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French Election**Le Pen defeat brings Europe's far-right wave crashing to a halt**

Anti-EU firebrand Marine Le Pen's overwhelming loss to centrist Emmanuel Macron, whom voters preferred nearly 2-to-1, is a reality check for far-right forces. Despite victories for Brexit and Donald Trump, voters across Western Europe have since elected mainstream candidates to office, likely shutting out far-right candidates for years.

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Macron beats back populist tide to win French presidency

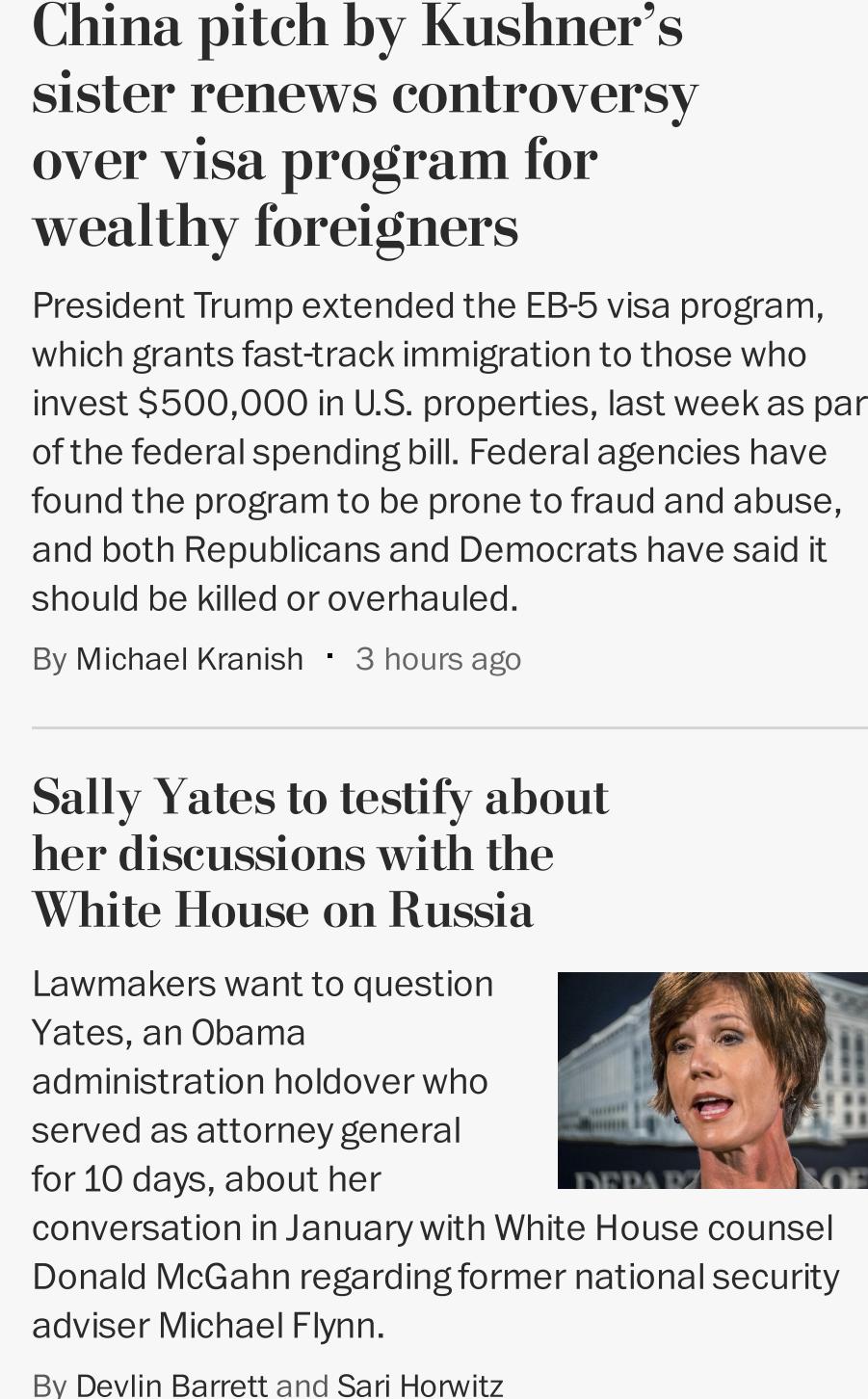
After a tumultuous campaign, voters turned to Macron, a political neophyte who has pledged to revive both his struggling country and the flailing continent.

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**A political boy wonder, Macron is France's youngest leader since Napoleon Bonaparte**

A banker who has never held elected office, Macron's rise is "entirely unprecedented" in a system that typically rewards entrenched political dynasties. He will be France's first modern president to not belong to either the center-left or center-right parties.

By James McAuley



Nicole Kushner Meyer, third from left, the sister of White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, at an event in Shanghai Sunday. (Getty Images)

China pitch by Kushner's sister renews controversy over visa program for wealthy foreigners

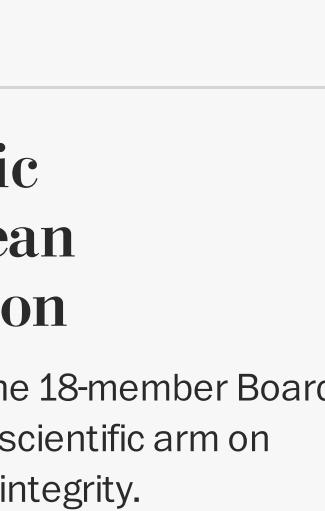
President Trump extended the EB-5 visa program, which grants fast-track immigration to those who invest \$500,000 in U.S. properties, last week as part of the federal spending bill. Federal agencies have found the program to be prone to fraud and abuse, and both Republicans and Democrats have said it should be killed or overhauled.

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Sally Yates to testify about her discussions with the White House on Russia

Lawmakers want to question Yates, an Obama administration holdover who served as attorney general for 10 days, about her conversation in January with White House counsel Donald McGahn regarding former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

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