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## House Republicans say they have votes to pass controversial health-care bill Thursday

The flagging GOP effort to reshape the nation's health-care system picked up steam as leaders tried to address concerns about people with preexisting medical conditions. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said Republicans had the votes to pass the bill. But independent analysts remained skeptical that the new proposal would fully address the needs of at-risk patients who currently receive coverage guarantees under the Affordable Care Act.

By Sean Sullivan, David Weigel and Kelsey Snell

- Video: 'On behalf of Democrats, we are disgusted'
- House GOP strategy to pass health-care bill hinges on more money for preexisting conditions

If more than 22 House Republicans vote "no," the latest version of the health-care reform bill will fail. Here's where things stand:

20	35	23
Opposed or leaning "no"	Undecided or unclear	Switched to "yes"

## Iowa Obamacare program on verge of collapse as congressional uncertainty takes its toll

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.

By Carolyn Y. Johnson



French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte, in Le Touquet, northern France. (Getty Images)

## France's presidential front-runner is 39; his wife is 64. French women say it's about time.

That cliché-busting fact — a candidate young enough to be his wife's son, rather than old enough to be her father — is a little social "revenge" that delights many French women. "Did men ask anybody when they started marrying younger women?" one asked. "Who sets the rules?"

By Mary Jordan

- In hostile debate, Macron and Le Pen trade insults

## Trump to sign executive order making it easier for churches to support political candidates

The order is also expected to address an Obama administration mandate that religious employers provide contraception services as part of health plans.

By John Wagner, Abby Phillip and Julie Zauzmer

## Colbert doesn't regret his 'few choice insults' of Trump, but says some words were 'cruder than they needed to be'

The "Late Show" host made an oral-sex joke on Monday about President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. On Wednesday, he addressed the ensuing controversy in his opening monologue.

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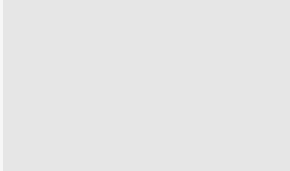
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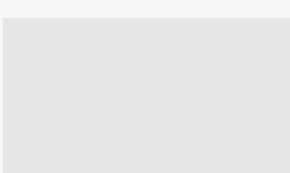
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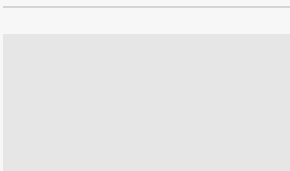
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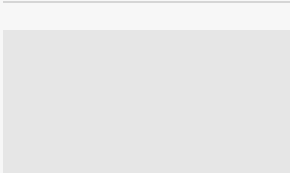
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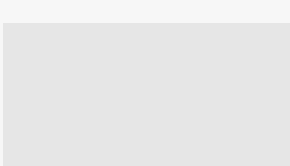
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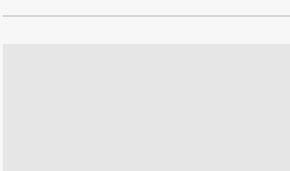
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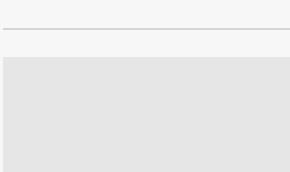
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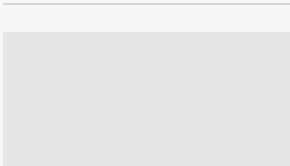
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## Puerto Rico lurches toward bankruptcy

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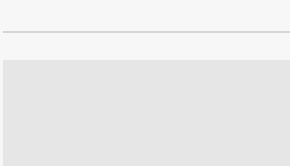


Leo Thorsness 1932–2017

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

Air Force Lt. Col. Leo K. Thorsness was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during a dogfight over North Vietnam and later spent six years in the enemy prison camp known as the Hanoi Hilton.

By Matt Schudel



### 'Other: Mixed Race in America'

## The long legacy of 'passing' in America

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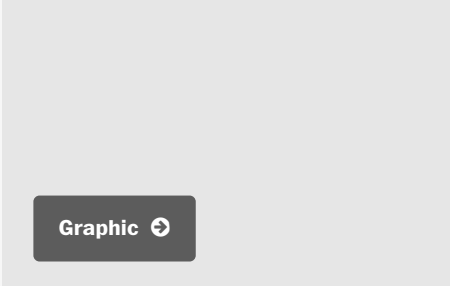
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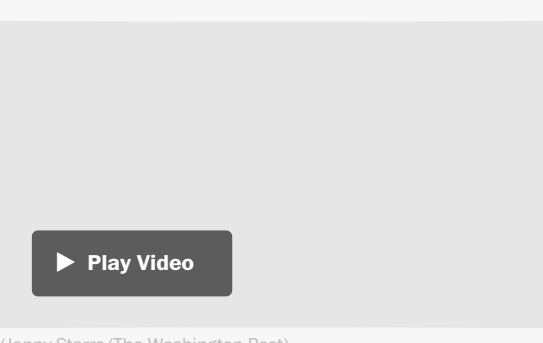
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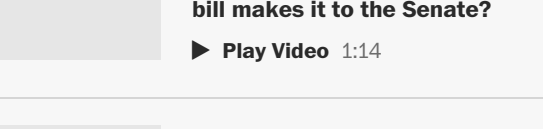
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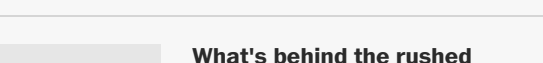
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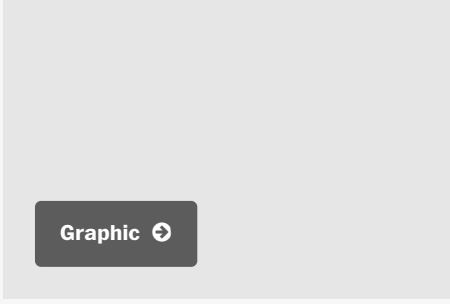
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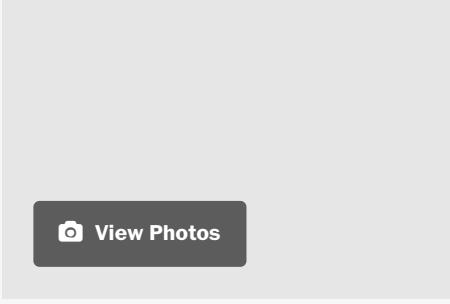
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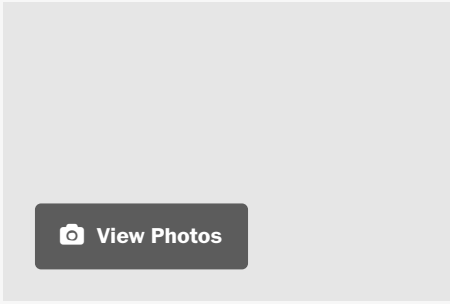
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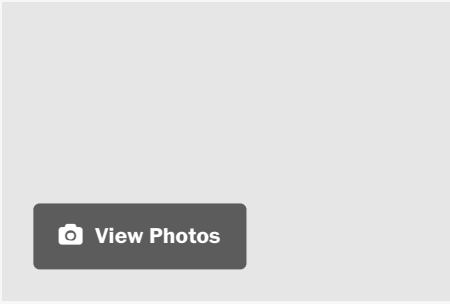
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