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## DRIVING THE DAY

**THE HEADLINE** on the front page of many newspapers this morning -- **"The ill fear pain under GOP's bill"** (AP story by John Seewer <http://apne.ws/2pPGfII>).

**Good Sunday morning. THE NEW NARRATIVE -- NYT A1 -- "No District Is Off the Table': Health Vote Could Put House in Play,"** by Jonathan Martin and Alex Burns (front-page print headline: "Democrats Pounce, Seeing Path to Retake House"): "Democrats are recruiting challengers aggressively, even in conservative-leaning districts, importuning an eclectic group of could-be candidates that includes a Minnesota gelato baron, a former candidate for governor of Kansas and the mayor of Syracuse. 'No district is off the table,' said Representative Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico, the House Democratic campaign chairman, who vowed that Democrats would cast the widest possible net. The Democrats need 24 seats to recapture the House majority, and they believe the most straightforward path back to power is through the 23 Republican districts won by Hillary Clinton in November, as well as the dozens more where President Trump remains deeply unliked. Precisely which of these districts

to pursue came into sharper focus with Thursday's vote. ...

**"One challenge facing House Republicans** is the fact that they have not received all of the assistance they had hoped for from the White House. [NRCC Chairman Steve] Stivers ... said that during the transition, he shared with senior Trump officials a list of House Democrats in swing districts, suggesting that Republicans could flip the seats if the lawmakers were appointed to administration posts or named to ambassadorships. Mr. Trump tapped none of the names on the Stivers list." <http://nyti.ms/2qdf0Pf> ... **A1**  
**PDF** <http://nyti.ms/2pUlyHt>

-- **WHAT THE REPUBLICANS THINK: NRCC CHAIRMAN STEVE STIVERS** tells us:  
"The DCCC continues to live in a fantasy world where they believe everyone agrees with them. We were happy to introduce their candidates in KS and GA to real voters and we will be happy to introduce some of their incumbents to real voters next year."

-- **ALSO:** It's early -- really, really early. Democrats also said they'd take the House back when Republicans passed Paul Ryan's budget, which altered entitlements. They still haven't been able to escape the deep minority.

**P.K. TRUTH BOMB -- "Democrats' two biggest opponents ahead of 2018 may be time and themselves":** <http://wapo.st/2pPzptO>

**A LOOK AROUND AMERICA ... FRONT PAGES FROM ACROSS THE U.S.:**

-- **IDAHO STATESMAN: "Labrador comment draws backlash from voters, health experts"** ... Rep. Raul Labrador's (R-Idaho) quote: "Nobody dies because they don't have access to health care" <http://bit.ly/2pPHqyE>

-- **STAR-LEDGER A1: "GOP pair vulnerable in N.J. over health care"**  
<http://bit.ly/2qQ2Vx6>

-- **TRUMP'S HOMETOWN PAPER -- PALM BEACH POST -- "As Trump exulted, she was 'terrified':** Cancer advocate fears insurance landscape under Obamacare repeal; others seek high-premium relief" <http://bit.ly/2qQ3ib7>

**PRIMARY ALERT -- "Bakersfield artist to run against Kevin McCarthy from the right,"** by LATimes' Sarah D. Wire: A "Republican is mounting a long-shot challenge to House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Joe Aleman, a photographer and artist who has never run for office, said that as a Christian he struggled with the details of the House plan to roll back the Affordable Care Act. Aleman, 41, said he specifically