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GIST	<p>Governor Inslee and the Washington State Patrol are highlighting drowsy driving this week.</p> <p>It's blamed more than 100,000 crashes nationwide every year.</p> <p>Troopers will be on the lookout for signs of drowsy or impaired driving this week.</p> <p>The state patrol says there are always people on the road who are sleep deprived, which is a threat to the driver's and other people's safety.</p> <p>The governor declared this Drowsy Driving Awareness and Prevention Week.</p> <p>In a 5-year stretch ending in 2015, sleep-deprived driving is blamed for 64 crashes and 308 serious injury collisions in Washington State.</p> <p>A recent AAA study said drowsy drivers are as dangerous as those who get behind the wheel drunk.</p> <p>Five years ago, it was a drowsy driver who killed Linda Burkhardt, who was in Chehalis for Christmas shopping.</p> <p>The woman who killed Burkhardt received only a citation and a fine. Troopers say drowsy drivers can't be arrested like drunken drivers.</p> <p>Troopers say if you become tired while driving, get off the road, get coffee and get rest, otherwise you are a risk to yourself and other drivers.</p>
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HEADLINE	<b>11/06 Gov.: shooting not random violent act</b>
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GIST	Texas Gov. Greg Abbott doesn't think the mass shooting at a rural Texas church Sunday that killed 26 people "was just a random act of violence," he said on "Good Morning America" today.

	<p>The Sunday rampage at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, about 40 miles southeast of San Antonio, left 26 dead, 20 others injured and sent survivors fleeing for their lives. Victims' ages range from 5 to 72, authorities said, and at least a dozen of the 46 killed or wounded were children, according to Wilson County Sheriff Joe Tackitt.</p> <p>The alleged shooter, a 26-year-old man, is also dead, bringing the total number of fatalities to 27, authorities said.</p> <p>The governor said law enforcement is "aggressively looking" at "why this particular church was targeted," adding, "I do believe that you will soon learn that there was perhaps a connection with this particular church, something that has not been confirmed or nailed down yet, and hence cannot be talked about. But I think what I want to convey to you is I don't think this was just a random act of violence."</p> <p>While authorities have not released a motive, the suspect's in-laws occasionally attended church services at the site of the shooting, Tackitt told reporters this morning.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 London: annual Anonymous march</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/05/masked-protesters-take-streets-london-annual-anonymous-march/">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/05/masked-protesters-take-streets-london-annual-anonymous-march/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Thousands of anarchist protesters wearing Guido Fawkes masks marched on the streets of central London on Sunday night.</p> <p>The annual Million Mask March, where protesters wore the stylised mask popularised in the cult film V For Vendetta, saw Westminster grind to a virtual halt.</p> <p>Groups of people chanted pro-civil liberty and anti-establishment slogans, while police maintained a heavy presence outside key locations such as Downing Street.</p> <p>In previous years the march has seen ugly scenes when bloodied activists clashed with officers.</p> <p>Fireworks were let off along the route from Trafalgar Square among the embankment beyond Parliament and College Green, but no major disturbances broke out.</p> <p>The event, organised by the notorious hacking collective Anonymous, is held on November 5 every year.</p> <p>Police imposed conditions on the march, limiting it to a three-hour period between 6pm and 9pm on a prescribed route between Trafalgar Square and Whitehall.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 South Sudan: 1.25M face starvation</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — In war-torn South Sudan 1.25 million people are facing starvation, double the number from the same time last year, according to a report by the United Nations and the government released Monday.</p> <p>This country could once again plunge into famine in 2018, warn humanitarians and the government.</p> <p>“The widespread and extreme food consumption gaps ... should make us all extremely concerned about the worst case scenario of famine in many locations across South Sudan in 2018,” said Katie Rickard, country</p>

	<p>coordinator for REACH, a humanitarian research initiative that provided data for the report.</p> <p>Humanitarians blame the worsening situation on South Sudan’s continuing conflict, which is nearing its fifth year and has killed more than 50,000 people.</p> <p>In February, the world’s youngest nation declared famine in two counties in Unity State, the world’s first formal famine declaration since Somalia in 2011. In South Sudan’s two counties, 100,000 people were on the brink of starvation but thanks to early detection and a rapid response catastrophe was avoided, said the World Food Program.</p> <p>However, the latest food and security analysis update by the U.N and South Sudan’s National Bureau of Statistics is grim.</p> <p>As of September, 6 million people — 56 percent of the population — were experiencing severe hunger with 25,000 South Sudanese in humanitarian catastrophe in Ayod and Greater Baggari counties.</p> <p>South Sudan’s widening war has made food production impossible and delivery of aid dangerous and difficult. Both Ayod and Baggari are rebel-held areas and locals say the situation in the two counties is dire.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 Saudi coalition warns Iran on missile</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The latest on the conflict in Yemen (all times local):</p> <p>5:05 a.m.</p> <p>Saudi Arabia is blaming Iran for Yemen Shiite rebels launching a ballistic missile at its capital, Riyadh, warning it could be “considered as an act of war.”</p> <p>That’s according to a statement early Monday from the Saudi-led coalition now battling Shiite Houthi rebels and their allies in Yemen on behalf of its internationally recognized government.</p> <p>The statement said: “Iran’s role and its direct command of its Houthi proxy in this matter constitutes a clear act of aggression that targets neighboring countries, and threatens peace and security in the region and globally. Therefore, the coalition’s command considers this a blatant act of military aggression by the Iranian regime, and could rise to be considered as an act of war against the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.”</p> <p>The statement adds: “The coalition command also affirms that the Kingdom reserves its right to respond to Iran in the appropriate time and manner.”</p> <p>Iran has backed the Houthi rebels, but denies arming them. There was no immediate response from Iran over the Saudi threat.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>3:10 a.m.</p> <p>A Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen says it has closed the land, sea and air ports of the Arab world’s poorest country after a rebel-launched ballistic missile targeted Saudi Arabia’s capital of Riyadh.</p> <p>A statement early Monday accused Iran of supplying Yemen’s Shiite Houthi rebels and their allies with the ballistic missile. The Houthi militants have said their Volcano variant missile is locally produced.</p>

	<p>Iran has backed the Houthis, but denies arming them.</p> <p>The Saudi-led coalition’s statement says the closures will be temporary and “take into account” the work of humanitarian and aid organizations.</p> <p>The war has claimed more than 10,000 lives and driven the Arab world’s poorest country to the brink of famine.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/02 Underground fire at Superfund site</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://crosscut.com/2017/11/underground-fire-returns-to-a-one-time-landfill-in-eastern-washington/">http://crosscut.com/2017/11/underground-fire-returns-to-a-one-time-landfill-in-eastern-washington/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>It’s not a Dumpster fire, but could be something far more serious: A fire may be smoldering under a landfill-turned-Superfund cleanup site in southeastern Washington.</p> <p>This fire is the second underground hot spot at the Pasco Sanitary Landfill — a 250-acre federal Superfund site. An earlier fire took nearly two years to extinguish.</p> <p>Back in the 1970s, people started dumping industrial waste at the site. Somewhere around 35,000 drums of hazardous substances — like solvent, paint sludge and cleaners — are buried in the zone that’s now burning.</p> <p>The Washington Department of Ecology says the smoldering waste is not an immediate threat to people.</p> <p>We are working with the parties responsible for Pasco Landfill cleanup to safely address the fire situation,” the department said in a mailer sent to people who live nearby.</p> <p>This landfill fire was discovered after temperatures spiked in the area. Workers dug a borehole deep into the pile and brought up charred bits of waste.</p> <p>The charred waste was at least 15 to 20 feet underground.</p> <p>According to a 2001 report from the U.S. Fire Administration, about 8,300 landfill fires each year cause up to \$8 million in damage — most often igniting in the summer months when “there’s a greater chance of spontaneous combustion or hot, smoldering discarded products igniting.”</p> <p>The report says most landfill fires are caused when people throw away warm garbage, like previously burned charcoal briquettes or cigarette butts. Many of these fires are above ground. Only 5 percent of landfill fires happen under the surface, according to the administration. (That would be about 415 subsurface landfill fires nationwide each year.)</p> <p>Another fire burned for two years at the Pasco Landfill cleanup site, next to the area that is currently burning. It was officially extinguished in 2015 after a deep trench was dug around the fire’s perimeter and filled with soil and cement. That kept the fire from spreading. The smoldering waste was then dug up and mixed with a slurry of water, clay and cement.</p> <p>Investigators are also concerned about the threat of contamination to groundwater near the site. Samplings have found a 3-inch-thick layer of petroleum hydrocarbons, solvents and PCBs floating on the groundwater.</p> <p>The state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency say cleanup efforts have shrunk the contaminated plume, and it should not affect people’s health.</p>
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HEADLINE	<b>11/06 Homelessness soars along West Coast</b>
SOURCE	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/homeless-explosion-west-coast-pushing-cities-brink-50956034">http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/homeless-explosion-west-coast-pushing-cities-brink-50956034</a>
GIST	<p>In a park in the middle of a leafy, bohemian neighborhood where homes list for close to \$1 million, a tractor's massive claw scooped up the refuse of the homeless - mattresses, tents, wooden frames, a wicker chair, an outdoor propane heater. Workers in masks and steel-shanked boots plucked used needles and mounds of waste from the underbrush.</p> <p>Just a day before, this corner of Ravenna Park was an illegal home for the down and out, one of 400 such encampments that have popped up in Seattle's parks, under bridges, on freeway medians and along busy sidewalks. Now, as police and social workers approached, some of the dispossessed scurried away, vanishing into a metropolis that is struggling to cope with an enormous wave of homelessness.</p> <p>That struggle is not Seattle's alone. A homeless crisis of unprecedented proportions is rocking the West Coast, and its victims are being left behind by the very things that mark the region's success: soaring housing costs, rock-bottom vacancy rates and a roaring economy that waits for no one. All along the coast, elected officials are scrambling for solutions.</p> <p>"I've got economically zero unemployment in my city, and I've got thousands of homeless people that actually are working and just can't afford housing," said Seattle City Councilman Mike O'Brien. "There's nowhere for these folks to move to. Every time we open up a new place, it fills up."</p> <p>The rising numbers of homeless people have pushed abject poverty into the open like never before and have overwhelmed cities and nonprofits. The surge in people living on the streets has put public health at risk, led several cities to declare states of emergency and forced cities and counties to spend millions - in some cases billions - in a search for solutions.</p> <p>San Diego now scrubs its sidewalks with bleach to counter a deadly hepatitis A outbreak that has spread to other cities and forced California to declare a state of emergency last month. In Anaheim, home to Disneyland, 400 people sleep along a bike path in the shadow of Angel Stadium. Organizers in Portland lit incense at a recent outdoor food festival to cover up the stench of urine in a parking lot where vendors set up shop.</p> <p>Homelessness is not new on the West Coast. But interviews with local officials and those who serve the homeless in California, Oregon and Washington - coupled with an Associated Press review of preliminary homeless data - confirm it's getting worse. People who were once able to get by, even if they suffered a setback, are now pushed to the streets because housing has become so expensive.</p> <p>All it takes is a prolonged illness, a lost job, a broken limb, a family crisis. What was once a blip in fortunes now seems a life sentence.</p> <p>"Most homeless people I know aren't homeless because they're addicts," said Tammy Stephen, 54, who lives at a homeless encampment in Seattle. "Most people are homeless because they can't afford a place to live."</p> <p>Among the AP's findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Official counts taken earlier this year in California, Oregon and Washington show 168,000 homeless people in the three states, according to an AP tally of every jurisdiction in those states that reports homeless numbers to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. That is 19,000 more than were counted two years ago, although the numbers may not be directly comparable because of factors ranging from the weather to new counting methods.</li> <li>— During the same period, the number of unsheltered people in the three states - defined as someone sleeping outside, in a bus or train station, abandoned building or vehicle - has climbed 18 percent to</li> </ul>

105,000.

— Rising rents are the main culprit. The median one-bedroom apartment in the San Francisco Bay Area is significantly more expensive than it is in the New York City metro area, and apartments in San Francisco are listed at a higher price than those in Manhattan.

— Since 2015, at least 10 cities or municipal regions in California, Oregon and Washington - and Honolulu, as well - have declared states of emergency due to the rise of homelessness, a designation usually reserved for natural disasters.

A new study funded by the real estate information firm Zillow and conducted by the University of Washington found a strong link between rising housing prices and rising homelessness numbers. A 5 percent rent increase in Los Angeles, for example, would mean about 2,000 more homeless people there, the authors said.

Nationally, homelessness has been trending down, partly because governments and nonprofit groups have gotten better at moving people into housing. That's true in many West Coast cities, too, but the flow the other direction is even faster. And on the West Coast, shelter systems are smaller.

"If you have a disability income, you make about \$9,000 a year and renting a studio in Seattle is about \$1,800 a month and so that's twice your income," said Margaret King, director of housing programs for DESC, a nonprofit that works with Seattle's homeless.

"So everybody who was just hanging on because they had cheap rent, they're losing that ... and they wind up outside. It's just exploded."

Nowhere is that more evident than California's Silicon Valley, where high salaries and a tight housing market have pushed rent out of reach for thousands. In ever-shifting communities of the homeless, RVs and cars cluster by the dozens in the city where Google built its global headquarters and just blocks from Stanford University.

Increased housing costs aren't just sweeping up low-income workers: The numbers of homeless youth also is rising.

A recent count in Los Angeles, for example, found that those ages 18 to 24 were the fastest-growing homeless group by age, up 64 percent, followed by those under 18. Los Angeles and other cities have made a concerted effort to improve their tallies of homeless youth, which likely accounts for some of the increase.

One of the reasons is the combined cost of housing and tuition, said Will Lehman, policy supervisor at Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. A recent study by the University of Wisconsin found that one in five Los Angeles Community College District students is homeless, he said.

"They can pay for books, for classes but just can't afford an apartment. They're choosing to prioritize going to school," Lehman said. "They don't choose their situation."

All along the West Coast, local governments are scrambling to answer that question - and taxpayers are footing the bill.

Voters have approved more than \$8 billion in spending since 2015 on affordable housing and other anti-homelessness programs, mostly as tax increases. Los Angeles voters, for example, approved \$1.2 billion to build 10,000 units of affordable housing over a decade to address a ballooning homeless population that's reached 34,000 people within city limits.

Seattle spent \$61 million on homeless-related issues last year, and a recent budget proposal would increase that to \$63 million. Four years ago, the city spent \$39 million on homelessness. Sacramento has set a goal

of moving 2,000 people off the streets in the next three years and may place a housing bond before voters in 2018.

Appeals for money have angered residents who see tent encampments growing in their cities despite more spending.

Seattle is initiating competitive bidding among nonprofit organizations for city dollars going toward homelessness programs. It's also pouring money into "rapid rehousing," a strategy that houses people quickly and then provides rental assistance for up to 18 months.

Like San Francisco, Seattle has started opening 24-hour, "low-barrier" shelters that offer beds even if people are abusing drugs, have a pet or want to sleep together as a couple. But the city's first 24-hour shelter has only 75 beds, and turnover is extremely low.

A team of specially trained police officers and social workers has also been visiting homeless camps to try to place people in shelter. After repeated visits - and with 72 hours of notice - the city cleans out the camps and hauls away abandoned belongings.

These efforts are starting to yield results, although the overall number of homeless people continues to swell.

Nearly 740 families moved into some type of shelter between October 2016 and August 2017, and 39 percent of the people contacted by the new police teams wind up sheltered, according a recent city homeless report. That's an improvement from a 5 percent shelter rate 18 months ago, said Sgt. Eric Zerr, who leads that effort.

But the approach has its detractors. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit alleging the sweeps violate the constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure. And a debate is raging about whether the sweeps are necessary "tough love" or a cruel policy that criminalizes poverty in a city with a reputation for liberalism.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Deadly flash floods in Malaysia</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Flash floods caused by hours of torrential rain killed at least five people in Malaysia and the military deployed on Sunday to help rescue displaced people, Reuters reports.</p> <p>About 3,000 people had been evacuated and housed in temporary shelters as nearly 80 percent of Penang was hit by typhoon-like winds and heavy rain, its chief minister Lim Guan Eng said in a statement to Reuters.</p> <p>Floodwaters had reportedly risen 10 to 12 feet and Lim warned on Facebook that more rain was expected.</p> <p>Troops fanned out in Penang to rescue stranded flood victims and also to clear blocked routes and clean up.</p> <p>Hundreds of trees were toppled and roads were submerged in Penang's historic capital of George Town, leaving many areas largely paralyzed. The Malaysian state news agency said five people had been killed due to the floods.</p> <p>"We remain fearful that there may still be untoward incidents because of the strong winds, the like of which have never been experienced before, and flash floods might recur," Lim told reporters in Penang earlier on Sunday, according to Bernama.</p>



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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Insurers use private firefighters for wealthy</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/as-wildfires-raged-insurers-sent-in-private-firefighters-to-protect-homes-of-the-wealthy-1509886801">https://www.wsj.com/articles/as-wildfires-raged-insurers-sent-in-private-firefighters-to-protect-homes-of-the-wealthy-1509886801</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>During the worst of last month's wildfires in Northern California, Dick Fredericks got a phone call that passed on "some magical words": His house was safe.</p> <p>The message from a private firefighting service hired by his home insurer, Chubb Ltd. CB -0.66% , was accompanied by an email with some two dozen photos, including one of the service's firefighters pumping water from Mr. Fredericks's swimming pool to extinguish a brush fire on his Sonoma Valley property.</p> <p>Increasingly, insurance carriers are finding wildfires, such as those in California, are an opportunity to provide protection beyond what most people get through publicly funded fire fighting. Some insurers say they typically get new customers when homeowners see the special treatment received by neighbors during big fires.</p> <p>"The enrollment has taken off dramatically over the years as people have seen us save homes," Paul Krump, a senior executive at Chubb, said of the insurer's Wildfire Defense Services. "It's absolutely growing leaps and bounds."</p> <p>The services are complimentary to policyholders in certain ZIP Codes or states that are prone to wildfires. Some insurers require policyholders to enroll in the programs in advance, to give permission for workers to access the property and to obtain contact information.</p> <p>Chubb's service, which began in 2008, is offered in 15 states. American International Group Inc. AIG - 4.59% launched its Wildfire Protection Unit in 2005 in 14 California ZIP Codes. The unit has since expanded to 385 ZIP Codes in California, Colorado and Texas. Other insurers extending services include Privilege Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange, or PURE, and USAA.</p> <p>Tens of thousands of people benefit from the programs. For their overall insurance, policyholders can pay anywhere from thousands of dollars in annual premiums with these firms to more than \$100,000, depending on the number and types of homes and other possessions they insure.</p> <p>Consumer advocates lament that the programs mean the rich can get better fire protection, because the services mostly have been available at insurers of the well-to-do.</p> <p>"Do we like the idea of a two-tier system for wealthy individuals and people with less means? No," said Amy Bach, executive director of United Policyholders, a national insurance-focused consumer nonprofit based in California.</p> <p>"But do we want to see their approaches work? Yes," she added.</p> <p>Scott McLean, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, known as Cal Fire, said the state has procedures in place to coordinate with the private-sector crews. They are allowed to visit properties only after obtaining permission of an incident commander.</p> <p>The insurers run "intelligence" or "command" centers from which they deploy these field forces.</p> <p>"Our goal is to be out in front of a fire...before the fire is burning up the hillside," said Stephen Poux, head of risk-management services and loss prevention at AIG.</p> <p>The private crews seek to clear combustible items from a property: wood piles, outdoor furniture including cushions, weeds, straw floor mats and leaves in gutters. They may set up sprinklers with water available at</p>

	the location, or with water they bring to the site, along with sprinkler lines and a generator to operate them.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Paradise Papers shed light hidden money</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/05/world/paradise-papers.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/05/world/paradise-papers.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>It's called the Paradise Papers: the latest in a series of leaks made public by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists shedding light on the trillions of dollars that move through offshore tax havens.</p> <p>The core of the leak, totaling more than 13.4 million documents, focuses on the Bermudan law firm Appleby, a 119-year old company that caters to blue chip corporations and very wealthy people. Appleby helps clients reduce their tax burden; obscure their ownership of assets like companies, private aircraft, real estate and yachts; and set up huge offshore trusts that in some cases hold billions of dollars.</p> <p>The New York Times is part of the group of more than 380 journalists from over 90 media organizations in 67 countries that have spent months examining the latest set of documents.</p> <p>As with the Panama Papers, the Paradise Papers leak came through a duo of reporters at the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and was then shared with I.C.I.J., a Washington-based group that won the Pulitzer Prize for reporting on the millions of records of a Panamanian law firm. The release of that trove of documents led to the resignation of one prime minister last year and to the unmasking of the wealth of people close to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.</p> <p>The predominantly elite clients of Appleby contrast with those of Mossack Fonseca — the company whose leaked records became the Panama Papers — which appeared to be less discriminating in the business it took on. Much of the material makes for dull reading: Spreadsheets, prospectuses and billing statements abound. But amid these are documents that help reveal how multinational companies avoid taxes and how the superrich hide their wealth. The records date back to 1950 and up to 2016.</p> <p>Appleby has offices in tax havens around the world. In addition to its Bermudan headquarters, it works out of places like the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands in the Caribbean; the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey off Britain; Mauritius and the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean; and Hong Kong and Shanghai.</p> <p>Americans — companies and people — dominate the list of clients. Past disclosures, such as the 2013 “Offshore Leaks” from two offshore incorporators in Singapore and the British Virgin Islands, the 2015 “Swiss Leaks” from a private Swiss bank owned by the British bank HSBC and another leak in 2016 from the Bahamas were dominated by clients not from the United States.</p> <p>The documents come not only from Appleby, but also from the Singaporean company Asiatic Trust and official business registries in places such as Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Lebanon and Malta.</p> <p>Setting up companies offshore is generally legal, and corporations routinely do so to facilitate cross-border transactions such as mergers and acquisitions. Appleby, in a public statement on Oct. 24, after inquiries from I.C.I.J., said that it was “subject to frequent regulatory checks” in “highly regulated jurisdictions.”</p> <p>“Appleby has thoroughly and vigorously investigated the allegations and we are satisfied that there is no evidence of any wrongdoing, either on the part of ourselves or our clients,” the company said.</p> <p>But with this latest leak, some wealthy individuals and multinational corporations may think twice about using offshore ownership structures, said Jack Blum, a lawyer who worked for decades on congressional committees investigating money transfers overseas.</p> <p>“The danger of being found out has increased exponentially,” Mr. Blum said in an interview. “If I were a rich guy looking to hide money offshore so that the tax man won’t get me, my nightmare would be to put</p>

	it in the hands of somebody whose documents leak.”
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Navy corruption probe widens</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/fat-leonard-scandal-expands-to-ensnare-more-than-60-admirals/2017/11/05/f6a12678-be5d-11e7-97d9-bdab5a0ab381_story.html?utm_term=.d0d0d181a9e7">https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/fat-leonard-scandal-expands-to-ensnare-more-than-60-admirals/2017/11/05/f6a12678-be5d-11e7-97d9-bdab5a0ab381_story.html?utm_term=.d0d0d181a9e7</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The “Fat Leonard” corruption investigation has expanded to include more than 60 admirals and hundreds of other U.S. Navy officers under scrutiny for their contacts with a defense contractor in Asia who systematically bribed sailors with sex, liquor and other temptations, according to the Navy.</p> <p>Most of the admirals are suspected of attending extravagant feasts at Asia’s best restaurants paid for by Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based maritime tycoon who made an illicit fortune supplying Navy vessels in ports from Vladivostok, Russia to Brisbane, Australia. Francis also was renowned for hosting alcohol-soaked, after-dinner parties, which often featured imported prostitutes and sometimes lasted for days, according to federal court records.</p> <p>The 350-pound Francis, also known in Navy circles as “Leonard the Legend” for his wild-side lifestyle, spent decades cultivating relationships with officers, many of whom developed a blind spot to his fraudulent ways. Even while he and his firm were being targeted by Navy criminal investigators, he received VIP invitations to ceremonies in Annapolis and Pearl Harbor, where he hobnobbed with four-star admirals, according to photographs obtained by The Washington Post.</p> <p>The Justice Department has filed criminal charges against 28 people, including two admirals, since Francis was arrested in an international sting operation four years ago. Those cases comprise the worst corruption scandal in Navy history, but they represent a fraction of a much larger list of Navy officials under investigation but whose names have been mostly kept secret.</p> <p>In response to queries from The Post, the Navy recently confirmed that it has been reviewing the conduct of 440 other active-duty and retired personnel — including 60 current and former admirals — for possible violations of military law or federal ethics rules in their dealings with Francis and his company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia.</p> <p>That is double the number of admirals whom Navy officials said were under investigation last year (The Navy has about 210 admirals on active duty).</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 Iran dismisses missiles allegations</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/06/middleeast/iran-saudi-yemen-missile/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/06/middleeast/iran-saudi-yemen-missile/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)Iran has dismissed allegations that it provided missiles to Houthi rebels in Yemen, after a ballistic missile fired from Yemen came close to the Saudi capital of Riyadh on Saturday.</p> <p>The missile was intercepted by the Saudi military over the international airport, an action the Saudi-led coalition called "a clear act of aggression" by Iran. The attack prompted the temporary closure of all Yemen's ground, air and seaports.</p> <p>"The claim that the missile was delivered to Yemen by Iran is baseless," Major General Jafari told reporters on Sunday, as quoted in semi-official Tasnim News Agency.</p> <p>"These missiles have been manufactured by the Yemenis and their military industries," he said.</p> <p>Yemen's Houthi rebels said they launched a Burqan 2H long-range missile at the Saudi airport.</p>

	Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies accuse Iran of providing material support to the Houthi rebels.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 Saudi anti-corruption probe widens</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-arrests/round-up-of-saudi-princes-businessmen-widens-travel-curbs-imposed-idUSKBN1D60S6">http://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-arrests/round-up-of-saudi-princes-businessmen-widens-travel-curbs-imposed-idUSKBN1D60S6</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>RIYADH (Reuters) - An anti-corruption probe that has purged Saudi Arabian royals, ministers and businessmen appeared to be widening on Monday after the founder of one of the kingdom's biggest travel companies was reportedly detained.</p> <p>Shares in Al Tayyar Travel plunged 10 percent in the opening minutes of trade after the company quoted media reports as saying Nasser bin Aqeel al-Tayyar, who is still a board member, had been held by authorities.</p> <p>The company gave no details but online economic news service SABQ, which is close to the government, reported Tayyar had been detained in an investigation by a new anti-corruption body headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.</p> <p>Dozens of people have been detained in the crackdown, which has consolidated Prince Mohammed's power while alarming much of the traditional business establishment. Billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, Saudi Arabia's best-known international investor, is also being held, officials said at the weekend.</p> <p>The front page of Okaz, a leading Saudi newspaper, challenged businessmen on Monday to reveal the sources of their assets, asking: "Where did you get this?" in a bright red headline.</p> <p>Pan-Arab newspaper Al-Asharq Al-Awsat reported that a no-fly list had been drawn up and security forces in some Saudi airports were barring owners of private jets from taking off without a permit.</p> <p>Among those detained are 11 princes, four ministers and tens of former ministers, according to Saudi officials.</p> <p>The allegations against the men include money laundering, bribery, extorting officials and taking advantage of public office for personal gain, a Saudi official told Reuters. Those accusations could not be independently verified and family members of those detained could not be reached.</p> <p>A royal decree on Saturday said the crackdown was in response to "exploitation by some of the weak souls who have put their own interests above the public interest, in order to, illicitly, accrue money".</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 China adds satellites to homegrown GPS</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.newsmax.com/world/asia/as-china-satellite/2017/11/06/id/824237/">https://www.newsmax.com/world/asia/as-china-satellite/2017/11/06/id/824237/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>BEIJING (AP) — China has added two satellites to its homegrown global navigation and positioning network that seeks to reduce reliance on the U.S.-based Global Positioning System.</p> <p>State media said Monday that the pair of Beidou-3 satellites were launched aboard a single Long March-3B rocket from the Xichang launch center in the southwestern province of Sichuan on Sunday night.</p> <p>China plans to complete a network linking more than 30 satellites providing real-time geospatial information worldwide by 2020.</p> <p>The system started operating in mainland China in 2000 and then expanded to cover the Asia-Pacific</p>

	<p>region in 2012. The Beidou-3 satellites represent an upgrade with enhanced ability to communicate with other satellite navigation systems.</p> <p>The network would eventually provide monitoring and safety information along the nation's multinational infrastructure megaproject, the Belt and Road Initiative.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 SKorea unilaterally sanctions Pyongyang</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/north-korea-south-korea-sanctions/2017/11/05/id/824234/">https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/north-korea-south-korea-sanctions/2017/11/05/id/824234/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>South Korea announced new unilateral sanctions against Pyongyang -- the first under President Moon Jae-In -- on Monday, a day before US President Donald Trump arrives in Seoul on an Asian tour dominated by the North's nuclear programme.</p> <p>A total of 18 North Korean bankers stationed in China, Russia and Libya with suspected links to the regime's weapons programmes have been blacklisted, a statement posted on the South's government website showed.</p> <p>"Those individuals have worked overseas, representing North Korean banks and getting involved in supplying money needed to develop weapons of mass destruction," Seoul's foreign ministry said in a statement.</p> <p>All 18 have already been sanctioned by the US, and the announcement came a day before Trump -- who has accused South Korea's dovish President Moon Jae-In of "appeasement" -- was due to arrive in Seoul.</p> <p>The measures were Seoul's first unilateral sanctions under Moon, who took office in May vowing a peaceful resolution to the nuclear standoff and declared a willingness to visit Pyongyang under "the right circumstances".</p> <p>The move bars South Korean individuals and entities from transacting with those on the list. It will be largely symbolic given a lack of inter-Korean economic ties, but is likely to draw an angry response from Pyongyang.</p> <p>It also follows a new round of sanctions adopted by the UN Security Council in September following the North's sixth nuclear test and a flurry of missile launches in recent months.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/06 Mass shooting Texas church; 26 dead</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/05/us/texas-church-shooting/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/05/us/texas-church-shooting/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)At least 26 people were killed in Sunday's church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott said at a press conference.</p> <p>About 20 others were wounded, said Freeman Martin, a regional director with the Texas Department of Public Safety, with victims ranging in age from 5 to 72 years old.</p> <p>Among the dead is the 14-year-old daughter of the First Baptist Church's pastor, Frank Pomeroy, according to his wife, Sherri Pomeroy, the girl's mother. The couple were traveling out of state when the shooting occurred.</p> <p>Authorities have not said what may have motivated the suspected shooter, who was later found dead in his vehicle.</p> <p>The shooting has devastated the small Texas town east of San Antonio, described as a place where</p>

	<p>"everybody knows everybody."</p> <p>Here are the latest developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The suspected shooter has been identified as 26-year-old Devin Patrick Kelley, according to two law enforcement sources who have been briefed on the investigation.</li> <li>• In April 2016, Kelley purchased the Ruger AR-556 rifle he used in the shooting from an Academy Sports &amp; Outdoors store in San Antonio, Texas, a law enforcement official said. He indicated he didn't have a disqualifying criminal history when he filled out the background check paperwork at the store, the official said. Kelley listed a Colorado Springs, Colorado, address when he bought the gun.</li> <li>• Kelley was a member of the US Air Force and served at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his discharge, according to Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek.</li> <li>• Kelley was court-martialed in 2012 for assault on his spouse and assault on their child, according to Stefanek. Kelley served a year in prison and received a bad conduct discharge in 2014, the spokeswoman said. His rank was also reduced, she said.</li> <li>• Speaking from Japan, President Donald Trump condemned the shooting as an "act of evil" and called it "horrific."</li> <li>• "We don't know names of any of the victims at this time," said Wilson County Sheriff Joe Tackitt in a press conference Sunday evening. As victims are identified, next of kin will be notified, he said.</li> </ul>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Iran celebrates '79 US embassy takeover</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.therepublic.com/2017/11/04/ml-iran-9/">http://www.therepublic.com/2017/11/04/ml-iran-9/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>TEHRAN, Iran — Iran on Saturday displayed a surface-to-surface missile as part of events marking the anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover and hostage crisis amid uncertainty about its nuclear deal with world powers.</p> <p>Thousands gathered at the former U.S. embassy in downtown Tehran where a missile, believed to be a 2,000-kilometer (1,243-mile)-range solid-fuel Sejvil, was on display. It was the first time Iran displayed a missile during the annual gathering.</p> <p>Later in the day, the semi-official Tasnim news agency, which has ties to the elite Revolutionary Guard, said the missile was a Qadr-F that has the same range.</p> <p>Hundreds of Iranian militant students stormed the U.S. Embassy following the 1979 Islamic Revolution that toppled U.S.-backed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. They took 52 Americans hostage for 444 days after Washington refused to hand over the shah, who was in the U.S.</p> <p>A crowd chanted “Down with the U.S.” and “Death to Israel” during the anniversary celebration. State TV said similar celebrations were being held in other Iranian cities and towns. They also burned flags of both the U.S. and Israel as well as an effigy of President Donald Trump.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 King Co. sheriff sues ex-deputy</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Sheriff-John-Urquhart-sues-ex-deputy-over-groping-12329066.php">http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Sheriff-John-Urquhart-sues-ex-deputy-over-groping-12329066.php</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>SEATTLE (AP) — King County Sheriff John Urquhart has filed a lawsuit against a former deputy who has accused him of groping him.</p> <p>The Seattle Times reports the lawsuit filed Wednesday contends the allegations are malicious, politically motivated lies made "for the purpose of causing substantial and irreparable harm" to derail the sheriff's re-</p>

	<p>election bid.</p> <p>The suit alleges Brian Barnes "malicious intent is substantiated by his more than 15 year habit and routine practice of targeting superiors with false complaints."</p> <p>The lawsuit states Urquhart is bringing this action to vindicate his rights, restore his reputation and establish that Barnes is liable for the substantial and irreparable harm he has caused.</p> <p>Barnes, now a police officer in Massachusetts, formally complained to the Sheriff's Office in September that Urquhart groped him in 2014 in the parking lot of a Renton restaurant.</p> <p>The Renton Police Department is investigating.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Some activists wary of Seattle PD reform</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/as-seattle-takes-big-steps-toward-police-reform-some-activists-of-color-remain-wary/">http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/as-seattle-takes-big-steps-toward-police-reform-some-activists-of-color-remain-wary/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>This week, Seattle took several steps to further the promises made in the police accountability legislation passed in May. First, Mayor Tim Burgess nominated a civilian who will investigate police misconduct; then, the city entered into a tentative agreement with the Seattle Police Management Association (SPMA), one of two police unions. Among other things, the agreement endorses the new legislation and agrees to a trial of body cameras for some high-ranking officers.</p> <p>The moves come a few weeks after the U.S. Department of Justice announced that the Seattle Police Department has met the requirements of the first phase of a 2012 consent decree, which obligates SPD to improve its relationship with citizens and to reduce its use of excessive force. If federal judge James Robart agrees with the DOJ's assessment, SPD enters a two-year probation period during which it must demonstrate sustained compliance. After that, it would be free and clear of the consent decree forever.</p> <p>Yet some Seattle activists who are concerned about biased policing say that a culture of aggression and intimidation within the police department persists—and they doubt that the new legislation will change that.</p> <p>The police accountability legislation was designed to ensure checks and balances of SPD by creating three police oversight agencies. Those agencies include a civilian-led Office of Professional Accountability (OPA), which is charged with investigating complaints about police misconduct, and an independent auditor of the police called the Office of Inspector General. The legislation also made permanent the Community Police Commission (CPC), which was established under the consent decree. For the legislation to be fully implemented, though, the city needs to enter collective bargaining agreements with both police unions. If both of the unions agree to the legislation in their bargaining agreements, then Judge Robart will give final approval of the ordinance, according to a September written order.</p> <p>Now that the city has entered into one tentative agreement with the SPMA, which represents SPD lieutenants and captains, the puzzle is nearly complete.</p> <p>The City Council is expected to act on the agreement next week. Councilmember M. Lorena González has already expressed her approval of the SPMA's contract. "The road to creating meaningful, and lasting, police reform is not an easy one. There must be more than words, there have to be actions. Today the women and men of the SPMA have taken that action," González said in a Monday press release. "I deeply respect the work it took to reach this agreement and am grateful to the members of SPMA for ratifying this contract and for getting us one step closer toward full implementation of our police accountability legislation."</p> <p>And on Tuesday, Burgess nominated Andrew Myerberg as the director of the OPA. Myerberg has already</p>

been serving as the interim director since July. Myerberg was also the lead lawyer in the court case that led to the federal consent decree.

“During his time in the City Attorney’s Office, Andrew served for a time as the lawyer advising the Community Police Commission. We found him to be committed to reform of policing, and also, comfortable with elevating the voices of community leaders and honoring community expertise. These are essential qualities at OPA,” said Isaac Ruiz, CPC Co-Chair, according to a press release. “Since he took over as interim OPA Director, we’ve seen improved practices and a dedication to transforming that agency, as well as improved morale. SPD employees have also expressed confidence in Andrew’s fairness. The CPC looks forward to partnering with Andrew to strengthen community oversight of policing in the years ahead.”

But despite all of the recent steps to increase transparency and accountability, some community activists who focus on racial justice say that the police department’s relationship with the community has only improved on the surface and that the city is far from the kind of transformative change they’d like to see.

Cliff Cawthon, a community activist and political science instructor at a local community college, says that he has seen a concerted effort by police to appear more respectful of marginalized communities by getting out of their cop cars and interacting with citizens. Yet he says he’s seen SPD officers wearing “Blue Lives Matter” iconography on their uniforms, which he considers antithetical to purported gains in their interactions with communities of color.

The fatal police shooting of Charleena Lyles in June, he adds, suggests that police officers still employ excessive uses of force on people of color. “It’s way too soon to declare the war won with regards to police brutality,” Cawthon says. “The fact that that tragedy happened in the first place is a testament to the fact that the consent decree ... might have been achieved on paper, but in reality, they still have a lot more to do.”

But, he clarifies, he has some hope that Myerberg, as OPA director, could play a positive role in holding SPD accountable “if and only if they [the OPA] remain independent.”

Ed Mayer, an organizer with Got Green, a group that helps empower communities of color and low-income people to join and lead the environmental movement, says that he doesn’t believe that SPD has improved its relationship with communities of color in recent times. He is African American and has three sons in their early 30s; he says when he was teaching them how to drive years ago, he trained them how to not appear threatening in case they got pulled over by police. And today? “I’m still afraid for all of our young brothers.”

In the eyes of many members of communities of color, police brutality has persisted, says KL Shannon, the Police Accountability Chair for the Seattle/King County NAACP. She says any efforts to improve relations were “thrown out the window after the murder of Charleena Lyles and Che Taylor.”

The NAACP still receives “a number of calls” from community members complaining about police brutality, Shannon says, although she’s unsure if the total number of complaints has changed at all since the implementation of the consent decree.

Like Cawthon, she believes that the legislation could go further, and that Myerberg should be completely independent from the police department in order to investigate police actions. “The director should not be reporting to the Chief of Police. I mean, that’s a joke,” Shannon says. As it stands, Myerberg would report his findings to the Chief of Police and SPD sergeants would conduct the investigations. Under the new legislation, the OPA will include both SPD and civilian investigators.

In an email to Seattle Weekly on Friday, SPD wrote that it “continues to work closely with our community and federal partners to ensure constitutional and effective policing in our city. Our Force Investigation procedures were developed under the oversight of the Department of Justice, and we have emphasized the importance of de-escalation and alternatives to use of force in our training.”



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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Cascadia Now defends 'the Doug'</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>While utility pole posters, Facebook, and talk radio have focused on November 4th anti-Trump protests, including one slated for downtown Seattle, a more compelling group of activists will gather Saturday to discuss how best to defend their Cascadia movement from white supremacy.</p> <p>After a slew of complaints and concerns from Cascadia Now members, the group is backing a Cascadia Anti-White Supremacy (CAWS) summit.</p> <p>"It should be a lot of fun," Cascadia Now founding director Brandon Letsinger said. "We want to get people jazzed up, educated and informed about Cascadia and what the white supremacist groups are, how we can all be working to combat these things."</p> <p>Cascadia Now wants to create an inclusionary space for the Pacific Northwest, defined by places surrounding the Cascade Mountains and associated fauna in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, northern California, parts of Idaho and southern Alaska. They're a nonprofit that sponsors groups, takes care of IRS reporting, and has a guiding collection of principles for a movement. It officially became a nonprofit three years ago. Throughout Seattle and Capitol Hill it isn't uncommon to see "the Doug flag" — a blue, white, and green flag with a Douglas Fir tree on it.</p> <p>The summit will feature educational components to define Cascadia, raise awareness of white supremacist tactics and strategies, and learn what technical steps people can take. It's a six-hour event that will also include breakout groups and time for "resistance art," encouraging people to use wheat paste, button-makers, stencils, and prints.</p> <p>Letsinger said the white supremacist issues began early this year as racist groups began to co-opt the terms and symbols of the Cascadia movement including its flag.</p> <p>"There's always been elements of the Cascadia movement that tend to be much more aligned with the alt right," Letsinger said. "The Northwest, and especially Seattle, has racist roots so we need to be aware of that and use our privilege to step up."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 New updates hospital preparedness</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/ambulatory-care/joint-commission-cms-rule-emergency-management-guidelines">http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/ambulatory-care/joint-commission-cms-rule-emergency-management-guidelines</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>In response to a CMS final rule on emergency preparedness that was issued last fall, the Joint Commission has updated its guidelines for emergency management across several healthcare settings.</p> <p>The changes will take effect Nov. 15 and impact hospitals, ambulatory healthcare facilities, critical access hospitals and home health providers. The updates are designed to help these providers plan more effectively for natural disasters and other emergencies, and better coordinate with local, state, regional and federal authorities on response.</p> <p>Enhanced guidelines were also released for rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to keep the requirements equal across ambulatory care providers, according to the accreditor.</p> <p>"In recent years, there have been more reported emergencies affecting communities across the country," John Maurer, engineer in the commission's Department of Engineering, said in announcement emailed to</p>

FierceHealthcare. “The updated standards show a renewed focus on continuity of operations, integration with community and regional emergency planning, and leadership engagement.”

In total, the updates include 21 new or revised elements of performance for hospitals and critical access hospitals, 29 for ambulatory surgery centers and 39 for home health agencies. Focus areas for the new measures include:

- Having a plan for succession and continuity of response in place.
- Documenting work done in collaboration with emergency management officials.
- Keeping a list of contact information for potential stakeholder groups or collaborators.
- Training staff each year on disaster response and keep the training up to date.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Seattle officials at odds over homeless</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/seattle-officials-at-odds-on-how-many-homeless-get-shelter-after-camps-cleared/">https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/homeless/seattle-officials-at-odds-on-how-many-homeless-get-shelter-after-camps-cleared/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Outside City Hall, Seattle’s approach to cleaning up unsanctioned homeless camps has become a political flashpoint.</p> <p>This week, it also become a flashpoint inside City Hall. Seattle’s civil-rights office raised concerns that the approach is “moving people from one outdoor encampment to another,” while Interim Mayor Tim Burgess and his administrative office pushed back on the report as using inaccurate and misleading data.</p> <p>In a report sent to City Council members this week, the Seattle Office of Civil Rights (OCR) gave the city some credit for better following its own rules on cleanups. But the report states that between April and September, 79 percent of people offered shelter either declined or were ruled “ineligible” because of their criminal records, lack of identification or other complications.</p> <p>That number is far higher than the rate cited by the city’s Navigation Team, which conducts outreach to unsanctioned homeless camps and removes them when deemed unsafe.</p> <p>The two city departments — both tasked with assessing the critical work of getting people out of camps and into housing — can’t seem to agree on how to measure success.</p> <p>Officials with the Navigation Team, overseen by the city’s Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS), say the civil-rights office’s calculations aren’t accurate because they’re based on a completely different data set.</p> <p>Burgess agreed.</p> <p>The Navigation Team and FAS, Burgess said, “pointed out those errors, and OCR chose not to incorporate those comments in their report. I cannot explain why OCR issued a report that is incomplete and inaccurate. I just do not have an explanation for that.”</p> <p>At the center of the dispute is a schism over data analysis, but the broader question before officials is whether outreach efforts are effective. The city has faced intense scrutiny from critics who say the city is more focused on removing the camps than helping their residents.</p> <p>FAS staff said Friday the civil-rights office used only part of the outreach data collected by the Navigation Team and excluded data collected by Seattle police officers, who also work as part of the Navigation Team.</p> <p>Moreover, the civil-rights analysis excludes offers of shelter accepted on the day of a camp’s removal; there have been at least 143 such removals since February. “In the experience of the Navigation Team,</p>

there is significant uptake of these day-of referrals,” says Chris Potter, FAS operations director.

Other staffers are more pointed with their criticism.

“Our data is more inclusive than what REACH can produce,” said Navigation Team manager August Drake-Ericson. “OCR quite frankly should have reached out to us for data, and not to REACH for data, because they would have gotten a better reference frame.”

REACH is a program providing outreach and help to chronically homeless and addicted adults.

In an emailed statement, Brenda Anibarro, author of the OCR report, acknowledged the discrepancies, but did not explain why the report did not use the full Navigation Team data.

The report comes at a critical juncture in the long-standing debate over the city’s management of unauthorized camps.

Earlier this week, dozens of activists camped out at City Hall in protest after a proposal by Councilmember Kshama Sawant to block money for camp removals was excluded from the council’s 2018 budget proposal.

Budget committee chair Lisa Herbold replaced Sawant’s version of the amendment with a proposal that calls for increased scrutiny of the removal process and weekly reports on how the city follows its own protocols for removing camps.

Burgess responded with a forceful memo to council members, warning that stopping the removals “will create an elevated public health and safety risk to the people of Seattle.” It was signed by nine city department heads.

The city’s Navigation Team has been “exceptionally successful” at getting services to homeless people, Burgess said in an interview.

The civil-rights office has been monitoring the removals since last year, when former Mayor Ed Murray acknowledged shortcomings in unauthorized camp cleanups.

An August 2016 Seattle Times report found the cleanup process was hindered by bureaucratic failures, including poor scheduling and camper complaints of lost belongings and personal keepsakes. The city’s struggles to carry out the cleanups humanely and comply with their own protocols continued into December, according to handwritten notes reviewed by The Times.

In February, the city launched the Navigation Team, composed of outreach workers and officers, to try to streamline the removal process but also to offer consistent outreach and resources.

Despite the conflicting data on shelter referrals, the rest of the recently issued OCR report found the city was in compliance with the new rules governing camp removals. Burgess said he was pleased the report indicated the city is following those rules.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Pacific Ocean ‘blob’ toll on Alaska cod</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/climate-change-preview-pacific-ocean-blob-appears-to-take-toll-on-alaska-cod/">https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/climate-change-preview-pacific-ocean-blob-appears-to-take-toll-on-alaska-cod/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	Gulf of Alaska cod populations appear to have nose-dived, a collapse fishery scientists believe is linked to warm water temperatures known as “the blob” that peaked in 2015.  The decline is expected to substantially reduce the Gulf cod harvests that in recent years have been worth

— before processing — more than \$50 million to Northwest and Alaska fishermen who catch them with nets, pot traps and baited hooks set along the sea bottom.

The blob also could foreshadow the effects of climate change on the marine ecosystem off Alaska’s coast, where chilly waters rich with food sustain North America’s richest fisheries.

Federal fisheries biologist Steve Barbeaux says that the warm water, which has spread to depths of more than 1,000 feet, hit the cod like a kind of double-whammy. Higher temperatures sped up the rate at which young cod burned calories while reducing the food available for the cod to consume.

“They get weak and die or get eaten by something else,” said Barbeaux, who in October presented preliminary survey findings to scientists and industry officials at an Anchorage meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The 2017 trawl net survey found the lowest numbers of cod on record, more than 70 percent lower than the survey found two years earlier.

Barbeaux said the cod decline likely resulted from the blob, a huge influx of warm Pacific Ocean water that stretched — during its 2015 peak — from the Gulf of Alaska to California’s offshore waters.

Biologists tracked increases in bird die-offs, whale strandings and other events such as toxic algae blooms. Even today, its effects appear to linger, such as in the dismal survey results for salmon this past summer off Oregon and Washington.

Scientists don’t ascribe the blob specifically to climate change. Gulf of Alaska temperatures — influenced by atmospheric conditions such as wind strengths — have always fluctuated over time.

But researchers have never before tracked such an extreme heat wave that spread across such distances and penetrated to such depths. And the blob, though now easing, is likely a preview of ocean temperatures expected later in the century as climate change intensifies.

Climate scientists note that ocean temperatures are on the rise as the water absorbs most of the heat trapped by greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Another major concern has been the effects of ocean acidification, as the water absorbs carbon dioxide from fossil-fuel emissions. In Alaska, that is expected to create problems for crab.

The blob began to take hold in 2014, and within a year had raised temperatures as much as 7 degrees Fahrenheit in some surface waters of the Gulf of Alaska. In deeper waters, where cod feed, the temperature rose by more than 1 degree Fahrenheit.

The surface temperatures recorded during the blob’s peak could be close to the average at century’s end, according to a report on climate change released last week by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. Thus, future blobs could push temperatures much higher than the most recent event.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Snow falls across western Wash.</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://mynorthwest.com/803330/snow-falls-around-western-washington/">http://mynorthwest.com/803330/snow-falls-around-western-washington/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Snow is falling across Western Washington Sunday morning.</p> <p>The National Weather Service says up to two inches of snow is possible in areas of Admiralty Inlet and the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, and around Hood Canal and the Kitsap Peninsula. However, there are reports of snow falling in Seattle and on the Eastside.</p> <p>A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect until 10 a.m.</p>

This system is coming at us from a little different direction – from the west off the Pacific – and farther south than the one that brought lowland snow Friday morning.

Cold air funneling out of British Columbia is meeting up with a Pacific system. Snow is expected to transition to rain by mid-day Sunday.

The big question once again will be if it will stick in lower elevations.

KIRO 7 Pinpoint Meteorologist Morgan Palmer says two factors will support accumulations:

–The timing will be perfect as the system will be moving through during the hours before and after daybreak when surface temperatures are coldest.

–Friday’s cold rain and snow helped to greatly cool off the ground temperature, including road surfaces. As Friday morning’s snowflakes hit many of our roads, they melted immediately. This will not happen as quickly Sunday morning.

As for the rest of the week, KIRO 7 Meteorologist Kelly Franson says sunshine will return on Monday, but it will still be chilly with temperatures at or below freezing in the lowlands. Roadways could be icy. Temps will warm up to low to mid 40s in the afternoon.

Tuesday (Election Day) will see a mix of sun and clouds, according to Franson. Rain will return on Wednesday.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Early snow hints at big La Nina winter</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://q13fox.com/2017/11/03/la-nina-winter-could-bring-more-lowland-snow-across-western-washington/">http://q13fox.com/2017/11/03/la-nina-winter-could-bring-more-lowland-snow-across-western-washington/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>OLYMPIA — The first snow of the season came down across Western Washington even before fall’s pumpkins are put away.</p> <p>Not a typical November by any stretch in Olympia</p> <p>“I’ve lived in Olympia for 20 years and I don’t think it’s snowed this early,” Kendra Pitzler said. As the snow started to melt in Olympia, lowland snow picked up in other parts of the state.</p> <p>From SeaTac to Seattle to Port Angeles, nearly everyone caught at least a few flakes. And the early snow had some asking about what’s to come this winter.</p> <p>“It looks like we are going to have a wild winter,” Pitzler said.</p> <p>For parents, unexpected snow days mean last minute childcare or next year’s summer break starting later.</p> <p>“We could have more of these snow days this year,” Q13 News Meteorologist MJ McDermott said.</p> <p>McDermott says we will get a lot of snow on the mountains but also possibly more activity in the lowlands.</p> <p>“We already know it’s going to be a La Nina winter which means colder than usual and wetter than usual so we are already set up for more lowland snow events,” McDermott said.</p> <p>Temperatures over the weekend will be 20-25 degrees colder than last weekend. The Hood Canal area could see 2-3 inches of snow early Sunday.</p>

	Many people will wake up Saturday morning with temperatures in the 20s.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Scattered snow Puget Sound region</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://komonews.com/news/local/little-snow-dots-the-north-sound-ignores-most-everyone-else">http://komonews.com/news/local/little-snow-dots-the-north-sound-ignores-most-everyone-else</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Snow is picking favorites on Sunday. Those that live north of Seattle with a little elevation are getting another early dose of snow, while those south of Seattle are left to wait until perhaps a future storm closer to the heart of the winter season.</p> <p>As usual with snow situations -- especially so early in the season -- the situation was marginal and needed a number of events to go right. One didn't -- the storm swung inland around Aberdeen instead of Astoria -- and it was enough to vanquish the lowland snow for most, especially from Seattle southward. With temperatures on the fringe, we were looking for an assist from the chilly north wind blowing out of the Fraser River Valley but with the storm coming farther north, spots from Seattle south had an east or southeast wind, which is just a little warmer.</p> <p>"In these marginal low snow level scenarios for the Puget Sound region the low level easterlies are a killer," the National Weather Service wrote in their Sunday morning forecast discussion. "The little bit of downslope warming from the easterlies keeps the temperatures warm enough to keep the precipitation type as rain and that is what happened overnight."</p> <p>All Winter Weather Advisories for the lowlands have been canceled with the exception of the Kitsap Peninsula, Hood Canal area and Whidbey/Camano Island and NE Olympic Peninsula where it remains in effect for a Trace-3" through 11 a.m.</p> <p>But as mentioned earlier, the more northerly track did bring some snow to the North Sound. Light accumulations were found on Camano Island and Mount Vernon and a dusting was seen in the higher elevations of Snohomish County and northern King County as light snow was continuing to fall.</p> <p>As the morning progresses the low-level winds are eventually shifting to the north behind the weather system as it passes to our south, but by the time the cool air gets there, we'll be running out of moisture. In the meantime, temperatures across the Puget Sound region remain similar to Friday -- cool enough to see snow and maybe get some light grassy accumulations above a few hundred feet, but just a touch too warm for anything significant.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Washington marks 5yrs recreational pot</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://komonews.com/news/local/5-years-since-recreational-marijuana-was-legalized-in-washington-state">http://komonews.com/news/local/5-years-since-recreational-marijuana-was-legalized-in-washington-state</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>SEATTLE -- Saturday marks exactly five years that Washington state voters passed Initiative 502 and legalized marijuana.</p> <p>In 2012, Washington state and Colorado were the first two states in the country to legalize marijuana for recreational use.</p> <p>I-502 decriminalized recreational marijuana after it was voted into law November 2012.</p> <p>Co-founder of Dope Magazine, James Zachodni remembers the day marijuana was legalized.</p> <p>"Everyone was so excited," Zachodni said.</p> <p>I-502 made pot legal for adults ages 21 and over in Washington state. Supporters say the law created a</p>

	<p>licensed and regulated system of marijuana production and distribution.</p> <p>Some say more needs to be done.</p> <p>"There's still a stigma around it because (pot) is not treated the same as say, alcohol," Zachodni said. "Which I think is really important to us is to get the same regulations alcohol has, which will help de-stigmatize (pot)."</p> <p>In total, consumers have purchased \$2 billion to \$3 billion in cannabis in the state of Washington since legalization.</p> <p>A lot of that money is slated to go toward education, youth prevention and research.</p> <p>Critics worry about drug use among youngsters and marijuana use leading to increased crime.</p> <p>The King County Sheriff's Department released a statement Saturday in reference to those concerns.</p> <p>"Drug use among teens over all is down. The retail marijuana shops do not cause significant amounts of increased crime," the Department said in the statement. "We aren't arresting for misdemeanor marijuana anymore, which takes a huge burden off the criminal justice system."</p> <p>I-502 does not preempt the Federal law. Marijuana production, distribution, sale, possession and use can still be prosecuted under Federal law.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Faces of homelessness on Seattle bldgs.</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.king5.com/news/local/homeless/faces-of-homelessness-displayed-on-seattle-buildings-this-weekend/489064291">http://www.king5.com/news/local/homeless/faces-of-homelessness-displayed-on-seattle-buildings-this-weekend/489064291</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Look up on Friday and Saturday evenings and you might see them: the faces of homelessness being projected on the sides of tall buildings throughout Seattle.</p> <p>Seattle's Union Gospel Mission partnered with British photographer Lee Jeffries to create the outdoor art exhibit. It's designed to draw attention to Seattle's homeless crisis, one powerful portrait at a time.</p> <p>Organizers call the display Lost Angels. They say it's easy to look away when you encounter someone who is homeless, but averting your gaze is a bit more difficult when faced with an image that's 10 stories tall.</p> <p>"That's what we want the images to do. We want to put it out there so people stop and look at it and by looking up they realize wait a minute, this is another human being," said Seattle's Union Gospel Mission President Jeff Lilley. "And we've got to think about that and say what are we going to do about this? How do we address this problem that's confronting our city?"</p> <p>Jeffries has been photographing the homeless for 10 years. His photos have been seen all over the world.</p> <p>But he says this is the first time his work has been displayed on the facades of buildings and landmarks.</p> <p>"We came up with the idea to take the images to the street where the people have come from, so the majority of people can see them on an intimate basis, and realize this is a human problem not a statistical one," said Jeffries.</p> <p>The statistics are scary: more than 11,600 people were tallied in King County's most recent homeless count. On any given night 5,485 of those people are sleeping on the streets.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Demonstrators take to Seattle streets</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattle/demonstrators-vow-to-end-trump-pence-presidency/489165967">http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattle/demonstrators-vow-to-end-trump-pence-presidency/489165967</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Demanding an end to what they called "our national nightmare," anti-Trump protesters took to the streets of Seattle Saturday and declared "the beginning of its end."</p> <p>"I'm sick of the way things are going in this administration," said Kathleen Atkins. "They're putting us on the brink of nuclear war. This has to stop."</p> <p>Demonstrators in more than 20 US cities staged rallies Saturday. About 100 people marched in Seattle.</p> <p>They were the first of what demonstrators said will be two solid weeks of daily demonstrations to build national momentum. The hope is to create a "crisis of legitimacy" with the White House, resulting in new elections.</p> <p>"History has shown fascism must be stopped before it becomes too late," said Margo Heights, who is leading the demonstrations in Seattle.</p> <p>A group of approximately six pro-Trump counter-demonstrators taunted the marchers and called them hypocrites.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 NKorea seeks halt 'brutal' sanctions</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-sanctions-reactio/north-korea-calls-for-a-halt-to-brutal-sanctions-idUSKBN1D32CG">http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-sanctions-reactio/north-korea-calls-for-a-halt-to-brutal-sanctions-idUSKBN1D32CG</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>GENEVA (Reuters) - North Korea called on Friday for a halt to what it called "brutal sanctions", saying the measures - imposed after its latest nuclear test - constituted genocide.</p> <p>"Today the U.S.-led racket of brutal sanctions and pressure against the DPRK constitutes contemporary human rights violation and genocide," the North Korean mission to the United Nations in Geneva said in a statement.</p> <p>The sanctions regime "threatens and impedes the enjoyment by the people of DPRK of their human rights in all sectors", it said.</p> <p>The call for an immediate end to the sanctions comes as U.S. President Donald Trump sets off on a trip to Asia - including China, South Korea and Japan - looking for help to pressure North Korea to stand down from the nuclear crisis.</p> <p>The global community has been ramping up the pressure on the isolated country after it conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear test so far, on Sept. 3.</p> <p>Last month the United States unilaterally imposed sanctions on seven North Korean individuals and three entities over what it called serious human rights abuses, including forced labor.</p> <p>In September the U.N. Security Council strengthened its sanctions, including export bans as well as asset freezes and travel bans on various officials,</p> <p>North Korea's response follows a U.N. expert last month saying international sanctions may be hurting key economic sectors and hampering the human rights of Pyongyang's citizens.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 New Zealand offers to take refugees</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/new-zealand-repeats-offer-to-take-australia-camp-refugees.html">http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/new-zealand-repeats-offer-to-take-australia-camp-refugees.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>WELLINGTON, New Zealand – New Zealand's prime minister has repeated her country's offer to take 150 refugees from an Australian immigration camp in Papua New Guinea where more than 600 weakened men are continuing a standoff with authorities.</p> <p>Jacinda Ardern on Friday said she would personally restate the offer to Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull when they meet on Sunday in Sydney. New Zealand has made the offer before but Australia has declined on the grounds it could allow the refugees access to Australia.</p> <p>Iranian Behrouz Boochani, who is living in the camp on Manus Island, says the refugees are starving and are without medical treatment.</p> <p>The camp was declared closed Tuesday based on a Papua New Guinea court ruling, but the refugees fear for their safety from locals and have refused to leave.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Bahrain orders citizens out Lebanon</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/05/bahrain-orders-citizens-to-leave-lebanon.html">http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/05/bahrain-orders-citizens-to-leave-lebanon.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>DUBAI, United Arab Emirates – Bahrain is ordering all its citizens in Lebanon to "leave immediately" after the country's prime minister resigned in a sudden televised address, citing Iranian meddling in Lebanese and regional affairs.</p> <p>Bahrain's Foreign Ministry issued the order Sunday afternoon. It says Bahraini citizens are banned from traveling to Lebanon, as well.</p> <p>Bahrain is a bellwether nation for the Saudi Arabia-dominated Gulf Cooperation Council to announce sanctions and travel bans, usually targeting countries seen as close to Iran.</p> <p>GCC member states banned travel to Lebanon in 2016 after Lebanon's Foreign Minister refused to condemn mob attacks on Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran.</p> <p>Prime Minister Saad Hariri upended Lebanese politics with his surprise resignation Saturday, which he delivered from Saudi Arabia. He is yet to return to Lebanon.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Brexit brain drain: skilled workers leave</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/brexit-referendum/brexit-brain-drain-professionals-wave-goodbye-head-europe-n816011">https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/brexit-referendum/brexit-brain-drain-professionals-wave-goodbye-head-europe-n816011</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Britain may still be a member of the E.U., but many of the skilled Europeans who currently call the U.K. home are reconsidering their futures. Around 3 million Europeans live in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Last month, British Prime Minister Theresa May said that it was a priority to protect E.U. citizens' rights and that an agreement with the bloc was being negotiated. However, her government has resisted calls to unilaterally guarantee their rights.</p> <p>"The U.K. has become a significantly less attractive place for people with high skills as well as low skills," said Jonathan Portes, a professor of economics at King's College London and a senior fellow at the U.K. in a Changing Europe, an initiative based at the college. "There is a psychological effect that people feel.</p>

They see it as a symbolic rejection and there is uncertainty about the future. That makes people here feel that returning to Europe is more attractive.”

There are no concrete statistics on how many Europeans have left the U.K. since the Brexit referendum in June 2016.

However, a poll of E.U. nationals in Britain by the law firm Baker McKenzie found that 56 percent of the skilled workers surveyed stated that they were highly likely or quite likely to leave before the outcome of the Brexit negotiations is known.

The Bank of England estimates that 75,000 financial services jobs could be lost following Brexit, according to the BBC.

With those numbers in mind, European companies and countries are seeing Brexit as an opportunity to pick up educated and well-trained workers.

Frankfurt, Germany's financial capital, is expected be one of the largest beneficiaries. It is preparing for an influx of around 10,000 financial sector jobs — a 15 percent increase for the city, according to Hubertus Väh, the managing director of the Frankfurt Main Finance industry group.

There are also early indications that Brexit has not only resulted in Europeans giving up on the U.K., but that it is deterring Europeans with badly needed skills from coming to Britain.

The health sector is particularly reliant on European workers, but since the referendum, recruiting health workers from the E.U. has been a struggle.

Figures released in June showed a 96 percent drop in the number of nurses registering to practice in the U.K.

The recruitment of doctors looks challenging as well. The government aims to attract 2,000 general practitioners from abroad over the next three years, but in the first six months of 2017, only 38 had been signed up.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Report: global warming mostly man-made</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-report-contradicts-trump-team-says-global-warming-mostly-n817486">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-report-contradicts-trump-team-says-global-warming-mostly-n817486</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>WASHINGTON — A massive U.S. report concludes the evidence of global warming is stronger than ever, contradicting a favorite talking point of top Trump administration officials, who downplay human's role in climate change.</p> <p>The report released Friday is one of two scientific assessments required every four years. A draft showing how warming affects the U.S. was also published.</p> <p>Despite fears by some scientists and environmental advocates, David Fahey of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and several authors said there was no political interference or censoring of the 477-page final report.</p> <p>"A lot of what we've been learning over the last four years suggests the possibility that things may have been more serious than we think," said Robert Kopp of Rutgers University, one of dozens of scientists inside and outside the government who wrote the reports.</p> <p>Since 1900, Earth has warmed by 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius) and seas have risen by 8 inches. Heat waves, downpours and wildfires have become frequent.</p>

It's "extremely likely" — meaning with 95 to 100 percent certainty — that global warming is man-made, mostly from the spewing of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, scientists concluded.

"Over the last century, there are no convincing alternative explanations," the report said.

Scientists calculated that human contribution to warming since 1950 is between 92 percent and 123 percent. It's more than 100 percent on one end, because some natural forces — such as volcanoes and orbital cycle — are working to cool Earth, but are being overwhelmed by the effects of greenhouse gases, said study co-author Katharine Hayhoe of Texas Tech.

"This period is now the warmest in the history of modern civilization," she said.

For the first time, scientists highlighted a dozen "tipping points" of potential dangers that could happen from warming, things that Hayhoe said "keep me up at night."

They include the slowing down of the giant Atlantic Ocean circulation system that could dramatically warp weather worldwide, much stronger El Ninos, major decreases in ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, which would spike sea level rise, and massive release of methane and carbon dioxide from thawing permafrost that could turbo-charge warming.

Researchers did not provide an estimate of how likely tipping points would occur, but "there is certainly some chance of some of these things happening," Fahey said.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 JFK files: CIA, Oswald link 'unfounded'</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/jfk-assassination-files/newly-released-jfk-files-say-rumors-cia-link-oswald-unfounded-n817516">https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/jfk-assassination-files/newly-released-jfk-files-say-rumors-cia-link-oswald-unfounded-n817516</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Newly released government documents on John F. Kennedy's assassination revealed on Friday that allegations Lee Harvey Oswald was connected to the CIA were "totally unfounded."</p> <p>A 1975 CIA memo says a thorough search of agency records in and outside the United States was conducted to determine whether Oswald had been used by the agency or connected with it in "any conceivable way."</p> <p>The memo said the search came up empty. The memo also said there was also no indication that any other U.S. agency used Oswald as a source or for recruitment.</p> <p>The National Archives released another 676 government documents related to the assassination — the third public release so far this year. Under law, all the documents were to be disclosed to the public last week.</p> <p>Most of the latest release comprises 553 records from the CIA that previously were withheld in their entirety. There also are records from the Justice and Defense departments, the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the National Archives.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 UN: alarming rise in CO2 levels</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/scientists-sound-alarm-global-warming-ahead-world-climate-conference-n817046">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/scientists-sound-alarm-global-warming-ahead-world-climate-conference-n817046</a>
<b>GIST</b>	The United Nations is sounding the alarm: The last time carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere

	<p>were this high was three to five million years ago.</p> <p>In a report this week, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) warned that temperatures could continue to spike, hitting perilous levels by 2100 — unless world leaders take drastic action.</p> <p>"Without rapid cuts in CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions, we will be heading for dangerous temperature increases by the end of this century," Petteri Taalas, the WMO's secretary-general, said in a statement.</p> <p>"We are actually moving in the wrong direction," Taalas said.</p> <p>That alarming prediction will likely loom over a major climate summit, known as COP 23, that starts next week in Bonn, Germany, and will bring together leaders from around the world.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Pentagon blunt assessment on NKorea</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/ground-invasion-only-way-destroy-north-korea-s-nuclear-arsenal-n817651">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/ground-invasion-only-way-destroy-north-korea-s-nuclear-arsenal-n817651</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The only way to locate and destroy with complete certainty all components of North Korea's nuclear weapons program is through a ground invasion.</p> <p>That blunt assessment from the Pentagon is in response to a letter from two Democratic congressmen asking about casualty assessments in a conflict with North Korea.</p> <p>Rear Adm. Michael J. Dumont of the Joint Staff offered the assessment in response to a letter from Reps. Ted Lieu of California and Ruben Gallego of Arizona.</p> <p>In a joint statement issued Saturday, 15 Democratic lawmakers and one Republican — all military veterans — called the assessment that a ground invasion would be required to destroy the North's nuclear arsenal "deeply disturbing" and said that such an action "could result in hundreds of thousands, or even millions of deaths in just the first few days of fighting."</p> <p>The statement goes on to say that entering into a protracted and massive ground war with North Korea would be disastrous for U.S. troops and allies.</p> <p>"There are no good military options for North Korea. Invading North Korea could result in a catastrophic loss of lives for U.S. troops and U.S. civilians in South Korea," the statement reads. "It could kill millions of South Koreans and put troops and civilians in Guam and Japan at risk."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Typhoon slams into Vietnam</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/typhoon-damrey-vietnam-fatalities/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/typhoon-damrey-vietnam-fatalities/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>HANOI, Vietnam -- Typhoon Damrey slammed into Vietnam's south-central coast on Saturday, killing at least 15 people and leaving four others missing, officials said.</p> <p>In the worst-hit province of Khanh Hoa, 14 people were killed by collapsing houses or washed away by floods, the provincial disaster agency said in a statement.</p> <p>The typhoon destroyed 302 homes and blew roofs off of more than 25,000 others, while sinking 112 transport and fishing boats, the agency said. The typhoon also caused extensive damage to the province's rice fields and other crops.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 JFK files: FBI report on MLK</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/explosive-fbi-report-on-martin-luther-king-jr-among-documents-in-jfk-files/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/explosive-fbi-report-on-martin-luther-king-jr-among-documents-in-jfk-files/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>WASHINGTON -- The FBI prepared a secret 20-page analysis of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. containing explosive allegations about King's political ties and sexual activity, just a month before he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.</p> <p>One section of the document, which was among files related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy released on Friday, alleges that King was attracted to former member of the Communist Party in America. It notes that two previous aides were party members and eight others, who helped shape King's organization in its early stages, had communist affiliations.</p> <p>It's unclear whether the FBI verified any of the allegations contained in the document, which is dated March 12, 1968.</p> <p>The analysis said that in the early 1960s, the Communist Party was trying to get a black labor coalition to further its goals in the United States. It referenced a May 1961 issue of a communist newspaper that stated, "Communists will do their utmost to strengthen and unite the Negro movement and ring it to the backing of the working people."</p> <p>The FBI said King and his organization were "made-to-order" to achieve these objectives.</p> <p>The FBI's surveillance of King is well-known and the analysis includes several pages about his sexual life. One document said a black minister who attended a workshop to train ministers in February 1968 in Miami "expressed his disgust with the behind-the-scene drinking, fornication and homosexuality that went on at the conference."</p> <p>"Throughout the ensuing years and until this date, King has continued to carry on his sexual aberrations secretly while holding himself out to public view as a moral leader of religious conviction," the FBI report said. The report alleges King had extramarital affairs with a number of women and was suspected of fathering a daughter out of wedlock.</p> <p>A total of 676 records were released on Friday by the National Archives, the latest batch of never-before-seen files that are expected to be rolled out over the coming weeks.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Heavy smog blankets Pakistan, India</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/smog-blankets-pakistan-india-causing-accidents-illness-50940800?">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/smog-blankets-pakistan-india-causing-accidents-illness-50940800?</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Smog has enveloped much of Pakistan and neighboring India, causing highway accidents and respiratory problems, and forcing many residents to stay home, officials said Saturday.</p> <p>Pakistani meteorologist Mohammad Hanif said the pollution, caused by dust, the burning of crops, and emissions from factories and brick kilns in Pakistan and neighboring India, was expected to linger until the middle of the month. He advised people to wear face masks to protect themselves from respiratory ailments.</p> <p>Mohammad Arshad, a highway police official, said at least 10 people were killed and 25 injured in road accidents linked to poor visibility in various parts of the Punjab province since Monday. Authorities have advised people to limit road travel.</p>

	<p>Average air pollution in Pakistan's major cities is about four times higher than the World Health Organization limits.</p> <p>Similar problems have been reported in the Indian capital, New Delhi, where air quality was rated "very poor" on Saturday. Some private schools in New Delhi have suspended sports and outdoor activities.</p> <p>India's Supreme Court banned the sale of firecrackers in New Delhi ahead of last month's Hindu Diwali festival to try to curb air pollution in the notoriously smoggy city. Though reports said air quality was better than last year, pollution levels in the capital hit 18 times the healthy limit the night after the festival, as many dodged the ban.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Harassment reports rock UK Parliament</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/harassment-reports-rock-uk-parliament-scandal-spreads-50941875">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/harassment-reports-rock-uk-parliament-scandal-spreads-50941875</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The scandal surrounding Britain's political class has deepened with more allegations of sexual harassment, abuse of power and other misdeeds.</p> <p>First Secretary of State Damian Green Sunday denied a newspaper claim that police had found "extreme" pornography on his computer nine years ago.</p> <p>Green called the Sunday Times report "completely untrue" and said it came from an untrustworthy tainted source.</p> <p>He is in effect Prime Minister Theresa May's deputy and a senior Cabinet figure. Green is already being investigated for alleged inappropriate advances to a Conservative Party activist.</p> <p>A rising number of legislators from the Conservative and Labour parties face similar allegations.</p> <p>Home Secretary Amber Rudd said Britain is having a "watershed" moment. She told Sky News that electing more female legislators would help change the male-dominated culture in Parliament.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Gun deaths rate rises 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/us-rate-gun-deaths-increases-straight-year-50901897?cid=clicksource_26_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed">http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/us-rate-gun-deaths-increases-straight-year-50901897?cid=clicksource_26_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The U.S. rate for gun deaths has increased for the second straight year, following 15 years of no real change, a government report shows.</p> <p>Roughly two-thirds of gun deaths are suicides and those have been increasing for about 10 years. Until recently, that has been offset by a decline in people shot dead by others. But there's been a recent upswing in those gun-related homicides, too, some experts said.</p> <p>Overall, the firearm death rate rose to 12 deaths per 100,000 people last year, up from 11 in 2015, according to the report released Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Before that, the rate had hovered just above 10 — a level it had fallen to in the late 1990s.</p> <p>In the early 90s, it was as high as 15 per 100,000 people.</p> <p>In the past two years, sharp homicide increases in Chicago and other places that have been large enough to elevate the national statistics. According to the FBI's raw numbers, the tally of U.S. homicides involving guns rose to nearly 11,000 last year, from about 9,600 the year before.</p>

	Overall, there were more than 38,000 gun deaths last year, according to the CDC. That's up from about 36,000 in 2015, and around 33,500 each year between 2011 and 2014.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Recall: BMW vehicles</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/bmw-recalls-million-vehicles-fire-risk/story?id=50922136&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed">http://abcnews.go.com/US/bmw-recalls-million-vehicles-fire-risk/story?id=50922136&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>BMW of North America has issued two recalls covering about one million vehicles that contain parts implicated in car fires.</p> <p>The recalls span six years of production and include numerous models of the luxury vehicles, but one of the recalls involves a valve heater that can cause fires in vehicles that are not in operation, reminiscent of some of the mystery fires that were the subject of an ABC News investigation that aired on Good Morning America, World News Tonight with David Muir and Nightline in May.</p> <p>The investigation — launched in collaboration with ABC-owned stations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Raleigh, N.C. — found more than 40 cases in the last five years in which BMW owners said that parked cars that were not then subject to recalls for fire-related issues spontaneously burst into flames. Some of them, they said, had been turned off for hours or even days.</p> <p>One recall involves the heater for the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve, and the other recall involves wiring and electrical connectors in the system that controls air flow for heating and air conditioning. Both NHTSA safety recall reports can be read below.</p> <p>The PCV valve heater recall affects 740,561 BMW vehicles from these models and years: 128i from 2008 through 2011; and the 328i, 525i, 528i, 530i, X3, X5 and Z4 from 2007 through 2011.</p> <p>The blower motor system connectors recall affects 672,775 vehicles of these models and years: 323i, 325i, 325xi, 328i, 328xi, 330i, 330xi, 335i, 335xi and M3 from 2006 through 2011; 335is from 2007 through 2011; and the 335d from 2009 through 2011.</p> <p>Some of the 3-series models are listed in both recalls, bringing the total number of vehicles affected to about 1 million.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Belgium: ex-Catalan officials surrender</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-41877858">http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-41877858</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Catalonia's deposed leader Carles Puigdemont and four former advisers have turned themselves in to Belgian police, says a prosecutors' spokesman.</p> <p>He said an investigating judge would decide by Monday morning whether to execute an EU arrest warrant issued by a Spanish judge on Friday.</p> <p>Mr Puigdemont fled to Belgium after Madrid imposed direct rule on Catalonia following an independence referendum. He has said he will not return to Spain unless he is guaranteed a fair trial.</p> <p>He and his four associates are wanted on charges of rebellion, sedition, misuse of public funds, disobedience and breach of trust.</p> <p>The associates are Meritxell Serret (former agriculture minister), Antoni Comín (former health minister), Lluís Puig (former culture minister), and Clara Ponsatí (former education minister).</p>

	They all handed themselves in to Belgian federal police, accompanied by their lawyers, at 09:17 local time (08:17 GMT) on Sunday, said a spokesman for Belgian prosecutors.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Spain arrest warrant ex-Catalan leader</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/europe/arrest-warrant-issued-for-ex-catalan-president/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/europe/arrest-warrant-issued-for-ex-catalan-president/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)A Spanish judge issued an international arrest warrant for ousted Catalan President Carles Puigdemont on Friday, a day after eight fellow members of the dissolved Catalan government were jailed in Spain.</p> <p>Puigdemont, who considers himself the rightful leader of Catalonia, is currently in Belgium. He has said he's not fleeing the Spanish court system but instead is seeking European support for his region's independence bid.</p> <p>Puigdemont tweeted Saturday that he and his associates are "prepared to fully cooperate with Belgian justice following the European arrest warrant issued by Spain."</p> <p>Spain was plunged into its worst political crisis in decades after Puigdemont's administration held an independence referendum October 1 despite the nation's highest court banning the move.</p> <p>The Catalan parliament then declared unilateral independence, and Madrid responded by suspending the region's autonomy, sacking the government and imposing direct rule.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Lebanon's prime minister resigns</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/lebanese-prime-minister-saad-hariri-resigns/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/lebanese-prime-minister-saad-hariri-resigns/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri unexpectedly resigned Saturday during a trip to Saudi Arabia, saying his life was in danger, and creating a leadership vacuum in an already politically fractured country.</p> <p>In a televised address from Riyadh, Hariri said he feared an assassination plot and accused Iran of meddling in the region, causing "devastation and chaos."</p> <p>"Iran controls the region and the decision-making in both Syria and Iraq," he said. "I want to tell Iran and its followers that it will lose in its interventions in the internal affairs of Arab countries."</p> <p>Iran dismissed the reports, accusing the United States and Saudi Arabia of orchestrating the resignation.</p> <p>In his speech, Hariri, a Sunni politician, also pointed to Hezbollah, the powerful Iranian-backed Shiite militant group in Lebanon.</p> <p>"Over the past decades, Hezbollah has unfortunately managed to impose a fait accompli in Lebanon by the force of its weapons, which it alleges is a resistance weapon," Hariri said.</p> <p>"Lebanon and the great Lebanese people became in the eye of the storm and subjected to international condemnations and economic sanctions because of Iran and its arm Hezbollah."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Saudis intercept ballistic missile</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/saudi-arabia-ballistic-missile/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/saudi-arabia-ballistic-missile/index.html</a>



<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)Yemeni rebels on Saturday targeted an airport in Saudi Arabia's capital with a ballistic missile, according to Yemen's Houthi-controlled Defense Ministry.</p> <p>But the missile was intercepted over northeast Riyadh, the Saudi Ministry of Defense said in a statement carried on government-backed Al-Arabiya television.</p> <p>Yemen's Defense Ministry said the missile attack "shook the Saudi capital" and the operation was successful. The attack was conducted using a Yemeni-made, long-range missile called the Burqan 2H, it said.</p> <p>The Riyadh airport tweeted that it hadn't been affected.</p> <p>Airstrikes later in the day targeted Yemen's capital Sanaa, shaking homes and breaking windows. This is the first night attack on Sanaa in weeks, according to CNN's Hakim al-Masmari from Sanaa.</p> <p>Saudi Arabia has been leading a coalition of states against the Iran-backed Houthi rebels, who toppled Yemen's internationally recognized government in 2015.</p> <p>The missile launch on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh was the first time the heart of the Saudi capital has been attacked and represents a major escalation of the ongoing war in the region.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Scammers trick 1M w/fake WhatsApp</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.hackread.com/1-million-android-users-downloaded-fake-whatsapp-app/">https://www.hackread.com/1-million-android-users-downloaded-fake-whatsapp-app/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Scammers tricked over 1 million <a href="#">Android</a> users into downloading a fake version of the popular messaging app <a href="#">WhatsApp</a> pretending to be the official one. The app, now deleted, was called "Update WhatsApp" available on official <a href="#">Google Play Store</a>.</p> <p>After being exposed, the developer of the fake app tried to trick users once again by renaming it to "Dual Whatsweb Update" before it was booted off from the Play Store. The app was <a href="#">exposed by a Reddit user</a> who conducted a thorough research and indicated that millions of Android users were tricked into downloading the malicious app.</p> <p>A look at the app's <a href="#">cache version</a> shows it had 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 downloads while in the review section users complained that the app is fake and spamming their devices with ads. However, it also had 4,462 five star ratings which indicate that users should never trust an app's rating.</p> <p>Although the app has been removed, it is unclear if it infected users with malware or only generated ads through spam. It, however, shows that Android users do not pay attention while downloading an app. That is why cybercriminals and scammers are always successful in targeting Android-based smartphones with malware and other online scams.</p> <p>As for WhatsApp, this is not the first time when attackers have used the popular messaging app for malicious purposes. Previously, WhatsApp Gold version scam successfully targeted masses along with WhatsApp banking malware that infected Android devices to steal credit card and personal data.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/02 Australia: 50,000 workers compromised</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/50k-australians-exposed-in-server/">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/50k-australians-exposed-in-server/</a>

<p><b>GIST</b></p>	<p>Personal details of almost 50,000 Australian employees have been compromised in the country's largest data breach since the Red Cross leaks.</p> <p>Reports state that up to 48,270 personal records from employees working in government agencies, banks and a utility have been exposed online by a third-party contractor thanks to a misconfigured Amazon S3 bucket. The files exposed include full names, passwords, IDs, phone numbers, and email addresses as well as some credit card numbers and details on staff salaries and expense; however, iTnews reported that most of the credit card numbers were out of date or cancelled.</p> <p>Insurance company AMP was hit the worst, with 25,000 staff records relating to internal expenses exposed, while Aussie utility UGL had 17,000 records exposed. About 3,000 employees at the Department of Finance, 1,470 at the Australian Electoral Commission and 300 at the National Disability Insurance Agency had their details openly accessible; and, 1,500 employees at Rabobank were affected.</p> <p>“Once the Australian Cyber Security Centre became aware of the situation, they immediately contacted the external contractor and worked with them to secure the information and remove the vulnerability,” the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet told iTnews. “Now that the information has been secured, the ACSC and affected government agencies have been working with the external contractor to put in place effective response and support arrangements.”</p>
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<p><b>HEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>11/03 DOJ identifies Russian DNC hackers</b></p>
<p><b>SOURCE</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/us-investigators-identify-russian/">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/us-investigators-identify-russian/</a></p>
<p><b>GIST</b></p>	<p>More than six Russian government officials have been identified by US investigators as involved in the hacking of Democratic National Committee (DNC) computers in a now notorious case which some believe swayed the US presidential election last year.</p> <p>The Department of Justice prosecutors are now preparing an indictment case to be filed next year, according to the WSJ.</p> <p>While the US intelligence community has already assessed that the Kremlin "ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the US presidential election", it has not been clear who exactly was behind the cyber-attacks which swiped a trove of politically sensitive emails, to be leaked later through WikiLeaks.</p> <p>The leaks were seen as hugely damaging to the Hillary Clinton campaign; in fact, the former secretary of state has in the past blamed “Russian WiliLeaks” for her election loss.</p> <p>An indictment would have little to no chance of leading to the arrest and extradition of those believed to have carried out the DNC hacks — although it would step up the pressure on the Trump administration to acknowledge the role the Russian state played in his election win.</p>
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<p><b>HEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>11/03 Trump Twitter account briefly deactivated</b></p>
<p><b>SOURCE</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/trumps-twitter-deactivation/">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/trumps-twitter-deactivation/</a></p>
<p><b>GIST</b></p>	<p>Donald Trump's Twitter account was deactivated briefly on Thursday night by a rogue employee at the social media company. The incident raises serious questions about the security of the president's Twitter feed, which he uses to trumpet policy changes, saber-rattle with North Korea and connect with the American people.</p> <p>The employee, who was working his or her final day at Twitter, accessed the president's personal account, @realDonaldTrump, and took it offline, so that visitors to the feed were greeted with the message, “Sorry, that page doesn't exist!” The account was down between about 6:45 and 7 pm ET.</p>

	<p>Twitter initially posted a statement saying the “account was inadvertently deactivated due to human error by a Twitter employee. The account was down for 11 minutes, and has since been restored. We are continuing to investigate and are taking steps to prevent this from happening again.”</p> <p>Later however, the company revised its assessment, saying that the deed was done “by a Twitter customer support employee who did this on the employee's last day.”</p> <p>A source told BuzzFeed that hundreds of Twitter employees have access to high-profile accounts and have the power to deactivate one. Despite discussions, no special protections on verified accounts have been implemented, according to the source.</p> <p>Twitter users were swift to point out the potential security implications: “It is shocking that some random Twitter employee could shut down the president's account. What if they instead had tweeted fake messages?” tweeted POLITICO editor @blakehounshell.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 EternalBlue returns w/new tricks</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/eternalblue-is-back-with-new-tricks/">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/eternalblue-is-back-with-new-tricks/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>An email-server message block (SMB) blended threat has been uncovered, which uses the compromised machine as a stepping stone to propagate laterally via the EternalBlue exploit.</p> <p>Netskope Threat Research Labs said that the inclusion of the EternalBlue exploit is insidious because it will be launched internally from the newly infected machine, permitting direct access to shared SMB machines such as file shares and backup systems. This puts core data stores at risk in a fashion that may be impossible to anticipate. Also, SMB, a file sharing protocol that provides shared access to files in a network, is a widely adapted program, meaning the vulnerability has a considerable impact.</p> <p>“We have observed that the presence of embedded document files in a cloud storage and collaboration services possesses a more significant threat to an enterprise environment since it arrives from a trusted source,” said Netskope researcher Ashwin Vamshi. “Once an endpoint is compromised with the second-stage payload like EternalBlue, it creates a wormed infection, leading all neighboring internal computers to be attacked via SMB from the newly compromised internal stepping-stone system.”</p> <p>Earlier this year, The Shadow Brokers group disclosed a series of exploits, backdoors and several attack tools affiliated with nation-state activity. One of the exploits, EternalBlue, targets open SMB ports to leverage remote code execution, and has been widely used in attacks such as WannaCry, NotPetya and more recently Bad Rabbit.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Turkey critical infrastructure targeted</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.securityweek.com/russia-linked-hackers-target-turkish-critical-infrastructure">http://www.securityweek.com/russia-linked-hackers-target-turkish-critical-infrastructure</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A Russia-linked threat group has been targeting people associated with Turkish critical infrastructure through compromised Turkish sites, according to threat management firm RiskIQ.</p> <p>Called Energetic Bear, but also known as Dragonfly and Crouching Yeti, the group has been active since at least 2010. First detailed in 2014, the threat group has been focused mainly on the energy sector in the United States and Europe.</p> <p>In July, Cisco revealed that the group has used template injection in attacks aimed at energy facilities and other critical infrastructure organizations in the United States. At least a dozen power firms in the country were hit in these attacks, including the Wolf Creek nuclear facility in Kansas.</p>

	<p>In late October, the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a joint alert to warn of an attack campaign associated with the group that has been ongoing since at least May 2017. The attacks target entities and organizations in the energy, nuclear, water, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors.</p> <p>RiskIQ now reveals that the group leveraged a supply chain attack to compromise a website belonging to a Turkish energy company and later used the site as a watering hole attack targeting people associated with Turkish critical infrastructure.</p> <p>The group injected the site with SMB credential-harvesting malware and the security researchers managed to link the infrastructure to related Turkish sites that were compromised for the same purpose.</p> <p>To set up their attacks, Energetic Bear compromises websites that give them exposure to specific targets, RiskIQ explains. They used the same technique for the website of Turcas Petrol, a Turkish energy company, located at turcas.com.tr.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Cyber Crime Fighting Act signed into law</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com/trump-signs-cyber-crime-fighting-act-to-train-up-local-and-state-law-enforcement/article/705171/">https://www.scmagazine.com/trump-signs-cyber-crime-fighting-act-to-train-up-local-and-state-law-enforcement/article/705171/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>With a flourish of President Donald Trump's pen Thursday, state and local law enforcement got the tools and training needed to fight cybercrime as the Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017 became law.</p> <p>Introduced by Rep. John Ratcliffe, R-Texas, the legislation authorizes the highly regarded National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) in Hoover, Ala., which has trained nearly 7,000 local officials from 50 states and three U.S. territories.</p> <p>Shortly after Ratcliffe introduced his bill in March, Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, introduced a similar bill in the Senate to expand the NCFI its charter to include training local law enforcement in cybersecurity practices.</p> <p>“I'd like to thank President Trump for his strong support of my bill to ensure our state and local law enforcement officials are properly equipped to address and prosecute crimes in the 21st century – because we're now in an era where almost every case involves some sort of digital evidence,” Ratcliffe said in a statement. “At the end of the day, getting the upper hand against cyber criminals will make our nation safer, and I'm glad that this critical piece of legislation has been signed into law to do just that.”</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Facebook Australia wants nude photos</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com/facebook-share-your-nudes-to-prevent-revenge-porn/article/705177/">https://www.scmagazine.com/facebook-share-your-nudes-to-prevent-revenge-porn/article/705177/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Facebook is asking users to submit their nudes in a preemptive strike to combat revenge porn.</p> <p>The social media platform is running a pilot program in Australia in conjunction with a small government agency in which users send dirty images of themselves to "hash it" or create a digital fingerprint of the image.</p> <p>"They're not storing the image, they're storing the link and using artificial intelligence and other photo-matching technologies," Australian e-Safety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant told ABC Australia. "So if somebody tried to upload that same image, which would have the same digital footprint or hash value, it will be prevented from being uploaded."</p>

The idea is that the photo will never show up on Facebook if a hacker or disgruntled ex tries to upload the same photo because it has already been matched with the original hash. Grant says her agency considered several ways to carry out this program and that this is the safest way for users to share the digital footprints.

It is unclear if the pilot program will be rolled out to all users.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Cost for banking Trojan botnet campaign</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com/dark-web-analysis-reveals-20000-start-up-cost-for-banking-trojan-botnet-campaigns/article/705335/">https://www.scmagazine.com/dark-web-analysis-reveals-20000-start-up-cost-for-banking-trojan-botnet-campaigns/article/705335/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The upfront cost of building a small banking trojan botnet is roughly \$20,000, but the return on investment can be as high as 400 to 600 percent, according to the author of a new cybercrime research report.</p> <p>Published on Thursday, the report details the average price of malicious tools, data and services sold on the dark web, based on an analysis conducted in the summer and fall of 2017 by Recorded Future's Insikt Group research team.</p> <p>Using its dark web findings as a starting point, Recorded Future proceeded break down the costs of building a botnet specifically designed to spread a banking trojan. "An average operation will target 10-15 financial institutions, requiring a wide range of credential-intercepting injects," said report author Andrei Barysevich, Recorded Future's director of advanced collection, in an interview with SC Media. "An initial... cost of \$20,000 is needed to launch a small botnet of 10,000-20,000 zombie computers. [And] monthly maintenance will cost an additional \$5,000."</p> <p>Still, in many cases, the payoff is ultimately worth it for the threat actor. "Assuming criminals successfully intercept banking credentials from five percent of their victims -- a very conservative number -- we estimate that the direct profit derived when funds are stolen [is] in the range of \$100,000-\$150,000," said Barysevich. "As we can see, 400-600% return on investment is feasible and likely to exceed our numbers."</p> <p>According to the report, the first substantial expense in the acquisition of a banking trojan license, which generally costs \$3,000-\$5,000 -- it can also be rented for around \$1,000 per month.</p> <p>Then, in order to intercept banking credentials, the cybercriminal need web injects for each financial institution he intends to target. This will cost about \$150 to \$1,000 per set. "In the past year, we've seen a significant increase in the cost of web-injects targeting Canadian institutions, offered at the upper-level of the price spectrum, while the cost of malware targeting U.S.-based banks has remained the same," Barysevich notes in the research report.</p> <p>But that's not all: A spam campaign to infect unwitting victims with the botnet will cost \$15-\$50 per thousand people, or \$400 for every million emails that are successfully delivered.</p> <p>Also, finding a bulletproof hosting service in a cybercriminal-friendly region will require renting a webserver for \$150-\$200 per month, while services that clean and obfuscate malicious executables on a daily basis cost \$20-\$50 per single payload (although discounts are available for large-volume orders).</p> <p>Cybercriminals may also want to hire mule handlers and intermediaries, who will typically charge a 50-60 percent commission from each payment transferred, plus an additional five-10 percent to launder and deliver the funds. Other tools that might be used to help push the campaign over the top include underground calling services (\$10-15 per call) and email/phone flooding services (\$20)</p> <p>The range of items listed in the report are quite expansive, and not all are relevant to a banking trojan botnet. By and large, malware programs and licenses comprise the most expensive items: For instance,</p>

	Android malware loaders can set you back around \$1,500, while ransomware prices can soar as high \$1,000 (and fall as low as \$50).
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Bin Laden computer files w/malware</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com/osama-bin-ladens-computer-files-riddled-with-malware/article/705169/">https://www.scmagazine.com/osama-bin-ladens-computer-files-riddled-with-malware/article/705169/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Al-Qa'ida's former leader Osama bin Laden had a problem in addition to having U.S. special forces units hunting him down his computer was filled with malware.</p> <p>This news tidbit came out as the CIA made public 470,000 computer files recovered when U.S. Navy SEALs killed him in a May 2011 raid on his compound in Pakistan. In order to spare the public from being infected the CIA withheld the infected computer documents from being released, along with those the Agency deemed unsuitable for public consumption, such as his proclivity for pornography and copyright protected material. This included movies like Cars and Chicken Little, and National Geographic and CNN documentaries on bin Laden.</p> <p>The CIA did not detail what type of malware was discovered.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Malware leverages InPage exploit</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com/second-inpage-exploits-leveraged-by-multiple-malware-families/article/705390/">https://www.scmagazine.com/second-inpage-exploits-leveraged-by-multiple-malware-families/article/705390/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>An exploit in the InPage word processor program was used as an attack vector by three malware families. The word processor supports languages such as Urdu, Persian, Pashto, and Arabic.</p> <p>Palo Alto's Unit 42 researchers spotted three documents containing variants of the CONFUCIUS_B malware family, a backdoor commonly detected as "BioData", and a previously unknown backdoor named MY24, according to a Nov. 2 blog post. The three</p> <p>"The three InPage exploit files are linked through their use of very similar shellcode, which suggests that either the same actor is behind these attacks, or the attackers have access to a shared builder," researchers said in the report.</p> <p>Decoy documents used in the exploits suggest the threat actors are politically or militarily motivated since they contained subjects such as intelligence reports and political situations related to India, the Kashmir region, or terrorism in an attempt to lure the victims into clicking them.</p> <p>Researchers said they rarely see InPage used as an attack vector and that the only example seen before was documented by Kaspersky Labs in 2016 when a separate zero-day was used to attack financial institutions in Asia.</p> <p>The numerous exploits used in recent attacks lead researchers to believe have a reasonable development resource behind them.</p> <p>InPage Urdu is the industry standard tools for page-making of newspapers, magazines and books in Urdu/Arabic languages, with the bulk of their users living in India and Pakistan, Chris Morales, Head of Security Analytics at Vectra told SC Media.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Super-stealthy digitally signed malware</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://thehackernews.com/2017/11/malware-digital-certificate.html">https://thehackernews.com/2017/11/malware-digital-certificate.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Guess what's more expensive than counterfeit United States passports, stolen credit cards and even guns on the dark web?</p> <p>It's digital code signing certificates.</p> <p>A recent study conducted by the Cyber Security Research Institute (CSRI) this week revealed that stolen digital code-signing certificates are readily available for anyone to purchase on the dark web for up to \$1,200.</p> <p>As you may know, digital certificates issued by a trusted certificate authority (CA) are used to cryptographically sign computer applications and software, and are trusted by your computer for execution of those programs without any warning messages.</p> <p>However, malware author and hackers who are always in search of advanced techniques to bypass security solutions have been abusing trusted digital certificates during recent years.</p> <p>Hackers use compromised code signing certificates associated with trusted software vendors in order to sign their malicious code, reducing the possibility of their malware being detected on targeted enterprise networks and consumer devices.</p> <p>The infamous Stuxnet worm that targeted Iranian nuclear processing facilities in 2003 also used legitimate digital certificates. Also, the recent CCleaner-tainted downloads infection was made possible due to digitally-signed software update.</p> <p>However, separate research conducted by a team of security researchers have found that digitally signed malware has become much more common than previously thought.</p> <p>The trio researchers—Doowon Kim, BumJun Kwon and Tudor Dumitras from the University of Maryland, College Park—said they found a total of 325 signed malware samples, of which 189 (58.2%) carried valid digital signatures while 136 carry malformed digital signatures.</p> <p>"Such malformed signatures are useful for an adversary: we find that simply copying an Authenticode signature from a legitimate sample to an unsigned malware sample may help the malware bypass AV detection," the researchers said.</p> <p>Those 189 malware samples signed correctly were generated using 111 compromised unique certificates issued by recognized CAs and used to sign legitimate software.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Hackers poison Google search results</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerabilities---threats/hackers-poison-google-search-results-to-deliver-zeus-panda/d/d-id/1330322?">http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerabilities---threats/hackers-poison-google-search-results-to-deliver-zeus-panda/d/d-id/1330322?</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Most people use Google to search for answers but don't know the results aren't always safe. Attackers have begun to exploit this reliance on Google by using Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to populate search results with malicious links and distribute the Zeus Panda Banking Trojan through a compromised Word document.</p> <p>SEO enables hackers to make their links more dominant in search results. In this case, attackers are "poisoning" the results for specific keywords related to banking and finance, effectively narrowing their victim pool to a specific group so they can steal financial information.</p> <p>"SEO poisoning by itself isn't really new," says Earl Carter, threat researcher for Cisco Talos and one of</p>

the authors who detailed this discovery. "People have always been trying to manipulate search results. What was unique is they're using it in the distribution of malware."

Based on the keywords used, it seems the attackers are targeting geographic regions. Some examples of targeted keyword searches include "nordea sweden bank account number," "al rajhi bank working hours during ramadan," and "sbi bank recurring deposit form."

In this campaign, hackers used compromised Web servers to ensure malicious links will appear prominently in these searches. Most of the time, they successfully displayed several poisoned links on the first results page. The links seemed unsuspecting because attackers hid their activity under compromised business websites that already had ratings and reviews.

Researchers determined the malicious payload in this campaign seems to be a new version of the Zeus Panda banking Trojan, which steals sensitive data like banking information. The sample Talos analyzed is a multi-stage malware payload in which the initial stage has several anti-analysis techniques and prolonged execution to evade detection. While its functionality is still the same, the evasion techniques make it harder for reverse engineers to figure out.

This malware first queries the system's keyboard mapping to determine its language, and terminates if it detects Russian, Belarusian, Kazak, or Ukrainian. Earlier analysis of Zeus Panda also revealed it wouldn't run on systems in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, or Kazakhstan.

Zeus Panda checks to verify whether it's running within hypervisor or sandbox environments including VMware, VirtualPC, VirtualBox, Parallels, Sandboxie, Wine, or SoftIce. Finally, the malware scans for tools commonly used among analysts for investigating malicious software. If any of these checks turn up positive, the malware removes itself from the machine.

Researchers can't say with certainty whether the Zeus Panda threat actors are also behind this campaign. "The same threat actors, over time, constantly try to find new ways to get in," says Carter. "It could be the same guys, it could be different guys."

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Startling videos on YouTube Kids</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/business/media/youtube-kids-paw-patrol.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/business/media/youtube-kids-paw-patrol.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>It was a typical night in Staci Burns's house outside Fort Wayne, Ind. She was cooking dinner while her 3-year-old son, Isaac, watched videos on the YouTube Kids app on an iPad. Suddenly he cried out, "Mommy, the monster scares me!"</p> <p>When Ms. Burns walked over, Isaac was watching a video featuring crude renderings of the characters from "PAW Patrol," a Nickelodeon show that is popular among preschoolers, screaming in a car. The vehicle hurtled into a light pole and burst into flames.</p> <p>The 10-minute clip, "PAW Patrol Babies Pretend to Die Suicide by Annabelle Hypnotized," was a nightmarish imitation of an animated series in which a boy and a pack of rescue dogs protect their community from troubles like runaway kittens and rock slides. In the video Isaac watched, some characters died and one walked off a roof after being hypnotized by a likeness of a doll possessed by a demon.</p> <p>"My initial response was anger," said Ms. Burns, a nurse, who credits the app with helping Isaac to learn colors and letters before other boys his age. "My poor little innocent boy, he's the sweetest thing, and then there are these horrible, horrible, evil people out there that just get their kicks off of making stuff like this to torment children."</p> <p>Parents and children have flocked to Google-owned YouTube Kids since it was introduced in early 2015.</p>



The app's more than 11 million weekly viewers are drawn in by its seemingly infinite supply of clips, including those from popular shows by Disney and Nickelodeon, and the knowledge that the app is supposed to contain only child-friendly content that has been automatically filtered from the main YouTube site.

But the app contains dark corners, too, as videos that are disturbing for children slip past its filters, either by mistake or because bad actors have found ways to fool the YouTube Kids algorithms.

In recent months, parents like Ms. Burns have complained that their children have been shown videos with well-known characters in violent or lewd situations and other clips with disturbing imagery, sometimes set to nursery rhymes. Many have taken to Facebook to warn others, and share video screenshots showing moments ranging from a Claymation Spider-Man urinating on Elsa of "Frozen" to Nick Jr. characters in a strip club.

While the offending videos are a tiny fraction of YouTube Kids' universe, they are another example of the potential for abuse on digital media platforms that rely on computer algorithms, rather than humans, to police the content that appears in front of people — in this case, very young people.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Canada: 51% firms w/cyber incidents</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.businessreviewcanada.ca/technology/2180/Over-half-of-Canadian-firms-witnessed-cybersecurity-incidents-in-2016">http://www.businessreviewcanada.ca/technology/2180/Over-half-of-Canadian-firms-witnessed-cybersecurity-incidents-in-2016</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A report from the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) has revealed that 51% of firms registered as investment fund managers, portfolio managers and exempt market dealers saw a cybersecurity incident last year.</p> <p>The survey named 'CSA Staff Notice 33-321: Cybersecurity and Social media' saw a 63% respondent rate, with 649 firms taking part.</p> <p>Phishing was the most common occurrence, with recorded instances in 43% of firms. Phishing is a fraudulent act whereby companies are falsely impersonated in an attempt to secure sensitive information such as financial details, personal details and/or passwords.</p> <p>Other common instances included malware incidents (18%) and fraud in the form of email, fund transfer or securities attempts (15%).</p> <p>However, whilst a high number of firms reported cybersecurity instances, the report from the CSA also noted that only 57% of firms surveyed have procedures set in place that address continuing operation during a cybersecurity incident.</p> <p>Additionally, only 56% have policies in place to train employees on how to deal with such threats, whilst only 59% of firms have any sort of cybersecurity insurance.</p> <p>These statistics demonstrate a significant lack of awareness or precautionary measures set in place to counteract cybersecurity threats by a large number of Canadian firms, something that is likely to cause consistent problems within firms if not addressed, particularly considering the high number of cybersecurity incidents recorded.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Kaspersky acknowledges copying files</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://in.reuters.com/article/cyber-summit-kaspersky/reuters-summit-kaspersky-acknowledges-taking-inactive-files-in-pursuit-of-hackers-idINKBN1D5066">https://in.reuters.com/article/cyber-summit-kaspersky/reuters-summit-kaspersky-acknowledges-taking-inactive-files-in-pursuit-of-hackers-idINKBN1D5066</a>

<p>GIST</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Eugene Kaspersky said his company's widely used antivirus software has copied files that did not threaten the personal computers of those customers, a sharp departure from industry practice that could increase suspicions that the Moscow-based firm aids Russian spies.</p> <p>The acknowledgement, made in an interview last Friday as part of the Reuters Cyber Security Summit, comes days after Kaspersky's company said its software had copied a file containing U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) hacking tools from the home computer of an agency worker in 2014.</p> <p>"We did nothing wrong," Kaspersky said in the interview.</p> <p>He said the files containing the NSA hacking tools were taken because they were part of a larger file that included suspicious software. Such actions occur only in "very, very, very rare cases," he added.</p> <p>A spokesman at Kaspersky's firm, Kaspersky Lab, told Reuters the company would never take regular computer files that contained nothing suspicious.</p> <p>The firm has for years faced suspicions that it has links with Russian intelligence and state-sponsored hackers. Kaspersky denies any cooperation with Russian authorities beyond cyber crime enforcement.</p> <p>In September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security banned Kaspersky software from use in federal offices, citing the company's ties with Russian intelligence. The company is the subject of a long-running probe by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, sources have told Reuters.</p> <p>Antivirus software is designed to burrow deeply into computer systems and has broad access to their contents, but it normally seeks and destroys only files that contain viruses or are otherwise threatening to a customer's computers, leaving all other files untouched.</p> <p>Searching for and copying files that might contain hacking tools or clues about cyber criminals would not be part of normal operations of antivirus software, former Kaspersky employees and cyber security experts said.</p>
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<p>HEADLINE</p>	<p><b>11/04 DHS cyber unit on alert Election Day</b></p>
<p>SOURCE</p>	<p><a href="http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/358710-homeland-security-cyber-unit-on-alert-for-election-day">http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/358710-homeland-security-cyber-unit-on-alert-for-election-day</a></p>
<p>GIST</p>	<p>Russia's intervention in the 2016 presidential election yielded an unexpected result for officials at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS): it has put them in the driver's seat for protecting future elections from cyberattacks.</p> <p>Since January, officials at the agency have grappled with how to work with state and local election officials to share information on imminent threats and develop response plans for when things go awry.</p> <p>The effort has spawned tensions with state officials, who are wary of a "federal takeover" of elections and have panned the slow pace at which the federal government offered up details on the Russia threat.</p> <p>Homeland Security has pressed forward, standing up a special council in October to engage with election officials on potential threats and how to defend against and respond to them.</p> <p>On the cusp of Tuesday's gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey, Homeland Security says agents have been on the ground in both states to help shore up their systems in advance of the vote.</p> <p>"We've helped them get prepared," Bob Kolasky, the acting deputy undersecretary at the department's cyber wing, the National Protection and Programs Directorate, said in an interview. "They have been very active and good partners with this. We will be in contact with them on Election Day and we will be ready</p>

	<p>to do anything to help.”</p> <p>The department notified election officials in 21 states in late September that their systems had been targeted by Russia before the 2016 vote. The disclosure came three months after a Homeland Security official said that 21 states had been targeted in public testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. Immediately, some states stepped up accusations that they had received misleading information, amid confusion over the systems that were actually targeted.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 BadRabbit a distraction from phishing?</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/was-badrabbit-distraction-malware-used-cover-smaller-phishing-attacks-1645809">http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/was-badrabbit-distraction-malware-used-cover-smaller-phishing-attacks-1645809</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>After WannaCry and NotPetya, the trend of global malware outbreaks with strange codenames continued last week with the emergence of BadRabbit – a strain of ransomware that infected computer networks across Eastern Europe, mainly in Russia and Ukraine.</p> <p>But was the wider cyberattack a mere distraction, a red herring designed to throw people off the scent of the culprit's main objective? Some government experts think so.</p> <p>Reuters reported Thursday (2 November), citing the chief of the Ukrainian state cyber-police, that at the same time as the BadRabbit incident – which instantly grabbed the global news headlines – hackers were also sending targeted, and stealthy, phishing emails.</p> <p>Cybersecurity analysts who monitored the attack, including ESET, Symantec and Kaspersky Lab, concluded that Russia was the most affected country in the wave.</p> <p>But Ukraine, the real target under this new hypothesis, was easily the second most attacked, with the computer networks of its metro and airport being disrupted.</p> <p>"There is an open, let's say instantly obvious attack, while underneath there is a hidden, fairly well-thought-out attack, to which nobody pays attention," police chief Serhiy Demedyuk told attendees while speaking at the Reuters Cyber Security Summit in Kiev.</p> <p>"During these attacks, we repeatedly detected more powerful, quiet attacks that were aimed at obtaining financial and confidential information."</p> <p>He said the so-called "hybrid attack" – meaning a multi-pronged assault – was also found to be targeting users of a popular form of Russian accounting software called 1C.</p> <p>"The main theory we're working on now is that they [the hackers in both attacks] were one and the same," Demedyuk added. "The goal was to get remote and undetected access."</p> <p>At least 15 companies – which have not been named – were impacted by phishing, Reuters reported. The true number of victims, and targets, remains unclear at the time of writing.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Ransomware threats continue to mount</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.tvnewscheck.com/article/108597/ransomware-threats-continue-to-mount">http://www.tvnewscheck.com/article/108597/ransomware-threats-continue-to-mount</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Did you hear about the June ransomware attack on KQED TV and radio in San Francisco? The stations were still dealing with the fallout five weeks later. TV stations, just like any business that relies on web-connected technology, need to be prepared for the increasing likelihood of a cyberattack.</p>

I guess it shouldn't be a surprise that ransomware is a thriving business. Steve Ragan of CSO News recently reported that the industry mirrors that of legitimate software solutions. It's composed of developers and sellers whose customers are the criminals who buy and deploy the malicious code. The more than 45,000 products available range from a basic \$10 offering to customized code costing \$1,400 or more.

Carbon Black, which did the research cited in the Ragan article, says some ransomware developers are making \$100,000 or more annually. With businesses reported to have spent more than \$1 billion on ransomware payments in 2016 alone, cybercrime appears to be a low overhead, highly profitable business. It's no surprise that bad guys continue to buy and launch these crippling programs.

Patricia Kocsondy, a Chubb SVP of North America financial lines and a media professional liability product manager, says the recent wave of attacks including WannaCry, Goldeneye and NotPetya is making people rethink common assumptions about cyber risks and security. In the September-October 2017 article she wrote for MFM's member magazine, The Financial Manager, Kocsondy identified "three big assumptions" that media companies need to rethink.

The first is believing that only businesses that store information like credit card or health data that may be financially valuable to a cybercriminal need to be vigilant. The reality, as Kocsondy points out, is that "valuable material such as content, newsgathering sources and information about employees (especially high-profile personalities) is susceptible to extortion tactics."

The second false assumption is that cyber criminals attack only large, high profile companies. Small businesses that aren't well known frequently take comfort in the belief that they aren't likely to be a target.

In reality, ransomware is indiscriminate; the virus or worm exploits vulnerabilities in all company networks — large, small and in-between. ScienceAlert.com found that WannaCry infected more than 230,000 computers in more than 150 countries in a single day.

Perversely, the size of the ransoms being demanded from smaller companies may actually be fueling the ransomware economy. A few hundred dollars, payable in an anonymous cryptocurrency like Bitcoin, can seem like a small price to pay to get back to business quickly.

The third assumption is that delaying an investment in cybersecurity is good fiscal policy because it frees up cash for other, more pressing needs. Despite the numerous challenges requiring their immediate attention these days, midsize and smaller media companies literally cannot afford to postpone cybersecurity investments.

"Even a brief business interruption can cause brand and reputational damage," is Kocsondy's warning. "Advertisers or subscribers may think twice about doing business with a company that appears unable to stay on the air or go to press on time." There's good reason for concern. The State of Ransomware report sponsored by security firm Malwarebytes found that 20% of companies that had experienced a cyberattack ultimately went out of business.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Insurer: attacks target art galleries</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Sending a fraudulent invoice via a hacked email account is now all it takes to rack up millions from art galleries and their clients.</p> <p>According to a report by The Art Newspaper, scam victims include London-based dealers. One such dealer is Laura Bartlett, who lost proceeds of a high-value sale to hackers due to a simple message sent out using the address of the compromised account.</p>

“Ignore my previous invoice. I sent you old bank details; please use this invoice instead.” The report said this was the message received by Bartlett’s client shortly after she sent an invoice, with the buyer falling prey to the fake follow-up email.

Other identified targets were Hauser & Wirth, Simon Lee, Thomas Dane, Rosenfeld Porcini, and Expo Chicago president Tony Karman. In Expo Chicago’s case, the unauthorised payment was averted.

“We have a good system, but someone got in and sent an email to our accountant from my email address with an invoice and a message that said ‘please pay this immediately’,” the report quoted Karman as saying. “Fortunately, our accountant checked the invoice with me and I told him ‘I didn’t send it; it wasn’t me’. We immediately put extra security measures in place.”

For Bartlett, the cyberattack led to her gallery’s closure. “I didn’t have the financial security to weather this kind of scenario,” she said.

“We know a number of galleries that have been affected,” noted art insurance broker Adam Prideaux. “The sums lost by them or their clients range from £10,000 to £1 million.”

The Hallett Independent broker added: “I suspect the problem is a lot worse than we imagine.”

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Rapid rise of IoT attacks</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>The Mirai botnet was the start. Reaper nudges things along with a significant step up in hacking techniques, but Internet of Things (IoT) hacks are going to get worse. This is only the beginning.</p> <p>Mirai enslaved over an estimated two million IoT devices while Reaper is believed to have a million plus devices in tow with just as many queuing up to become part of the botnet.</p> <p>The difference between the two signals an evolution of IoT hacks but also how these attacks are going to become more deadly and dangerous.</p> <p>Mirai used a table of more than 60 common factory default usernames and passwords to enslave millions of internet connected cameras, routers and other devices.</p> <p>Reaper is much more advanced in its techniques. It quietly targets and exploits known vulnerabilities to inject malicious code and hijack the device. Each time a device is infected, it spreads the malware to other vulnerable devices just like a worm.</p> <p>From a historical perspective, cyber-attacks on traditional IT systems have followed a clear pattern. IoT hacks are following suit but with much more serious implications.</p> <p>Just under 20 years ago, worms and viruses to one side, wide scale cyber-attacks tended to be characterised by distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks launched from botnets and aimed at specific targets.</p> <p>Around the year 2000, many businesses, financial institutions and government agencies were brought down as hackers flexed their coding muscles, either black mailed businesses or simply caused mayhem and mischief. One DDoS attack in particular was aimed at 13 of the internet’s root domain name service (DNS) servers.</p> <p>Cyber miscreants then discovered the lucrative opportunities available from stealing personal or financial information, ranging from credit card numbers and bank account details to medical records and sensitive</p>
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company data. Today, we have a thriving cyber underground trading in all manner of stolen information.

And over the last few years there has been a notable and steadily building trend towards attacking power stations and water treatment plants, or in other words, different types of critical national infrastructure.

Of course these stages of cyber-attacks are not sharply delineated, for instance there has been resurgence in DDoS attacks and ransomware is the number one choice of malware for cyber crooks today.

Today, according to most estimates there are something like two billion PCs in the world and a similar number of smartphones. This is nothing compared to IoT.

Gartner predicts over 20 billion IoT devices in play by 2020 and this is a conservative estimate. Some claim 50 billion. What a massive target for cyber miscreants of all shades.

And be sure these attacks are coming. Mirai signalled the onset with its attack on the Dyn domain name system service which took down a raft of online services such as Twitter, Netflix and Facebook.

For many people this was perhaps little more than an irritant but not for Dyn. It lost an estimated 8 per cent of business in the aftermath of the attack, something like 14,500 web domains that went west at rapid speed.

And we've already seen an endless stream of mischievous hacks on heating and lighting systems, baby cams and other assorted 'smart' connected devices, illustrating just how vulnerable many IoT devices are.

According to our research at BullGuard some 378 million IoT devices are vulnerable to hacking. This figure is based on the percentage of vulnerable devices discovered when using our IoT scanner which identifies easily hacked devices.

Reaper is arming and it could be capable of creating significantly more DDoS traffic than Mirai. But as yet no one knows what it's for or who is behind it. In this sense it's similar to another IoT botnet first discovered late last year. Dubbed the mysterious Hajime botnet it consisted of 300,000 devices but to date has never been utilised.

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<b>GIST</b>	<p>A study published this week has revealed that businesses are "dangerously" unprepared for cyber attacks, with threats causing mayhem for IT management teams.</p> <p>The second annual Resilience Report, released by cyber security analytics platform RedSeal, quizzed 600 UK and US senior IT decision makers about the cyber challenges they face.</p> <p>It found that IT security teams are struggling to keep up with cyber attacks and are on the verge of a dangerous cyber crisis. Significant internal and external challenges are the main cause.</p> <p>Struggling to protect their organisations from cyber crime, CISOs, CIOs and senior cyber professionals identified four key areas of concern.</p> <p>The first is the sophisticated threat landscape, which is evolving faster than teams are able to respond. More than half of respondents (54 per cent) believe that their IT and IT security teams can't keep up with these threats.</p> <p>That same number also said that their companies just don't have the tools and resources they need to fight</p>

	<p>cyber crime. Meanwhile, 55 per cent said they can't react quickly enough, enabling attackers to do more damage.</p> <p>There's also a serious lack of preparation among firms. Only one-quarter said that they test their cyber-security infrastructure at least every year.</p> <p>The third area identified by report is that there's a growing gap between perceived and true detection times. "Once a network is compromised, a cyber attack festers until it's detected and resolved," suggested RedSeal.</p> <p>Some 40 per cent of respondents claimed that detection was their strongest area, with the average discovery time being six hours - at least according to the respondents. But other studies have found that it typically takes between 24 hours and 49 days for an attack to be discovered - not a mere six hours.</p> <p>The report claims that regulatory compliance drives strategy planning more than threat analysis.</p> <p>A staggering 92 per cent of respondents said that they have had to adapt to regulatory requirements due to the adoption of public cloud services, such as Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure.</p>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Four years ago, well before the furor over allegations Moscow meddled in the 2016 election that put Donald Trump in the White House, at least 195 web addresses belonging to Trump, his family or his business empire were hijacked by hackers possibly operating out of Russia, The Associated Press has learned.</p> <p>The Trump Organization denied the domain names were ever compromised. But a review of internet records by the AP and cybersecurity experts shows otherwise. And it was not until this past week, after the Trump camp was asked about it by the AP, that the last of the tampered-with addresses were repaired.</p> <p>After the hack, computer users who visited the Trump-related addresses were unwittingly redirected to servers in St. Petersburg, Russia, that cybersecurity experts said contained malicious software commonly used to steal passwords or hold files for ransom. Whether anyone fell victim to such tactics is unclear.</p> <p>A further mystery is who the hackers were and why they did it.</p> <p>The discovery represents a new twist in the Russian hacking story, which up to now has focused mostly on what U.S. intelligence officials say was a campaign by the Kremlin to try to undermine Democrat Hillary Clinton's candidacy and benefit Trump's.</p> <p>It is not known whether the hackers who tampered with the Trump addresses are the same ones who stole Democratic officials' emails and embarrassed the party in the heat of the campaign last year. Nor is it clear whether the hackers were acting on behalf of the Russian government.</p> <p>The affected addresses, or domain names, included donaldtrump.org, donaldtrumpexecutiveoffice.com, donaldtrumprealty.com and barrontrump.com. They were compromised in two waves of attacks in August and September 2013, according to the review of internet records.</p>
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It was just before noon in Moscow on March 10, 2016, when the first volley of malicious messages hit the Hillary Clinton campaign.

The first 29 phishing emails were almost all misfires. Addressed to people who worked for Clinton during her first presidential run, the messages bounced back untouched.

Except one.

Within nine days, some of the campaign's most consequential secrets would be in the hackers' hands, part of a massive operation aimed at vacuuming up millions of messages from thousands of inboxes across the world.

An Associated Press investigation into the digital break-ins that disrupted the U.S. presidential contest has sketched out an anatomy of the hack that led to months of damaging disclosures about the Democratic Party's nominee. It wasn't just a few aides that the hackers went after; it was an all-out blitz across the Democratic Party. They tried to compromise Clinton's inner circle and more than 130 party employees, supporters and contractors.

While U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia was behind the email thefts, the AP drew on forensic data to report Thursday that the hackers known as Fancy Bear were closely aligned with the interests of the Russian government.

The AP's reconstruction— based on a database of 19,000 malicious links recently shared by cybersecurity firm Secureworks — shows how the hackers worked their way around the Clinton campaign's top-of-the-line digital security to steal chairman John Podesta's emails in March 2016.

It also helps explain how a Russian-linked intermediary could boast to a Trump policy adviser, a month later, that the Kremlin had "thousands of emails" worth of dirt on Clinton.

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#### PHISHING FOR VICTIMS

The rogue messages that first flew across the internet March 10 were dressed up to look like they came from Google, the company that provided the Clinton campaign's email infrastructure. The messages urged users to boost their security or change their passwords while in fact steering them toward decoy websites designed to collect their credentials.

One of the first people targeted was Rahul Sreenivasan, who had worked as a Clinton organizer in Texas in 2008 — his first paid job in politics. Sreenivasan, now a legislative staffer in Austin, was dumbfounded when told by the AP that hackers had tried to break into his 2008 email — an address he said had been dead for nearly a decade.

"They probably crawled the internet for this stuff," he said.

Almost everyone else targeted in the initial wave was, like Sreenivasan, a 2008 staffer whose defunct email address had somehow lingered online.

But one email made its way to the account of another staffer who'd worked for Clinton in 2008 and joined again in 2016, the AP found. It's possible the hackers broke in and stole her contacts; the data shows the phishing links sent to her were clicked several times.

Secureworks' data reveals when phishing links were created and indicates whether they were clicked. But it doesn't show whether people entered their passwords.



Within hours of a second volley emailed March 11, the hackers hit pay dirt. All of a sudden, they were sending links aimed at senior Clinton officials' nonpublic 2016 addresses, including those belonging to longtime Clinton aide Robert Russo and campaign chairman John Podesta.

The Clinton campaign was no easy target; several former employees said the organization put particular stress on digital safety.

Work emails were protected by two-factor authentication, a technique that uses a second passcode to keep accounts secure. Most messages were deleted after 30 days and staff went through phishing drills. Security awareness even followed the campaigners into the bathroom, where someone put a picture of a toothbrush under the words: "You shouldn't share your passwords either."

Two-factor authentication may have slowed the hackers, but it didn't stop them. After repeated attempts to break into various staffers' hillaryclinton.com accounts, the hackers turned to the personal Gmail addresses. It was there on March 19 that they targeted top Clinton lieutenants — including campaign manager Robby Mook, senior adviser Jake Sullivan and political fixer Philippe Reines.

A malicious link was generated for Podesta at 11:28 a.m. Moscow time, the AP found. Documents subsequently published by WikiLeaks show that the rogue email arrived in his inbox six minutes later. The link was clicked twice.

Podesta's messages — at least 50,000 of them — were in the hackers' hands.

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## A SERIOUS BREACH

Though the heart of the campaign was now compromised, the hacking efforts continued. Three new volleys of malicious messages were generated on the 22nd, 23rd and 25th of March, targeting communications director Jennifer Palmieri and Clinton confidante Huma Abedin, among others.

The torrent of phishing emails caught the attention of the FBI, which had spent the previous six months urging the Democratic National Committee in Washington to raise its shield against suspected Russian hacking. In late March, FBI agents paid a visit to Clinton's Brooklyn headquarters, where they were received warily, given the agency's investigation into the candidate's use of a private email server while secretary of state.

The phishing messages also caught the attention of Secureworks, a subsidiary of Dell Technologies, which had been following Fancy Bear, whom Secureworks codenamed Iron Twilight.

Fancy Bear had made a critical mistake.

It fumbled a setting in the Bitly link-shortening service that it was using to sneak its emails past Google's spam filter. The blunder exposed whom they were targeting.

It was late March when Secureworks discovered the hackers were going after Democrats.

"As soon as we started seeing some of those hillaryclinton.com email addresses coming through, the DNC email addresses, we realized it's going to be an interesting twist to this," said Rafe Pilling, a senior security researcher with Secureworks.

By early April Fancy Bear was getting increasingly aggressive, the AP found. More than 60 bogus emails were prepared for Clinton campaign and DNC staffers on April 6 alone, and the hackers began hunting for Democrats beyond New York and Washington, targeting the digital communications director for Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf and a deputy director in the office of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The group's hackers seemed particularly interested in Democratic officials working on voter registration issues: Pratt Wiley, the DNC's then-director of voter protection, had been targeted as far back as October 2015 and the hackers tried to pry open his inbox as many as 15 times over six months.

Employees at several organizations connected to the Democrats were targeted, including the Clinton Foundation, the Center for American Progress, technology provider NGP VAN, campaign strategy firm 270 Strategies, and partisan news outlet Shareblue Media.

As the hacking intensified, other elements swung into place. On April 12, 2016, someone paid \$37 worth of bitcoin to the Romanian web hosting company THCServers.com, to reserve a website called Electionleaks.com, according to transaction records obtained by AP. A botched registration meant the site never got off the ground, but the records show THC received a nearly identical payment a week later to create DCLeaks.com.

By the second half of April, the DNC's senior leadership was beginning to realize something was amiss. One DNC consultant, Alexandra Chalupa, received an April 20 warning from Yahoo saying her account was under threat from state-sponsored hackers, according to a screengrab she circulated among colleagues.

The Trump campaign had gotten a whiff of Clinton email hacking, too. According to recently unsealed court documents, former Trump foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos said that it was at an April 26 meeting at a London hotel that he was told by a professor closely connected to the Russian government that the Kremlin had obtained compromising information about Clinton.

"They have dirt on her," Papadopoulos said he was told. "They have thousands of emails."

A few days later, Amy Dacey, then the DNC chief executive, got an urgent call.

There'd been a serious breach at the DNC.

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**'DON'T EVEN TALK TO YOUR DOG ABOUT IT'**

It was 4 p.m. on Friday June 10 when some 100 staffers filed into the Democratic National Committee's main conference room for a mandatory, all-hands meeting.

"What I am about to tell you cannot leave this room," DNC chief operating officer Lindsey Reynolds told the assembled crowd, according to two people there at the time.

Everyone needed to turn in their laptops immediately; there would be no last-minute emails; no downloading documents and no exceptions. Reynolds insisted on total secrecy.

"Don't even talk to your dog about it," she was quoted as saying.

Reynolds didn't return messages seeking comment.

Two days later, as the cybersecurity firm that was brought in to clean out the DNC's computers finished its work, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange told a British Sunday television show that emails related to Clinton were "pending publication."

"WikiLeaks has a very good year ahead," he said.

On Tuesday, June 14, the Democrats went public with the allegation that their computers had been compromised by Russian state-backed hackers, including Fancy Bear.

Shortly after noon the next day, William Bastone, the editor-in-chief of investigative news site The

Smoking Gun, got an email bearing a small cache of documents marked "CONFIDENTIAL."

"Hi," the message said. "This is Guccifer 2.0 and this is me who hacked Democratic National Committee."

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'CAN IT INFLUENCE THE ELECTION?'

Guccifer 2.0 acted as a kind of master of ceremonies during the summer of leaks, proclaiming that the DNC's stolen documents were in WikiLeaks' hands, publishing a selection of the material himself and constantly chatting up journalists over Twitter in a bid to keep the story in the press.

He appeared particularly excited to hear on June 24 that his leaks had sparked a lawsuit against the DNC by disgruntled supporters of Clinton rival Bernie Sanders.

"Can it influence the election in any how?" he asked a journalist with Russia's Sputnik News, in uneven English.

Later that month Guccifer 2.0 began directing reporters to the newly launched DCLeaks site, which was also dribbling out stolen material on Democrats. When WikiLeaks joined the fray on July 22 with its own disclosures the leaks metastasized into a crisis, triggering intraparty feuding that forced the resignation of the DNC's chairwoman and drew angry protests at the Democratic National Convention.

Guccifer 2.0, WikiLeaks and DCLeaks ultimately published more than 150,000 emails stolen from more than a dozen Democrats, according to an AP count.

The AP has since found that each of one of those Democrats had previously been targeted by Fancy Bear, either at their personal Gmail addresses or via the DNC, a finding established by running targets' emails against the Secureworks' list.

All three leak-branded sites have distanced themselves from Moscow. DCLeaks claimed to be run by American hacktivists. WikiLeaks said Russia wasn't its source. Guccifer 2.0 claimed to be Romanian.

But there were signs of dishonesty from the start. The first document Guccifer 2.0 published on June 15 came not from the DNC as advertised but from Podesta's inbox, according to a former DNC official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

The official said the word "CONFIDENTIAL" was not in the original document.

Guccifer 2.0 had airbrushed it to catch reporters' attention.

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'PLEASE GOD, DON'T LET IT BE ME'

To hear the defeated candidate tell it, there's no doubt the leaks helped swing the election.

"Even if Russian interference made only a marginal difference," Clinton told an audience at a recent speech at Stanford University, "this election was won at the margins, in the Electoral College."

It's clear Clinton's campaign was profoundly destabilized by the sudden exposures that regularly radiated from every hacked inbox. It wasn't just her arch-sounding speeches to Wall Street executives or the exposure of political machinations but also the brutal stripping of so many staffers' privacy.

"It felt like your friend had just been robbed, but it wasn't just one friend, it was all your friends at the same time by the same criminal," said Jesse Ferguson, a former Clinton spokesman.

An atmosphere of dread settled over the Democrats as the disclosures continued.

One staffer described walking through the DNC's office in Washington to find employees scrolling through articles about Putin and Russia. Another said she began looking over her shoulder when returning from Clinton headquarters in Brooklyn after sundown. Some feared they were being watched; a car break-in, a strange woman found lurking in a backyard late at night and even a snake spotted on the grounds of the DNC all fed an undercurrent of fear.

Even those who hadn't worked at Democratic organizations for years were anxious. Brent Kimmel, a former technologist at the DNC, remembers watching the leaks stream out and thinking: "Please God, don't let it be me."

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### 'MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN'

On Oct. 7, it was Podesta.

The day began badly, with Hillary Clinton's phone buzzing with crank messages after its number was exposed in a leak from the day before. The number had to be changed immediately; a former campaign official said that Abedin, Clinton's confidante, had to call staffers one at a time with Clinton's new contact information because no one dared put it in an email.

The same afternoon, just as the American electorate was digesting a lewd audio tape of Trump boasting about sexually assaulting women, WikiLeaks began publishing the emails stolen from Podesta.

The publications sparked a media stampede as they were doled out one batch at a time, with many news organizations tasking reporters with scrolling through the thousands of emails being released in tranches. At the AP alone, as many as 30 journalists were assigned, at various times, to go through the material.

Guccifer 2.0 told one reporter he was thrilled that WikiLeaks had finally followed through.

"Together with Assange we'll make america great again," he wrote.

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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Over the past year, the tech giants have come under fire for not doing enough to fight ISIS's digital army on their own turf. Now Google, Jigsaw and Facebook are experimenting with new ways to use algorithms and the latest open source technology to try to pull potential ISIS recruits back from the edge before it's too late.</p> <p>An initiative called the redirect method, which launched six months ago in the United States, uses Google's not-so-secret weapon: Algorithms that target ads designed specifically for you.</p> <p>"The Redirect Method, put simply, is a way of using advertising to counter and prevent extremism and terrorism," said Ross Frenett, a director at Moonshot CVE, the company working with Google on the project. "So someone types in 'I want to join jihad into Google...' we've placed an advertisement into the top of that search which is asking them a simple question. 'Do you want to join the struggle? Find out more here.'"</p> <p>The video may look like ISIS content, but it has a very different message. For example, it may show what</p>

life is really like in the caliphate, how ISIS is failing militarily and people are struggling. Another video could talk about the heartbreak left behind -- such as innocent children being killed.

Another type of ad may come up too -- a simple banner asking if you're struggling, feeling lost or overwhelmed.

"We've found that those individuals looking for extremist content are disproportionately likely to click on messaging related to mental health," Frenett told ABC News.

Surprisingly, despite Google's huge wealth, the redirect project is funded by a small private foundation called Gen Next.

"I think government and the private sector have to work together to solve this problem," said Adnan Kifayat, head of Global Security Ventures at Gen Next.

After years at the White House and State Department, Kifayat is convinced that the U.S. government cannot be a credible partner in creating counternarratives. "What we need are more companies and more philanthropists like Gen Next to get into this fight and say, 'Yes ... this is our battle as well. This is not someone else's battle. It's not going to happen elsewhere unless we take it on ourselves.'"

Facebook is going one step further. Instead of pushing counternarrative content that individuals may or may not click on, Facebook is about to launch "One to One" -- a direct online intervention model with real-life people trying to engage with potential recruits before they become violent.

"The linchpin to recruitment is really in the one-to-one engagements that happen between recruiters and at-risk individuals," said Sasha Havlicek, the cofounder and CEO of a London think tank called the Institute for Strategic Dialogue. "Right now nobody's reaching out to those individuals except for ISIS, except for those who would recruit them in. What we try to do is essentially step into that void and compete with that kind of attention and outreach to individuals who are often very lost, very angry and engage with them."

The key, Havlicek said, is finding the right person to intervene and begin an online conversation.

"We're identifying thousands of individuals who are expressing support for violent extremist groups, and then we are pairing those individuals up with intervention providers that have a real chance of shifting the course of their radicalization trajectories," she explained.

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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Tokyo (AFP) - An AI character was made an official resident of a busy central Tokyo district on Saturday, with the virtual newcomer resembling a chatty seven-year-old boy.</p> <p>The boy named "Shibuya Mirai" does not exist physically, but he can have text conversations with humans on the widely used LINE messaging app.</p> <p>Tokyo's Shibuya Ward, an area popular with fashion-conscious young people, has given the character his own special residence certificate.</p> <p>This makes him Japan's first, and maybe the world's first, artificial intelligence bot to be granted a place on a real-life local registry.</p> <p>Mirai, whose name means "future" in Japanese, is supposed to be a first grader at an elementary school.</p>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Philippine military officials say troops have killed at least nine remaining militants aligned with the Islamic State group over the weekend in southern Marawi city and are attempting to determine whether a Malaysian who may have taken over the militants' leadership is still alive.</p> <p>Army Col. Romeo Brawner says the killing of the nine "stragglers" in daylong clashes Sunday was part of the clearing operation in a harbor area of Marawi, where the military ended its massive offensive on Oct. 23 after quelling the insurrection and sending a few gunmen into hiding.</p> <p>Police said there is intelligence that a Malaysian militant, Amin Baco, survived and has assumed leadership of the militants, but military officials say they believe Baco was killed in Sunday's fighting or in recent weeks.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Philippines hunts new ISIS 'emir'</b>
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<b>GIST</b>	<p>MANILA (Reuters) - Philippine authorities were on the lookout on Monday for a Malaysian who could be the new leader of pro-Islamic State groups in Southeast Asia, security chiefs said, following the deaths of several high-profile regional extremists.</p> <p>The army terminated combat operations in southern Marawi two weeks ago after killing what it believed were the last remnants of a rebel alliance that held parts of the lakeside city for five months.</p> <p>Following the country's biggest security crisis in decades, troops have made significant gains in the week since they killed Isnilon Hapilon, a leader of the Abu Sayyaf group and anointed "emir" of Islamic State in Southeast Asia.</p> <p>His assumed deputy, Malaysian Mahmud Ahmad, was also believe killed, as was Omarkhayan Maute, a top operative in the alliance.</p> <p>"We are still looking for Amin Baco," Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said, describing the Malaysian as the likely new "successor as the emir of those terrorists".</p> <p>Police chief Ronaldo dela Rosa said he received similar information that Baco, an expert bomb-maker, had assumed the role of Islamic State's point man.</p> <p>Experts say Baco was trained under Malaysian militant Zulkifli bin Hir, alias Marwan, who was killed in 2015 in a clash in marshlands in Maguindanao province that left 44 police commandoes dead.</p> <p>The information that Baco could be in charge came from an Indonesian arrested in Marawi last week, dela Rosa said.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 US soldiers in Niger targeted militants</b>
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SOURCE	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/hours-before-death-in-niger-us-soldiers-were-targeting-militants-in-mali/2017/11/05/57861ad2-c243-11e7-9922-4151f5ca6168_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-more-top-stories-2_niger-615pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&amp;utm_term=.52a4683bfc81">https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/hours-before-death-in-niger-us-soldiers-were-targeting-militants-in-mali/2017/11/05/57861ad2-c243-11e7-9922-4151f5ca6168_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-more-top-stories-2_niger-615pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory&amp;utm_term=.52a4683bfc81</a>
GIST	<p>NIAMEY, Niger — The four U.S. soldiers killed last month in an ambush were helping track and fight Islamist militants along the Mali-Niger border in the hours before their death, according to the nation’s defense minister and a wounded Nigerien soldier who survived the attack.</p> <p>The accounts raise questions about the Pentagon’s assertions that the American and Nigerien troops were on a low-risk reconnaissance mission and that chances of contact with militants were unlikely. They were, instead, operating in a dangerous and complex battle zone, where attacks happen frequently. U.S. troops are in Niger to train and advise, military officials have said, not to engage in combat missions.</p> <p>Questions still unanswered: Was the team operating on faulty intelligence? Or was the mission changed at the last minute?</p> <p>The details suggest revenge may have been a motive for the militants — who were part of a relatively new Islamic State affiliate, the Pentagon suspects — in their attack on 11 U.S. soldiers and 30 Nigerien troops.</p> <p>In a 90-minute phone interview, the wounded Nigerien soldier described the surprise assault on Oct. 4 after they left the border village of Tongo Tongo. Five Nigerien soldiers also died.</p> <p>The U.S. troops, who included elite Green Berets, wound up taking the lead in the intense firefight. Some Nigerien soldiers fled, even as the Americans ordered them to stay on and fight.</p> <p>“The Americans had more sophisticated weapons and so we let them confront the enemy while we took cover,” said Sgt. Abdou Kané, 28, who was shot in the leg and who spoke from the town of Agadez in central Niger. “The Americans were telling us not to flee but to go back and fight the enemy. But the enemy was following us and shooting at us.”</p> <p>The insurgents, he said, far outnumbered the U.S.-Nigerien team and had much greater firepower, including pickup trucks mounted with heavy machine guns.</p> <p>The ambush, by masked and turban-wearing fighters, was so well-planned they had sent a large herd of cows toward the team, then attacked under cover of the dust raised by the cattle.</p> <p>In the chaos, he added, several of the Americans were separated from the main group, as the team split up to avoid the militants. Air support to help the besieged team and evacuate the wounded took an hour or more to arrive.</p> <p>A person at the military hospital in the capital, where Kané was treated for his injury, provided his number to The Washington Post.</p> <p>The accounts suggest U.S. troops may have gone beyond the scope of their mission in Niger, and they raise a question as to whether they had the required authorization to capture or kill militants. The Pentagon has said it is investigating whether the soldiers’ stated mission had changed.</p> <p>At the very least, the accounts underscore the perils faced by U.S. Special Forces and other American troops even in their capacities as trainers and advisers.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/05 Philippines arrests slain militant’s wife
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<p>GIST</p>	<p>MANILA (Reuters) - Philippine security forces on Sunday arrested the Indonesian wife of the slain pro-Islamic State militant leader who planned and led the attack on Marawi City, authorities said.</p> <p>President Rodrigo Duterte declared last month the liberation of Marawi City from the Maute group, a pro-Islamic State militant group which held the lakeside town after the death of two top leaders, including the woman's husband Omarkhayam.</p> <p>The army announced the termination of combat operations a week later, ending a five-month battle that killed more than 1,100 people, including 165 soldiers. Close to 400,000 people were also displaced as fighting destroyed the city.</p> <p>National Police Chief Ronald dela Rosa said bomb-making materials were seized from Minhati Madrais, who was with her six children when security forces raided her home in Iligan City.</p> <p>"Her children, who are all minors, will be turned over to the social welfare department," he said, adding that rebellion and illegal possession of explosive devices charges were now being prepared against her.</p> <p>He said Madrais, alias Baby, was among more than 100 people ordered arrested by Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana after martial law was declared by Duterte on May 23. Madrais' passport is also expired, another violation of Philippine laws, he added.</p> <p>Sporadic gunfire were still heard in Marawi City on Sunday, almost two weeks after combat operations were formally terminated, Colonel Romeo Brawner, deputy commander of Task Force Ranao, told reporters.</p>
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<p>HEADLINE</p>	<p><b>11/03 Australia jails terror mastermind 22yrs</b></p>
<p>SOURCE</p>	<p><a href="https://thewest.com.au/news/australia/terror-mastermind-sulayman-khalid-who-planned-sydney-act-jailed-for-22-years-ng-b88650173z">https://thewest.com.au/news/australia/terror-mastermind-sulayman-khalid-who-planned-sydney-act-jailed-for-22-years-ng-b88650173z</a></p>
<p>GIST</p>	<p>Even as he was being jailed for planning a terror act in Sydney, Sulayman Khalid maintained his “unwavering devotion” to extremist ideology by making a one-fingered Islamic State salute.</p> <p>Khalid, 22, and four male co-accused including a 17-year-old were sentenced in the NSW Supreme Court on Friday over their terror preparations in late 2014.</p> <p>The group’s crude plan involved killing police officers, targeting government buildings, sourcing firearms and engaging in guerilla warfare with the help of an army of indigenous people they’d converted to Islam.</p> <p>In conversations and planning documents, they used code words such as “banana“ and “motorbikes” instead of firearms. “Wombat” meant Khalid’s garage — their meeting place.</p> <p>Khalid also made a series of YouTube videos including one where he threatened secret service agencies around the world saying: “It’s either you will become a Muslim, and you will believe in Allah, or you will die by the sword.”</p> <p>Khalid, Jibryl Almaouie, 24, and the teenager previously pleaded guilty to conspiring to do acts in preparation for a terrorist act to advance violent jihad.</p> <p>Justice Geoffrey Bellew on Friday said Khalid was a devout terrorist with an “unwavering devotion” to extremist ideology.</p> <p>“He was corrupted by a dangerous, violent and perverted ideology to which he unequivocally subscribed, which he wore as a badge of honour, but which has no place in any civilised society,” he said.</p>



	<p>Supporters broke down in tears as Khalid was sentenced to 22 years and six months in jail with a non-parole period of 16 years and nine months.</p> <p>Jibryl Almaouie, who also pleaded guilty to firearms offences, was sentenced to 18 years and six months in jail with a non-parole period of 14 years and two months.</p> <p>The teenager was jailed for 13 years and six months with a non-parole period of 10 years and one month.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Bin Laden files: Iran ties to AQ</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-ml--bin-laden-files-iran-20171102-story.html">http://www.latimes.com/nation/sns-bc-ml--bin-laden-files-iran-20171102-story.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The CIA's release of documents seized during the 2011 raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden appears to bolster U.S. claims that Iran supported the extremist network leading up to the Sept. 11 terror attacks.</p> <p>U.S. intelligence officials and prosecutors have long said Iran formed loose ties to the terror organization starting in 1991, something noted in a 19-page al-Qaida report in Arabic that was included in the release of nearly 470,000 other documents by the CIA.</p> <p>For its part, Iran has long denied any involvement with al-Qaida, and its foreign minister disparaged the documents in a tweet late Thursday: "A record low for the reach of petrodollars: CIA &amp; FDD fake news w/ selective AlQaeda docs re: Iran can't whitewash role of US allies in 9/11."</p> <p>The report included in the CIA document dump shows how bin Laden, a Sunni extremist from Iran's archrival Saudi Arabia, could look across the Muslim world's religious divide to partner with the Mideast's Shiite power to target his ultimate enemy, the United States.</p> <p>"Anyone who wants to strike America, Iran is ready to support him and help him with their frank and clear rhetoric," the report reads.</p> <p>The Associated Press examined a copy of the report released by the Long War Journal, a publication backed by the Washington-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a think tank fiercely critical of Iran and skeptical of its nuclear deal with world powers. The CIA gave the Long War Journal early access to the material.</p> <p>The material also included never-before-seen video of bin Laden's son Hamza, who may be groomed to take over al-Qaida, getting married. It offers the first public look at Hamza bin Laden as an adult. Until now, the public has only seen childhood pictures of him.</p> <p>The release comes as President Donald Trump has refused to recertify Iran's nuclear deal with world powers and faces domestic pressure at home over investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 election.</p> <p>The 19-page report included in the CIA release was available online Wednesday. The CIA later issued a warning about the files on its website, saying that since the material "was seized from a terrorist organization ... there is no absolute guarantee that all malware has been removed." The CIA then took down the files entirely early Thursday, saying they were "temporarily unavailable pending resolution of a technical issue."</p> <p>"We are working to make the material available again as soon as possible," the CIA said.</p> <p>The unsigned 19-page report is dated in the Islamic calendar year 1428 — 2007 — and offers what appears to be a history of al-Qaida's relationship with Iran. It says Iran offered al-Qaida fighters "money and arms and everything they need, and offered them training in Hezbollah camps in Lebanon, in return</p>

for striking American interests in Saudi Arabia."

This coincides with an account offered by the U.S. government's 9/11 Commission, which said Iranian officials met with al-Qaida leaders in Sudan in either 1991 or early 1992. The commission said al-Qaida militants later received training in Lebanon from the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, which Iran backs to this day.

U.S. prosecutors also said al-Qaida had the backing of Iran and Hezbollah in their 1998 indictment of bin Laden following the al-Qaida truck bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Al-Qaida's apparent siding with Iran may seem surprising today, given the enmity Sunni extremists like those of the Islamic State group have for Shiites.

But bin Laden had run out of options by 1991 — the one-time fighter against the Soviets in Afghanistan had fallen out with Saudi Arabia over his opposition to the ultraconservative kingdom hosting U.S. troops during the Gulf War. Meanwhile, Iran had become increasingly nervous about America's growing military expansion in the Mideast.

"The relationship between al-Qaida and Iran demonstrated that the Sunni-Shiite divisions did not necessarily pose an insurmountable barrier to cooperation in terrorist operations," the 9/11 Commission report would later say.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, Iran would allow al-Qaida militants to pass through its borders without receiving stamps in their passports or with visas gotten ahead of time at its consulate in Karachi, Pakistan, according to the 19-page report. That helped the organization's Saudi members avoid suspicion. They also had contact with Iranian intelligence agents, according to the report.

This also matches with U.S. knowledge. Eight of the 10 so-called "muscle" hijackers on Sept. 11 — those who kept passengers under control on the hijacked flights — passed through Iran before arriving in the United States, according to the 9/11 Commission.

However, the commission "found no evidence that Iran or Hezbollah was aware of the planning for what later became the 9/11 attack."

For its part, Iran has denied having any relationship with al-Qaida since the 1998 attacks on the embassies. Iran quietly offered the U.S. assistance after the Sept. 11 attacks, though relations would sour following President George W. Bush naming it to his "axis of evil" in 2002.

On Thursday, Iran's semi-official Fars news agency, which is close to the hard-line paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, dismissed the CIA documents as "a project against Tehran."

The 19-page report describes Iranians later putting al-Qaida leaders and members under house arrest sometime after the Sept. 11 attacks. It mentions the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, saying it put increasing pressure on Iran, especially with the rise of al-Qaida in Iraq.

"They decided to keep our brothers as a card," the report said.

That would come true in 2015 as Iran reportedly exchanged some al-Qaida leaders for one of its diplomats held in Yemen by the terror group's local branch. While Yemen described it as a captive exchange, Tehran instead called it a "difficult and complicated" special operation to secure the Iranian diplomat's freedom from the "hands of terrorists."

"The repercussions ... of the Sept. 11 attacks were undoubtedly very large and perhaps above (our) imagination," the al-Qaida report said.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 ISIS: NYC suspect 'soldier of caliphate'</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/us/new-york-terror-attack/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/us/new-york-terror-attack/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)The man accused of killing eight people after driving a truck onto a New York bike path is a "soldier of the caliphate," the ISIS terror group said without providing evidence to back up its claim.</p> <p>"One of the Islamic State soldiers in America attacked on Tuesday a number of crusaders on a street in New York City," the group's weekly al-Naba newspaper reported Thursday.</p> <p>ISIS provided no evidence it had knowledge ahead of Tuesday's attack in Lower Manhattan or was involved in planning. ISIS did not claim direct responsibility, and the article did not give a name for the attacker.</p> <p>Responding to the claim Friday morning in a series of tweets, President Donald Trump called the New York terrorism suspect a "Degenerate Animal" and said the US military had attacked ISIS "much harder" over the past two days.</p> <p>"ISIS just claimed the Degenerate Animal who killed, and so badly wounded, the wonderful people on the West Side, was 'their soldier,' " he tweeted.</p> <p>"Based on that, the Military has hit ISIS 'much harder' over the last two days. They will pay a big price for every attack on us!"</p> <p>The wording of the ISIS statement Thursday mirrors the language in its claims after last year's attack in Nice, France, and the nightclub shooting in Orlando.</p> <p>But it was the first time the terror group had put such a claim in its newspaper before releasing it through its media wing, Amaq News agency, usually the first point of publication for claims of responsibility.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 New militant group claims Egypt attack</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/new-militant-group-claims-responsibility-for-egypt-attack.html">http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/new-militant-group-claims-responsibility-for-egypt-attack.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>CAIRO – A previously unknown Egyptian militant group has claimed responsibility for last month's ambush of a police raid outside of Cairo.</p> <p>The Friday statement by Ansar al-Islam circulated on social media did not contain pictures, videos or other information to support their claim of the attack, which it described as "the battle of the lion's den."</p> <p>Islamic militants ambushed Egyptian police on Oct. 20 near the Bahariya Oasis, about 135 kilometers (84 miles) southwest of Cairo, killing at least 16 policemen, according to the official death toll.</p> <p>Egypt has been struggling to contain an insurgency by Islamic militants led by an affiliate of the Islamic State group centered in the northern region of the Sinai Peninsula.</p> <p>Attacks have increased since the military overthrew an elected but divisive Islamist president in 2013.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Israel strikes Gaza militant tunnel</b>
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<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/death-toll-gaza-tunnel-1.4385615">http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/death-toll-gaza-tunnel-1.4385615</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A Palestinian militant group said on Friday that five of its members were killed earlier this week when Israel blew up a cross-border tunnel being dug by militants from the Gaza Strip, bringing the death toll in the strike to 12.</p> <p>Neither side seemed eager to seek escalation after the tunnel was blown up on Monday by Israel, which pointed out that its action was carried out on its own side of the border.</p> <p>The Islamic Jihad group said it was denied access to the collapsed tunnel and was unable to recover the bodies of its five members.</p> <p>Both Islamic Jihad and Hamas, the dominant Islamist group in Gaza that had said earlier it lost two people in the tunnel collapse, have sworn to retaliate.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Niger Delta Avengers threaten attacks</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/militant-group-in-nigerias-oil-rich-region-ends-cease-fire/2017/11/03/9e2e2a10-c0d1-11e7-9294-705f80164f6e_story.html?utm_term=.c9ea2956bbb7">https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/militant-group-in-nigerias-oil-rich-region-ends-cease-fire/2017/11/03/9e2e2a10-c0d1-11e7-9294-705f80164f6e_story.html?utm_term=.c9ea2956bbb7</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>WARRI, Nigeria — A Nigerian militant group has announced an end to its cease-fire with the Nigerian government, raising the prospects of renewed attacks on oil installations in the Niger Delta.</p> <p>The announcement Friday by the Niger Delta Avengers threatens the African nation's fragile economic growth. In a statement posted on their website, the militants accused Nigeria's presidency of being insincere in its peace talks and promises.</p> <p>The group had declared a cease-fire back in August 2016.</p> <p>Attacks on oil installations in 2016 cut Nigeria's oil production from a peak of 2.2 million barrels per day to about 1.2 million, sending the country's economy into recession.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Syria: truck bomb kills dozens</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.newsmax.com/world/middleeast/ml-syria/2017/11/05/id/824186/">https://www.newsmax.com/world/middleeast/ml-syria/2017/11/05/id/824186/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>BEIRUT (AP) — A spokesman for U.S.-backed local forces in Syria says more than a hundred people have been killed in a truck bomb blast in eastern Syria.</p> <p>Mustafa Bali of the Syrian Democratic Forces says the victims were refugees from the war the Islamic State group in the region. He said the attack occurred Saturday near the Conoco gas plant near Deir el-Zour city.</p> <p>Omar Abu Layla of the activist-run DeirEzzor 24 monitoring group said the blast happened at a checkpoint where locals were awaiting passage into SDF territory. He said dozens were killed.</p> <p>The SDF control several oil and gas fields in eastern Syria, which they seized from IS militants this year.</p> <p>The attack was not claimed in IS media.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Claim: Sgt. Initially kidnapped in Niger</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/niger-attack-army-sgt-la-david-johnson-isis-">https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/niger-attack-army-sgt-la-david-johnson-isis-</a>

	<a href="#">terrorists/2017/11/04/id/824118/</a>
GIST	<p>Army Sgt. La David Johnson, one of four U.S. soldiers killed in an attack in Niger in early October, may have been kidnapped by Islamic militants, CBS News reported Friday.</p> <p>The Pentagon has not given an explanation for how Johnson became separated from the three other soldiers whose bodies were seen by villagers slumped dead in their truck.</p> <p>"Two of the bodies were in the vehicle and another on the ground. They had been stripped of their uniforms," village elder Adamou Bububaker said.</p> <p>U.S. and Nigerian soldiers had stopped in the village of Tongo Tongo for supplies when they came under heavy fire by attackers who appeared on motorbikes. Villagers said the battle lasted over two hours.</p> <p>Johnson's body was found two days later about half a mile away in bushes. Nigerian military sources told CBS News they believed ISIS fighters had decided to try and kidnap Johnson. He had been shot and his hands bound with rope.</p> <p>The soldiers had been instructed to stay in the area overnight, despite reports that more than a dozen extremist groups were operating in the vicinity.</p>
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HEADLINE	<b>11/03 US airstrikes against ISIS in Somalia</b>
SOURCE	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/u-s-carries-out-first-airstrikes-against-isis-somalia-n817366">https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/u-s-carries-out-first-airstrikes-against-isis-somalia-n817366</a>
GIST	<p>MOGADISHU, Somalia — The U.S. military for the first time has conducted two airstrikes against Islamic State group fighters in Somalia, where the group is a growing presence in a country long threatened by the al-Qaeda-linked extremist group al-Shabab.</p> <p>The U.S. Africa Command said the two drone strikes killed "several terrorists" in northeastern Somalia, with the first around midnight local time and the second later Friday morning. The U.S. said the strikes were carried out in coordination with Somalia's government.</p> <p>Local officials confirmed the strikes. At least six missiles struck in Buqa, a remote mountainous village roughly 37 miles north of Qandala town in the northern state of Puntland, a Somali security official told The Associated Press.</p> <p>The airstrike may have targeted top leaders of the group, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.</p>
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HEADLINE	<b>11/04 US orders Somalia mission staff to leave</b>
SOURCE	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/us-tells-staffers-somalia-mission-leave-threat-50927725?">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/us-tells-staffers-somalia-mission-leave-threat-50927725?</a>
GIST	<p>The United States has ordered all non-essential employees of its mission to Somalia to leave the capital, Mogadishu, because of "specific threat information" against them.</p> <p>The order came a day after the U.S. military carried out its first drone strikes against Islamic State group-allied fighters in Somalia, saying "several terrorists" had been killed in the northern Puntland region.</p> <p>Somalia remains one of the world's most dangerous countries. The U.S. hasn't had an embassy there since 1991 and calls security "extremely unstable." The U.S. Mission to Somalia has been based in neighboring Kenya, and it is not clear how many employees may be based in Mogadishu.</p>

	<p>Offices for a permanent diplomatic presence were expected to open in Mogadishu late this year, the first U.S. ambassador to Somalia in a quarter-century told Radio Muqdisho in June.</p> <p>The U.S. mission did not respond to requests for comment.</p> <p>The new threat information relates to Mogadishu International Airport, the U.S. statement said Saturday. Several countries have embassies at the heavily fortified airport.</p> <p>Somalia's small but growing number of ISIS-linked fighters are said to have switched allegiances from the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab in the past few years.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Militants storm Yemen compound; kill 5</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/militants-storm-security-compound-yemen-kill-soldiers-50940801?">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/militants-storm-security-compound-yemen-kill-soldiers-50940801?</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Masked militants set off a large car bomb outside a security headquarters in Yemen's southern port city of Aden early Sunday killing at least five soldiers before storming the compound, officials said.</p> <p>Speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters, the security officials said the militants placed snipers on the roof and gunned down most of the security forces inside. The officials gave conflicting accounts of what happened next inside the building. They initially said that the militants had taken an unknown number of people hostage. Later they said that they opened cell gates and released prisoners.</p> <p>Witnesses said at least four militant snipers could be seen on the roof of the compound. They also described mayhem as dead bodies littering the compound's front courtyard couldn't be retrieved because of the continuous sniper fire. Shallal al-Shayae, the security chief, was not inside the compound at the time of the attack, the officials said.</p> <p>In an online statement, the local affiliate of the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack saying they killed 50 soldiers and identified the bomber as Abu Othman al-Hadrami.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 US service member killed in Afghanistan</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/us-service-member-killed-operations-afghanistan/story?id=50932525">http://abcnews.go.com/International/us-service-member-killed-operations-afghanistan/story?id=50932525</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A U.S. service member was killed in Afghanistan on Saturday afternoon, officials said.</p> <p>The service member, whose name has not yet been released, died as a result of wounds sustained during operations in the country's eastern, rural province of Logar, according to a press release from the U.S. military.</p> <p>"We offer our deepest condolences to the family of our fallen brother," Gen. John Nicholson, commander, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, said in a statement. "Despite this tragic event, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the Afghan people and to support them in our mutual fight against terrorism."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Iraq PM raises flag at border crossing</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iraqi-pm-raises-flag-border-area-islamic-state-">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iraqi-pm-raises-flag-border-area-islamic-state-</a>

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<b>GIST</b>	<p>Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi raised on Sunday the Iraqi flag at a border crossing with Syria days after Iraqi forces retook it from the Islamic State group, state TV announced.</p> <p>Al-Iraqiya TV said al-Abadi visited the newly-liberated town of Qaim and the nearby Husaybah border crossing in western Iraq. Both sit along what was once an important supply route used by IS when the group controlled large areas in Syria and Iraq.</p> <p>Iraqi forces backed by the U.S.-led coalition drove IS from Qaim and surrounding areas last week, in what coalition officials said marked the end of the conventional war against the extremist group in Iraq.</p> <p>The militants are expected to rely more on insurgent-style attacks now that they no longer hold significant territory.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Bergdahl escapes jail; gets discharge</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/bowe-bergdahl-receive-jail-time-judge-rules/story?id=50907787&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed">http://abcnews.go.com/US/bowe-bergdahl-receive-jail-time-judge-rules/story?id=50907787&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier turned captive who pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, will not receive prison time.</p> <p>A military judge sentenced Bergdahl on Friday to a reduction in rank to private (the lowest level), forfeiture of \$1,000 a month for 10 months and a dishonorable discharge.</p> <p>Bergdahl, 31, abandoned his Army post in Afghanistan in June 2009. He was captured by the Taliban and held for five years. The Obama administration secured his release in a prisoner exchange with the militant group in May 2014 -- a controversial decision that President Trump has long criticized.</p> <p>"The decision on Sergeant Bergdahl is a complete and total disgrace to our Country and to our Military," Trump tweeted Friday, shortly after the news broke.</p> <p>The prosecution in the case asked the judge to give Bergdahl 14 years of confinement, the term for prison used in military tribunals, building a case on the emotional stories of soldiers who were injured or killed in search missions for Bergdahl. For days, the prosecution called as witnesses some of the soldiers themselves and their family members and doctors.</p> <p>After all that testimony, Bergdahl and his attorneys were visibly nervous when they entered the courtroom to hear the sentence Friday morning. One of the attorneys had her hand on his back.</p> <p>Army Col. Jeffery Nance came in immediately and read the sentence. Upon hearing the decision, Bergdahl's attorneys cried. Bergdahl's defense recommended only a dishonorable discharge.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Path from 'kind boy' to terror suspect</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/02/us/sayfullo-saipov-path-terror-suspect/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/02/us/sayfullo-saipov-path-terror-suspect/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>New York (CNN)The last time Sayfullo Saipov talked to Makhina Kadirova he was working his way toward the American dream.</p> <p>It had been one year since Saipov left Uzbekistan and came to the United States on a diversity visa. He reached out to Kadirova on social media in 2011. She was a former classmate of his from early elementary school through ninth grade, also living in America.</p>

"He was happy that he was here, he had a family here, and he was a truck driver and his business was really good," Kadirova says.

Kadirova remembers meeting Saipov as a 5-year-old. He was quiet. Calm, even. As they grew up together and until they were about 16 years old in their ninth-grade class in private school, he was active and "didn't do any bad things."

Crazy? That's not the "very kind boy" she remembers.

And certainly not the terrorist being portrayed on TV after allegedly ramming a rented Home Depot truck into a crowd of pedestrians and bicyclists in lower Manhattan, killing eight and injuring more than a dozen.

As investigators begin to piece together the life of a man accused of planning an attack in the name of ISIS, those who crossed his path are trying to reconcile the Saipov they met and the one they are now hearing about.

Those who knew him in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and in at least three states he bounced between since coming to America, say they saw no warning signs of Saipov being radicalized.

Maybe an occasional outburst. A bit of a hothead. A little bit secretive here and there. But no indication he would ever carefully plan a terror attack in the name of ISIS.

"I don't remember him being aggressive, or having bad attitude with others. Overall, I remember him positive," Kadirova says. "Whatever happened, that happened after he moved to USA. When I saw him on news, I couldn't believe that it [was him.] I hardly recognized him."

Saipov grew up in Uzbekistan's capital city of Tashkent, living with his parents until 2006. He lived in an apartment there with his three sisters, neighbors say. Saipov's family is remembered fondly.

"They were known as a normal, secular and peaceful family," one neighbor in town says. "No radical religious views, or at least they didn't show any."

They were "a good family," a resident who used to live across the hall says. Both residents say after 2006, the family bought a private home, which they thought meant the family was financially well off.

The young man never provoked suspicions, neighbors say. They told authorities he kept a low profile and was friendly, according to an e-mail from the Uzbekistan Embassy.

His parents preached traditional Islam, according to the Uzbeki government. Neighbors say they didn't attend mosque and were secular. And nobody in town noticed any communication with extremist groups.

Residents in town are now concerned that the stigma of Saipov will somehow connect them to the incident. They don't want to say much. Police and security services have swarmed the area.

Saipov began to put down roots of his own in Stow, Ohio, after arriving in the United States on the diversity visa.

The suburb just north of Akron, Ohio, is where he would start his first business and eventually get married. Mirrakhmat Muminov remembers the first time he saw Saipov in the town where about 30 other Uzbek families lived.

But Muminov says Saipov lived a bit removed from the town's Uzbek community.

Both men were in the trucking industry. Saipov registered his company Sayf Motors Inc. in Ohio in 2011. And at one point he worked for Muminov as a truck driver. It was only for a couple of months.



"He was fired because of [a] customer quality issue," Muminov says. "Someone complained about him."

While Muminov says there were some disagreements between Saipov and the community, he made at least one meaningful connection in town. In 2013, he married a fellow Uzbek also from his hometown of Tashkent. He was 25. Nozima Odilova was 19. They were married in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The marriage license listed him as a truck driver.

Saipov registered a motor carrier business, Bright Auto LLC, in Ohio that same year. Saipov's three years in Ohio would be relatively mundane. But he certainly left an impression on Muminov, who describes himself as an employer and acquaintance of Saipov.

There was something a little off about him, Muminov says.

He was an "aggressive man." Some bad habits. He seemed nervous. Small things seemed to nag at him a bit deeper. Saipov could yell at people for no reason, Muminov says.

There were rumblings about financial trouble and elements of depression, he told Radio Free Europe.

Saipov's time in Stow ended quickly. He moved in a rush, Muminov says. There was no goodbye.

"He just take everything in one day and he disappear. He didn't say a word."

Saipov made his way south, eventually ending up living with his wife and three kids in an apartment complex in Tampa, Florida.

He and his family mostly kept to themselves, neighbors say. A 59-year-old Egyptian woman says Saipov's wife wore a niqab, a traditional Muslim veil that left only her eyes showing.

The only words she ever exchanged with Saipov were to say "Salam-Alaikum," wishing each other a good morning.

The family didn't socialize often. Neighbor Melissa Mathews has lived in the complex three years and only saw them socialize once. There was a barbecue on Saipov's back patio. Saipov's young children sometimes played in the community pool.

Saipov seemed to have regular hours -- as if he had a job, Mathews says.

It is unclear how much of Saipov's time was on the road as a trucker. But he began racking up traffic violations. He already had a ticket from December 2011 in Iowa for not keeping his commercial driving log up to date. In April 2014, he was cited for missing a reflective device on the rear of his tractor-trailer cab, cracks on his windshield and oil on the front of his car hauler.

Then in December 2015, he was ticketed for an equipment violation in Missouri. His tractor-trailer had cracks in the brake lining, according to a statement obtained by CNN affiliate KMBC. He had the option of paying a \$129.50 fine for the offense. Or he could tell officials he wanted to plead not guilty. He did neither, the prosecutor said. So a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was taken into custody in Missouri in 2016 and posted a \$200 bond.

Saipov's Tampa neighbors say he left town suddenly.

One day the family was just gone, Mathews says.

The last known move Saipov and his family made was north to New Jersey about a year and half ago.

In just a few months, he would become inspired to carry out a deadly attack in the United States,

authorities allege. Saipov watched ISIS videos on his cellphone, according to court documents.

At the same time, he was establishing himself in his Paterson, New Jersey, neighborhood. One neighbor even viewed him as somewhat of a peacemaker, though he didn't extensively interact with him.

While living in Paterson, Saipov began driving for Uber. He passed his last background check for the company in July 2017. There are no reports of any complaints from customers, the company says.

It was about one month later that Saipov made the decision to use a truck in the attack, authorities say.

Authorities say Saipov, in a hospital bed after being shot by police, shared details of what he did in the month leading up to the attack.

They say he told them he chose a truck as his weapon to "inflict maximum damage." He said he was motivated in particular by a video in which ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi asked what Muslims in America and around the world were doing to respond to Muslims being killed in Iraq, court records state.

Saipov began narrowing in on the specifics of the attack in early October. His internet searches focused on details about Halloween in New York and truck rentals, according to court documents.

Nine days before the attack, Saipov told authorities he rented a truck "so he could practice making turns with the truck in advance of the attack."

Neighbors in Paterson had no reason to question the Home Depot truck in the community, even though they never saw it being used with tools or for any work.

The day of the attack, Saipov traveled to a Home Depot and rented a truck under his name for two hours. He never intended to bring it back, according to court documents. He thought about displaying ISIS flags on the truck, but decided against it, so it didn't attract attention. His plan was to drive the truck into pedestrians on the West Side Highway, and continue all the way to the Brooklyn Bridge, according to court documents.

Saipov killed eight people and injured more than a dozen in the process, police said. The attack ended when the truck crashed into a school bus.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Bomb threats force Moscow evacuations</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://newsline.com/bomb-threats-force-evacuation-of-moscow039s-bolshoi-theater-hotels-reports/">https://newsline.com/bomb-threats-force-evacuation-of-moscow039s-bolshoi-theater-hotels-reports/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>MOSCOW (Reuters) – Bomb threats forced thousands of people to evacuate Moscow’s Bolshoi theater, Metropol hotel, GUM department store on the Red Square and other public places on Sunday, local media reported.</p> <p>A spate of anonymous phone calls have caused disruption at shopping centers, train stations and public buildings across Russia in the past two months. The calls have so far proved to be false alarms and there have been no claims of responsibility.</p> <p>RIA news agency, citing a source in the police, reported that as many as 5,000 people were evacuated from GUM and Metropol hotel. TASS and RIA, also quoting police sources, said the Bolshoi theater was also evacuated.</p> <p>A Reuters witness said police had cordoned off premises of Bolshoi and GUM.</p>

	<p>TASS said the evacuation was announced from Bolshoi before a performance was due to start at 1600 GMT.</p> <p>Alexander Bortnikov, the head of the FSB security service said last month the authorities knew the identities of those responsible, saying they four Russian citizens based abroad with “accomplices” inside Russia.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Tacoma store evacuated; another in hoax</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article182955056.html">http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article182955056.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A Tacoma Walmart was evacuated Sunday morning after a bomb threat was made to the store and a nearby Target store.</p> <p>No bomb was found at either site, Tacoma Police spokeswoman Shelbie Boyd said.</p> <p>“They found absolutely nothing and then went back to business as usual,” Boyd said.</p> <p>Police assisted Walmart staff in a search of the store located in the 1900 block of S. Union Ave.</p> <p>The Target store in the 3300 block of S. 23rd Street was also searched, but not evacuated, Boyd said.</p> <p>Police responded to the incidents at about 11:30 a.m. after being contacted by Walmart, Boyd said.</p> <p>Walmart spokeswoman Tiffany Wilson called the incident “troubling.”</p> <p>“We evacuated the store until police confirmed that the bomb threat was a hoax,” Wilson said. “We’re open again for business and apologize for any inconvenience this caused our customers.”</p> <p>Wilson said Walmart is working with local law enforcement to discover who made the hoax.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Man sneaks onto Miami airport tarmac</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article182951161.html">http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article182951161.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A man pretending to talk on a cellphone made it past Miami International Airport security Saturday, jumped onto a luggage carousel, and sprinted onto the tarmac, exclusive video shows.</p> <p>The footage shows a man casually strolling past an empty security checkpoint at the American Airlines ticket counter and diving into a luggage conveyor belt.</p> <p>The man ultimately made his way onto the runway and airport ramp.</p> <p>In a second video, he is seen being chased by an army of airport employees in neon vests.</p> <p>And in yet another video, the man is seen being handcuffed by police as he lays on the ground.</p> <p>The footage was provided to the Miami Herald by a source who wished to remain anonymous.</p> <p>The unidentified man made it past a highly restricted area that most employees don’t even have access to, the source said.</p> <p>“Had there been a plane at that gate, this individual could have entered the plane or had access to the aircraft. This is a very restricted area, only accessible to some with very limited access, and he was able to</p>

	gain access. Very concerning,” the source said. American Airlines officials confirmed that the incident occurred, but referred any questions to police.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Saudi prince killed in helicopter crash</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/saudi-prince-mansour-officials-killed-in-helicopter-crash-1509921346">https://www.wsj.com/articles/saudi-prince-mansour-officials-killed-in-helicopter-crash-1509921346</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Saudi Prince Mansour bin Muqrin and a number of government officials were killed Sunday in a helicopter crash some 70 miles from the kingdom’s southern border with war-torn Yemen, Saudi officials and state television said.</p> <p>The helicopter went down while the group was touring an area near the coast in Asir province, of which Prince Mansour is governor, according to a statement from the interior ministry’s security spokesman. The cause of the crash wasn’t immediately known.</p> <p>“While returning in the evening, contact with the helicopter was lost...authorities are currently searching for survivors where the wreckage was found,” the statement said.</p> <p>Eight people died, two Saudi officials said, though they didn’t specify how many were in Prince Mansour’s party and how many were crew.</p> <p>Prince Mansour is the son of prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz, who resigned from his position as Saudi Arabia’s crown prince in April 2015 to make room for King Salman’s son Mohammed bin Salman.</p> <p>It wasn’t immediately clear whether there was any link between the crash and a bloody Saudi Arabia-led war against Yemen’s Houthi rebels, which has raged across the border for more than two-and-a-half years.</p> <p>The crash comes after 32-year-old Crown Prince Salman, who is consolidating his power, led a probe that this weekend prompted the detention of some 60 people over for alleged crimes including embezzlement and bribery.</p> <p>Among them was Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, an internationally-known tycoon who is one of the richest men in the world—as well as a member of the royal family.</p> <p>It also comes in the wake of the Saturday resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri, a Saudi ally, in which he blamed Iran for fomenting violence in the region and cited fears for his life.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Unique snowy weather delays SEA</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://komonews.com/weather/scotts-weather-blog/unique-snowy-weather-setup-leads-to-delays-at-sea-tac-airport">http://komonews.com/weather/scotts-weather-blog/unique-snowy-weather-setup-leads-to-delays-at-sea-tac-airport</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>SEA-TAC AIRPORT, Wash. -- The snowy weather wasn't just unusual from a calendar standpoint, it was unusual from a Sea-Tac operations standpoint as well.</p> <p>According to FlightAware, there have been over 360 flights delayed in or out of Sea-Tac Airport with delays stretching into Friday afternoon reaching over 2.5 hours. There were long lines and frayed nerves at the airport.</p> <p>The north wind blowing out of the Fraser River Valley made it down into the Puget Sound region. A north wind is common on warm, sunny summer days, but fairly rare in the winter.</p> <p>That creates an issue -- particularly when we're in a low visibility situation... the departures are restricted</p>

	<p>from taking off, until the arrivals are safely on the ground," said Mike Ehl, Director of Operations at Sea-Tac Airport. "So our arrival rate is outpacing our departure rate at this time."</p> <p>That leaves aircraft queued up on the ground, waiting for gates, and there's no place for departing airplanes at those gates to go because there isn't enough room to hold them out near the runways awaiting takeoff.</p> <p>So we go into a gate hold where aircraft are required to stay at the gate until air traffic control has slot available for them to depart," Ehl said. "So it's a confluence of these issues," adding air space has to be available in the low visibility to get those planes out of Seattle.</p> <p>Ehl said some additional, secondary delays were due to needing to deice aircraft and clear snow off aircraft that were parked outside overnight.</p> <p>"It's not like a regular day in this kind of (wind flow)," says airport spokesperson Perry Cooper.</p> <p>"That's right," Ehl agreed. "Normally north flow conditions means good weather."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Cities break coolest high temp records</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.king5.com/weather/blog/3-wa-cities-break-record-for-coolest-high-temperature/489017401">http://www.king5.com/weather/blog/3-wa-cities-break-record-for-coolest-high-temperature/489017401</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Seattle, Bellingham, and Olympia all set records for the coolest high temperature on Friday, according to the National Weather Service.</p> <p>Thermometers at Sea-Tac Airport recorded a high of 43 degrees just before 4 a.m. The old record for coolest high on November 3 was 44 degrees in 1974.</p> <p>Bellingham had a high of 34 degrees Friday, breaking the 1994 record of 44 degrees.</p> <p>Olympia hit 41 degrees, breaking the 1973 record of 42 degrees.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 E. Coli outbreak hospitalizes Marines</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.newsmax.com/health/health-news/us-marine-recruits-sickened/2017/11/05/id/824188/">https://www.newsmax.com/health/health-news/us-marine-recruits-sickened/2017/11/05/id/824188/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The Marine Corps says 69 recruits in Southern California are being treated for apparent exposure to E. coli and nine have developed a serious complication.</p> <p>Those being treated Friday include 14 new cases among some 5,500 recruits at Camp Pendleton and the San Diego recruiting depot. The military says nine developed hemolytic uremic syndrome, a problem that can cause anemia and kidney damage.</p> <p>Overall, about 300 Marines have been affected by a week-old outbreak of the diarrheal illness.</p> <p>The source of the outbreak is under investigation.</p> <p>Training continues and some 500 Marines graduated from training on Friday.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Terrorist's son becomes FDNY firefighter</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/04/son-convicted-terrorist-becomes-new-york-city-">http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/04/son-convicted-terrorist-becomes-new-york-city-</a>

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The 279 firefighters who graduated from the New York City fire department's academy last month include the son of a firefighter killed on 9/11 — and the son of a terrorist.

Rookie firefighter Omar Ahmed Sattar, 30, is the eldest son of Ahmed Abdel Sattar, who was convicted in 2005 of “soliciting crimes of violence” and conspiracy to murder Jews.

The elder Sattar, now 58, was a seemingly mild-mannered postal-service worker raising his family in Staten Island. Behind his peaceful facade, the court found, he was an Islamist extremist who used his home as a communications hub to further the schemes of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind Muslim cleric who masterminded the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six, as well as failed plots to blow up other New York City buildings and tunnels.

Ahmed Sattar, also known as Abu Omar and Dr. Ahmed, was tried along with Rahman’s radical defense lawyer, Lynne Stewart, and another accused terrorist, Mohammed Yousry.

According to federal charges, he and a co-conspirator in 2000 published a fatwa, or Islamic ruling, in Rahman’s name, calling for the killing of Jewish civilians.

He and cohorts also tried to use the Oct. 12, 2000, al Qaeda bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 US sailors, to extort the US into freeing Rahman from prison, court papers say.

In a statement to The Post, the young fireman did not mention his father, but described how his new job is a dream come true.

“This is what I have always wanted to do. This is who I have always wanted to be. I have always admired firefighters,” he said.

He recalled when, as an 8-year-old, he came home from school to find his family standing outside their charred apartment, heartbroken over the fate of their missing cat, Tootsie.

“One of the firefighters standing in the street overheard, walked over and asked who was missing,” Sattar recalled.

“My mother replied, ‘Our cat,’ and he went up and found her hiding under a bed and brought her down,” he said.

“I remember being impressed and in awe of what just happened. . . . I respect FDNY members, and I am humbled to have this opportunity to be a part of this incredible Department. The FDNY is a family that always supports each other, and now I am living it. It means the world to me to be here. When I look back on my career as a firefighter, I want to know that I did the best I could with the opportunity I was given.”

An FDNY spokesman would not say whether the department knew of the elder Sattar’s criminal record when it hired the son.

Several FDNY employees who learned of Sattar’s family history are concerned, saying uniformed firefighters have virtually free access to hospitals, crime scenes and other official areas.

Others were incredulous.

“They should hire Osama bin Laden’s son and put him in the same firehouse,” one cracked.

But Joseph Giacalone, a retired NYPD sergeant and adjunct professor at CUNY’s John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said sons or daughters of criminals can, and do, serve with distinction.

“This will probably be the first time we’ve hired someone with a family history of terrorism,” Giacalone

	said.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 'Severe' plague strikes Madagascar</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/unusually-severe-plague-strikes-1-800-madagascar-n817251">https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/unusually-severe-plague-strikes-1-800-madagascar-n817251</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>An “unusually severe” outbreak of plague has made more than 1,800 people sick in Madagascar, but it’s unlikely to spread far, the World Health Organization said Friday.</p> <p>WHO and the Malagasy government have stepped up screening at airports but say the infection is more likely to spread within Madagascar than it is to spread to other countries.</p> <p>But still, it is plague after all.</p> <p>“So it is important to strike a balance between encouraging countries in the region to be ready to act in case of an outbreak, while avoiding panic that could result in unnecessary or counterproductive measures such as trade restrictions or travel bans on affected countries,” WHO said in a statement.</p> <p>“This outbreak is unusually severe, and there are still five more months to go before the end of the plague season,” it added.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Red Cross: Ebola funds stolen by fraud</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/red-cross-million-ebola-funds-missing-fraud-50928005">http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/red-cross-million-ebola-funds-missing-fraud-50928005</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Fraud by Red Cross workers and others wasted at least \$6 million meant to fight the deadly Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the organization confirmed Saturday.</p> <p>The revelations follow an internal investigation of how the organization handled more than \$124 million during the 2014-2016 epidemic that killed more than 11,000 people in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.</p> <p>The disease erupted in Guinea and quickly spread to Sierra Leone and Liberia. The international aid response was initially slow, and money once it arrived was often disbursed quickly in the rush to purchase supplies and get aid workers into the field.</p> <p>As much as \$2.13 million disappeared as the result of "likely collusion" between Red Cross staff and employees at a Sierra Leonean bank, the investigation found. It is believed that the money was lost when they improperly fixed the exchange rate at the height of the epidemic.</p> <p>The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said it was "outraged" by what it had uncovered, and was strengthening its efforts to fight corruption, including introducing cash spending limits in "high-risk settings." It also plans to send trained auditors along with emergency operations teams. Other measures will include additional staff training and "the establishment of a dedicated and independent internal investigation function."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Miami: more firefighters face termination</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/miami-firefighters-fired-hanging-noose-black-colleagues-family/story?id=50884714">http://abcnews.go.com/US/miami-firefighters-fired-hanging-noose-black-colleagues-family/story?id=50884714</a>
<b>GIST</b>	Additional Miami firefighters may be fired in the coming days after six were terminated this week for allegedly placing a noose over the family photos of a black colleague, city officials said today.

No one has admitted to or has been charged with the alleged act, City Manager Daniel Alfonso said at a joint news conference this morning with Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Fire Chief Joseph Zahralban.

Investigators are still working to determine who draped the noose over the family photo, Alfonso said.

A lieutenant with the City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue discovered on Sept. 9 that his family photos at Fire Station 12 had been defaced with "lewd and sexually explicit renderings," Fire Chief Joseph Zahralban said in a statement Thursday, describing the incident as a "hideous, distasteful act of hate."

The lieutenant, a 17-year department veteran, is black, according to the city manager's office.

Zahralban said he personally responded to the incident after it was reported. It occurred as Hurricane Irma's outer bands hit South Florida.

"Appalled by my observation, I immediately requested the Miami Police Department investigate the matter and temporarily transferred all personnel assigned to that station, per our department policy," the fire chief said.

The investigation revealed that 11 members of the fire department had "some involvement with the incident," and they were relieved of duty, he said.

Additional evidence revealed that six of those individuals -- a captain, a lieutenant and four firefighters -- who were "directly involved" in the incident were swiftly terminated for "offenses surrounding egregious and hateful conduct," according to Zahralban.

The remaining five employees were relieved of duty with pay, Alfonso said in a statement.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Saudi princes targeted in sweep</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/saudi-government-anti-corruption-committee/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/04/middleeast/saudi-government-anti-corruption-committee/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)Saudi Arabia's newly formed anti-corruption committee detained 11 princes and four sitting ministers on Saturday, according to Saudi-backed broadcaster Al-Arabiya.</p> <p>In addition, three ministers were removed from their positions and tens of former ministers were detained as part of the new anti-corruption campaign initiated by King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, according to Al-Arabiya.</p> <p>King Salman ordered the new anti-corruption initiative as part of an "active reform agenda aimed at tackling a persistent problem that has hindered development efforts in the Kingdom in recent decades," a press release from the Saudi Ministry of Communications said.</p> <p>According to Saudi TV, the three men removed from their posts were Economy and Planning Minister Adel bin Mohammed Faqih, National Guard Minister Prince Miteb bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and Naval Forces Commander Admiral Abdullah bin Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Sultan.</p> <p>The royal decree said the committee was needed "due to the propensity of some people for abuse, putting their personal interest above public interest, and stealing public funds" and will "trace and combat corruption at all levels," according to the release.</p> <p>The three ousted ministers were replaced, with Prince Khalid bin Abdulaziz bin Mohammed bin Ayyaf Al Muqren becoming National Guard minister, Mohammed bin Mazyad Al-Tuwaijri becoming the Economy and Planning Minister, and Vice Admiral Fahd bin Abdullah Al-Ghifaili taking on the role of Naval</p>



	<p>Forces Commander.</p> <p>The committee, headed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has the authority to investigate, arrest, issue travel bans and freeze the assets of those it finds corrupt.</p> <p>The 32-year-old has long been a prominent figure in Saudi politics, seen as a key power player behind the king and a reformer by Saudi standards.</p> <p>Since his appointment some restrictions on women have been eased and last month, Mohammed bin Salman vowed to destroy "extremist ideologies" in a bid to return to "a more moderate Islam."</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Moscow: hundreds arrested for disorder</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.rt.com/news/408851-moscow-detentions-extremist-group/">https://www.rt.com/news/408851-moscow-detentions-extremist-group/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>More than 260 people were detained in Moscow for breach of public order. A banned extremist group earlier called for anti-government rallies on November 5. The group's members were arrested on Friday for planning arson attacks.</p> <p>"263 people were detained for violating public order in the center of Moscow. All of them were delivered to local police departments," police said in a statement. Some of the detainees were members of nationalist groups and were in possession of weapons, including knives, brass knuckles, and non-lethal guns, TASS and Interfax news agencies reported, citing police sources.</p> <p>The arrests were made at the Manezhnaya Square outside the Kremlin. Earlier, the leader of Artpodgotovka movement, Vyacheslav Maltsev, called on his supporters to take to the streets and protest the government on November 5.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Cowlitz Co. jail body scanner</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://mynorthwest.com/804818/jail-body-scanner-deemed-a-success-in-cowlitz-county/">http://mynorthwest.com/804818/jail-body-scanner-deemed-a-success-in-cowlitz-county/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP) — Jail officials in Cowlitz County say a new body scanner has helped reduce the amount of contraband smuggled into the lockup.</p> <p>The Daily News reports that the dual-view body scanner was first installed at the jail in September. It cost the county roughly \$237,000 and is the only scanner of its kind deployed in Washington county jails.</p> <p>Corrections Director Marin Fox Hight says contraband is usually smuggled into the jail though an inmate's body orifices or the digestive system. So far, the scanner has helped detect heroin swallowed by an inmate and pills stuffed in a tampon.</p> <p>According to Fox Hight, inmates are asked to give up the item if the scanner detects something suspicious. Inmates who refuse are sent to a hospital where they are monitored until they can clear the body scan.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Armed resident chased church shooter</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/US-Church-Shooting-Texas/2017/11/05/id/824224/">http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/US-Church-Shooting-Texas/2017/11/05/id/824224/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	Texas authorities are offering more details about the timeline of a deadly church shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, a community 30 miles southeast of San Antonio.

	<p>Department of Public Safety regional director Freeman Martin said at a press conference that the alleged shooter was dressed in black, wearing tactical gear and a ballistic vest when he arrived at a neighboring gas station around 11:20 a.m. local time.</p> <p>He crossed the street to the church, left his vehicle and started firing a Ruger AR assault-type rifle at the church. Then he entered the church and fired.</p> <p>As he left the church, the shooter met area resident Johnnie Langendorff whose girlfriend, Summer Caddell, said that, armed with his own rifle, he and a neighbor gave chase to the suspect, according to ABC News.</p> <p>The suspect was found dead in his vehicle near the border between Wilson and Guadalupe counties.</p> <p>Martin says it's unclear if he died of a self-inflicted wound or was shot by the resident.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Tex. shooting suspect faced court martial</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/texas-church-shooting-gunman-military/2017/11/05/id/824235/">http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/texas-church-shooting-gunman-military/2017/11/05/id/824235/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The man authorities have identified as the gunman in a mass shooting at a Texas church was discharged from the Air Force for allegedly assaulting his spouse and child, according to an Air Force spokeswoman.</p> <p>The spokeswoman, Ann Stefanek, said Sunday that Devin Kelley served 12 months' confinement after a 2012 court-martial. He ultimately received a bad conduct discharge and reduction in rank.</p> <p>She said Kelley served in Logistics Readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his discharge in 2014. His job responsible for moving passengers, cargo and personal property in military transportation.</p> <p>Authorities did not announce his name at a news conference on the shooting, saying only that the suspect was a white male in his 20s.</p> <p>But a U.S. official and a law enforcement official identified Kelley as the person who opened fire Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 people and wounding about 20 others.</p> <p>The U.S. official told The Associated Press that Kelley lived in a San Antonio suburb and that he doesn't appear to be linked to organized terrorist groups. The official said investigators are looking at social media posts Kelley may have made in the days before Sunday's attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 style semi-automatic weapon. The official requested anonymity because the person did not have authorization to speak publicly.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Mexico criminals target families in US</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.newsweek.com/frightening-virtual-kidnapping-scam-sweeping-all-ethnicities-not-just-701383">http://www.newsweek.com/frightening-virtual-kidnapping-scam-sweeping-all-ethnicities-not-just-701383</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A terrifying trend that strictly targeted Spanish speakers and undocumented immigrants in Southwest border states into paying a ransom for seemingly kidnapped loved ones threatened with torture or death has broadened to include anyone, anywhere.</p> <p>Virtual kidnapping scammers who previously extorted Hispanic foreigners into paying money in exchange for the release of a friend or relative who was never held captive have widened their sights to include random victims, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which launched a campaign in October</p>

to investigate the underreported crime happening since at least 2013.

Unlike actual abductions, virtual kidnappers—usually in Mexico—call an individual, threaten them and trick them into quickly wiring money to the scammer while still on the phone before the scheme falls apart. The sums are usually small, sometimes a few hundred or up to \$2,000, because people likely have the cash on hand and there are legal restrictions for wiring larger amounts across the border, cyber-security experts and FBI representatives said.

The scam has widened to randomly-dialed phone numbers because it works, FBI officials and cyber-security expert Joseph Steinberg said. “When scams are successful, criminals continue to do them more and more and expand their reach,” Steinberg told Newsweek.

Fraudsters typically troll social media for victims to see when relatives are apart either because of work or travel and then they strike, Steinberg said. The unsuspecting victim who answers the phone sometimes hears a voice crying for help to make the scam seem real. The victim sometimes unwittingly shouts out their loved ones name during random calls, giving the scammer more leverage. If the victim can’t quickly reach the friend or relative they believe is kidnapped, they’ll usually pay up, according to the FBI.

Undocumented immigrants were the main target because the likelihood of reporting the crime was low for fear of deportation, Steinberg said. That’s even more true under the Trump administration, which has threatened to deport undocumented immigrants in droves, Steinberg said.

“The reality is that an undocumented person is more likely to be uncomfortable going to the authorities now than a year ago and that creates opportunities for criminals,” Steinberg said.

Still, underreporting virtual kidnapping scammers is low across many ethnicities, Nora Scheland, an FBI spokeswoman with the National Press Office, said.

“People realize they are being scammed and immediately hang up and then they don’t report it to us,” Scheland said. “And then if you get scammed, there might be an element of shame that you fell for a scam or maybe you report it to the police, but you don’t submit a report to the FBI.”

The cases are notoriously difficult to prosecute because of untraceable evidence, Scheland said. “The scheme is primarily perpetrated remotely and via phone, sometimes by a burner phone,” Scheland said.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 ADL: 67% rise anti-Semitic incidents</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5038148,00.html">https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5038148,00.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The American Anti-Defamation League unveiled a worrying report Thursday, according to which 2017 has thus far seen a 67 percent increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States compared to last year.</p> <p>Between January 1 and September 30, 1,299 anti-Semitic incidents took place in the US, including physical assaults, destruction of property and attacks on Jewish institutions. The number of incidents reported over this nine-month period already exceeds the entire number of incidents reported during 2016, which was 1,266.</p> <p>There has also been a marked increase in anti-Semitic incidents reported in American primary and secondary education institutions as well as college campuses. In addition to the significant upswing in the first quarter of 2017, there was also a distinct increase after the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August.</p> <p>Compared to 2016, there has been a higher number of incidents in each of the first three quarters of the current year compared to 2016's first three quarters. A record number of incidents was recorded in the first</p>

quarter of 2017, with 667 incidents, with numbers slowing down in the next two quarters, which recorded 632 each.

The ADL's data showed that during the aforementioned nine-month period, there have been 703 incidents of harassments, including 162 bomb threats against Jewish institutions, 584 incidents of vandalism, 50 of which were against Jewish institutions, and 12 physical assaults.

While the data showed incidents all across the US, similarly to previous reports the largest number of incidents were reported in the US states with the largest Jewish populations: New York with 267 incidents, California with 197, Massachusetts with 117, Florida with 69 and Pennsylvania with 58.

As mentioned above, there had been a marked increase in anti-Semitic incidents immediately following the "United the Right" rally in Charlottesville. Of the 306 incidents reported in the third quarter, 221 took place on the day of the rally, August 11, or later. The rally was one of 33 white supremacist events in the US this year, with an additional 188 incidents in which said white supremacist handed out fliers to disseminate their message of hatred.

Anti-Semitic continued arousing serious concern on many US college campuses and public, private and ecclesial schools. The number of incidents in elementary and high schools doubled in 2017, compared to the same time period last year: 269 in 2017 compared to 130 in 2016.

Of those 269 incidents, 142 included harassment and 114 were incidents of vandalism. In college campuses, 118 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in the first three quarters of 2017, compared to only 74 during the same timeframe last year, marking a 59 percent increase.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Retailers face organized crime threat</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.bendbulletin.com/business/5722254-151/retailers-face-a-new-threat-organized-crime">http://www.bendbulletin.com/business/5722254-151/retailers-face-a-new-threat-organized-crime</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>BALTIMORE — They looked like any other shoppers browsing iPads and Apple Watches at the Apple Store in Towson, Maryland.</p> <p>But a security guard saw something amiss in the behavior of the four men in the store at Towson Town Center. Two of them — one wearing a blue jogging outfit, the other dressed in black pants and shirt — were acting as lookouts, blocking the views of sales associates. The other two were scooping up display items and slipping them into their vests. Then they all headed for the exit.</p> <p>They didn't get far. They were stopped by security guards, and police arrested the three. The men, all from the Eastern European nation of Georgia, had driven down from New York in a minivan, police and prosecutors say. Inside, they say, officers found dozens of Apple devices.</p> <p>The men were accused of stealing more than \$1,500 worth of iPods and software. They were convicted last year of theft.</p> <p>For retailers, simple shoplifting is an unavoidable cost of doing business. But now, industry analysts and law enforcement officials say, a greater threat is emerging: theft and fraud by highly organized criminal rings.</p> <p>The high-stakes enterprises often operate across state lines. They might employ teams of "boosters" — often the homeless or the drug addicted — who go into stores to steal everything from laundry detergent and baby formula to designer clothes and diamonds.</p> <p>They fence stolen goods at pawn shops, kiosks, vans on the street and, increasingly, online auction sites.</p> <p>And they're becoming more brazen and more dangerous, analysts say, in some cases attacking store</p>

employees and even shoppers.

“We probably see organized retail crime incidents across our stores every day,” said Jim Cosseboom, manager of investigations and corporate asset protection for the supermarket operator Ahold USA, parent company of Giant Eagle, Food Lion and other chains.

“What they’re targeting is always shifting,” he says, from detergent to razor blades to seafood. But it’s anything “that can easily be sold for quick cash.

“It’s a significant concern.”

Organized theft has surpassed internal theft to become the leading cause of retail loss, said Robert Moraca, vice president of loss prevention for the National Retail Federation. Analysts say the increase has been fueled by the opioid epidemic and by the growing understanding among criminals that theft can be quick, easy and profitable.

In a well-choreographed assault, Moraca says, thieves can clear shelves of thousands of dollars’ worth of goods in minutes.

“And that’s happening in multiples,” he says. “It’s not just a group that gets together and wants to steal. These are groups that already exist for criminal purposes,” such as drug trafficking and human trafficking.

“These are hardened criminals, and they get into organized retail crime because it’s extremely profitable.”

Individual retailers contacted by The Sun were reluctant to discuss details. But the National Retail Federation reported that organized crime cost retailers \$30 billion last year. The group recently surveyed retailers on organized crime; all of the respondents said they had been victimized in the previous year. They said they were spending an average of \$545,000 on employees dedicated to fighting organized crime, an all-time high.

Coordinated efforts between retailers, store security, law enforcement and prosecutors have helped, analysts say, as has the emergence of associations focused on fighting organized retail crime. The Mid-Atlantic Organized Retail Crime Alliance, which includes Maryland, brings together retailers, law enforcement, security and loss prevention officials to share data and intelligence on organized theft, robberies, counterfeiting, check and credit card fraud and other scams.

Thirty-four states have enacted laws against organized retail crime. Maryland has not. The Maryland Retailers Association wants legislation that would distinguish between organized retail theft and other types of theft.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Forest Service battles illegal pot farms</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://the-journal.com/articles/72789">https://the-journal.com/articles/72789</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Surrounded by national forest land, Abby and Jeff Delaney live in a part of Northern California so remote that she and her handful of neighbors have no cellphone service, and some are off the grid. In the spring of 2016, the Delaneys discovered there was a drug cartel growing marijuana nearby: About 2,500 plants were scattered through the forest, connected by long vines of irrigation line used to transport water from springs, creeks and manmade water catches to water the plants, as well as a makeshift kitchen and sleeping quarters. After investigating the rogue marijuana grow, the Delaneys had the unsettling realization that the growers could see right into their yard. To protect their safety, the couple has requested the use of a pseudonym.</p> <p>A drug cartel — a vast underground crime network typically associated with a roster of criminal activity, including murder, drug trafficking, coercion and kidnapping — had covertly installed a network of</p>

marijuana farms on federal land, less than a quarter mile away from their home.

“If you had a really good arm,” Abby Delaney says, “you could probably throw a baseball at it.”

The Delaneys own a bucolic plot of land that butts up against the dense green Shasta-Trinity National Forest in Trinity County, one of the three points, along with Humboldt and Mendocino counties, of California’s notorious “Emerald Triangle,” an epicenter of marijuana production. Alongside the estimated 50,000 private-land marijuana grows that stud the landscape, a parallel industry of organized crime is thriving clandestinely on public land. Operated primarily by Mexican drug cartels, trespass marijuana grows on national forest lands are estimated to number in the hundreds of thousands in California alone, producing millions of pounds of marijuana that are absorbed into the U.S. black market every year.

Whether legal or illegal, marijuana cultivation can have environmental impacts, but trespass grows are a uniquely challenging problem, destroying public lands and devouring millions in federal funds every year. As the Delaneys would discover, Forest Service districts are fighting a losing battle. Some of them feel so overwhelmed that they no longer try to intervene.

As soon as Abby Delaney realized that the grow site was connected to two others, she began contacting Forest Service law enforcement and district offices, making at least four phone calls and sending emails, but receiving no response. According to her, a Forest Service law enforcement officer — who declined to comment for this story — finally replied to her months later, promising that the site would be cleaned up. The resident growers left in late fall following the harvest, but the remediation never happened.

The Delaneys waited, anxiously wondering if the growers would return. And then, in the spring of 2017, they did.

An invisible battle for territory is being waged on our federal lands. Mexican drug trafficking organizations have been growing pot on federal forests for decades, but since the early 2000s, the number and size of grows have been increasing every year as they vie for control of production, operating trespass-grow sites throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

“The big bosses are across the border,” explains Trinity County Sheriff’s Officer Nate Trujillo. “It’s run like a business; they have bosses in different areas of California.”

To manage commodity production at this scale, Trujillo reports that cartels have staging sites throughout California that organize labor pools, transportation and supplies — from San Luis Obispo all the way up to Red Bluff and Humboldt County. The supplies are stealthily funneled through the remote forest terrain into grow sites run by three to four men on average, with up to 10 to 20 during harvest. The work is brutal, requiring hiking, hauling supplies and living in the wilderness under primitive conditions. But the workers can earn between \$100-\$300 a day, so there’s never a shortage.

“It’s a gang mentality, and they’re out there in the woods,” says Trujillo. Many of the workers are linked to the Mexican states of Jalisco or Michoacán, the far end of a supply chain producing marijuana that is primarily sold in states where the drug is still illegal and fetching high prices.

A trail of staggering environmental destruction cuts through the heart of the problem. Trespass grow sites wreak havoc on the land, leaving behind hundreds of thousands of pounds of garbage, leaching caustic chemicals, polluting watersheds, and damaging the habitat of endangered and at-risk species. Forest Service Law Enforcement estimates that half of trespass grow sites utilize toxic pesticides and fertilizers that are banned in the United States, most notably Carbofuran, a pesticide that is deadly by the teaspoon but used by the gallon on these sites. These toxins have been found in the water, and they move through the food chain, poisoning and even killing some species, such as the imperiled Pacific fisher, a forest-dwelling carnivore.

“It’s a huge issue,” says Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Stephen Frick.

“Approximately 60 percent of California’s water supply comes from national forests. More dead animals are being found every year. Thousands of pounds of garbage, miles of water lines and gallons of Carbofuran.”

Last year, Forest Service Law Enforcement officers raided 246 sites in California at a cost of almost \$2.5 million, a figure that doesn’t include the actual cleanup of illegal grows.

Cleanups are tasked to the agency’s regional districts. But after several years of implementing cleanups in partnership with natural resource nonprofits and state agencies, in 2016 the Shasta-Trinity National Forest hired two private contractors, the National Response Corporation and Engineering Remediation Resources Group. The price tag for these contracts averages between \$20,000 and \$70,000 per site just to remove the hazardous materials, leaving behind the infrastructure, such as the soil and water lines, and the garbage generated by the illegal growers.

“They’re very, very expensive,” says Mourad Gabriel, a wildlife biologist and the executive director of the Integral Ecology Research Center, a nonprofit that spearheads the tracking and cleanup of trespass marijuana grows. “The problem is that you’ll get a site that will cost \$20,000, even \$50,000 to contain, transport and dispose of maybe no more than a couple gallons of material.” Comparatively, Gabriel says that the cost for his organization to conduct a full cleanup ranges between \$5,000 and \$18,000 per site, including the removal of garbage and infrastructure.

This costly environmental issue comes at a time when the Forest Service budget is anticipated to drop by \$970 million, from \$6.1 billion to \$5.1 billion, with a current national budget for remediation between \$13 million to \$14 million that is split between all the regions.

This spring, just as the Delaneys feared, the cartel returned to grow illegal marijuana behind their home. The site closest to their house remained unoccupied, but the two adjacent ones were inhabited for much of the year until this August, when they were raided and two arrests were made.

Yet the federal government’s failure to fully address this expansive threat is reverberating far beyond the forest. For the Delaneys, a complex of marijuana grows was left to leach caustic chemicals into their watershed for over a year. “The problem is that all those hazmats weren’t cleaned up, and so we’re worried about water quality, because our spring comes from up there,” says Abby Delaney.

The site closest to them is still haunted by ghost-like rotted marijuana plants, piles of garbage and barbed wire fences. Pesticides are most likely still seeping into the ground and water. The infrastructure that was left behind is a problem, too: According to Gabriel, 80 percent of sites that are left intact end up being reused. All the cartels have to do is move the workers and the supplies back in.

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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Seattle cop gets probation for groping</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://q13fox.com/2017/11/03/seattle-cop-accused-of-groping-3-coworkers-gets-probation-probation-seattle/">http://q13fox.com/2017/11/03/seattle-cop-accused-of-groping-3-coworkers-gets-probation-probation-seattle/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>SEATTLE — A longtime Seattle police officer has been sentenced to 12 months of probation after he was accused of groping three department employees.</p> <p>The Seattle Times reported Friday that 61-year-old John Knight pleaded guilty last month to one count of fourth-degree assault, a gross misdemeanor. He was initially charged with three counts.</p> <p>Knight also was sentenced to 364 days in jail with all the days suspended.</p> <p>Charging documents say a female officer, a female temporary civilian employee and a male officer complained about Knight in August 2016.</p>

	<p>The charges say Knight repeatedly fondled two female co-workers, including grabbing their buttocks and putting his hand down the shirt of one. He's also accused of groping the crotch of a male co-worker.</p> <p>Knight, who worked in the department's training unit, remains on administrative leave while an equal employment opportunity investigation is completed.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Arrest in fatal Auburn shooting</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.king5.com/news/crime/man-fatally-shot-at-auburn-home/489067380">http://www.king5.com/news/crime/man-fatally-shot-at-auburn-home/489067380</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A 27-year-old man was fatally shot Friday night in Auburn.</p> <p>The incident happened in the 37600 block of 44th Avenue South.</p> <p>The man was at his ex-girlfriend's house, and he went upstairs with his ex-girlfriend's male roommate. Witnesses told deputies that they heard an argument upstairs and shots were fired.</p> <p>The King County Sheriff's Office does not know exactly what led to the argument.</p> <p>The roommate, who is also 27, fled the scene.</p> <p>After an overnight search, a suspect was arrested early Saturday morning in Thurston County.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Mexico cartels extort avocado farmers</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/mexican-cartels-extorting-avocado-producers-raises-price-guacamole-report-says.html">http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/11/03/mexican-cartels-extorting-avocado-producers-raises-price-guacamole-report-says.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Next time a restaurant tells you "Guac will be extra," this might be the reason why.</p> <p>Mexican drug cartels are behind increases in the cost of avocados exported to the U.S., shaking down avocado farmers who are reeling from years of weak harvests, the country's attorney general said.</p> <p>Mexican newspaper Reforma reported this week greedy organized crime cells obtained agriculture ministry records of avocado producers in the early 1990s and have used the data to track down farmers. They force them to pay a percentage of their earnings or risk kidnapping or death.</p> <p>"This was a system of intelligence that involved reviewing records from the agriculture ministry to know who the farmers with ample avocado production were, where their orchards were located, and how much they reported their sales by export," the attorney general's report said.</p> <p>It continued: "The avocado producers were imposed a quota and those that resisted, or the families of those, were kidnapped or murdered as pressure until they ceded."</p> <p>According to Reforma, the whole scheme was started by the Jalisco Nueva Generacion cartel and Los Cuinis – a criminal group led by Abigael Gonzalez Valencia. The group was once called the richest cartel in Mexico, and the avocado scheme was seen as an alternative form of income to trafficking.</p> <p>Eventually other drug cartels, such as the Knights Templar and the Michoacana Family began, copying the strategy, Reforma reported.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Chicago: violent carjackings surge</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/04/chicago-sees-violent-carjackings-surge-even-in-trendy-neighborhoods.html">http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/04/chicago-sees-violent-carjackings-surge-even-in-trendy-neighborhoods.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Violent carjackings—even in trendy neighborhoods -- have surged in Chicago, where gun violence has generated unflattering national headlines, the Chicago Tribune reported.</p> <p>As of Oct. 18, there were 661 carjackings nearly surpassing the 663 carjackings recorded in all of 2016, according to the paper. Last year's number was nearly double the 339 in 2015 and the most since 2009.</p> <p>Carjackings started to spike last year when homicides and shootings skyrocketed and crimes in virtually every other category rose, the paper reported.</p> <p>The causes are unclear, according to the Tribune, but some officers felt the furor over the video showing police shoot teen Laquan McDonald 16 times led to many officers becoming less aggressive on the street, which in turn emboldened criminals.</p> <p>The Harrison police district on the West Side, historically one of the city's most violent areas for carjackings, increased from 69 in 2016 to 82 so far this year.</p> <p>But carjackings have also risen downtown and in trendy neighborhoods, the paper reported.</p> <p>In the police district that includes the Wicker Park, Bucktown and Logan Square neighborhoods, carjackings have nearly tripled so far this year, from 13 last year to 36, the paper reported.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Illinois cop killed during traffic stop</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/05/illinois-police-officer-killed-after-traffic-stop.html">http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/11/05/illinois-police-officer-killed-after-traffic-stop.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>An Illinois police officer died Sunday morning after he was seriously injured during a traffic stop, police said.</p> <p>The officer was conducting the traffic stop about 1 a.m. Sunday when he called for extra assistance, the Rockford Police Department said. Police responding to the call found the officer, identified as Jaimie Cox, suffering from life-threatening injuries.</p> <p>Cox was taken to the hospital, where he later died. It is unclear how Cox was injured or what led to his death.</p> <p>Another person found at the scene was killed in a car crash.</p> <p>Rockford police initially said on Twitter that officers were responding to a “shooting involving an officer,” but they did not specify who was shot.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Baltimore: off-duty D.C. cop fatally shot</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tony-anthony-mason-jr-off-duty-police-officer-fatally-shot-baltimore/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tony-anthony-mason-jr-off-duty-police-officer-fatally-shot-baltimore/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>BALTIMORE -- Authorities say an off-duty Washington, D.C., police sergeant was fatally shot while sitting in a parked car in Baltimore and a woman with him was injured during a weekend in which community activists had called for a ceasefire in the city.</p> <p>Baltimore police said in a statement that officers found 40-year-old Tony Anthony Mason Jr. with gunshot wounds early Saturday morning, CBS Baltimore reports. He died of his injuries at a hospital.</p>

	<p>The Metropolitan Police Department in Washington said Mason, a sergeant, was a 17-year veteran of the force. Public information officer Sean Hickman referred all further inquiries to Baltimore police.</p> <p>The second victim, a 43-year-old woman, suffered a gunshot wound to her leg and was taken to a hospital.</p> <p>Investigators believe Mason and the woman were inside the car when an unknown suspect approached, began shooting and then fled.</p> <p>No information about a motive was immediately released.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/04 Vegas sheriff: possible factor in shooting</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/las-vegas-shooter-stephen-paddock-had-lost-money-been-depressed-sheriff-says/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/las-vegas-shooter-stephen-paddock-had-lost-money-been-depressed-sheriff-says/</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The man who killed 58 people at a country music festival in Las Vegas last month had been depressed after losing a significant amount of money in the past two years and that may have been a "determining factor" in the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the city's sheriff said.</p> <p>Gunman Stephen Paddock, a 64-year-old high-stakes gambler and real estate investor, had lost a "significant amount of wealth" since September 2015, which led to "bouts of depression," Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo said in an interview this week with CBS affiliate KLAS-TV.</p> <p>"This individual was status-driven, based on how he liked to be recognized in the casino environment and how he liked to be recognized by his friends and family," Lombardo said. "So, obviously, that was starting to decline in the short period of time, and that may have had a determining effect on why he did what he did."</p> <p>Investigators still have not determined exactly what led Paddock to unleash a barrage of gunfire at concertgoers from his high-rise suite at the Mandalay Bay hotel and casino on Oct. 1.</p> <p>Paddock killed himself after the massacre that also wounded more than 500 people. Las Vegas police and the FBI have examined his politics, any possible radicalization and his social behavior but turned up little.</p> <p>Investigators have found that Paddock planned his attack meticulously and was "purposeful in concealing his actions," the sheriff said.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Russian nationalist protesters arrested</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/86-russian-nationalist-protesters-reported-arrested-50941698">http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/86-russian-nationalist-protesters-reported-arrested-50941698</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>Scores of people have been arrested in the center of Moscow while trying to gather for an unauthorized protest demonstration called for by an extreme nationalist group.</p> <p>The arrests at Manezh Square, adjacent to the Kremlin, on Sunday came two days after the domestic security agency said it had arrested some group members who are suspected of planning to firebomb administrative buildings.</p> <p>The group, called Artpodgotovka, was declared an extremist group by a Russian court last week. Its exiled leader, Vyacheslav Maltsev, had called for protests to force President Vladimir Putin's resignation.</p> <p>The OVD-Info organization that monitors political arrests said at least 86 people were detained Sunday.</p>

	State news agency Tass cited a police official as saying that about 200 were being held.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Lawyers: 'El Chapo' suffering in jail</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/el-chapo-suffering-hallucinations-memory-loss-stringent-jail/story?id=50911764&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed">http://abcnews.go.com/US/el-chapo-suffering-hallucinations-memory-loss-stringent-jail/story?id=50911764&amp;cid=clicksource_81_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>The drug kingpin known as El Chapo is suffering from deteriorating mental health due to the special restrictive conditions under which he's being held at a federal jail in New York City, his attorneys said in a new court filing that requests a psychological evaluation of their client.</p> <p>Joaquin Guzman has been held since January under restrictive conditions known as special administrative measures.</p> <p>Defense attorneys said their client's mental health is suffering as a result.</p> <p>"Counsel has been visiting with Mr. Guzman since February and has noticed that during the last month Mr. Guzmán has suffered a marked deterioration in his mental state," the filing said.</p> <p>Defense attorneys said Guzman can no longer remember people, places and events. He has also complained about hallucinations and is feeling persecuted, claiming that the government is recording him in his cell.</p> <p>"Counsel has noticed that Mr. Guzman has begun repeating himself often and sometimes forgetting what the discussion is about," the court filing said. "It is plain to the defense team that something is not right with Mr. Guzman."</p> <p>The legal documents said Guzman is also suffering physical ailments that have gone unaddressed, including headaches, ringing in his ears and throat pain.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Walmart shooter faces multiple charges</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/neighbors-alleged-walmart-shooter-angry-rude-50903352">http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/neighbors-alleged-walmart-shooter-angry-rude-50903352</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A Colorado sheet metal worker could face multiple charges, including attempted murder, in addition to first-degree murder charges related to the shooting deaths of three people inside a Walmart, a prosecutor said Friday.</p> <p>Adams County District Attorney Dave Young said the additional possible charges are being considered because of the presence of dozens of people inside the suburban Denver store when Scott Ostrem allegedly walked in and opened fire Wednesday.</p> <p>"There's going to be several counts of attempted murder and we're talking about many, many people," Young said after Ostrem made his first court appearance since the shootings. "We're not talking 3 or 4 people. And we've got to identify those individuals. They're victims of a crime."</p> <p>Ostrem, 47, is being held without bond on suspicion of first-degree murder, a charge that can lead to life without parole or a death sentence. Young declined to say whether he will seek the death penalty in the case. Prosecutors are expected to formally file charges on Monday.</p> <p>Young also declined to comment when asked by reporters about a motive for the shooting and whether authorities were considering hate crime charges. The three victims were Latino. Ostrem is white.</p> <p>Ostrem is accused of walking into the Walmart in Thornton, a large blue-collar suburb about 10 miles (16</p>

	kilometers) north of Denver, and fatally shooting two men and a woman. He was arrested Thursday after a brief car chase near his apartment, which is located about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the store.
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/05 Paris hotel tear gas robbery attack</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/2118471/chinese-tourists-robbed-paris-hotel-car-park-four-attackers-armed">http://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/2118471/chinese-tourists-robbed-paris-hotel-car-park-four-attackers-armed</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>A Chinese tour group was attacked and robbed in Paris on Thursday evening by four assailants armed with tear gas, according to China's embassy in France.</p> <p>The 40 holidaymakers had just returned from a shopping trip and were milling in the car park of the Kyriad Hotel in the Val-de-Marne suburb of the city at about 8.20pm, according to newspaper Le Parisien.</p> <p>The four suspects ran into the car park and began spraying tear gas at the tourists, Xinhua cited local media reports as saying. The assailants then made off with nine bags filled with shopping, including many luxury items, though the exact value had not yet been calculated, it said.</p> <p>The report did not say if anyone was hurt in the attack, but said two of the tourists complained of feeling sick. The group returned to China on Friday.</p> <p>The Chinese embassy said it had contacted French police and urged them to solve the case and bring the perpetrators to justice as soon as possible.</p> <p>It also issued a warning to all Chinese planning to visit France, describing the security situation in the country as "grim".</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 London: teen arrested in acid attack</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/europe/acid-attacks-london/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/03/europe/acid-attacks-london/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>London (CNN)A teenage boy has been arrested in London after an acid attack left a fast-food delivery driver "fighting for his life" and likely to go blind.</p> <p>London Metropolitan Police said that two delivery drivers were attacked in separate acid attacks on Thursday evening.</p> <p>In both cases, the drivers were targeted by two males on a scooter as they attempted to steal their victims' mopeds. Police are working to establish whether the same pair carried out both incidents or if they may have been coordinated.</p> <p>The assaults are the latest in a sharp rise in acid attacks in the British capital. The number of attacks rose to 454 last year, up from 261 in 2015. They are predominantly reported in the city's east.</p>
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<b>HEADLINE</b>	<b>11/03 Report: activist's murder a crime plot</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>	<a href="http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/02/americas/honduras-cceres-killing-report/index.html">http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/02/americas/honduras-cceres-killing-report/index.html</a>
<b>GIST</b>	<p>(CNN)It was a little before midnight on March 2, 2016, when at least two men kicked in the back door of the home of award-winning environmentalist and activist Berta Cáceres in La Esperanza, western Honduras.</p> <p>Moments later, 44-year-old Cáceres was shot dead. Her friend, Mexican environmentalist Gustavo Castro</p>

Soto was wounded, but survived the attack.

A report made public this week concluded that a plan to assassinate Cáceres had been months in the making, was not an "isolated incident," and was the result of a conspiracy involving financial institutions, current and former power company executives and employees and members of the Honduran state security agency.

The report is the result of months of investigation by a panel of international legal experts. The group formed at the request of the Cáceres' family and the Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) -- after both raised concerns about the legitimacy of the investigation being conducted by the Honduran government.

In response to that call, five specialists in international human rights law agreed to investigate the killing. They formed a group called the International Advisory Group of Experts (GAIPE). The GAIPE experts, alongside Cáceres' daughters, made a presentation of the report and its recommendations in Washington on Thursday.

A high-profile environmental activist, Cáceres had been leading the indigenous Lenca community in a campaign against the multimillion-dollar Agua Zarca project.

She was co-founder and coordinator of COPINH and a key figure in the fight against planned construction on the Gualcarque River, home to the Lenca people. Power company Desarrollos Energéticos Sociedad Anónima (DESA), owns and operates the Agua Zarca project -- which has now been put on hold.

As a result of her killing and the violence that ensued, FMO and Finnfund, two of the financial institutions, exited from the Agua Zarca project in July.

Eight suspects have so far been arrested in connection with Cáceres' death, according to the Honduran attorney general's office.

They include a former employee of DESA who worked as its chief of security, a manager for DESA's social and environmental issues department, a former Honduran military general and a major in the country's armed forces who was still an active military member at the time of his arrest.

But Cáceres' family and supporters have always maintained that there were many more individuals involved in her slaying. GAIPE's report alleges that company executives from DESA, state agents and officials were involved in planning, executing and attempting to cover up her murder.

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