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The little victim of a growing crisis



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A paramilitary police officer carries the body of a child that washed up on a beach in Turkey after a boat carrying migrants sank while trying to reach Greece. At least a dozen people, thought to be Syrians, were believed to have died. Photos from the beach circulated widely, drawing attention to the plight of migrants. Even Europe's rail service felt the strain of the growing crisis. More coverage on Page A12. For a video, go to wapo.st/MigrantCrisis.

At U.S. hospitals, a cancer building boom

BY BRADY DENNIS

NEW BRITAIN, CONN. — Had she faced breast cancer years ago, Gail Brown might have ended up traveling hours to one of the renowned cancer research hospitals in New York or Boston.

But when the 68-year-old retiree received her diagnosis this spring, a \$40 million, 70,000-square-foot cancer center was

Economics and an aging population stimulate a wave of expansion

opening its doors on a wooded hilltop here. Leaders of the center, the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute, had formed a partnership with New York's Memori-

al Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, part of an alliance aimed at bringing the most up-to-date cancer care to smaller communities.

The stone-and-glass center perched above Interstate 84 is part of a cancer building boom unfolding across the country, a wave of expansion driven by powerful economic and demographic forces.

For Brown, the new center was

a short drive from her home and the obvious place to receive her treatments.

"I would drive anywhere," she said, "but I'm very comfortable here."

More than 1.6 million people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society, which says the number is

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Obama secures Senate votes to protect Iran deal

VETO COULDN'T BE OVERRIDDEN

Congress to vote on disapproval resolution

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND CAROL MORELLO

How Obama gets his deal

Support 34

Oppose 56

Undeclared 10

More senators oppose the deal than favor it, but President Obama has just enough support. Here's how:

President Obama stood on the verge of a major foreign policy victory Wednesday after securing enough votes in the Senate to protect his nuclear deal with Iran from opponents and critics — both Republicans and some Democrats — determined to kill it.

Enough Democrats are now on record supporting the agreement that opponents could not override Obama if he vetoed legislation aimed at dismantling the deal.

The agreement to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions has been the target of an intense lobbying campaign in recent weeks by the administration and the deal's opponents ahead of a vote, expected as soon as next week, on a resolution that would block its implementation.

But on Wednesday, Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) said she will back the agreement, making her the 34th senator to pledge support for the pact. That denied opponents the two-thirds supermajority vote needed to override Obama's promised veto of any legislative attempt to undo the accord.

"No deal is perfect, especially one negotiated with the Iranian regime. I have concluded that this Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is the best option available to block Iran from having a nuclear bomb," Mikulski said in a statement explaining her decision.

In recent weeks, all eyes have

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• **The House rejects the deal.** Opponents need 218 votes. The House has 246 Republicans, so it's safe to assume a majority of the chamber will vote against the deal.

• **The Senate votes.** If the president's supporters can come up with 41 votes to filibuster, they can prevent a vote against the deal. If not, the deal will be rejected by a majority of the Senate.

• **Obama acts.** If both chambers reject the accord, the president will veto their action. Congress has the next move.

• **The House tries — and fails — to override the veto.** Opponents would now need even more votes — 290 — to overturn Obama's action, but that would mean getting 44 Democrats to reject the deal.

• **Ditto for the Senate.** To override Obama's veto, opponents would need 67 votes, which is no longer possible, given that 34 senators have said they will support the deal.

For Cardin, a dilemma over Iran Senator from Maryland faces heat as he ponders a vote on pact. A12

Sliding SAT scores prompt an alarm over high schools

BY NICK ANDERSON

Scores on the SAT have sunk to the lowest level since the college admission test was overhauled in 2005, adding to worries about student performance in the nation's high schools.

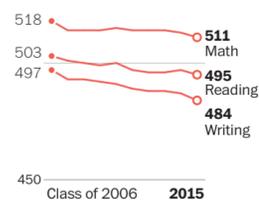
The average score for the Class of 2015 was 1490 out of a maximum 2400, the College Board reported Thursday. That was down 7 points from the previous class's mark and was the lowest composite score of the past decade. There were declines of at least 2 points on all three sections of the test — critical reading, math and writing.

The steady decline in SAT scores and generally stagnant results from high schools on federal tests and other measures reflect a troubling shortcoming of education-reform efforts. The test results show that gains in reading and math in elementary grades haven't led to broad improvement in high schools, experts say. That means several hundred thousand teenagers, especially those who grew up poor, are leaving school every year unready for college.

"Why is education reform hit-

SAT scores' decline

Total group scores for the Class of 2015 were the lowest in a decade. The maximum score on each section is 800.



Cohort data presented prior to 2007 includes students testing through March of their senior year, while cohort data from 2007 on includes students testing through June.

Source: College Board THE WASHINGTON POST

ting a wall in high school?" asked Michael J. Petrilli, president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a think tank. "You see this in all kinds of evidence. Kids don't make a whole lot of gains once they're in high school. It certainly should raise an alarm."

It is difficult to pinpoint a reason

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THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN SPORTS

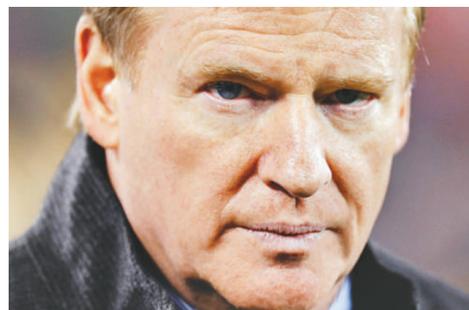
NFL commissioner wields his political skills amid controversies

BY KENT BABB

Early in 2013, former National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue traveled from Washington to New York to meet with his successor, Roger Goodell.

Goodell months earlier had imposed sweeping discipline on New Orleans Saints coaches, players and an executive in response to a program that allegedly rewarded players for inflicting injuries on opponents. When players appealed, dragging a messy scandal into the regular season, Goodell appointed Tagliabue to issue a ruling. Tagliabue's decision in December 2012 mostly agreed with Goodell's findings — but, in hopes of avoiding further litigation by the players, he overturned the players' suspensions.

Goodell wasn't happy. He expected his discipline to be upheld to the letter and was willing to draw out "BountyGate" as long as it took to secure a victory. Tagliabue felt that



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Even as a new football season is about to begin, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has been tied up in federal court in a dispute with Tom Brady and the Patriots over the 'DeflateGate' matter.

prolonging the matter even one day was counterproductive and potentially damaging to the league.

"Enough is enough," Tagliabue told Goodell, according to an individual familiar with their conversation, but Goodell didn't see it that way. The men haven't spoken much since.

That scene, according to interviews with more than two dozen

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On Bush's primary path, a detour named Trump

BY ROBERT COSTA AND PHILIP RUCKER

This is not how Jeb Bush thought his summer would end. The candidate once seen as the most likely Republican presidential nominee is languishing in the polls, his fundraising has slowed, and he endures daily taunts from the rival who unseated him as the front-runner, Donald Trump.

Through it all, Bush is sticking to the same strategy that he and his advisers laid out months ago: Establish himself as a tested conservative reformer who served eight years as Florida governor, ride out the chaotic pre-primary season and wait for the party to coalesce around him.

Even as he shifts tactics over the short term to fight back against Trump, Bush is plodding forward, returning time and again in his appearances to the comfort zone of his capital in Tallahassee, Florida's capital, when he was an alpha

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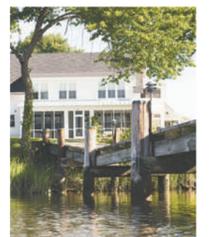
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