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

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

- Fact Checker: What you need to know about preexisting conditions in the GOP health plan
- 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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Opposed or leaning "no"

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Undecided or unclear

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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?"

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Prince Philip will step back from royal duties, Buckingham Palace announces

Queen Elizabeth II's 95-year husband is retiring from his public role starting in the fall. The prince has long been expected to curtail his role as his health has gradually declined.

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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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How Jimmy Kimmel transformed the health-care debate

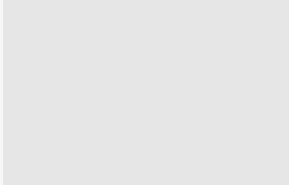
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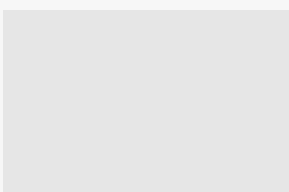
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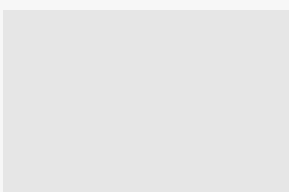
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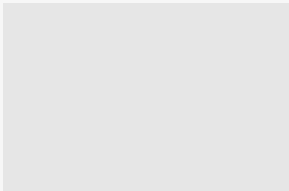
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Kimmel's defining moment arrives

Jimmy Kimmel's emotional plea about health-care policy has made him the late-night comic in 2017 who's had the most obvious impact on a serious political conversation.

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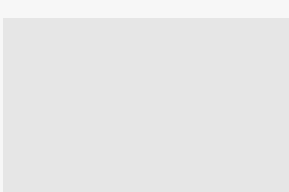
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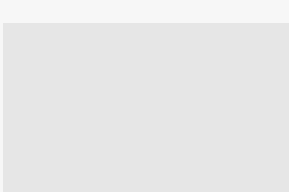
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FBI Director Comey says he feels 'mildly nauseous' about chance he affected election

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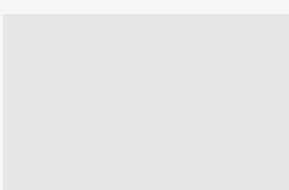


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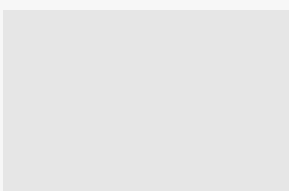
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Leo Thorsness 1932–2017

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'

What being 'American' means to a woman who was put in an internment camp at age 10

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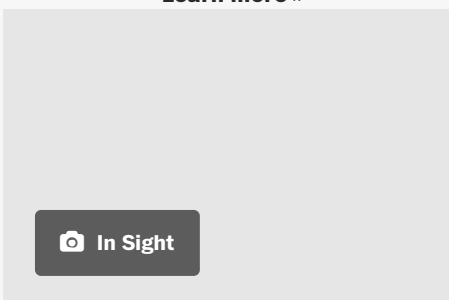


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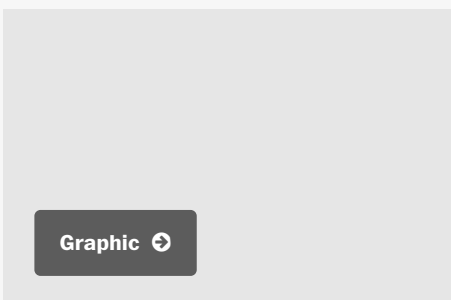
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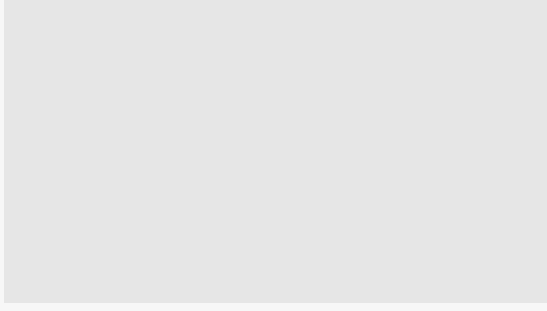


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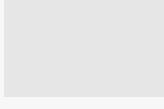
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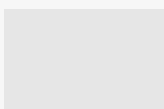
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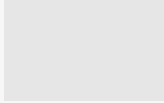
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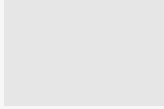
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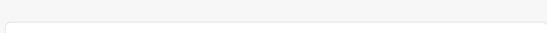
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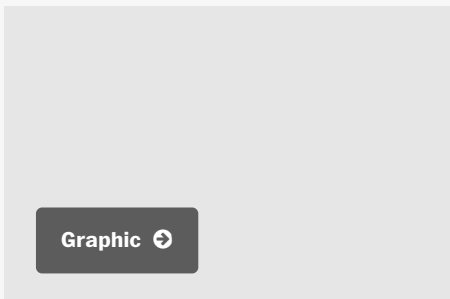
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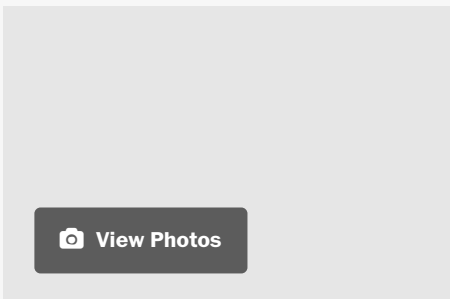
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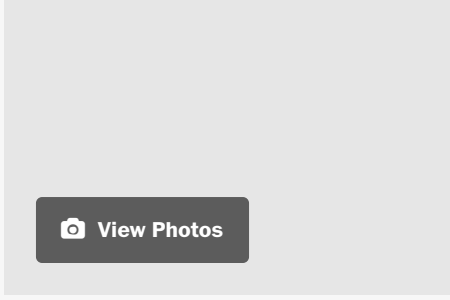
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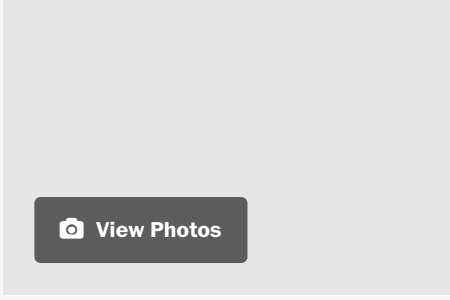
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