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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.

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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.

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Rep. Will Hurd speaks at an event in San Antonio. (Melina Mara/Post)

Meet one of the critics of Trump’s wall. He’s a Republican. In 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.

By Karen Tumulty

Oh, Canada, you’re next: After attacking China and Mexico trade practices, Trump shifts his ire north

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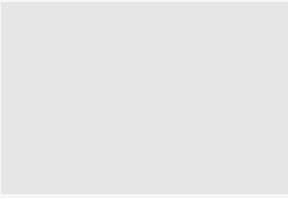
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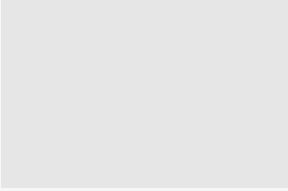


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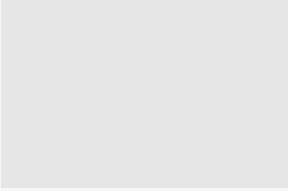
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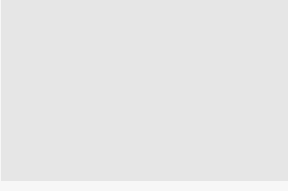
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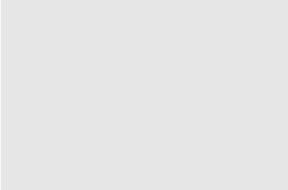
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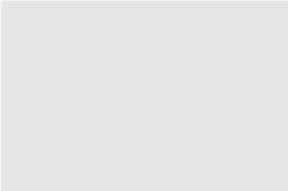
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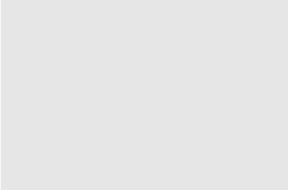
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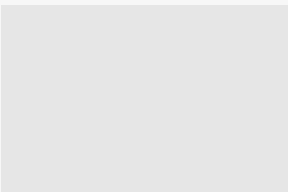
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Sotomayor sees ‘disturbing trend’ of court siding with police officers accused of excessive force

The Supreme Court justice said the court should have accepted the case of a man who was shot in the back by a Houston police officer in 2010. Her dissent, which criticized past decisions by the court, drew a rebuttal from two of her colleagues.

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The Fix Analysis

Bill O’Reilly sounds like he is about to launch a revenge tour, not an apology tour

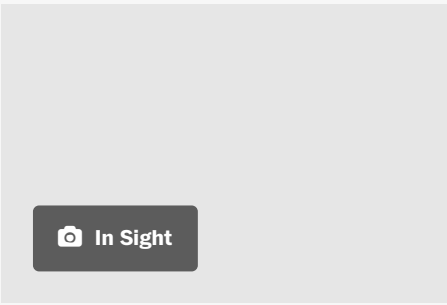
On the day he was originally scheduled to return to Fox News from vacation, O’Reilly spoke out on a podcast about the sexual harassment allegations that led to his ouster and hinted at a campaign to clear his name.

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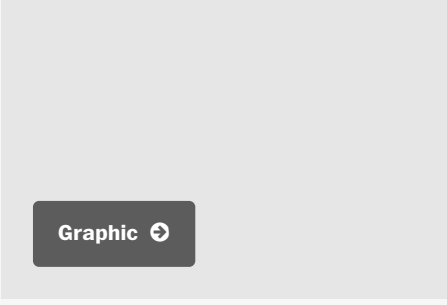
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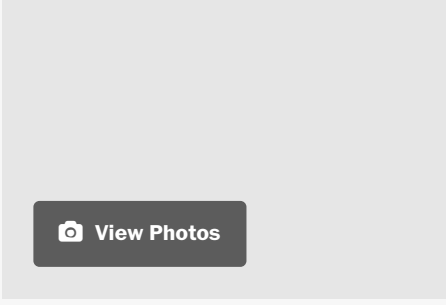
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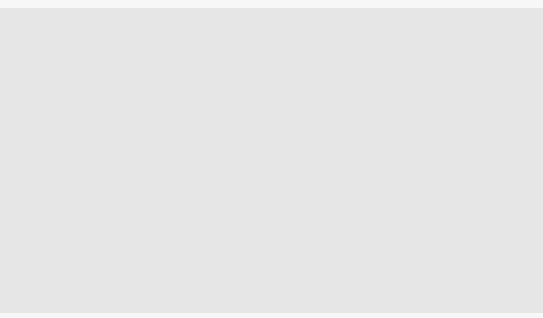
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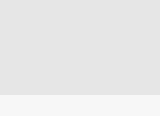
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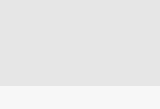
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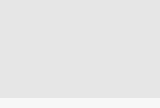
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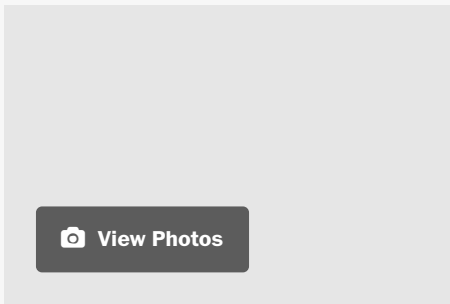
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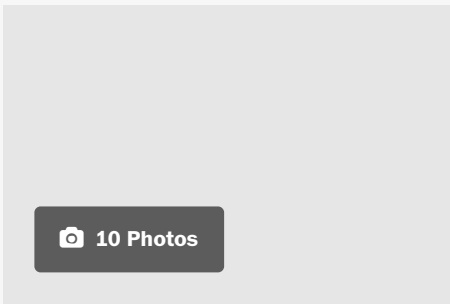
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