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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

Arkansas carries out country’s first back-to-back executions since 2000

The second lethal injection of the night had been temporarily halted as a federal judge considered claims that the first execution may have been botched. But late Monday, Marcel W. Williams’s death sentence was carried out.

By Mark Berman



Rep. Will Hurd speaks to his constituents at an event in San Antonio. (Melina Mara/The 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.

By Karen Tumulty

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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State Department website removes article touting history of Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate

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Japanese tattoo artist challenges a national revulsion to body art

Taiki Masuda is fighting a \$3,000 fine that was levied two years ago. Tattoos are strongly associated with organized crime in Japan and are therefore almost universally viewed with repugnance.

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U.S. imposes sanctions on 271 employees of Syrian research center

The Trump administrations says the center was responsible for developing and producing sarin used to kill dozens of people in the April 4 chemical weapons attack by the government of President Bashar al-Assad.

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The move on Wednesday could upend protections that previous presidents have put in place in Utah and elsewhere across the country.

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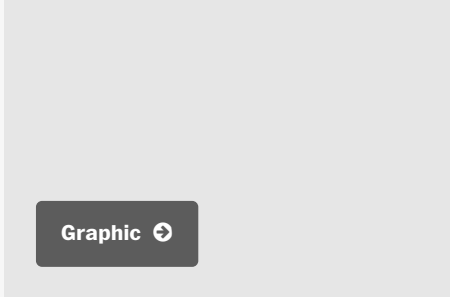
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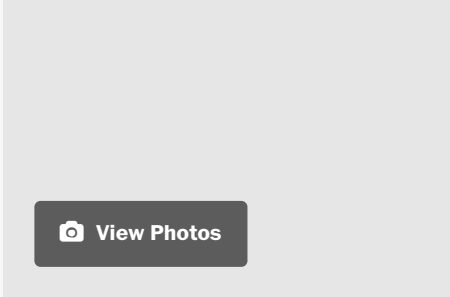
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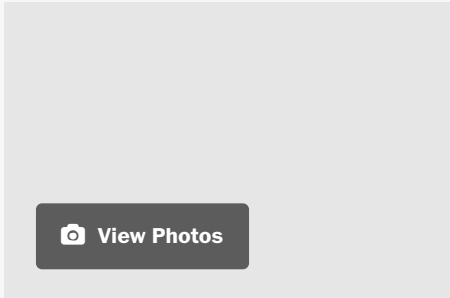
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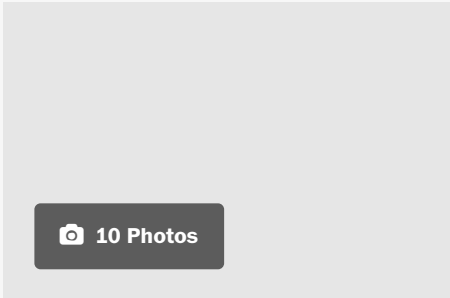
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