

Henry Winkler steps into rare villain role in 'Normal'

Actor talks about new action thriller, favorite "Happy Days" souvenir and what's next. **In Life**

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Iran war: Distance to deal remains

Trump issues threats but says talks go on

Kathryn Palmer
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With only days remaining until a fragile ceasefire expires, President Donald Trump on April 19 threatened to attack critical Iranian infrastructure if the Middle Eastern country doesn't agree to a U.S. deal, but he said negotiators are returning to Pakistan for another round of talks.

"We're offering a very fair and reasonable DEAL, and I hope they take it because, if they don't, the United States is going to knock out every single Power Plant, and every single Bridge, in Iran," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "NO MORE MR. NICE GUY!"

Trump also accused Iran of committing a "total violation" of the ceasefire for firing on ships near the Strait of Hormuz.

At the end of his message, the president added: "IT'S TIME FOR THE IRAN KILLING MACHINE TO END!"

A two-week ceasefire in the Iran war is set to expire early on April 22. Talks in Islamabad ended with no agreement last week but security measures were being taken there in preparation for potential further meetings.

Vice President JD Vance, envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner will attend the April 20

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Women in Congress flex their power to fight abuse

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WASHINGTON – When two of their colleagues faced mounting accusations of sexual assault and misconduct last week, the two most powerful leaders in the House of Representatives – both men – refused to demand their resignations.

Women in Congress weren't having it.

In a matter of days, rank-and-file female lawmakers banded together across party lines to oust Eric Swalwell and Tony Gonzales. Rather than face being removed from office after embarrassing votes of their peers, the California Democrat and Texas Republican, respectively, resigned within an hour of each other.

It was a striking demonstration of bipartisan resolve on Capitol Hill. And on the heels of the overwhelming approval of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, it was just the latest example of female legislators teaming up, at odds with the men in charge of Congress, to force accountability for prominent figures accused of hurting women.

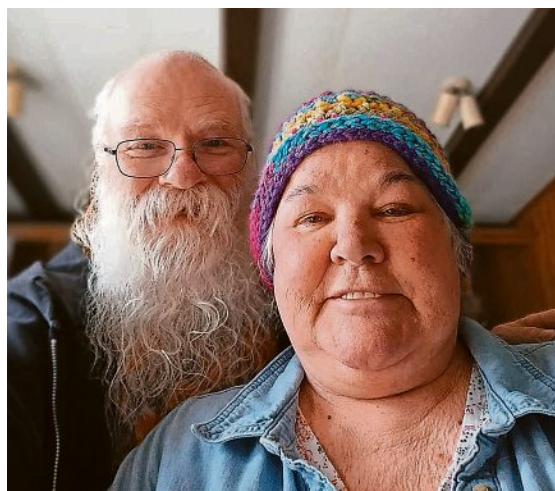
As the Swalwell allegations reached

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With no competitors, Keytruda cash rolls in

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Scott Brown says United Healthcare has stood behind his wife, Patricia Brown, as she undergoes treatment for lung cancer, which included covering most of a \$162,000 Keytruda infusion in January. PROVIDED BY SCOTT BROWN

"This scenario where a drug company obtains dozens of patents protecting different aspects of a blockbuster drug in order to ward off competition is quite common."

Dr. Benjamin Rome, Harvard Medical School professor

Merck built a wall of patents that keeps cancer drug's price – and its profits – high

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Just a few weeks after President Donald Trump's December promise that prescription drug prices would plummet "fast and furious," Patricia Brown checked into a California clinic for an infusion of Merck & Co.'s blockbuster cancer drug, Keytruda. ● When the bill arrived, the clinic's charge for a 400 milligram dose dominated the page: \$162,567.74. ● Brown, an accomplished cook battling lung cancer, owed about \$2,000. ● But the six-figure charges to Brown and her insurance company show how quickly prices for cutting-edge medical treatments can balloon in the U.S. health care system. Someone has to pay: an employer, taxpayers, or regular people whose insurance premiums go up and up. See **KEYTRUDA**, Page 6A

Border crossing lets tourists wade home



U.S. tourists use a small boat to cross the Rio Grande into Boquillas del Carmen, Mexico, a village across from Big Bend National Park in Texas where visitors can legally cross the international border. OMAR ORNELAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

Rio Grande entry is tiny miracle of diplomacy

Lauren Villagran
USA TODAY

BOQUILLAS CROSSING PORT OF ENTRY – At a bend in the Rio Grande, American tourists wade the river from Mexico, climb a sandy embankment in the United States and fish out their passports.

In a tiny stuccoed customs house deep inside Big Bend National Park, the Boquillas Crossing Port of Entry is a small miracle of diplomacy, unique along the 1,954-mile U.S.-Mexico border. It has inspired a country song, bucked a border wall and survived despite increasingly headline U.S. border security measures.

Fording the river on foot is not only allowed but encouraged when the water

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