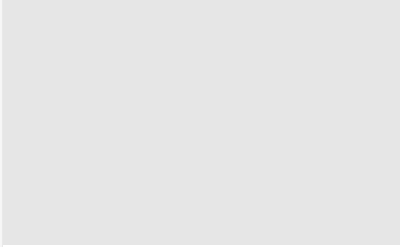
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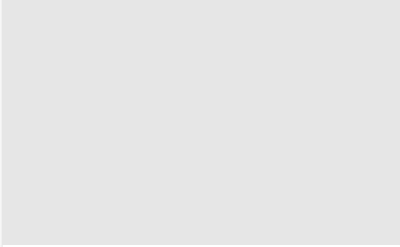
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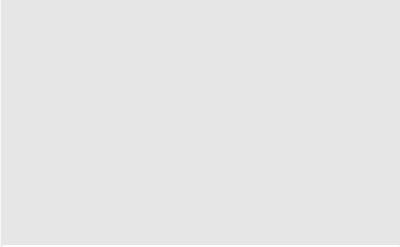
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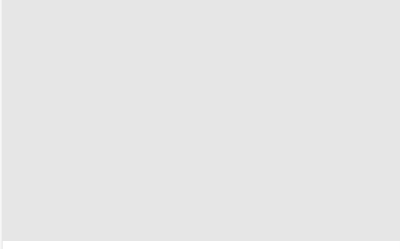
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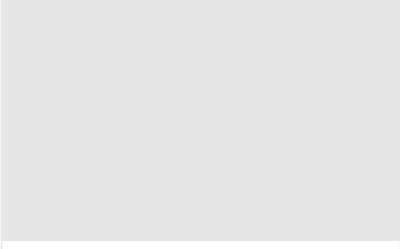
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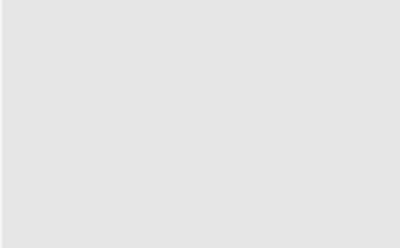
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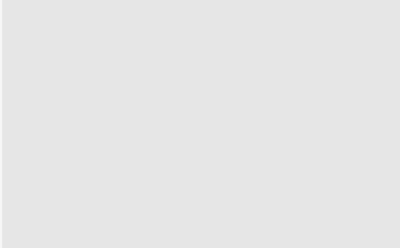
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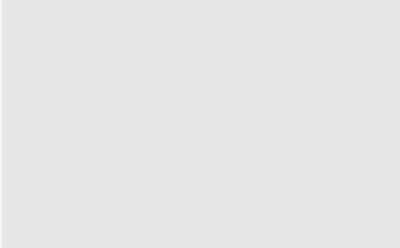
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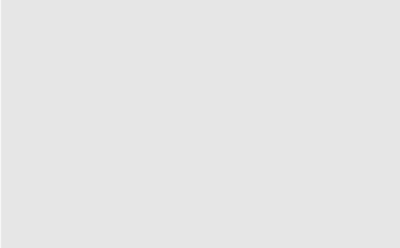
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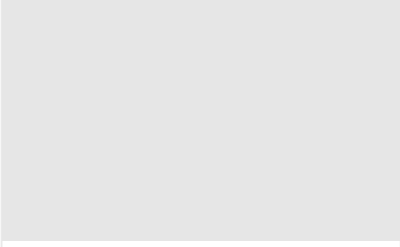
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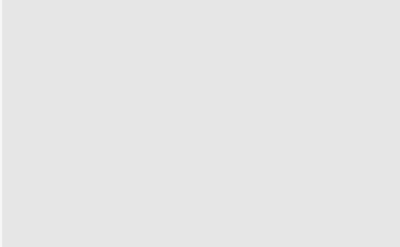
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