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Comey firing prompts concern over Russia probe

President Trump ignited a political firestorm by firing FBI Director James Comey, who had been leading an investigation into the Trump 2016 presidential campaign's possible collusion with Russia to influence the election outcome.

- FBI in turmoil over Comey firing
- Reuters TV: Schumer calls for an independent prosecutor
- Trump pledges 'far better' replacement

New South Korea president vows to address North Korea, broader tensions 'urgently'

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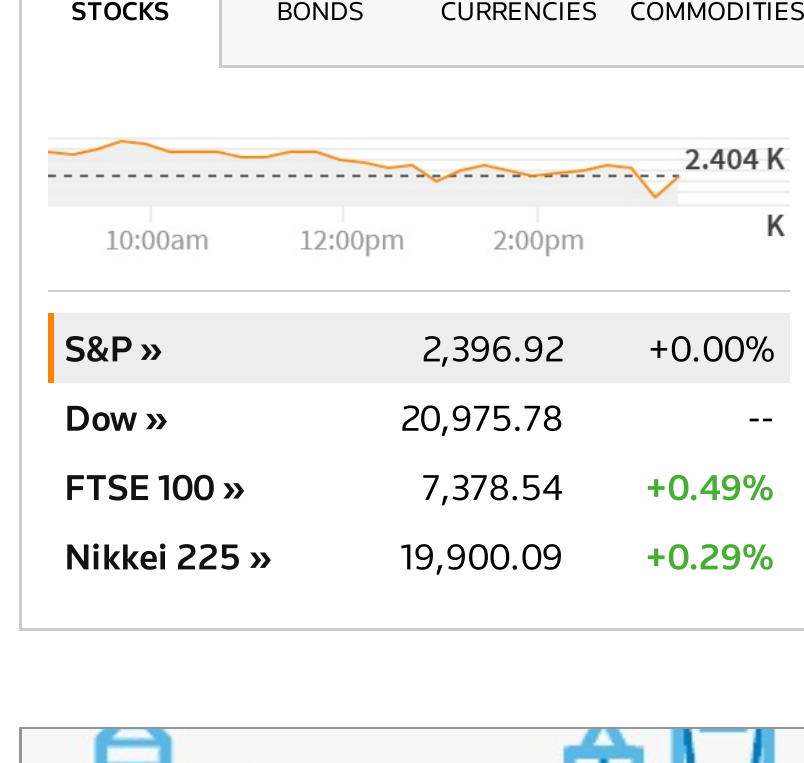
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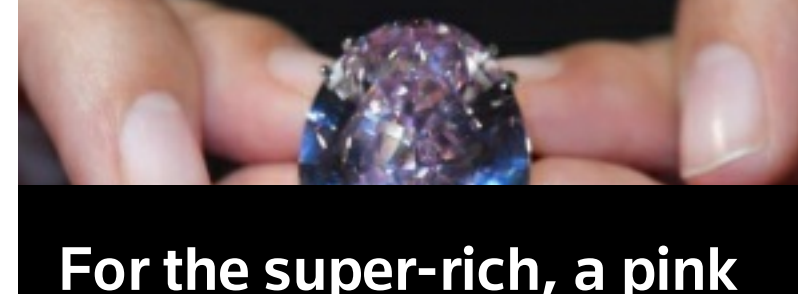
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Europe shares steady; dollar down on Comey sacking

European shares held at 21-month highs on Wednesday, while the dollar fell on concerns that U.S. President Donald Trump's dismissal of his FBI chief could make passage of his tax reform plans more difficult.

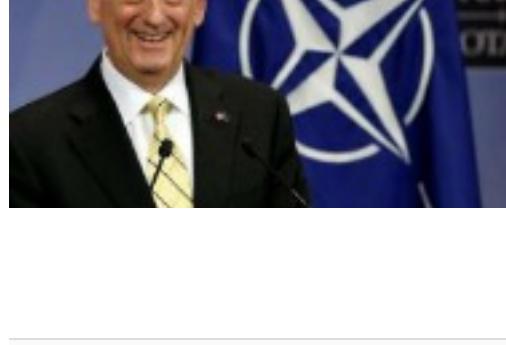
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U.S. lawmakers not backing down on human rights for Tibet, Pelosi says

Top U.S. lawmakers delivered a blunt message to China on Wednesday that they would not relent in their campaign to protect human rights in Tibet, calling for legislative and trade steps to press home their point.

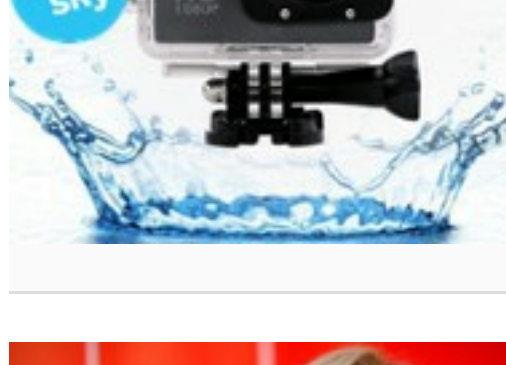
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U.S. criticizes Russian build-up near Baltic states

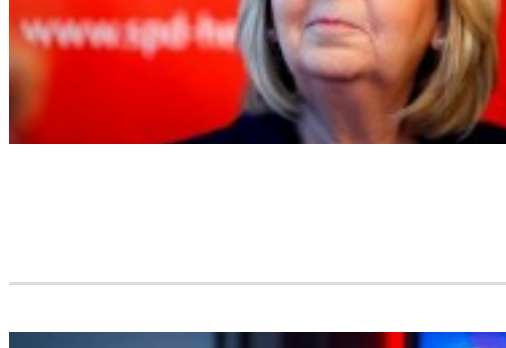
U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said on Wednesday that a Russian missile deployment near the Baltic states was "destabilizing", and officials suggested the United States could deploy a Patriot missile battery in the region for NATO exercises in the summer.

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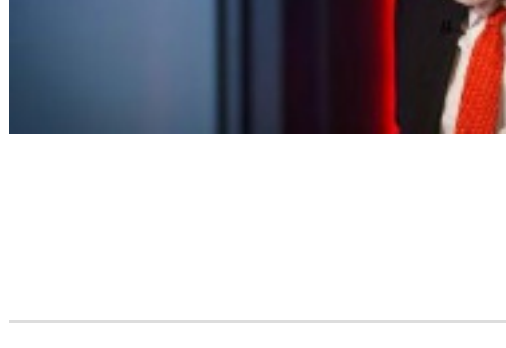
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Germany's SPD fighting to hang onto power in key state election

Just a few years ago, Germany's Social Democrats were pinning their hopes on Hannelore Kraft as their answer to Angela Merkel. Now Kraft is struggling just to stay on as a regional leader and hopes of her party unseating the chancellor are fading fast.

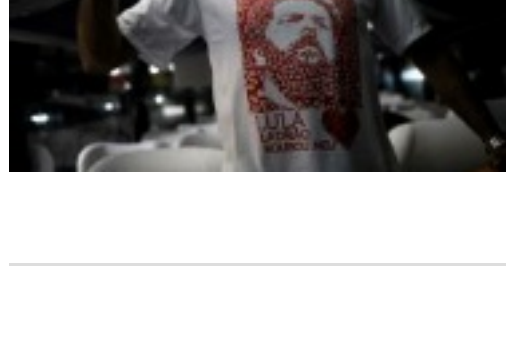
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U.S. Democratic senators seek probe into Icahn's biofuel credit dealings

Eight Democratic senators asked U.S. regulators on Tuesday to launch an investigation into billionaire Carl Icahn's activities in the U.S. biofuels blending credit market, saying the activist investor may have violated trading laws since becoming an adviser to President Donald Trump.

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Brazil on edge as ex-president Lula squares off with judge Moro

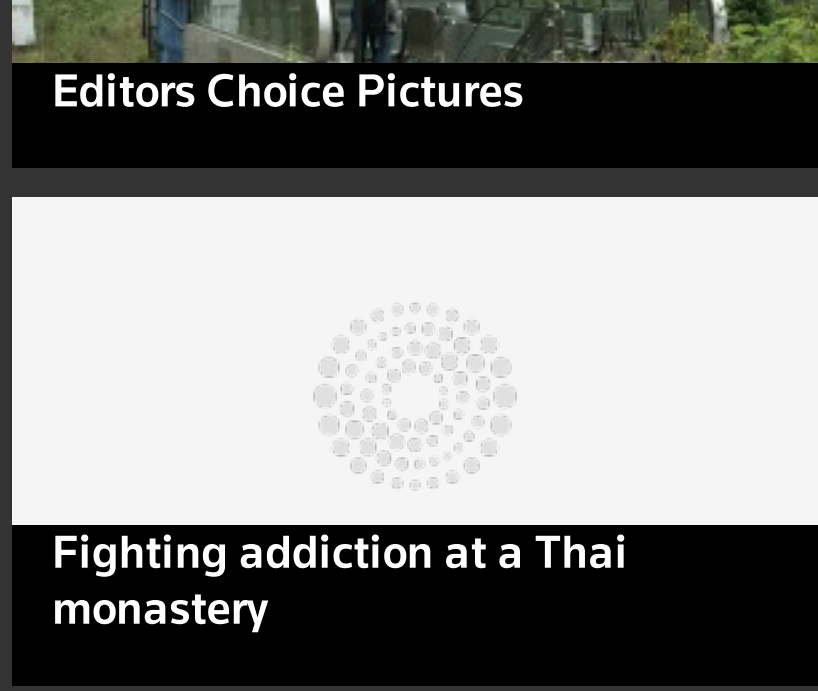
When Brazil's former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Judge Sergio Moro meet for the first time in a courtroom on Wednesday, the contrasts - and the stakes - could hardly be greater.

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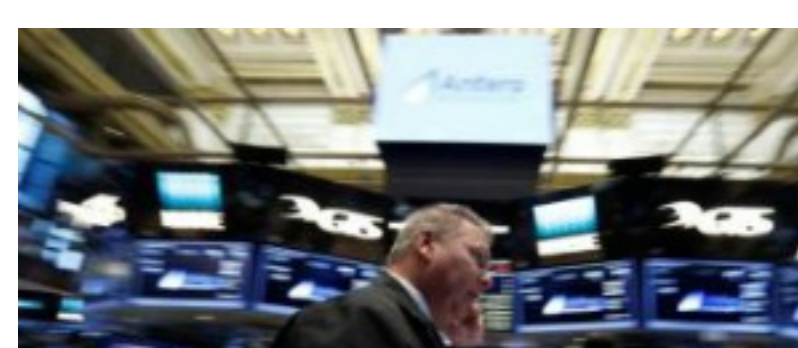


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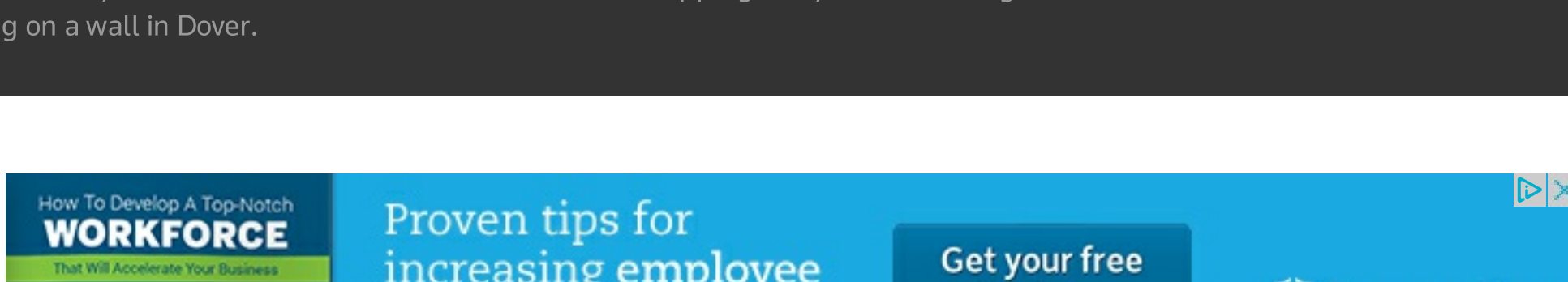
British street artist Banksy tackles Brexit with a mural of a workman chipping away one of the 12 gold stars of the EU flag on a wall in Dover.

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