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Trump fires FBI's Comey

**Justice Department says
FBI director mishandled
Clinton email probe**

FBI Director James B. Comey was dismissed after officials said he treated Hillary Clinton unfairly and in doing so damaged the credibility of the FBI and the Justice Department. Democrats have long argued that Comey's decisions in the investigation of Clinton's use of a private email server hurt the presidential candidate's standing with voters. But President Trump and his advisers had argued that Comey went too easy on Clinton and her aides. By Devlin Barrett, Adam Entous and Philip Rucker • 2 hours ago

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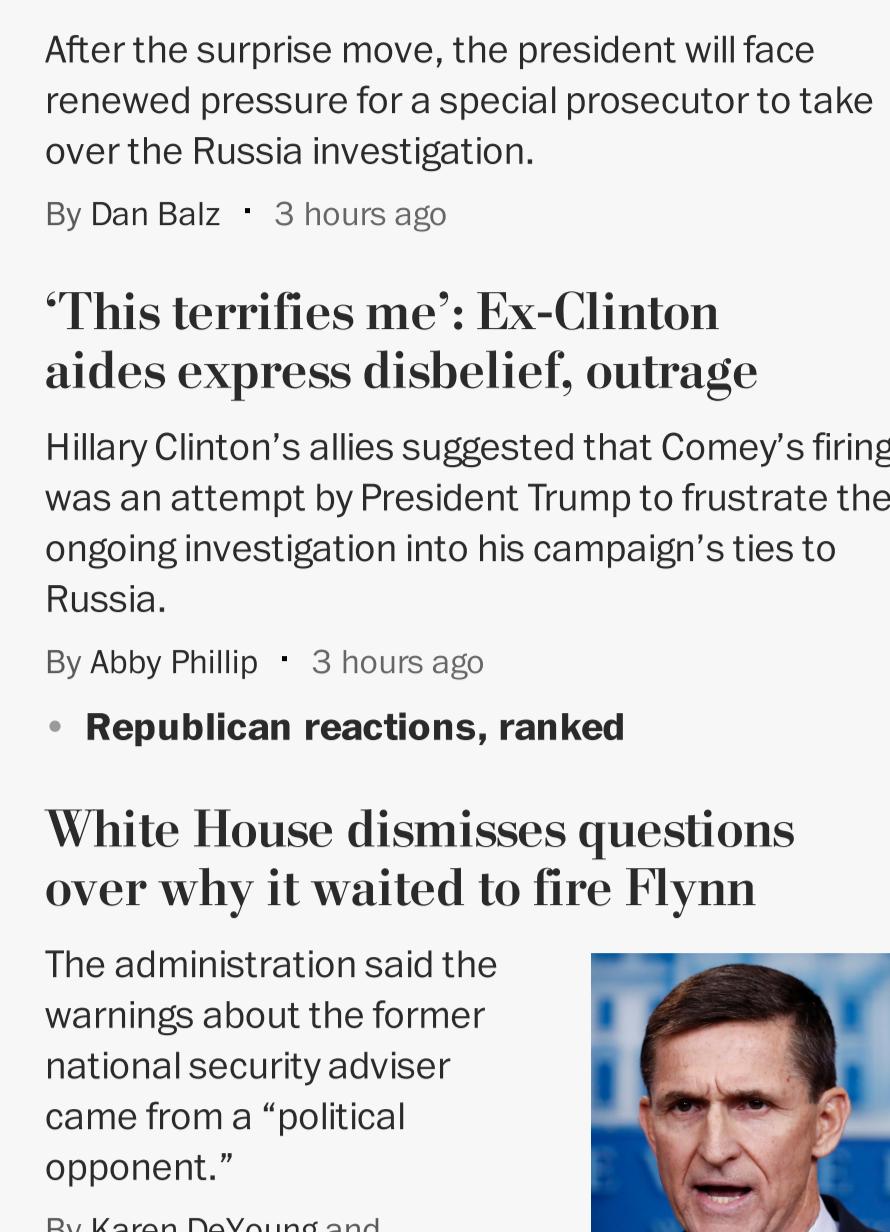
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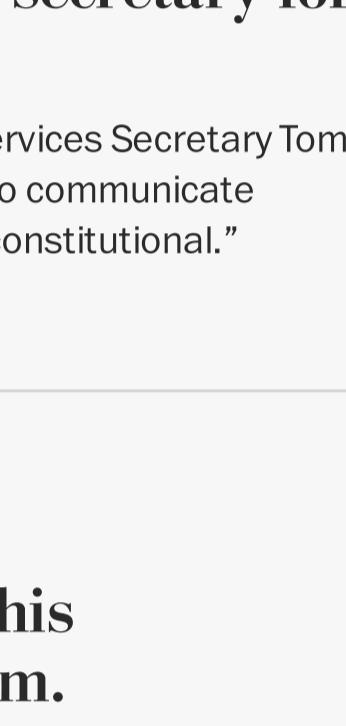
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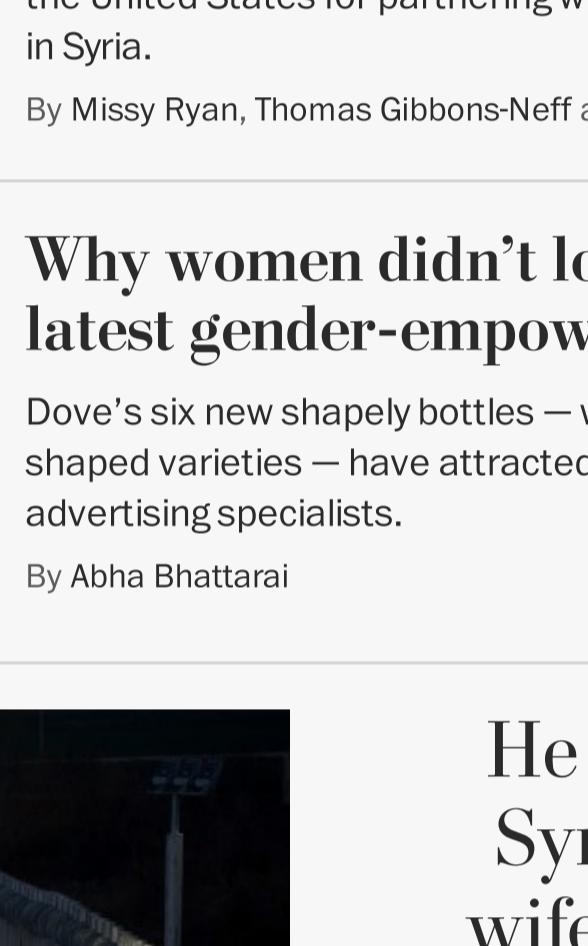
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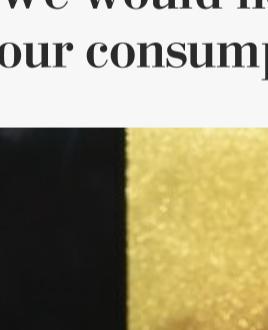
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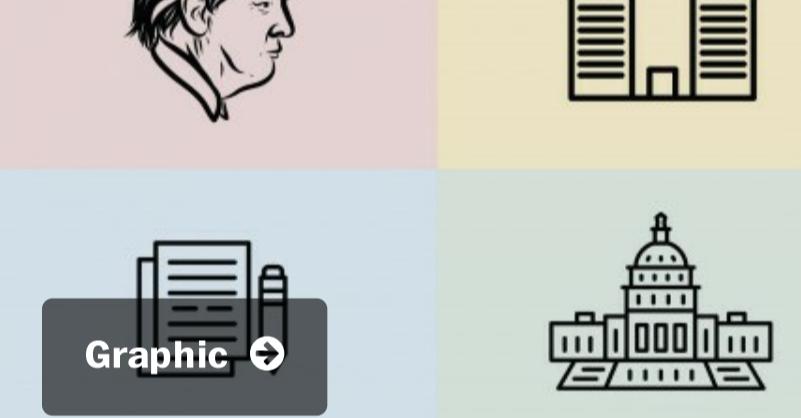
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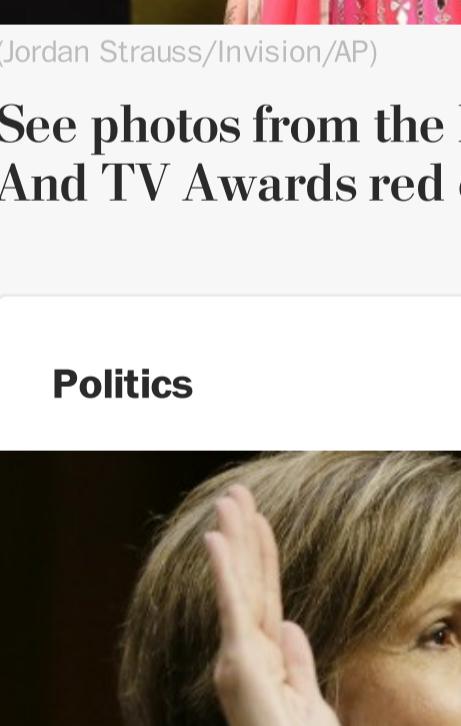
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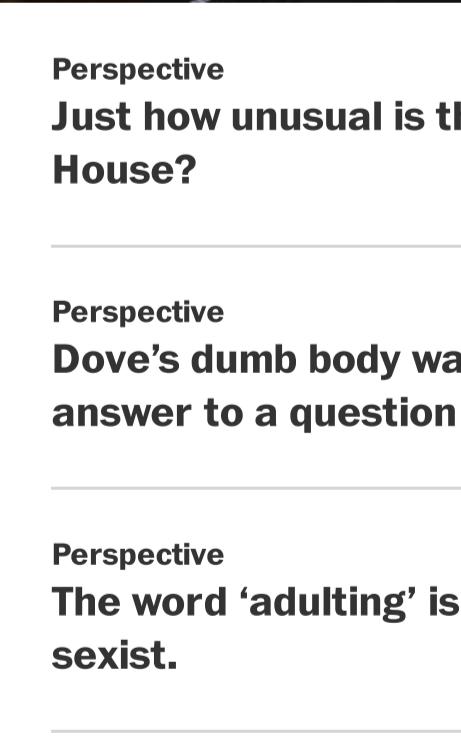
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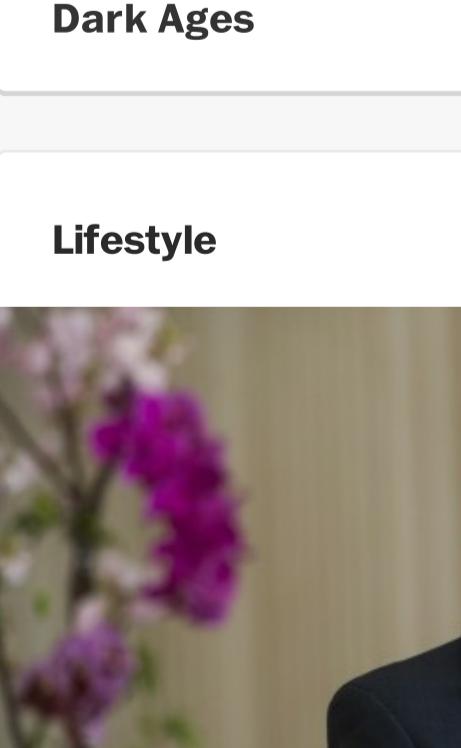
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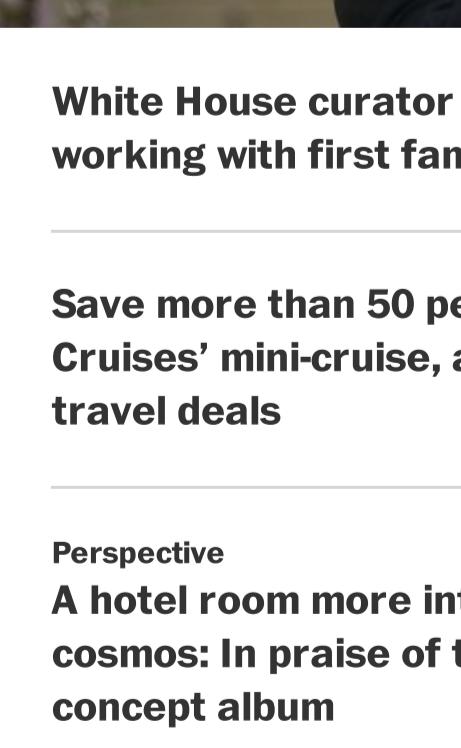
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President Trump has approved a plan to directly arm Kurdish forces as part of a plan to capture Raqa, the Pentagon said. Turkey views the Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, as a threat and has rebuked the United States for partnering with them in its fight against extremists in Syria.

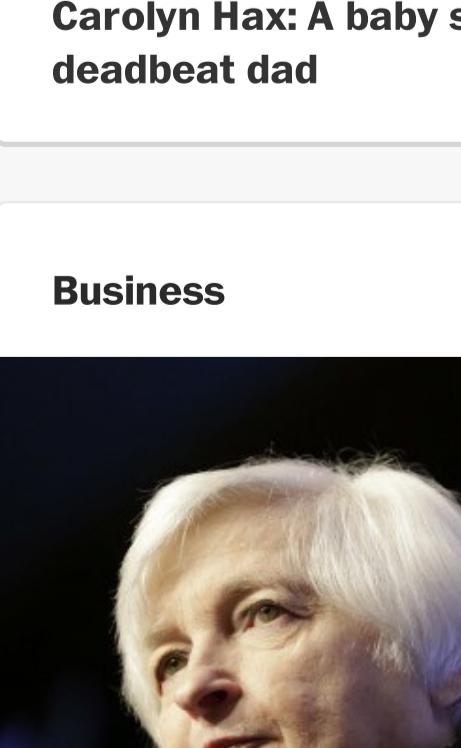
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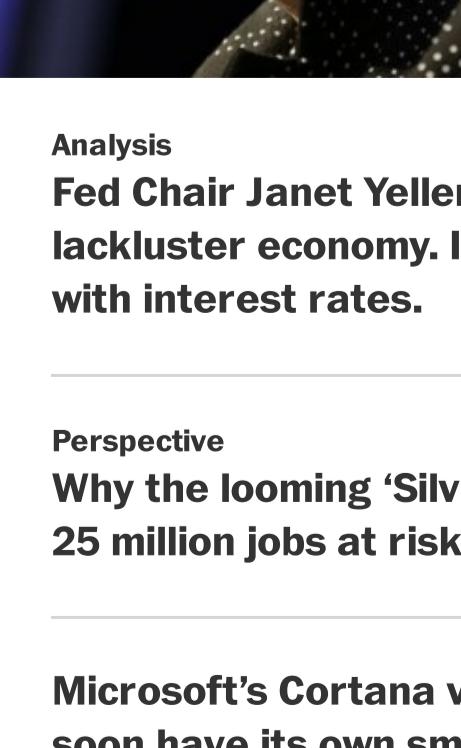
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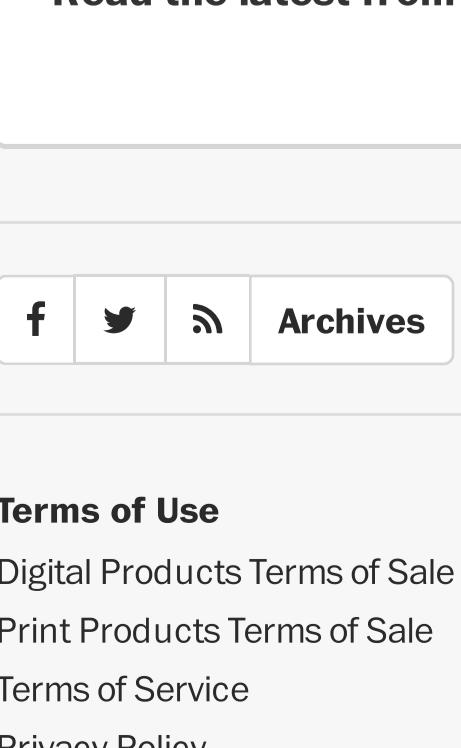
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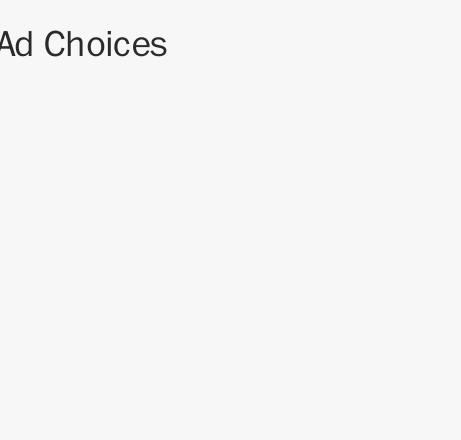
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