

House Republicans plan to vote on controversial health-care bill Thursday

The flagging GOP effort to reshape the nation's health-care system picked up steam Wednesday, as leaders tried to address concerns about people with preexisting medical conditions. But independent analysts remained skeptical that the new proposal would fully address the needs of at-risk patients who receive coverage guarantees under the Affordable Care Act.

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- House GOP strategy to pass health-care bill hinges on more money for preexisting conditions
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If more than 22 House Republicans vote “no,” the latest version of the health-care reform bill will fail. Here’s where things stand:



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At the start of 2017, the state outwardly appeared to be an Affordable Care Act success story, with three insurance companies selling competing plans on its exchanges. Then a domino effect began — one that holds ominous signs for health-care customers across the country.

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Ripa with her new co-host, Ryan Seacrest. (Photo: AP; video: The Post)

Kelly Ripa has made a career of being herself. Where does she go from here?

To understand Ripa's enduring career, you must appreciate the craft of talking — effortlessly, entertainingly, without a script, on live television, every day of your life. After a year of rare drama (and a new co-host), daytime TV's master of spontaneity looks to the future.

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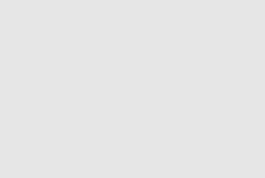
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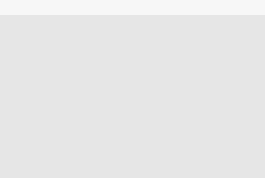
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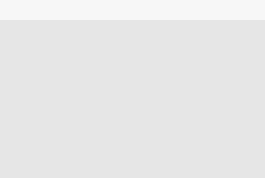
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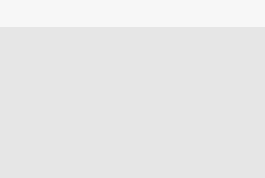
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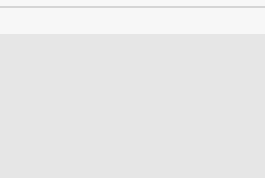
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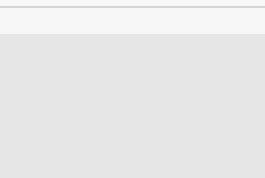
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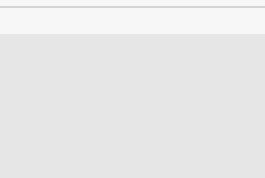
- The Fix: GOP has no good answer for Jimmy Kimmel



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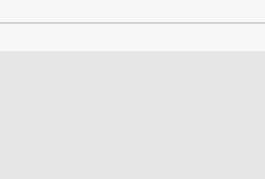


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Lt. Col. Thorsness, Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam, dies at 85

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The long legacy of ‘passing’ in America

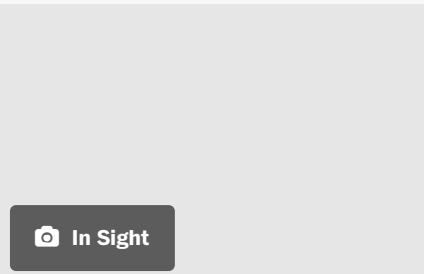
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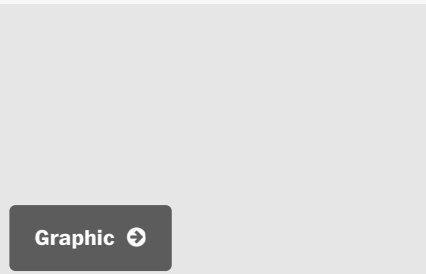
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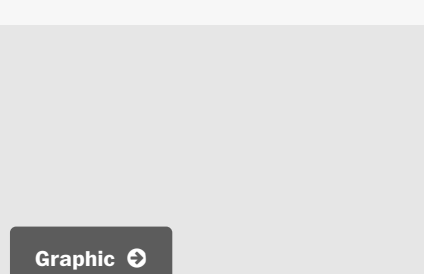
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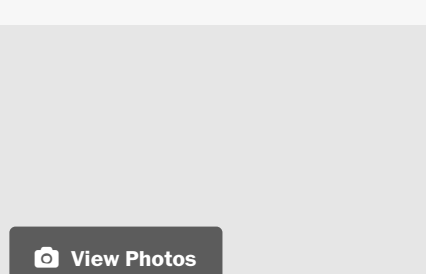
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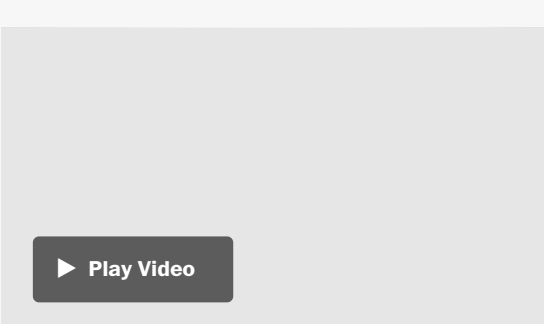


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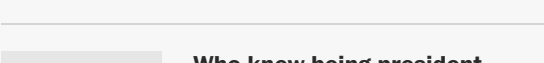
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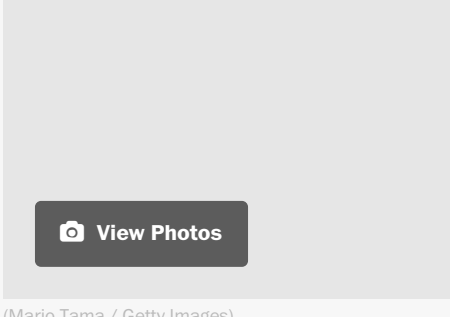
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