

Showdown looms over money for border wall as budget deadline nears

- President Trump and his top aides pressed congressional Republicans to use the threat of a government shutdown to win funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, an effort that could lead to a standoff with lawmakers in both parties ahead of Friday's deadline to pass a spending bill.
- Trump's push for fast action on the wall is part of a mounting scramble inside the administration — which is nearing its symbolic 100-day mark — to kick-start the president's agenda, even if it risks dire political consequences.

By Kelsey Snell and Robert Costa

Macron, Le Pen advance to runoff to lead France as voters reject legacy political parties

The May 7 presidential matchup between far-right anti-immigrant firebrand Marine Le Pen and unconventional centrist Emmanuel Macron sets up a battle between a contender who wants to seal France tight against the tides of globalization and another who seeks to strip away even more barriers with the rest of the world.

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In the mountains of western Tunisia, radical Islamists are seeking to spread their ideology and impose control, sowing chaos and cowing villagers with brute violence in a quest for new territories in the wake of defeats and retreats in Iraq and Syria. One evening last fall, the battle led one man to betray his relative.

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For the president — a reality TV star who parlayed his blustery-yet-knowing on-air persona into a winning political brand — television is often the guiding force of his day, both weapon and scalpel, megaphone and news feed. And his obsession with the tube has upended the traditional rhythms of the White House.

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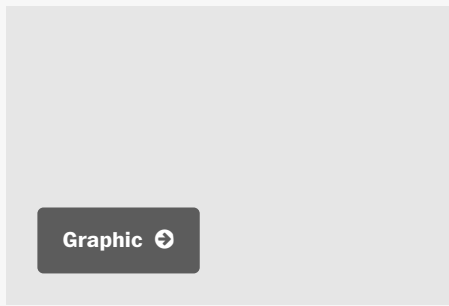
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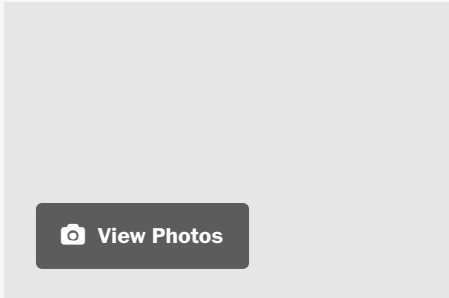
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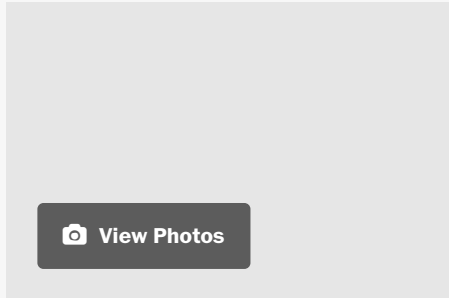
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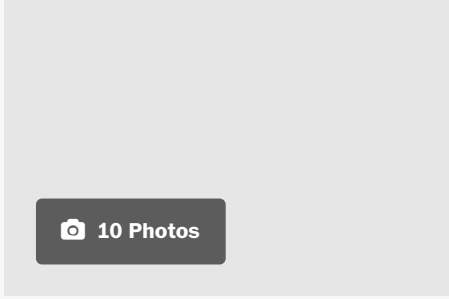
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