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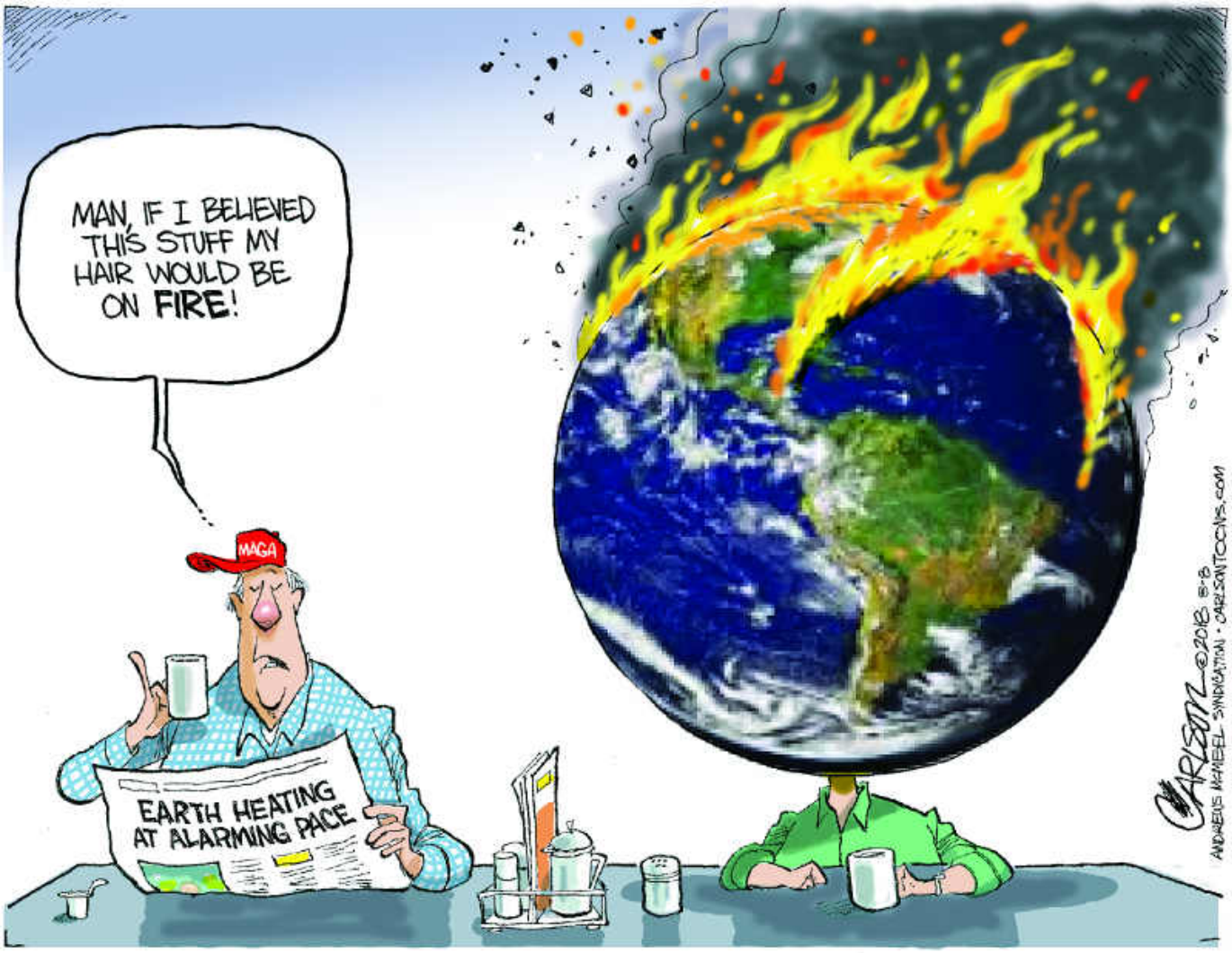

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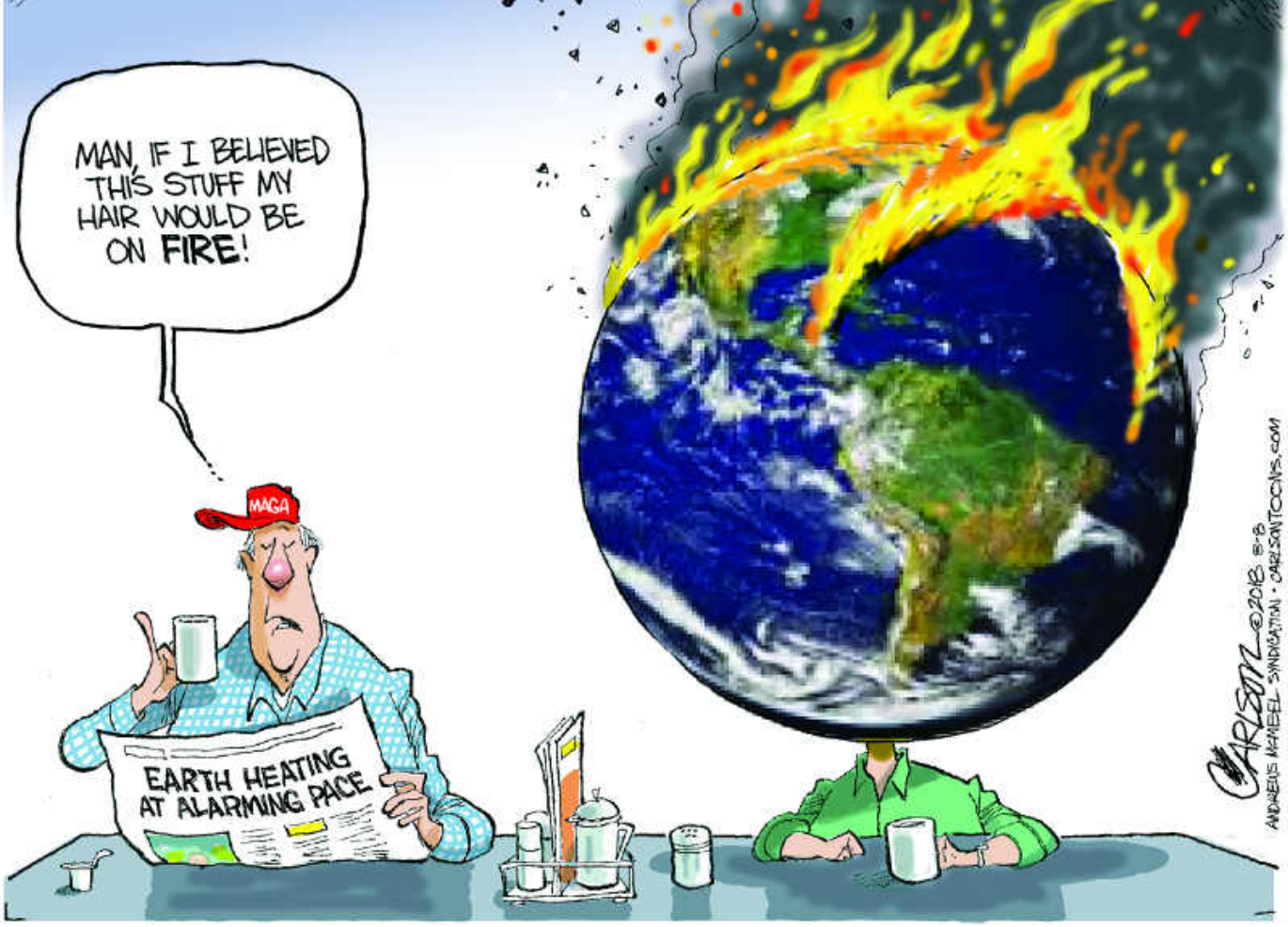

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Much attention will be focus this weekend on **[Unite the Right plans D.C. rally a year after Charlottesville violence]** and **[Heather Heyer's mom warns against ceding ground to white nationalists]** (Warning, this report includes some violent video.)

NCR offers these two takes:

- St. Louis -- **[Michael Brown's death still galvanizes anti-racism efforts in Ferguson]**.
- From the Conference of Major Superiors of Men: **[Discussion on race offers church a second chance to take a stand]**.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) are meeting in St. Louis this week. **A Global Sisters Report team in on the ground. Read all their reports here.**. And check back for updates.

Meanwhile, the church is trying to make sense of the McCarrick case, its impliations and fall out.

- Heidi Schlumfp reports that **Amid McCarrick revelations, Anchorage archbishop outlines an action plan**.
- Michael Sean Winters says **Most Catholic commentaries on McCarrick either predictable or irresponsible**.
- From earlier in the week: **Past review board members: Independent inquiry into seminarian abuse needed**.

Santiago, Chile -- The office of the bishop to the armed services had been raided **as part of investigations into accusations that senior Roman Catholic Church officials covered up claims of sexual abuse** by clergymen in Chile.

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Pope Francis' exhortation **Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad")** has inspired many. NCR and Celebration have the resources to help you on your**journey of 'small holiness'**.

- Start your day inspired with daily Scripture reflections. Join NCR's sister publication, Celebration, for **Daily Bread**, a series of short reflections written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings.
- Or reflect on **Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**. Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.

Back to the political scene: **Michael Moore’s "Fahrenheit 11/9" Trailer Aims To Expose Trump's ‘Evil Genius’**The Huffington Post has an exclusive look at the first trailer for "Fahrenheit 11/9," a reference to the day Trump was declared the winner of the 2016 election. Roger Stone, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Parkland massacre survivor Emma González and a host of others from both sides of the so-called aisle appear in the film.

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Argentina’s Senate has **rejected a bill to legalize elective abortion, a defeat for a grassroots movement that came closer than ever to achieving the decriminalization of the procedure** in the homeland of Pope Francis.

Here's a little church and little politics: United Methodist Church officials in Alabama have dismissed a complaint signed by more than 600 church members in July that chided Attorney General Jeff Sessions for implementing the family separation policy along the border and attempting to justify it with Scripture. **Jeff Sessions cleared in church complaint, perplexing some top Methodists**.

And some church-state cooperation: The Philippines Department of Labor and Employment and the Catholic bishops' conference are hosting **reverse job fairs to urge overseas Filipino workers to come back home.** . According to government statistics, **2.3 million Filipinos work overseas.** More than half (53.7 percent) are women.

Convicted rapist and murderer Billy Ray Irick was **executed last night by means of lethal injection**. Irick had been on death row for more than 30 years. The Catholic bishops of Knoxville and Nashville called the execution **unnecessary. It served no useful purpose.**. Last week Pope Francis **revises catechism to say death penalty is 'inadmissible'** and committe the church to working toward its abolition worldwide