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Akron receives \$367,000 grant to purchase police equipment



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# Obama greets pope

## Cheers welcome Catholic Church leader to U.S. Frugal pontiff eschews limousine, rides in Fiat

By Nicole Winfield and Rachel Zoll  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON: The pope of the poor arrived for his first-ever visit to the world's wealthiest superpower Tuesday denying he is a leftist and riding in a frugal

little family car, windows rolled down.

Pope Francis' chartered plane from Cuba touched down at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where President Barack Obama and his wife and daughters paid him the rare honor of

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American Airlines to carry pope on U.S. tour. A5

House.

Emerging from the aircraft to loud cheers from a crowd of hundreds, the smiling 78-year-old pontiff removed his skullcap

meeting him at the bottom of the stairs on the red-carpeted tarmac. Presidents usually make important visitors come to them at the White

in the windy weather and made his way down the steps in his white robes.

He was welcomed by a military honor guard, chanting schoolchildren, politicians, and Roman Catholic clerics in black robes with vivid sashes of scarlet and purple. Joe Biden, the nation's first Catholic vice president, and his wife were among

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Shawn Gahagan holds medals from competing in the races in the Rubber City Race Series. Gahagan broke his hip during last year's Akron Marathon. | MICHAEL CHRITTON/Akron Beacon Journal

# Runner gets back in race after injury of last year

## Man, 42, to compete in marathon despite breaking hip in 2014 event

By Paula Schleis  
Beacon Journal staff writer

Shawn Gahagan had no clue what caused his leg to buckle, throwing him to the ground about seven miles into last year's Akron Marathon.

Other than a skinned knee from the fall, he felt no pain, even as he crawled from the street to the sidewalk after an unsuccessful attempt to stand.

His incapacitating injury remained a mystery as an officer and a fellow racer

helped him hobble to a police car, a curious oddity as paramedics transferred him to an ambulance for a ride to Akron General Medical Center.

As he was waiting for X-ray results, the pain finally making an appearance, he mumbled something about wanting to go home. An emergency room doctor told him

that wasn't happening anytime soon; the surgery couldn't wait.

"Surgery?" Gahagan asked.

That's when he learned he had broken his hip, a fracture that occurred mid-stride on a 42-year-old man who thought he was in the shape of his life.

"At 7 a.m., I'm running a marathon. At 7 p.m., I'm going into surgery," mused Gahagan, a Streetsboro dad and Aurora police, fire and EMS dispatcher.

In his hospital room the next day, facing months of recovery, he vowed he would return to Akron in 2015.

"I broke my hip on Sept. 27. On Sept. 28 I knew I wanted to go back," he said. "It was unfinished business."

This Saturday, Gahagan intends to collect a finisher's medal for the completing his first-ever full marathon, a

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## Federal grant allows Akron elementary to add an hour to school day so students can enjoy art, music, exercise, citizenship, other electives



Fourth-grade teacher Anthony Gosmer makes almond milk Friday in a Discovery Block class about edible plants at Leggett elementary in Akron. A federal grant allows the school to add an hour each day for unconventional learning. | MIKE CARDEW/Akron Beacon Journal photos



Leggett Principal Philomena Vincente listens to third-grader Miranda Sherill, 9, as she makes her way to her art class in a Discovery Block at school.

# Good education takes extra time

By Doug Livingston  
Beacon Journal education writer

Give students a choice, and give them a reason to love school.

That's what educators at Leggett elementary have found after adding an hour to each school day. In that hour of unconventional learning, students can take classes that deviate from the run-of-the-mill reading, writing and arithmetic that have come to define public education.

"It's really sad. We've missed the love of learning," said Jemma Hu-

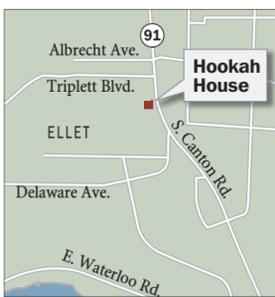
ber, an intervention specialist at the K-5 school. "This extra time, it lets us know [school] is fun, that this is a great place to be."

Twice a week, Huber uses the extra time to coach competitive jump rope, even as schools across the nation cut back on the physical exercise that research suggests students need to focus.

Drawing on \$500,000 in annual federal funding, Leggett's school days

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# Police shoot owner of Hookah House



## Officers say they thought man was reaching for gun when he tried to adjust drugs in buttocks

By Marilyn Miller  
Beacon Journal staff writer

An Akron man was shot by Akron police Monday night while reaching to reinsert what authorities say was heroin slipping out of his buttocks.

Omar Ali, 27, owner of the Hookah House, was shot in the up-

per right torso when he reached behind his back for what officers thought was a gun, police Lt. Rick Edwards said.

Police went to the hookah bar at 738 S. Canton Road on a search warrant and to investigate a domestic violence complaint when the shooting occurred.

Ali was taken immediately to the hospital, where detectives discovered 2.8 grams of heroin and 5 unit doses of Suboxone strips hidden in his buttocks.

The heroin and synthetic drug

used to help wean people off of heroin was falling out of his backside and Ali was trying to reinsert the drugs, Edwards said.

Officers also recovered a handgun inside the business, he said.

Ali was in stable condition Tuesday afternoon at Summa Akron City Hospital with what appears to be nonlife-threatening injuries.

Police didn't identify the officer, who is on paid leave per de-

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