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Officials said FBI Director James B. Comey was dismissed after senior Justice Department officials concluded he had violated department principles and procedures by publicly discussing an investigation of Hillary Clinton's use of private email. Just last week, President Trump publicly accused Comey of giving Clinton, his Democratic challenger for president, "a free pass for many bad deeds" when he decided not to recommend criminal charges in the case.

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The Justice Department's case against Comey, annotated

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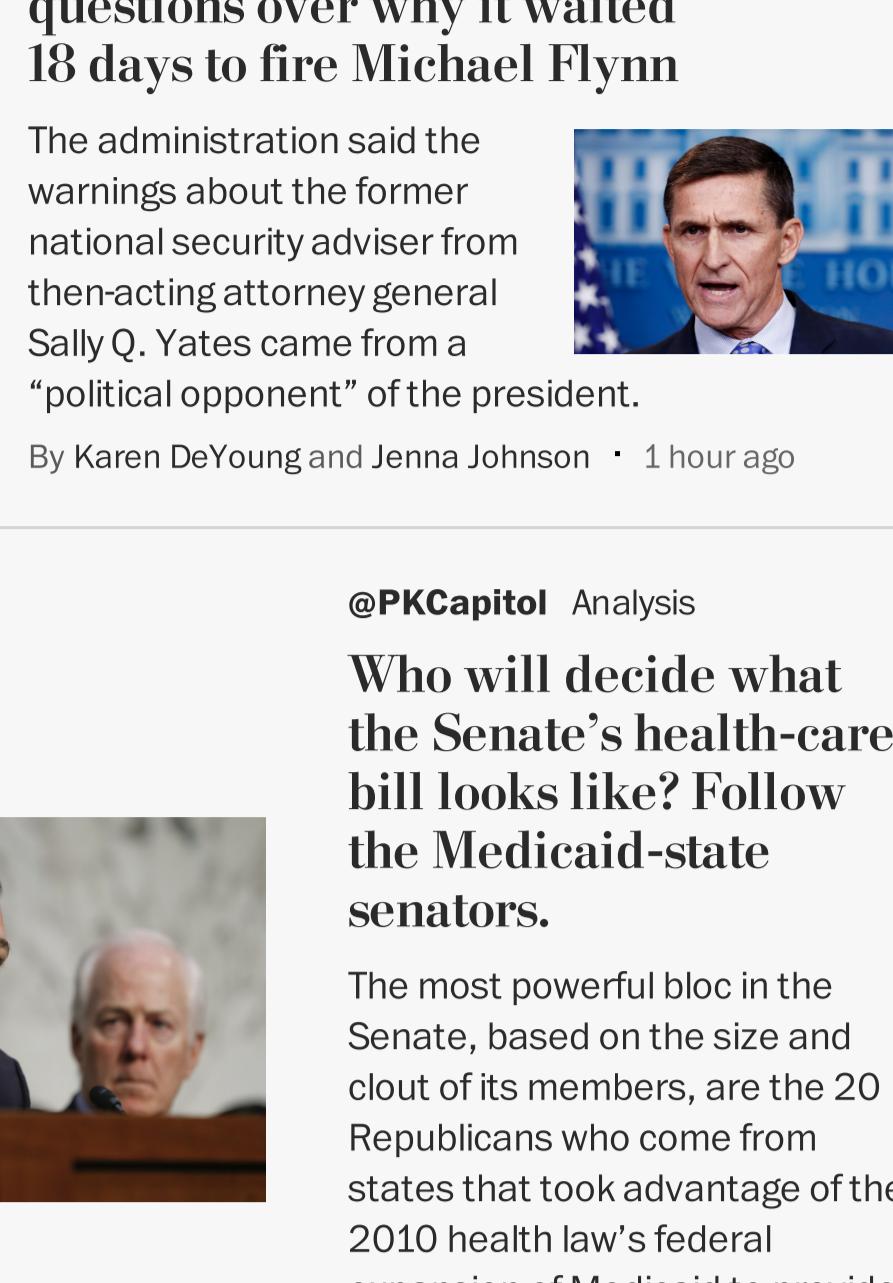
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Trump seemed to want an excuse to fire James Comey. Then Comey gave it to him.

While the FBI director's termination happened rather quickly — mere hours after it was revealed that Comey gave faulty testimony to Congress — it wasn't altogether a shock.

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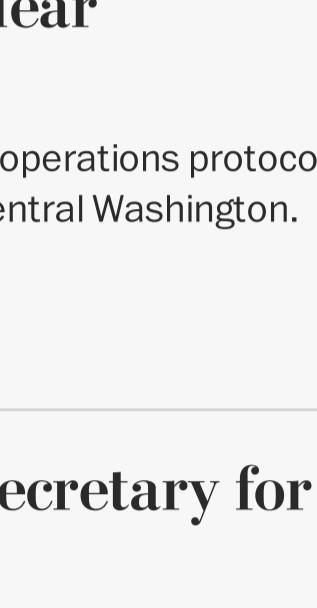
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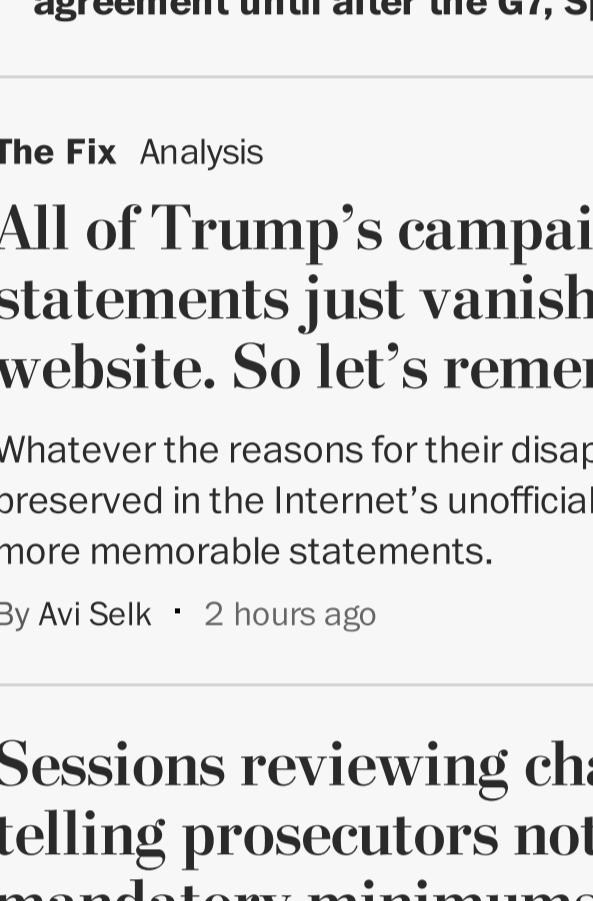


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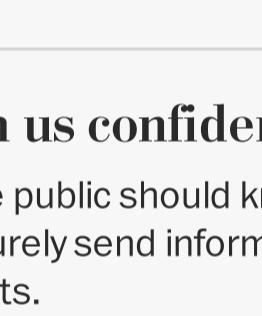


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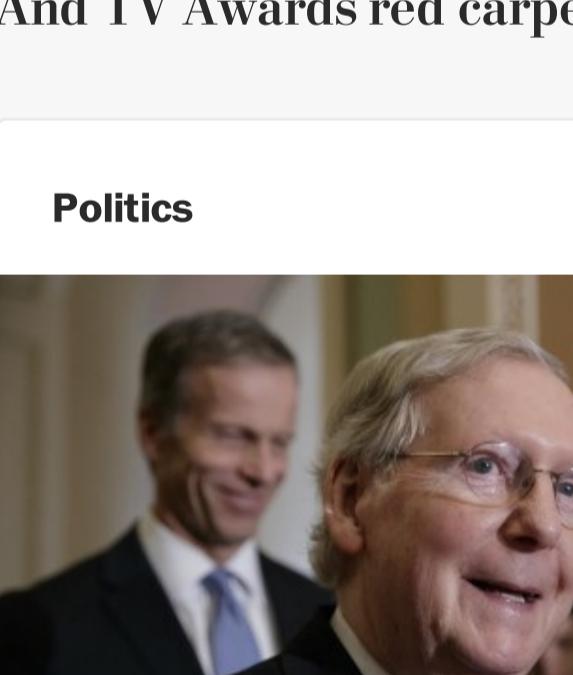
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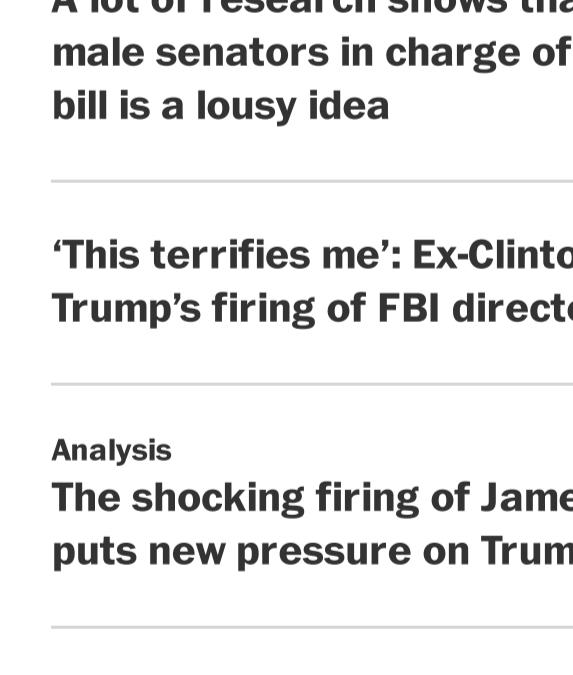
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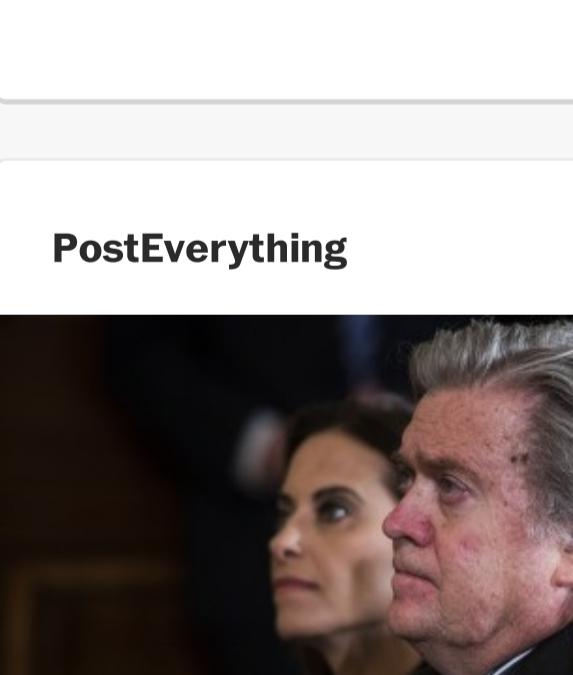
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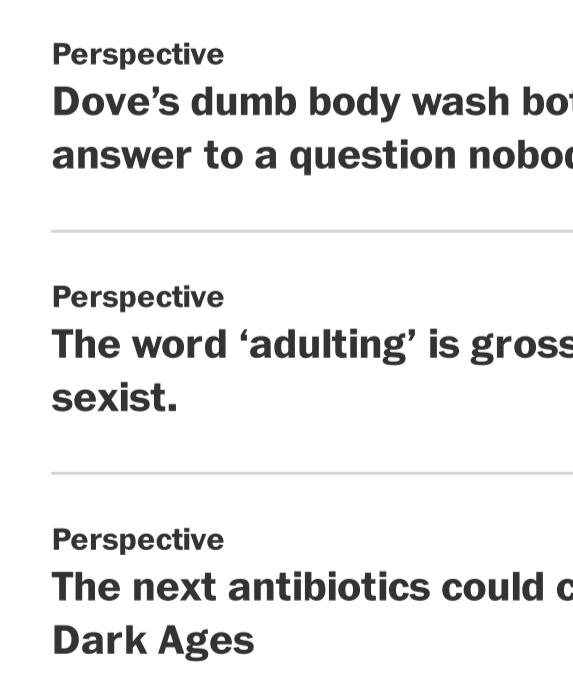


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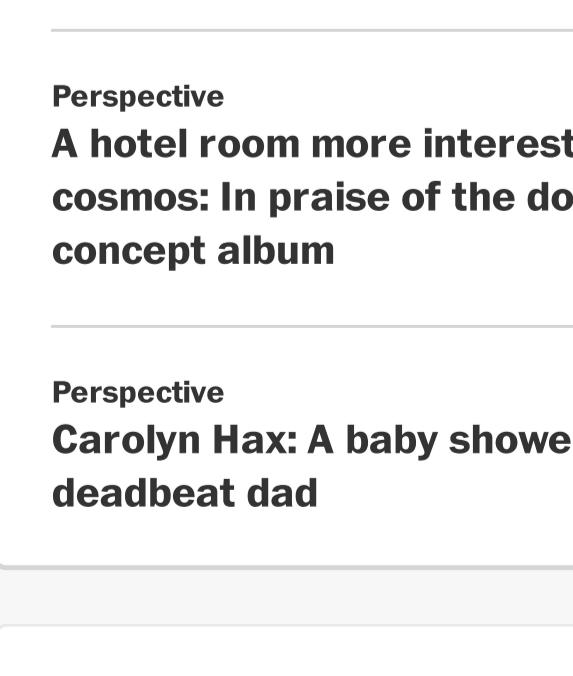
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He says he went to Syria to rescue his wife from ISIS. Now he sits in prison.

Belgian national Ahmed Abu Fouad was vacationing with his children two years ago when he got word that his young wife had run away to Syria. Belgium has adopted an uncompromising line on his case, as it has for other countrymen returning from the Islamic State's self-declared caliphate.

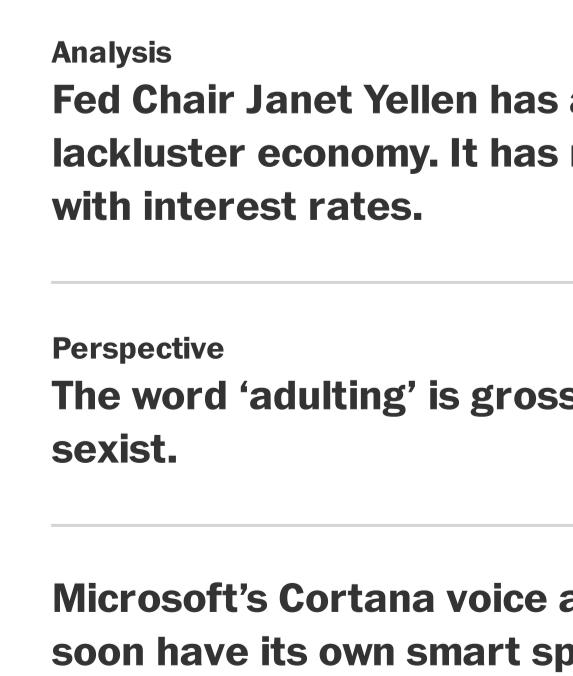
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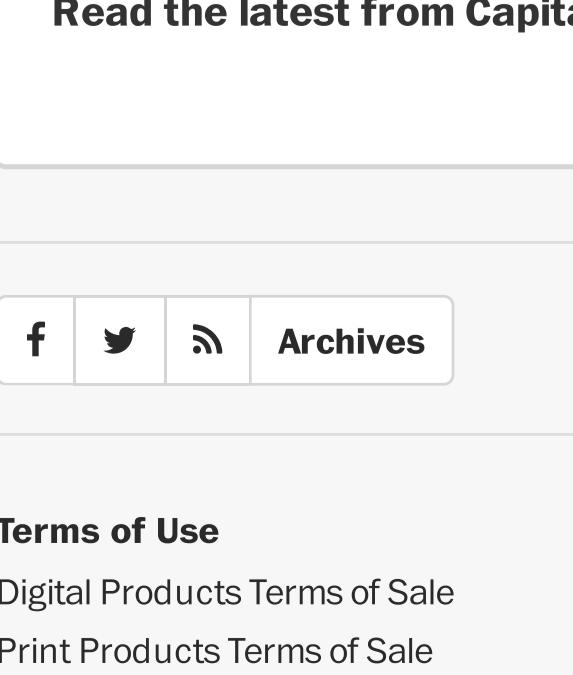
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Even if he were, Colbert's joke wouldn't meet standards for obscene content, experts say.

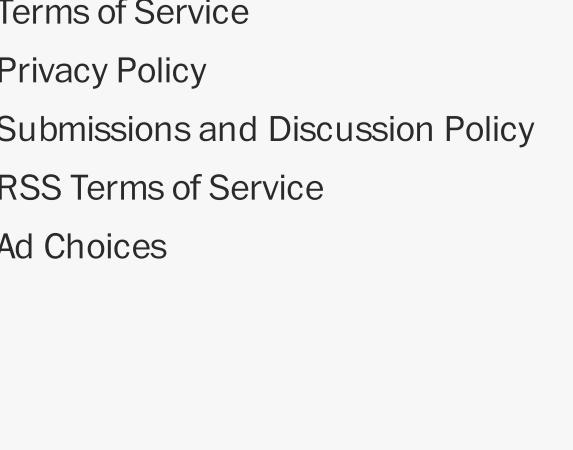
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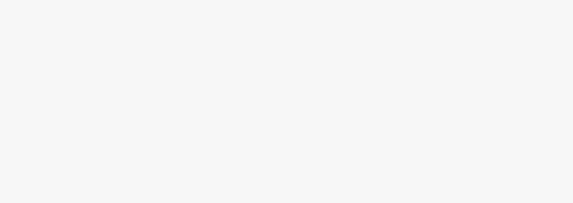
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