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Actor Bryan Cranston's ties to the automaker, and giving, go way back. **In Money**

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Senate passes Trump's megabill

Here are 5 takeaways from president's big win

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President Donald Trump eked out a narrow win to achieve his most significant legislative victory since returning to the White House with the Senate giving a thumbs up July 1 to his sweeping megabill.

After a weekend of caustic debate the massive proposal - dubbed the "big beautiful bill" by Trump - passed the Senate 51-50. It preserves the 2017 tax cuts; invests billions into the military and border security; and fulfills a major 2024 campaign promise by extending federal tax breaks for low-wage tipped workers, such as waiters and hairstylists.

Even with congressional majorities, however, the Trump administration had to twist a few arms of Republican

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Vice President JD Vance arrives July 1 to cast the tiebreaking vote to get the president's bill across the finish line in the Senate. AL DRAGO/GETTY IMAGES

Is Michelle Obama the voice Dems need now?

Party casts net for help, but she avoids politics

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Michelle Obama is back - just not on the political stage.

At a time when the Democratic faithful are hungry for dynamic leadership, the former first lady is getting cozy and personal in a podcast called "IMO," a breezy hour-long celebrity chat co-hosted by her brother, basketball executive Craig Robinson.

"I feel like at 60, this is the first time where all my decisions are for me," Obama said on her June 19 episode with radio show host Angie Martinez. With her daughters, Sasha and Malia, launched

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Amish villages have a nosy new neighbor: Tourism

How the simple life brings big business



Amish wagons are on display in front of the schoolhouse at The Amish Village east of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The village is a simulation of an Amish farm, complete with a farmhouse, a barn with goats, a one-room schoolhouse, a market, an ice cream parlor - and a gift shop. PHOTOS BY PAUL KUEHNEL/USA TODAY NETWORK



Tom and Ellis Hansen visited the village from their home in rural England.

"If the Amish could snap their fingers and get rid of tourists, they would. They see it as a certain kind of quiet witness. ... It is very much an ironic thing, isn't it?"

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Tom and Ellis Hansen were visiting their daughter, who is studying equine management at Delaware State University, when they decided to take a short side trip to Lancaster County. • The couple are from Herefordshire, a rural county in the west of England, and while they were in the United States, they wanted to do some sightseeing. One of the places they wanted to see was Amish country. • "We were kind of interested in the Amish and their way of life," Ellis said. • They admired the simplicity of the Amish culture, "the importance of self-sufficiency," Ellis said. "We try to live a much simpler life, but not as simple as the Amish. We like the idea of a small, tight-knit community, relying on each other."

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Would you take cover from 'Hurricane Flossie'?



Motorists make their way down flooded streets in Acapulco, Mexico, on June 29 before Tropical Storm Flossie grew into a hurricane. JAVIER VERDIN/REUTERS

Some say the name may not exactly inspire fear

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The latest name assigned to a tropical storm and now a hurricane - Flossie - in the Eastern Pacific prompted more than a few raised eyebrows and jokes on social media.

Flossie? The name is far more associated with cows in literature and even a long-lived cat in the Guinness Book of World Records than a potentially disastrous storm.

But Flossie could be headed for the tourist hot spot Cabo San Lucas at the southern end of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. Will people take the amiable-sounding storm as seriously as

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