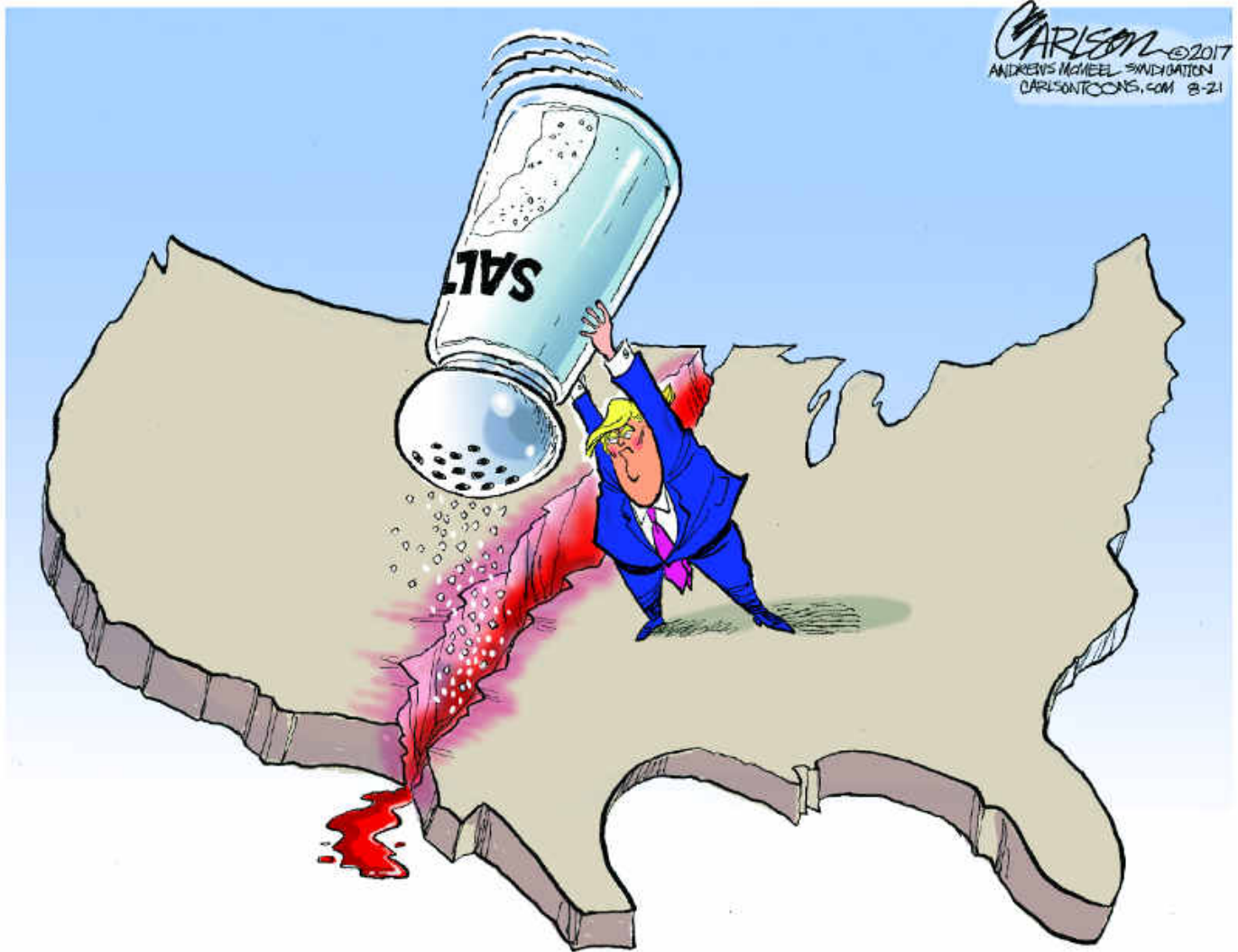


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Wassup on heath care? Senate hearings to begin next month.

- [**Five governors to testify at hearing on bipartisan healthcare bill Sept. 7**](#)
- [**McConnell's Kentucky Loses Big If Repeal Revives. Will He Keep Trying?**](#)
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At a recent town hall meeting broadcast on CNN, Sinsinawa Dominican Sr. Erica Jordan got to ask Speaker Paul Ryan how his policies match up to Catholic social teaching. [**Read Global Sisters Report's Q&A with Sr. Jordan.**](#)

Honduras: The legacy of a military coup that toppled a democratic government eight years ago is ever present today: [**spirling high-level corruption, endemic poverty, high crime rates, state repression, terror and targeted assassinations of environmentalists, indigenous leaders and journalists.**](#)

Michael Sean Winters says: Trump's Phoenix rally shows how his entire approach to politics is at odds with the approach church teaching calls for. [**The differences are foundational.**](#)

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania -- [**A federal judge ruled Aug. 23 that the Adorers of the Blood of Christ must give a pipeline company immediate access to their land.**](#)

Bishops in other lands, mix it up politically

- Zimbabwe -- [**Catholic bishops say 'it's a sin not to vote,' urge people to eject ruling party**](#)
- India -- [**A delegation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India met with newly elected President Shri Ram Nath Kovind**](#)
- Australia will conduct a postal plebiscite on the question of marriage equality beginning next month. ([Details here.](#)) [**Catholic Bishop says each parishioner must decide for themselves on same-sex marriage**](#) Bishop McKenna said he was more concerned about an assisted dying bill in the state

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[Denver Catholic Charities opens 100-bed shelter for homeless women](#) (Read down the column about halfway to get to the Catholic stuff.)

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