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Complicates U.S.

Approach

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the rogue regime of Kim Jong-un.

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the cooperation of President Xi Jinping of China - came a day af-

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Mr. Trump's statement — delivered in an almost cavalier tweet,

WASHINGTON - President

REPUBLICAN WINS A RACE IN GEORGIA DRENCHED IN CASH

A REPRIEVE FOR TRUMP

Upset Averted in House Campaign Hinting at '18 Midterms

> By JONATHAN MARTIN and RICHARD FAUSSET

ATLANTA - Karen Handel, a veteran Republican officeholder, overcame a deluge of liberal money to win a special House election in Georgia on Tuesday, bridging the divide in her party between admirers of President Trump and those made uneasy by his turbulent new administration.

Ms. Handel, 55, fended off Jon Ossoff, a 30-year-old Democrat and political newcomer who emerged from obscurity to raise \$25 million from progressives across the country eager to express their anger at Mr. Trump. That fervor quickly elevated what would otherwise have been a sleepy local race into a highstakes referendum on Mr. Trump and the most expensive House campaign in history.

The surprisingly easy victory for Ms. Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state and Fulton County official, averted a humiliating upset for Republicans in an affluent, suburban Atlanta district – Georgia's Sixth – that they have controlled for nearly 40 years. And it showed that Republicans skeptical of Mr. Trump remained comfortable supporting more conventional candidates from their party.

The apparent success of relentless Republican attacks linking Mr. Ossoff to the House minority leader, Nancy Pelosi, and her "San Francisco values" also affirmed the efficacy of tying Democratic candidates in conservative districts to their brethren in more liberal parts of the country.

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Jon Ossoff was portrayed as too liberal for the district.



Karen Handel's victory allowed Republicans to hold on to the suburban Atlanta district they have controlled for nearly 40 years.

Opioid Worries Divide G.O.P. On Health Bill

By ROBERT PEAR and JENNIFER STEINHAUER

WASHINGTON — A growing rift among Senate Republicans over federal spending on Medicaid and the opioid epidemic is imperiling legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act that Senate leaders are trying to put to a vote by the end of next week.

President Trump had urged Republican senators to write a more generous bill than a House version that he first heralded and then called "mean," but Republican leaders on Tuesday appeared to be drafting legislation that would do even more to slow the growth of Medicaid toward the end of the coming decade.

And conservative senators, led by Patrick J. Toomey of Pennsylvania, are determined to hold the line on federal spending, pitting two Senate factions against each other.

Senator John Cornyn of Texas emerged from a contentious closed-door lunch with Republican senators on Tuesday saving that he hoped the Senate would be able to meet the deadline of a vote before July 4. "But," he added, "failing that, I've always said we need to get it done by" the end of July.

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Haven for Recovery Becomes a 'Relapse Capital'

By LIZETTE ALVAREZ

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — It was the kind of afternoon that cold-weary tourists revel in as they sip mojitos near the beach a dazzling sun, a sky so blue it verged on Photoshopped and weather fit for flip-flops. But the young visitor from Arkansas, curled up into a ball near the sidewalk, had a better reason to be grateful. He was alive.

"You are overdosing on heroin," Sean Gibson, a paramedic captain with the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue, had told him earlier this year, after the man fell off his bike, hit a chain-link fence and collapsed, blood trickling down his face. Mr.

A Dangerous System That Benefits From Addicts' Setbacks

Gibson sprayed Narcan, an opiate blocker, up the man's nose as he lay on his back and, before long, the man — who had shot up heroin at a recovery group home - sat up, polite and embarrassed. "Thanks, guys," he said, before being taken to the hospital as a pre-

In a nation awash in opioids, there are few, if any, places where this kind of scene plays out more

often than this artsy beach town of 15 square miles. Here, heroin overdoses long ago elbowed out car crashes and routine health issues as the most common medical emergencies. Last year, Delray paramedics responded to 748 overdose calls; 65 ended in fatalities. In all, Palm Beach County dealt with 5,000 overdose calls.

Unlike other places in the United States that have been clobbered by the opioid crisis, most of the young people who overdose in Delray Beach are not from here. They are visitors, mostly from the Northeast and Midwest, and they come for opioid addiction treatment and recovery help to a town that has long been hailed as a life-

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American college student who had been detained and brutalized in North Korea. Taken together, the developments are a major complication for Mr. Trump's approach to North Korea, which he has called America's most urgent foreign threat. He now faces a range of unattractive options: the use of military force; more coercive sanctions, including on Chinese banks that do business with the North; or

some kind of opening to Mr. Kim. "While I greatly appreciate the efforts of President Xi & China to help with North Korea, it has not worked out," Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter on the eve of a high-level meeting of Chinese and American officials in Washington. "At least I know China tried!

It is not clear how Mr. Trump's statement will affect Wednesday's Chinese-American meetings. Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson and other American officials had been planning to press their Chinese counterparts on North Korea. On Tuesday afternoon, senior officials said they were still trying to gauge the meaning of the president's tweet.

Reports late on Tuesday of renewed activity at a North Korean nuclear site added to the sense of urgency, and underlined how China had failed to curb Mr. Kim's provocative actions.

Administration officials said they were considering imposing so-called secondary sanctions on a variety of Chinese banks and companies with ties to North Korea. Such a step would greatly increase the pressure on Mr. Kim's government, but it could also antagonize the Chinese government.

In the short run, Mr. Warmbier's death from a brain injury suffered while he was a prisoner makes engagement with the North seem a more remote possibility. Mr. Trump has said in the past that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Kim if the conditions were right.

"Clearly, we're moving further away, not closer, to those conditions being enacted," said Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary. "I would not suggest that

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C.I.A. Had Blackmail Concern As Flynn Was Hearing Secrets

This article is by Matt Apuzzo, Matthew Rosenberg and Adam Goldman.

WASHINGTON — Senior officials across the government became convinced in January that the incoming national security adviser, Michael T. Flynn, had become vulnerable to Russian blackmail.

At the F.B.I., the C.I.A., the Justice Department and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence - agencies responsible for keeping American secrets safe from foreign spies - career officials agreed that Mr. Flynn represented an urgent problem.

Yet nearly every day for three weeks, the new C.I.A. director,

Mike Pompeo, sat in the Oval Office and briefed President Trump on the nation's most sensitive intelligence - with Mr. Flynn listening. Mr. Pompeo has not said whether C.I.A. officials left him in the dark about their views of Mr. Flynn, but one administration official said Mr. Pompeo did not share any concerns about Mr. Flynn with the president.

The episode highlights a remarkable aspect of Mr. Flynn's tumultuous, 25-day tenure in the White House: He sat atop a national security apparatus that churned ahead despite its own conclusion that he was at risk of being compromised by a hostile

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Too Hot for Takeoff: Air Travel Buffeted by a Capricious Climate By ZACH WICHTER In recent days, American Airlines has been forced to cancel

more than 40 flights in Phoenix. The reason: With daytime highs hovering around 120 degrees, it was simply too hot for some smaller jets to take off. Hotter air is thinner air, which makes it more difficult — and sometimes impossible — for planes to generate enough lift.

As the global climate changes, disruptions like these are likely to more frequent, researchers say, potentially making air travel costlier and less predictable with a greater risk of injury to travelers from increased turbu-

A young man after being revived from a heroin overdose by the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue

paramedics in February. Last year, Delray paramedics responded to 748 overdose calls.

lence. "We tend to ignore the atmosphere and just think that the plane is flying through empty space, but of course, it's not," said Paul D. Williams, a professor in the Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading in Britain who studies climate change and its effect on aviation. "Airplanes do not fly through a vacuum. The atmosphere is being modified by climate change."

Canceled Flights Could Offer Glimpse of a Bumpy Future

The problem in Phoenix primarily affected smaller jets operated by American's regional partner airlines. "When you get in excess of 118 or higher, you're not able to take off or land," said Ross Feinstein, a spokesman for American Airlines, referring to the

smaller aircraft. Bigger jets like Boeing 737s and Airbus A320s have higher operating thresholds (126 and 127 degrees, respectively), he said. All three of those maximum temperatures are specific to the Phoenix airport; aircraft have different maximum operating temperatures depending on a variety of factors, including airport eleva-

But even though bigger planes weren't affected, Mr. Feinstein said, American decided to give Continued on Page A15

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Lemon bars are a canonical American dessert, but not all are created equal. Julia Moskin seeks out the best (and easiest) recipe.

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Ballet Theater, but not retiring. She has plans for a studio in Russia, a festival and intercontinental travel.

