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## Conservatives hope Gorsuch confirmation will reboot Trump's presidency

The swearing-in of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch will mark a big win for President Trump and conservatives — both on and off Capitol Hill — who have struggled desperately to produce significant victories despite pledges of sweeping change in Washington that one-party rule would bring. Trump allies hope that the Gorsuch win will serve as a springboard for other triumphs.

By John Wagner, Sean Sullivan and Ed O'Keefe

### Tillerson, Haley issue differing statements on future of Assad in Syria

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said that the U.S. believes Syrian President Bashar al-Assad must go, while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson suggested his fate will be decided by the Syrian people.

By Abby Phillip and Mike DeBonis

- White House struggles to explain how attack on Syria fits into broader policy

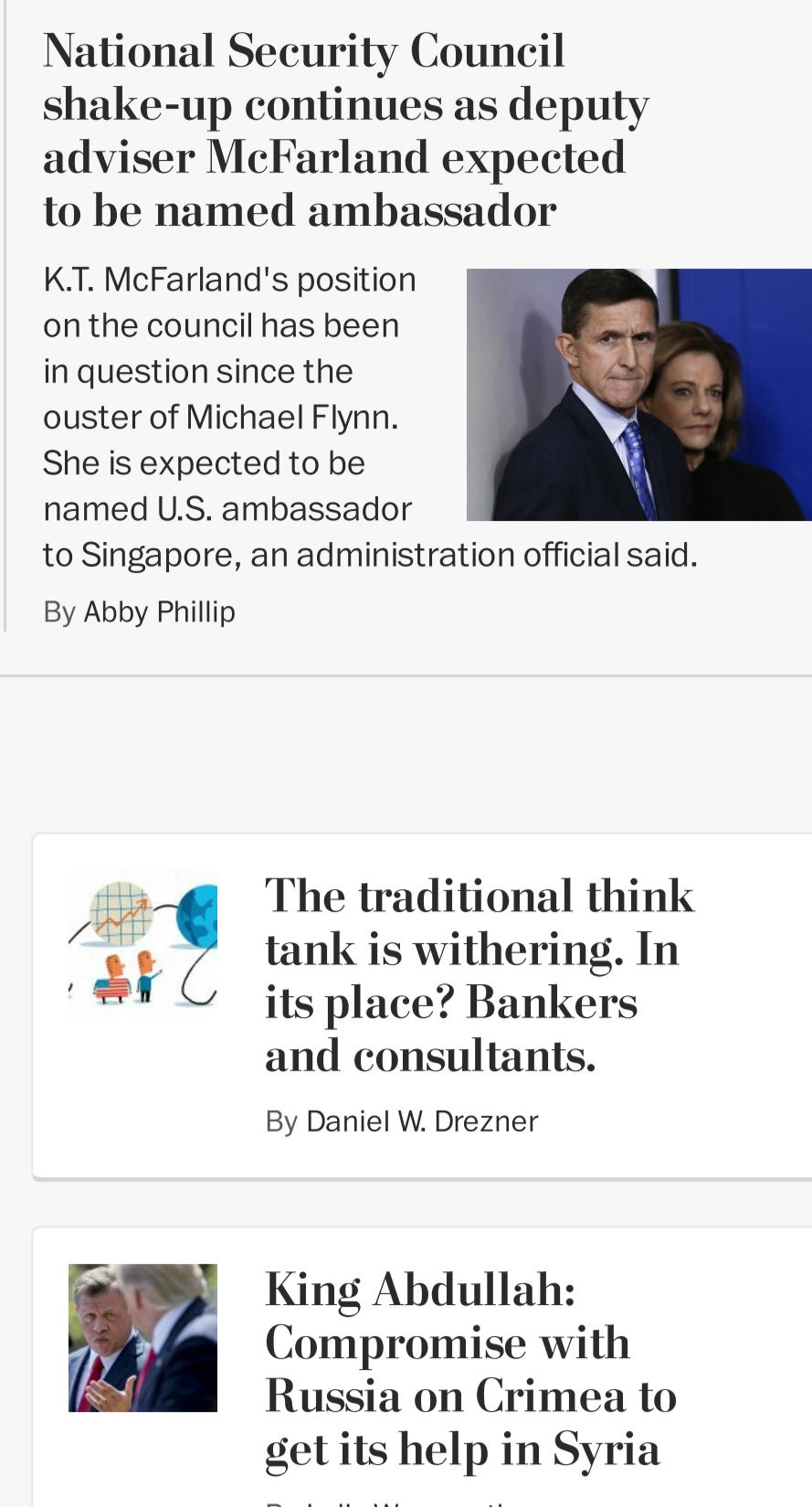


#### Fact Checker Analysis

Ryan and McConnell flip-flop on use of force in Syria to deter chemical weapons

President Barack Obama's planned attack was more robust than President Trump's one-night jab, but Republican leaders have conveniently forgotten that.

By Glenn Kessler



Closed-circuit TV outside St. Mark's Cathedral in Alexandria, Egypt, captured one of the two attacks. (Egypt Interior Ministry via AP)

## ISIS claims responsibility for deadly blasts that kill dozens at two churches in Egypt

Two bombs rocked churches packed with worshippers for Palm Sunday services in the Egyptian cities of Tanta and Alexandria. The assaults were the latest in a spate of attacks targeting Coptic Christians and come three weeks ahead of a scheduled visit by Pope Francis to Egypt.

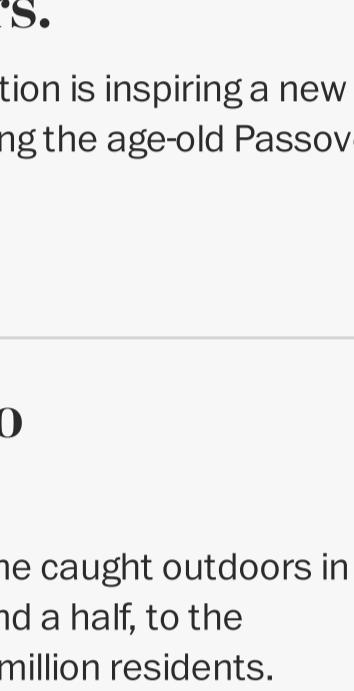
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- Video: Egypt's angry residents blame government
- Photos: Palm Sunday devastation at two churches in Egypt

### National Security Council shake-up continues as deputy adviser McFarland expected to be named ambassador

K.T. McFarland's position on the council has been in question since the ouster of Michael Flynn. She is expected to be named U.S. ambassador to Singapore, an administration official said.

By Abby Phillip



## Opinions

### Trump's strike against Syria doesn't change the narrative

By Anne Applebaum

I write thrillers. My research showed me how easily terrorists can strike us.

By Matthew Quirk

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By Stacey Patton

The traditional think tank is withering. In its place? Bankers and consultants.

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The group led by the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson moved north as Kim Jong Un's regime in North Korea prepared to mark key anniversaries in the coming weeks.

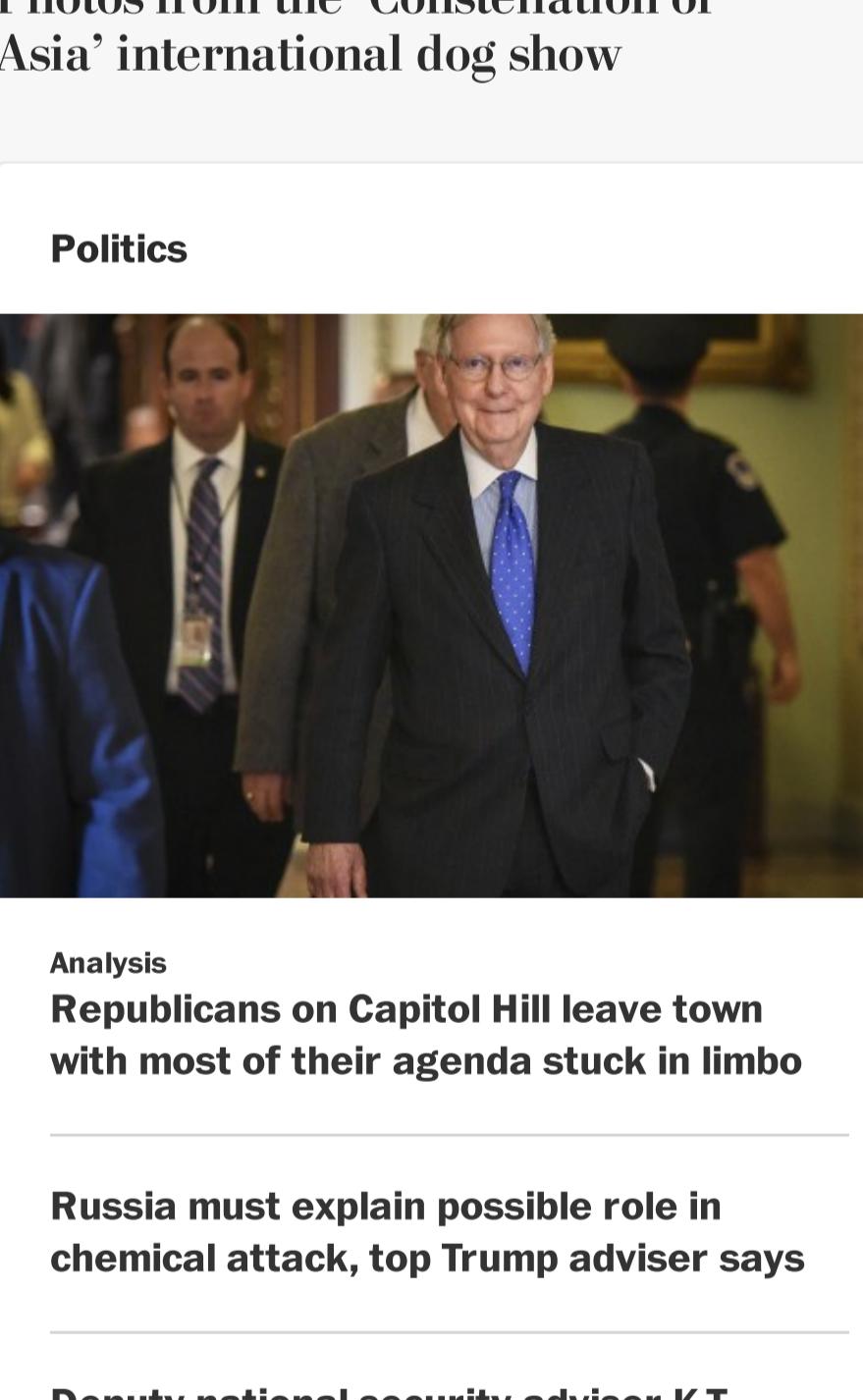
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Gov. Scott Walker wants Wisconsin to be first state to stop dictating how much time kids should go to school

Walker's proposal is in direct opposition to what has been an attempt in recent years by policymakers to expand instructional time in public schools.

By Valerie Strauss

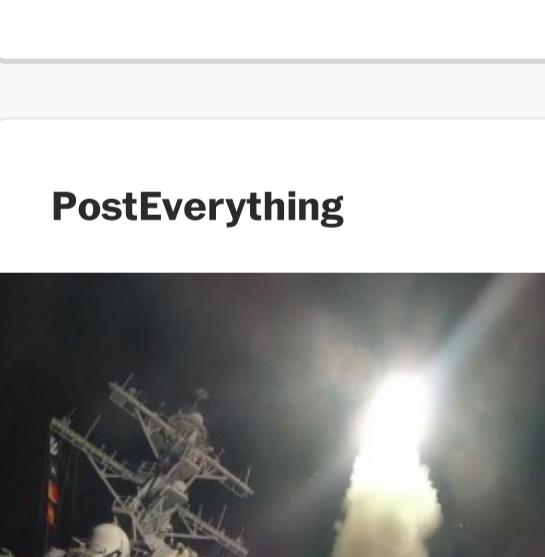


Can a remote Canadian island become a safe harbor for Americans who want to flee Trump?

The emails started coming to Cape Breton just after Donald Trump won his first presidential primary last year. They still come from Americans who think they might be willing to relocate to a place with short days and frigid temperatures five months of the year. "I am so sick of what has happened to my beautiful country," one wrote.

By Chico Harlan

## Visual Stories



### Swedish police say Stockholm truck-attack suspect was failed Uzbek asylum-seeker

Authorities said the 39-year-old was supposed to have been deported last year, but he went into hiding and police could not find him.

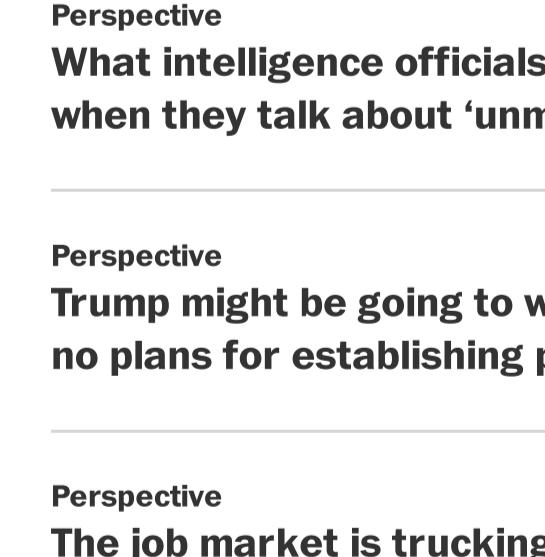
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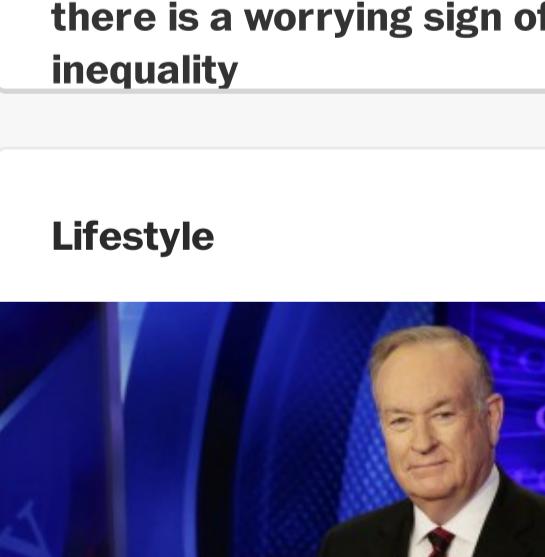
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### Someone hacked every tornado siren in Dallas. It was loud.

The sirens, whose purpose is to be heard by anyone caught outdoors in a tornado or dangerous storm, blared for an hour and a half, to the annoyance, terror or amusement of the city's 1.3 million residents.

By Avi Selk



The Fix Analysis Alec Baldwin debuts as Bill O'Reilly on 'SNL' to interview himself as Donald Trump

SNL skewered two of its favorite foils at the same time ... using only one actor.

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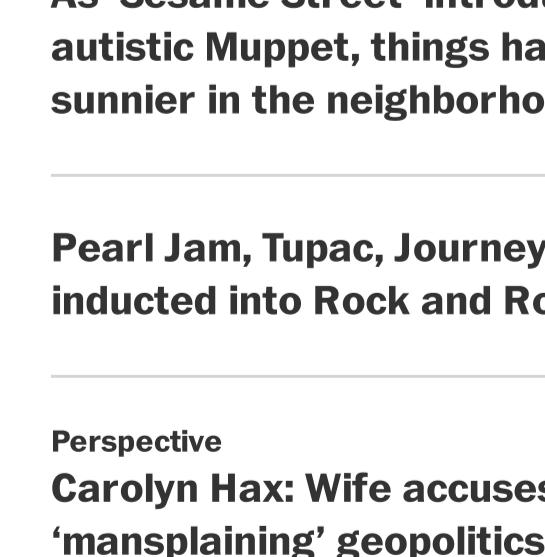
- 'Sorry hombre, it's all coal': Baldwin's Trump meets with staunch supporters
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### Inside Omarosa's wedding weekend in Washington

Wearing a YSA Makino blush colored ball gown, valued (along with the veil and accessories) at \$25,000, the former 'Apprentice' breakout star turned White House staffer, got married at the Trump International Hotel in Washington without a heckler insight.

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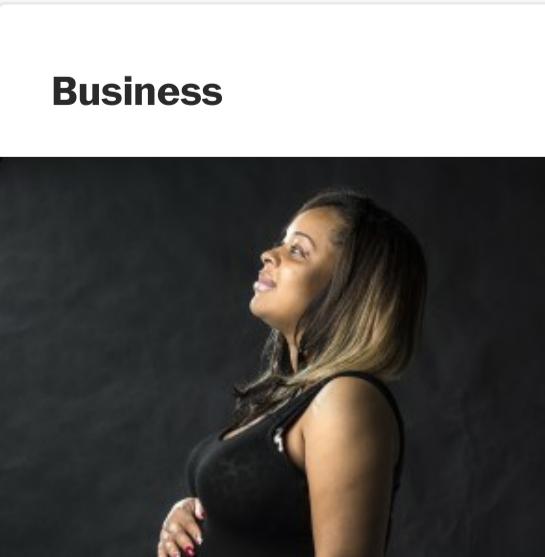


### Critic's Notebook

#### As 'Sesame Street' introduces an autistic Muppet, things have never looked sunnier in the neighborhood

Even though the addition of a character with autism feels a tad late, the arrival of Julia in tomorrow morning's episode reaffirms a message of sharing. (Take heed, Congress.)

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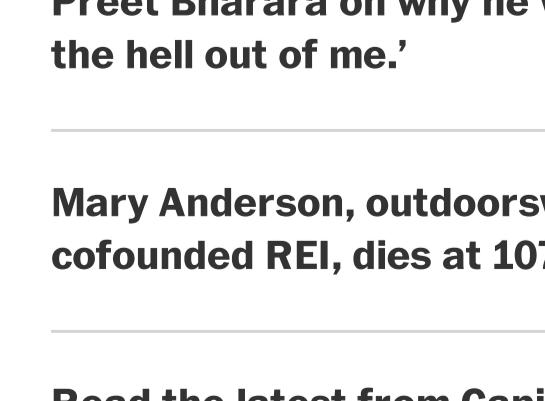
## Theater & Dance



### Divine showing of divas puts the 'broad' in Broadway

Midler, LuPone and Close: In the theater, there is nothing like a dame, a grand dame.

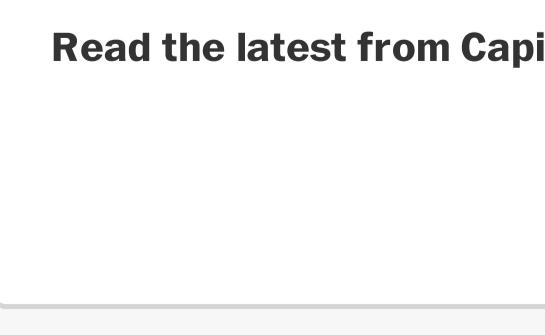
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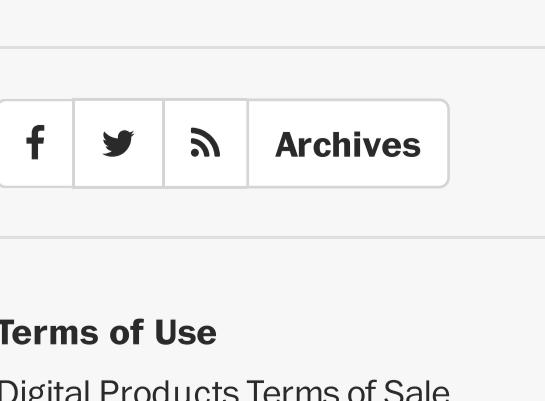
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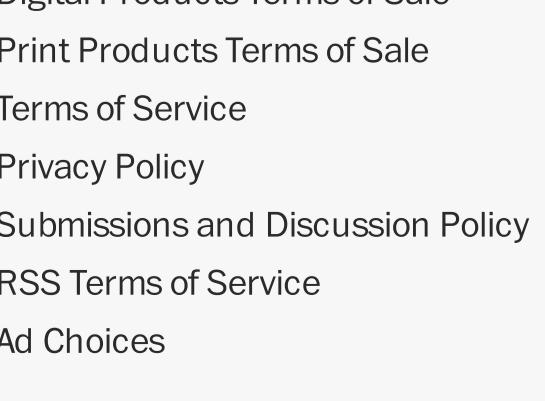
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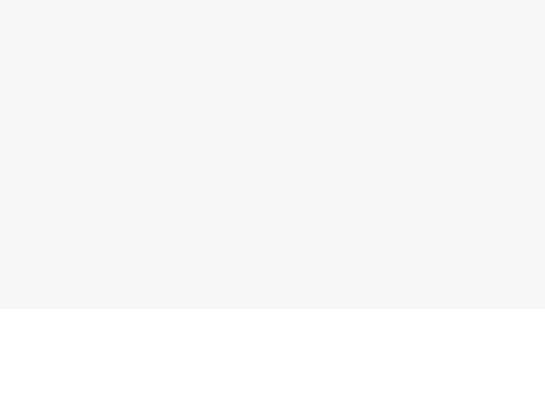
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