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Trump and ‘America First’ foreign policy face first moral quandary in Syria

The Syrian chemical weapons attack seemed to awaken President Trump’s sense of moral responsibility as leader of the world’s sole superpower. A president who has often seemed indifferent to suffering in other countries — including the plight of Syrian refugees — reacted with a natural revulsion. Less clear was whether it would produce a significant shift in policy.

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Some Senate Republicans fret over Trump’s handling of Syria

This week’s criticism from powerful lawmakers in the Senate over President Trump’s response to his first major international test suggests that in the eyes of these GOP foreign-policy leaders, he has failed in a dangerous way.

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‘If the world wanted to stop this, they would have done so by now’

In Khan Sheikhoun, Syria, the site of a chemical attack that killed scores of civilians, families spoke of grief and a sense of betrayal, as the United States and European allies at the U.N. Security Council demanded an investigation. “My son died yesterday,” one woman said. “I have nothing left to say to the world.”

By Louisa Loveluck and Zakaria Zakaria

- **GOP congressman questions whether Assad was responsible for attack**



White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon, left, and national security adviser H.R. McMaster. (AP, APF/Getty)

Bannon’s removal from NSC reflects growing influence of national security adviser H.R. McMaster

An Army three-star general who took over the post after Michael Flynn was ousted in February, McMaster is increasingly asserting himself over the flow of national security information in the White House. He has become a rising and blunt force who has made clear to several top officials and the president that he does not want the NSC to have any political elements.

By Robert Costa, Abby Phillip and Karen DeYoung

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Mitch McConnell: ‘Nuclear’ option helps Senate. John McCain: ‘Whoever says that is a stupid idiot.’

The Senate majority leader believes the GOP’s unilateral response to confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court on a simple majority vote will take senators “back to what was the tradition in the Senate” for confirming justices. McCain sees the move as the next step in the slide to crushing the chamber’s bipartisan traditions.

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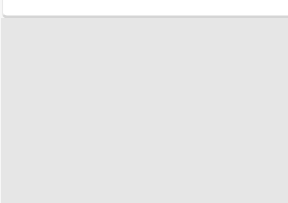
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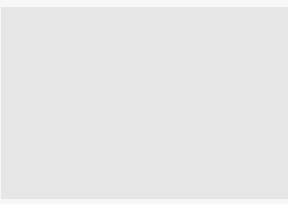
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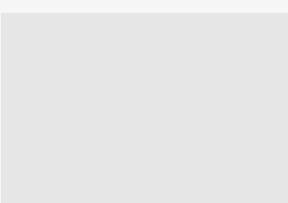
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Retail apocalypse: Troubles at the American mall come to a boil

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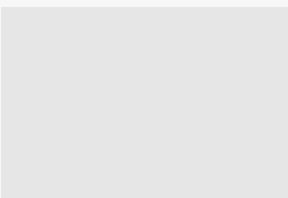
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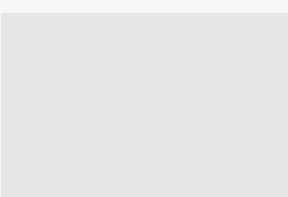
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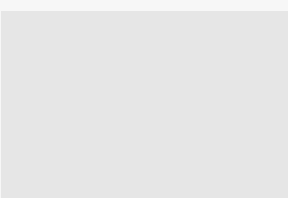
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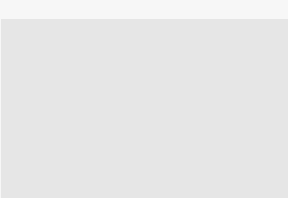
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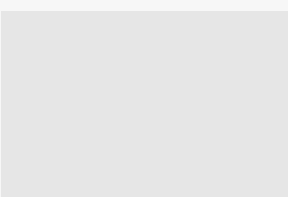
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Long shadow cast by psychiatrist on transgender issues finally recedes at Johns Hopkins

The institution will come full circle on transgender medicine as it resumes surgeries this summer after abruptly halting them in 1979 when its then-chief of psychiatry Paul McHugh declared transgender people needed psychological, not surgical, help.

By Amy Ellis Nutt



Is this the end of Bill O’Reilly? That’s a complicated question.

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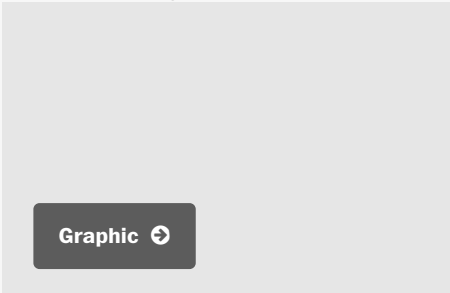
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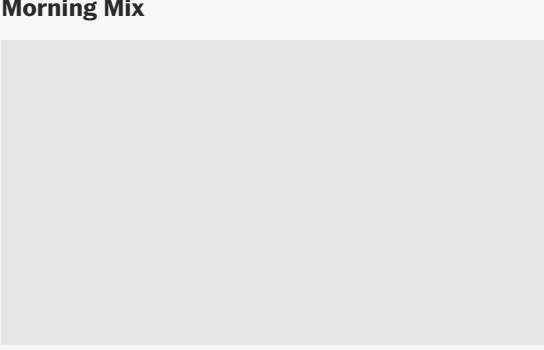
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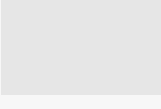
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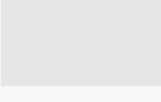
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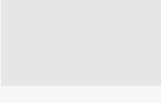
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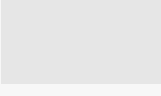
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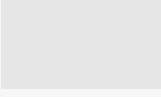
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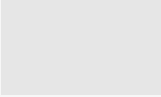
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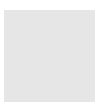
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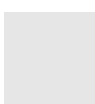
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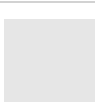
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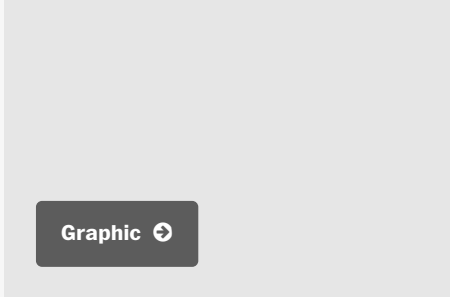
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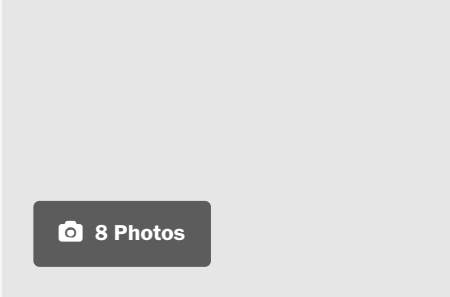
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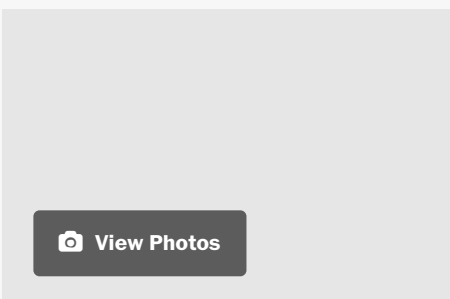
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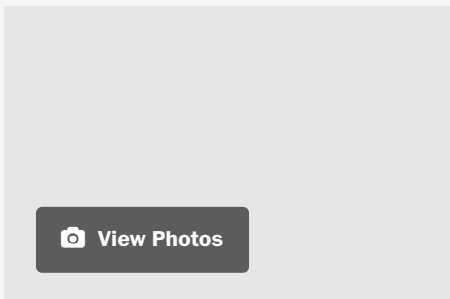
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