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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

The city of Cleveland, buoyed by the NBA championship its Cavaliers won, is set to host the Republican National Convention. Members of the platform and rules panels already are at work there and the convention opens in earnest on Monday. (AP Photo/Mark Duncan)

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Sen. Steve Daines of Montana will be fly-fishing with his wife instead of attending the GOP Convention in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

Large number of GOP senators skipping Trump's convention

A large number of GOP senators are skipping next week's convention in Cleveland, citing a range of prior commitments, from fly-fishing to lawn-mowing. Although a majority of the Republican senators do plan to attend, the level of absenteeism is high as Donald Trump prepares to claim the Republican Party's nomination.

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