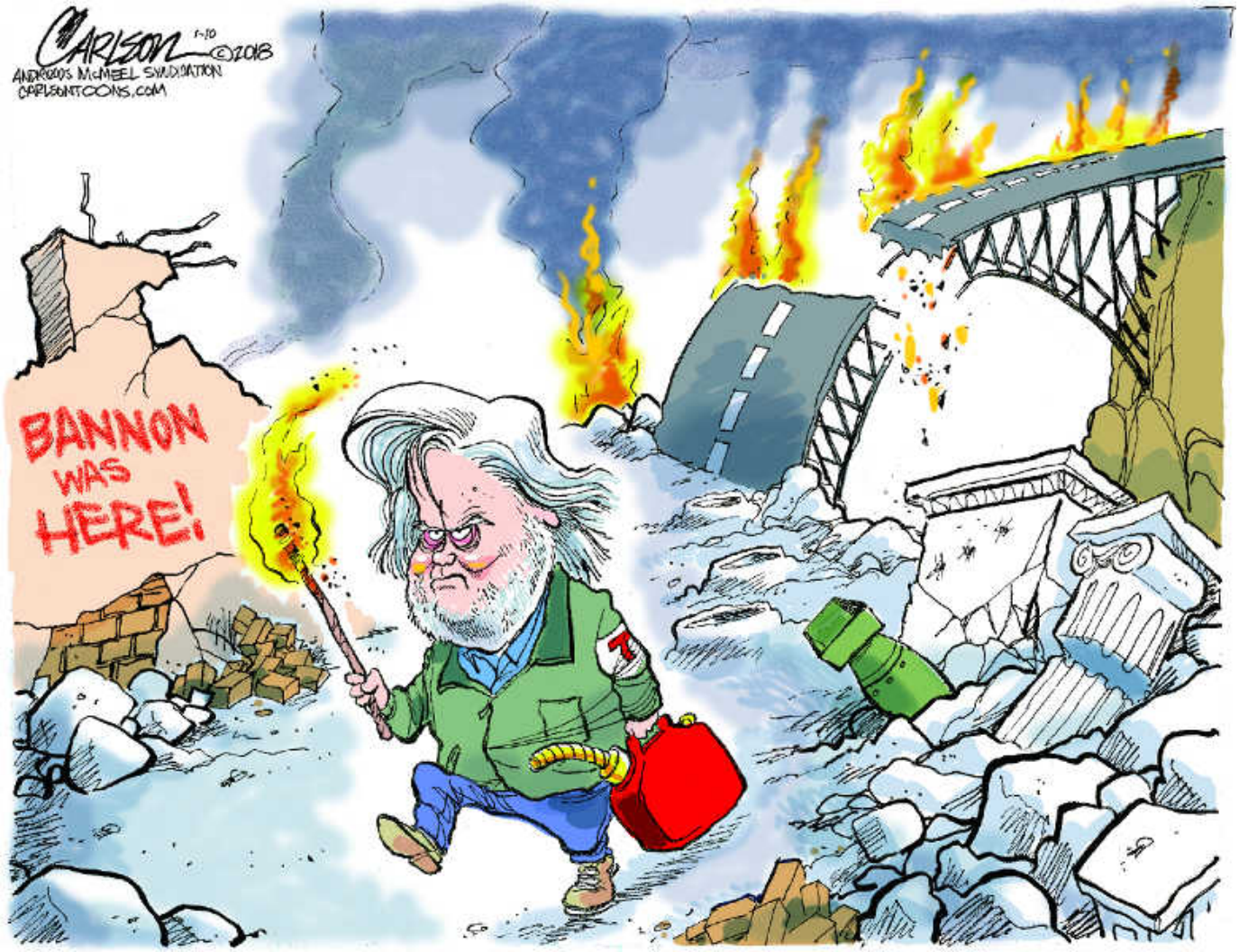
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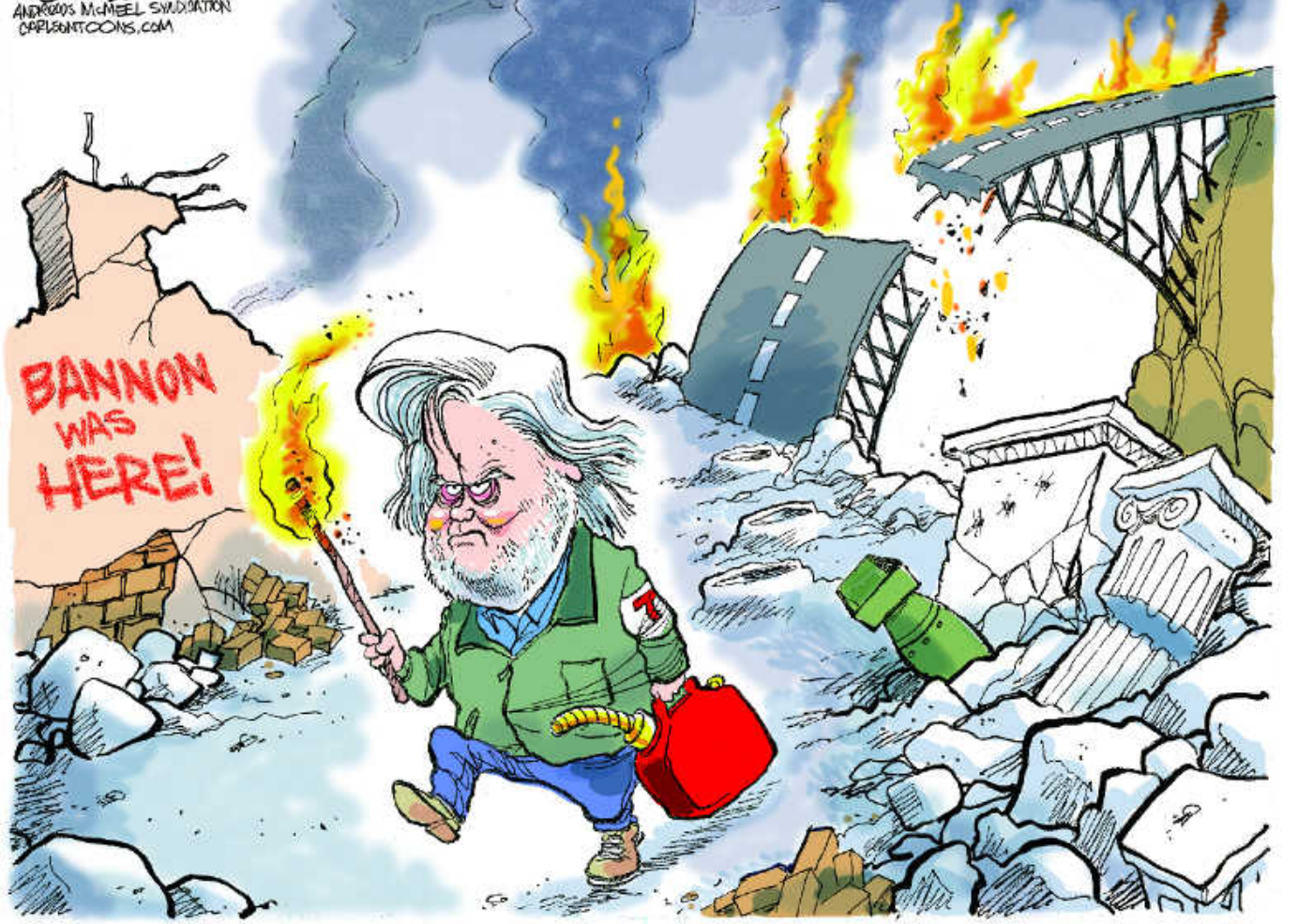
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President Donald Trump on Thursday questioned why the U.S. should allow more immigrants from "shithole countries" after senators discussed revamping rules affecting entrants from Africa and Haiti, according to three people briefed on the conversation.

- **Reaction to Trump's comments on Africa and Haiti** (Video and text)
- **'Here is what my #shithole looks like': African countries and Haiti react to Trump's remark**
- **Trump appears to deny using vulgar term to describe immigrant countries after backlash**
- Commentary: **Time to Say It: Trump Is a Racist**

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Next Monday, Pope Francis heads to Chile and Peru for a pastoral visit. Here's a few things you'll want to read to prepare for that.

- **Pope Francis' trip to Chile, Peru may help restore trust in church**
- **In Chile and Peru, pope to see effects of Latin America's migration**
- The Vatican was so concerned about the fallout from Chile's most notorious pedophile priest that it **planned to ask three Chilean bishops accused of knowing about his decades-long crimes to resign and take a year's sabbatical.**
- NCR correspondent Joshua McElwee and Soli Salgado of Global Sisters Report will be on the ground with Francis Jan. 15-21. **Read all of NCR reporting here.**

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- **Syrian refugee family lives, thrives on School Sisters' Connecticut campus**
- **Ending DACA will lead to 'humanitarian crisis,' says Archbishop Gomez**
- **New Trump refugee policies could close more than 20 Catholic Charities resettlement offices**

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